



SAMUEL H. BURGESS

Cpl. Samuel Houston Burgess, USMC, son of John Edwin Burgess of Parkdale, Arkansas, was born June 5, 1915, at Hamburg, Arkansas. After completing his high school education he was employed as a carpenter until entering the Marine Corps on November 10, 1943. Upon completion of his boot training at San Diego, California, he was sent to Weapons School and became a machine gunner and carpenter. After eight months in this country, he arrived with his unit, Company A, 5th Pioneer Bn., 5th Marine Division, in the Asiatic-Pacific area in July 1944, and later took part in the battle of Iwo Jima and the occupation of Japan. After 17 months of foreign service and three months with the Army of Occupation of Japan, he was returned to this country and was honorably discharged on January 14, 1946, at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California. He and his wife, the former Mattye Elizabeth Matheny, have one child.



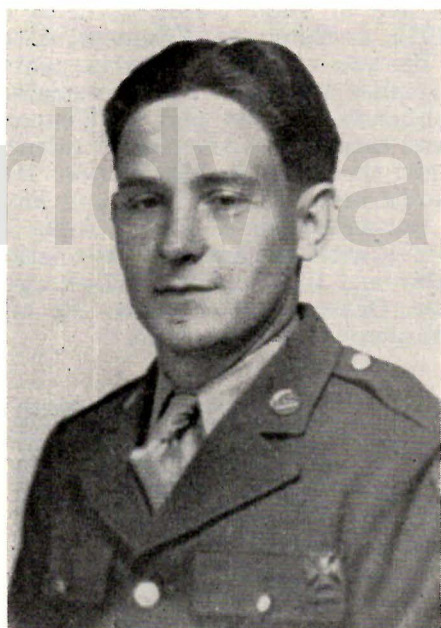
JOHN A. BURGESS

S/Sgt. John Alex Burgess, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Edwin Burgess of Parkdale, Arkansas, was born at Hamburg, Arkansas, on September 8, 1922. He attended the Parkdale High School and entered military service on May 20, 1941. He was sent to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and trained as airplane mechanic. After one year in the United States, he was sent to Europe, where he was assigned to the 2nd Air Depot, and served there for almost three and one-half years. Along with other decorations denoting the theaters and campaigns in which he saw action, Sergeant Burgess was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, and was honorably discharged from service on October 22, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.



WILLIAM H. BURGESS

Machinist's Mate 2/c William Hiram Burgess, son of John Edwin and Metta Line Burgess, was born May 5, 1924, at Hamburg, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Parkdale High School, and enlisted in the Navy December 15, 1941, as an apprentice seaman. He received boot training at the Naval Training Station, San Diego, California, and was attached to the U.S.S. Platte as machinist's mate, second class. After almost three years' service, Mate Burgess died on November 8, 1944. He is survived by his parents, who live in Parkdale, Arkansas.



Cpl. Hogan Morelle Estelle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Estelle of Crossett, Arkansas, where he was born October 15, 1915. He attended the Hamburg and Fountain Hill Schools and was a machinist at the Crossett Lumber Company until entering the Army Air Corps on November 18, 1942. Upon the completion of his basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, he was sent to Machinist's Schools at Norfolk, Virginia, and San Antonio, Texas. Corporal Estelle served two years in this country with an Army floating unit and was sent to the South Pacific in October 1944. Overseas more than 15 months, he returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, January 20, 1946. His wife is Hattie Mary Estelle.

HOGAN M. ESTELLE



1st Lt. John S. White, son of Mrs. J. S. White of Route 4, Hamburg, Arkansas, was born February 2, 1920. He attended public schools at Parkdale, Arkansas, and Marion Military Academy, Marion, Alabama. Upon graduation from the military academy Lieutenant White entered the Army Air Corps, December 26, 1940. No details regarding the service record of Lieutenant White were furnished.

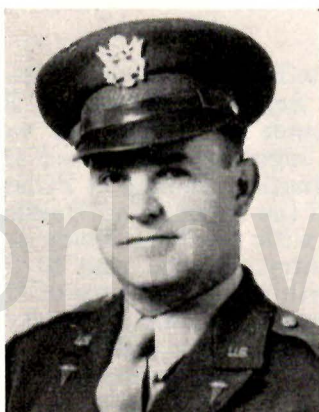


JOHN S. WHITE



S/Sgt. Jessie James Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gray of Crossett, Arkansas, was born April 15, 1918. He attended Crossett and Portland (Arkansas) schools and was engaged in farming and paper mill work prior to entering military service on October 15, 1942. His basic Infantry training was received at Camp Adair, Oregon, and during the time he served in the United States he received medals for driving and marksmanship. On July 24, 1944, he sailed with his unit for the South Pacific area and took part in the fighting of the Leyte and Okinawa campaigns. After being overseas for almost nine months, this gallant American made the supreme sacrifice for his country on Okinawa on April 6, 1945. Awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with Battle Stars, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Order of the Purple Heart, Sergeant Gray leaves his wife, Beatrice, and two children, who live at Crossett.

JESSIE J. GRAY



CARL C. HANCHEY

Maj. Carl C. Hanchey, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hanchey of Little Rock, was born at Monticello, Arkansas, on January 2, 1910. After graduating from the University of Arkansas School of Medicine, he was a physician and surgeon at DeQueen, Arkansas, for seven years. He entered military service on November 20, 1941. Major Hanchey served as a surgeon for two years in a station hospital in this country before arriving overseas at Kwajalein Island in November 1943. During his two years of foreign duty, Major Hanchey served through the Eastern Mandates campaign, and returned to this country for his release from active duty on February 26, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. Major Hanchey, his wife, Jane, and their son live in Wilmot, Arkansas.

Capt. Samuel Jeff Cone, son of James Roderick and Delle Bethune Cone, was born at Wilmot, Arkansas, on December 6, 1917. He received his education by attending Wilmot High School and Ouachita College, after which he served as an officer in the CCC and was employed by the Lion Oil Refining Co., El Dorado, Arkansas. Commissioned in Infantry Reserve in May 1940, through the ROTC at Ouachita College, he was called to active duty in August 1941, with the Army Air Corps. He qualified for ground officer in the Air Corps and served four years with Central Flying Training Command, Randolph Field, Texas. Captain Cone departed September 9, 1945, for Luzon, P. I., returning to the United States on December 23, 1945. He received an honorable discharge at Ft. Sam Houston as major, A.C. Res., on January 6, 1946. He and his wife, Helen, live in Wilmot with their child.



SAMUEL J. CONE



ISAAC J. NEWTON

Capt. Isaac James Newton, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Newton, was born at Wilmot, Arkansas, on October 18, 1914. He graduated from Vanderbilt University Academic and Medical Schools, Nashville, Tennessee. Entering the Army Medical Corps July 15, 1941, he served for three years as hospital unit commander at the Station Hospital, Camp Wheeler, Georgia. Captain Newton arrived in France in October 1944, and participated in the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central European campaigns with the Army Medical Corps. After being overseas one year, he was honorably discharged December 26, 1945, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He lives in Wilmot.

Pfc. Jessie M. Simms, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Simms, was born at Wilmot, Arkansas, on March 5, 1921. He attended the Wilmot schools and was a farmer until he entered the Army on July 9, 1942. He received his basic training at Camp Robinson, where he received medals for proficiency in the use of the rifle and bayonet. After eight months in this country, he was sent to North Africa as a member of the Signal Corps, and during the 32 months he was overseas, he served in the Tunisian, Rome-Arno and Apennines campaigns. Holder of the Good Conduct Medal and the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, he was honorably discharged on October 25, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.



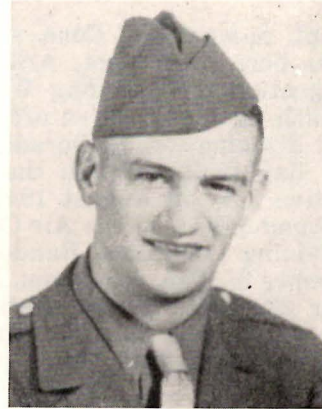
JESSIE M. SIMMS



ILEY M. BARNES, JR.

Lt. (j. g.) Iley M. Barnes, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Iley M. Barnes of Crossett, Arkansas, was born at Monroe, Louisiana, September 26, 1913. He completed his education at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, and was graduated in 1937. Employed as an electrical engineer, he entered the Navy on October 15, 1943, and served his indoctrination training at Princeton University. Lieutenant Barnes later attended the Naval Mine Warfare School at Yorktown, Virginia, and then served with the Mine Force and the 12th District Mine Sweep Office in this country. He was sent to the Pacific theater in September 1945, and served with the Mine Force of the Pacific Fleet for over five months. After service on Okinawa and in Japan, he was returned to this country and was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, April 19, 1946. He and his wife, the former Dorothy Lawson, are the parents of a son.

S/Sgt. William H. Barnes, son of Minnie and Iley M. Barnes, Sr., was born January 24, 1917, in Monroe, Louisiana, moving to Arkansas in 1918. He attended Crossett High School, Draughon's Business and Radio School, and Lexington Signal Depot Radar School, afterwards being employed as radar technician. Entering the Signal Corps January 20, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri, and attended Signal Corps School, Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, qualifying as radar (gun laying) technician, and rifle expert. After serving for a year in the United States Sergeant Barnes departed May 5, 1945, for the Southwest Pacific theater, and remained overseas nearly a year. He was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and Campaign Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with Star, Victory, Japanese Occupation and American Theater Ribbons, and Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged April 30, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, and returned to his home in Crossett, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Colleen Carter Barnes.



WILLIAM H. BARNES



HOMER L. PIERCE

Seaman 1/c Homer L. Pierce, son of Mrs. Ishie Toler Pierce and the late A. A. Pierce, was born February 10, 1909, at Fountain Hill, Arkansas. He attended Fountain Hill Grade and High Schools, afterwards being employed as grocery and shipping clerk and service station manager for the Crossett Mercantile Co. Entering the Navy March 8, 1944, he received boot training at Farragut, Idaho, specializing as storekeeper and A.A. gunner. He served aboard the U.S.S. Renville and participated in operations off Okinawa for which he received Unit Citation. After serving one year overseas, Seaman Pierce received an honorable discharge at New Orleans November 13, 1945. He and his wife, Julia, live in Crossett, Arkansas, with their children.

M/Sgt. William Benjamin Jenkins, son of Mrs. Mary Ophelia Jenkins, was born August 11, 1913, at Crossett, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Crossett Public Schools, after which he was employed as paper slitter by the Crossett Paper Mills. Entering the Army Ordnance Department November 4, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, qualifying for administrative noncommissioned officer. After training 10 months, he departed from the United States for England September 5, 1943, attached to 690th Ord. Am. Co. Sergeant Jenkins participated in the campaigns of Rhineland and Central Europe. He qualified for carbine marksman August 4, 1943, and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and two Bronze Stars for meritorious service in the European Theater of Operations. Returning to the United States December 28, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, January 2, 1946. He lives in Crossett, with his wife, Irene.



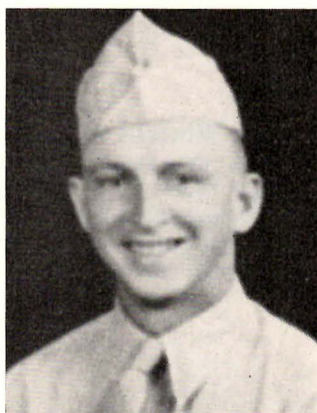
WILLIAM B. JENKINS



ADAM C. HANCOCK

Sgt. Adam C. Hancock, son of Mrs. A. C. Hancock, was born at Crossett, Arkansas, January 11, 1925. He received his education at Crossett High School and Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas. He entered the Army Air Corps on November 4, 1942, and was sent to Keesler Field, Mississippi, for his basic training. He later attended A.A.F. School at Ft. Logan, Colorado. In June 1943, he accompanied his unit, the 548th Bombardment Squadron, 8th Air Force, to the European theater. He saw more than 25 months of overseas duty and served in the Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, Central Europe, and Normandy campaigns and the general air offensive against other parts of German-held Europe. Sergeant Hancock was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with one Silver Star and one Bronze Star, the Distinguished Unit Badge and the Good Conduct Medal. He received his honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, September 20, 1945. His wife is Dorothy Lee Hancock.

S/Sgt. Thomas McDuffie Walsh, Jr., son of Kathleen and Thomas McD. Walsh, was born April 2, 1918, at Holly Springs, Arkansas. He graduated from the Crossett High School and was employed as a clerk in the Ashley, Drew and Northern Railway Co. He entered the Engineer Corps on June 2, 1942, and received his basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. He qualified as a platoon sergeant. While in training he received a rifle Marksmanship Medal and carbine Expert Medal in March, 1944. Attached to Co. A, 312th Engr., 87th Div., he left the United States November 1, 1944. He arrived in the European theater and participated in the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. He was awarded the European Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon and World War II Victory Ribbon. He received his honorable discharge at Brooks Hospital Center, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, November 6, 1945. His wife is Mary Irene Walsh.



THOMAS M. WALSH, JR.



WILLIAM C. FINCH

Radioman 3/c William Calhoun Finch, son of Mrs. W. E. Finch, and the late Mr. Finch, was born August 6, 1926, in Crossett, Arkansas. He attended Crossett High School and Hendrix College at Conway, Arkansas. Entering the Navy July 21, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Radio School. He served for 10 months in the United States and departed May 19, 1945, for the Pacific Theater of Operations, remaining overseas more than a year. After being honorably discharged July 20, 1946, he returned to his home in Crossett.

Ship's Cook 2/c Clyde Luther Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Howard of 282 Pine St., Crossett, Arkansas, was born at Clarks, Louisiana, March 21, 1923. He attended Ouachita Grammar School and Crossett High School and later was employed by the Crossett Paper Mills. Entering military service on July 24, 1942, he was sent to San Diego, California, for boot training. After a year and a half in this country, he went overseas and served 21 months in the Aleutian and Marshall Islands. He was honorably discharged on November 3, 1945, at New Orleans, Louisiana. He and his wife, Ivis Lorraine, and their child live in Crossett.



CLYDE L. HOWARD



LLOYD D. JACKS

Radarman 3/c Lloyd D. Jacks, son of Mrs. Marie Jacks of Brinkley, Arkansas, was born at Hot Springs, Arkansas, January 26, 1917. He attended Brinkley High School, Arkansas State College, Jonesboro, and Arkansas Law School in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was manager of a hotel after completing his education. He entered the Navy on April 7, 1944, and was sent to San Diego, California, for his boot training and later was sent to Radar School at Point Loma, San Diego, California. After five months in the United States he was sent overseas. He served 15 months in the South Pacific area, participating in the Philippine and Okinawa campaigns. He is holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with Battle Stars denoting the engagements, and the Presidential Unit Citation. He was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, December 8, 1945. He lives with his wife, Helen Marie, and their children.

Pfc. John Winfred Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stanley of Crossett, Arkansas, was born February 28, 1910. He attended Milo Public Schools and High School in Hamburg, Arkansas. Private Stanley was employed by the Crossett Lumber Company before entering the Army Engineer Corps, November 18, 1942. His wife is Marie Stanley. No further data regarding the service record of Private Stanley was furnished.



JOHN W. STANLEY



BENJAMIN J. REED

S/Sgt. Benjamin James Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Reed of Crossett, Arkansas, was born at Hamburg on August 28, 1915. He attended the Crossett schools and was later employed at a furniture store in Crossett. He entered the Army in April 1945, and was placed in the Infantry. He received his basic training at Camp Maxey, Texas. After five months in the United States he was attached to the 81st "Wildcat" Division and sent to Japan. Sergeant Reed returned to the United States and was stationed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, in the Wakeman General Hospital. He was discharged from the hospital November 13, and received an honorable discharge from the service December 18, 1946.

T/Sgt. John Willis Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie L. Kelley, Crossett, Arkansas, was born on November 2, 1922. He completed his education at Crossett High School. Sergeant Kelley entered the Army Air Corps on December 14, 1942, and was sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, for his basic training. After a year in this country with the 2nd Air Force, he was sent overseas. He served 16 months on Saipan and is the holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on November 23, 1945. His wife is Norma Kelley.



JOHN W. KELLEY



BENNIE H. DAVIS

Machinist's Mate 2/c Bennie Herbert Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Davis of Crossett, Arkansas, was born at Jonesboro, Louisiana, on June 15, 1918. He attended Weston High School and Louisiana Tech at Ruston, Louisiana, before entering the Armed Forces September 4, 1942. After boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois, he attended Fire Control School at Great Lakes, and qualified for service as an optician. Following six months of preliminary training, he was sent with his unit to Iceland and, after 30 months overseas, returned to the United States. He was honorably discharged at Memphis, October 19, 1945. He lives with his wife, Christine Toler Davis, and their child.

Yeoman 3/c John Steve Sturdivant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Sturdivant, was born at Winnsboro, Louisiana, April 13, 1921, and moved to Crossett, Arkansas, in 1936. He completed his education at Crossett High School and was employed in Los Angeles, California, prior to entering the Navy in September 1942. Following boot training at San Diego, California, he saw active service in the Department of Naval Intelligence aboard the destroyer "Sanders" until his death on October 27, 1943. He is survived by his parents and his widow, Faye Ludlam Sturdivant, and a son.



JOHN S. STURDIVANT



JAMES L. ESTELLE

S/Sgt. James Leland Estelle, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Howard Estelle, of Crossett, Arkansas, was born at Crossett, June 14, 1922. He attended the Crossett schools and was then employed as a theater projectionist. He entered the Army Air Corps July 15, 1941, and received his basic training at Gunter Field, Alabama. He served four years as the manager and projectionist of a base theater for the special services of the Army Air Forces. He was honorably discharged on October 23, 1945, at Sioux City, Iowa. He lives in Crossett, Arkansas, with his wife, Anne, and their children.

S/Sgt. Lofton D. McDougald, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lofton D. McDougald, was born at Crossett, Arkansas, September 6, 1920. Upon completion of his education in the local schools, he was employed by the Crossett Recreational System. He entered the Army Air Corps February 11, 1941, and was sent to Jefferson Barracks for basic training. He attended Aerial Gunnery and Armament Schools and was assigned to the 48th Bombardment Sqdn. During his service he served as an aerial gunner for 19 months, clerk-typist for 23 months, and physical training instructor for seven months. He arrived with his unit in the Aleutians in the summer of 1943 and took part in the air battles over Kiska and Paramushiro, Japan. Sergeant McDougald was awarded the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, the American Defense Ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado, October 2, 1945. His wife is Annabelle L. McDougald.



LOFTON D. McDOUGALD, JR.



ZEPH B. SISSON

Sgt. Zeph B. Sisson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Sisson, of Crossett, Arkansas, was born at Bonita, Louisiana, June 29, 1914. He attended Bonita High School and Louisiana State University and was later employed in the laboratory of the Crossett Paper Mill. He entered the service, in Chemical Warfare work, November 4, 1942, and received his basic training at Camp Sibert, Alabama. After serving over a year in the United States he went overseas with his unit, 57th Chemical Co., and served in the European theater. He participated in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central European campaigns for 17 months. He was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and American Theater Ribbon. Sergeant Sisson was honorably discharged on November 15, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. His wife is Pauline Sisson.

Capt. Gus Rembert Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Phillips, was born in Crossett, Arkansas. He attended Crossett High School and Henderson State Teachers' College, after which he was engaged in personnel work. Entering the Army May 20, 1941, he received Officers' Basic Course at Ft. Benning, Georgia, qualifying as infantry unit commander. Captain Phillips departed January 11, 1942, for the Aleutian Islands, and April 19, 1944, for Italy, serving overseas two and a half years. He participated in the campaigns of the Aleutian Islands, Rome-Arno, Southern France, and the Rhineland, and was wounded in action in France November 5, 1944, and February 3, 1945. He received Unit Citation, French Fourragere, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Star, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars and Bronze Arrowhead, American Theater and Victory Ribbons. Captain Phillips was placed on terminal leave until June 16, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, with status of reserve officer, and received Certificate of Service. He lives in Crossett.



GUS R. PHILLIPS



CHARLES R. TATUM

S/Sgt. Charles Reginald Tatum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tatum of Crossett, Arkansas, was born at Kosse, Texas, August 3, 1911. He attended Hot Springs High School and was then employed as a retail grocer. Entering the Army Air Corps October 26, 1942, he was sent to Foster Field, Texas, for basic training and later to Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin, for specialized training as a radio operator and control tower operator. After nine months in this country he was sent overseas on August 4, 1943. He served in England and Italy for 28 months and was awarded the Presidential Citation, Good Conduct Medal, European Theater Ribbon, Victory Ribbon and the American Theater Service Ribbon. He was discharged December 2, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. His wife is Fannie Lou Wood Tatum.

Pfc. B. T. Willis, Jr., son of Bart and Lula Willis of Hamburg, Arkansas, was born at Hamburg on February 2, 1921. After completing his education at Hamburg High School, he was employed as a parts clerk and entered military service on November 17, 1944. Private Willis was sent to Camp Robinson, Arkansas, for his basic training and then attended Motor School and Cook's and Baker's School. In April, 1945, he was sent to the Philippines and served as a cook with Infantry units in that area for 12 months. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Victory Ribbon. Private Willis served four months with the occupation troops in Japan and was honorably discharged on March 23, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, the former Mary Ernestine Scott, have two children.



B. T. WILLIS, JR.



LEMAR M. MARTER

Pfc. Lemar Mann Marter, son of Mrs. Gradel Bethge of Stuttgart, Arkansas, was born at Crossett, Arkansas, on June 25, 1926. He attended Crossett High School and Stuttgart High School and was employed by the Crossett Chemical Company until entering the Marine Corps on November 15, 1944. Private Marter received his boot training at Parris Island, South Carolina, and specialized in Marine guard duty. In April, 1945, he was sent to the Pacific theater and served on Iwo Jima and Japan. Private Marter is now serving with the Marine Service Forces in China. His wife is Myrtle Mae Marter.

M/Sgt. Joe H. Willis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lemie W. Willis of Hamburg, Arkansas, was born at Crossett, Arkansas, on April 25, 1923. After graduating from Fountain Hill High School he entered the service. Sergeant Willis was inducted into the Army Air Corps May 13, 1941, and received his basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He was sent to England after two years' service in the United States. He saw much action with his unit, the 53rd Training Group, including the Rhineland campaign. He is the holder of the European Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged on November 18, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He lives with his wife, Pearlie Bates Willis and their child.



JOE H. WILLIS



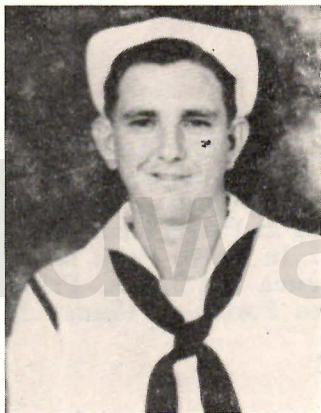
JAMES D. SPARKS

Seaman 1/c James D. Sparks, son of Mrs. Clara Lee Alldread of Fountain Hill, Arkansas, was born at Dermott, Arkansas, on January 26, 1926. Educated in the Fountain Hill schools, he entered the Navy on March 20, 1944. Seaman Sparks served his boot training at the Naval Training Base, San Diego, California, and became a fuse setter. In May, 1944, he was sent to Pearl Harbor and after a short time returned to the United States. battle for Okinawa. According to last report, Seaman Sparks was still in the Navy and expected to be honorably discharged May 15, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee.

Sgt. Elijah G. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alma R. Johnson, was born at Fountain Hill on July 26, 1921. He attended Fountain Hill High School and then engaged in farming, prior to entering military service on September 27, 1940. He received his basic training at Ft. Ord, California, and after three years in this country as a member of the 7th Division and Station Hospital Unit at Camp Robinson, he was sent to Hawaii as a member of the 96th Division. Overseas 14 months, he participated in the Philippine, Okinawa, and Ryukyus campaigns and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with Battle Stars denoting the engagements in which he participated, and the Bronze Star Medal, which he received on Leyte (Philippine Islands). He was honorably discharged on October 3, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. Sergeant Johnson and his wife, Ida Estene, are the parents of one child.



ELIJAH G. JOHNSON



ROLAND E. HESTER

Seaman 1/c Roland E. Hester, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Robert Hester, was born in June 1919, in Arkansas. He attended Fountain Hill School, afterwards being engaged as timber spotter for Crossett Lumber Company. Entering the Navy May 22, 1944, he received boot training at Camp Wallace, Texas. Departing August 17, 1944, for Noumea, New Caledonia, he served overseas for more than a year. After being honorably discharged November 18, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to Fountain Hill, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Frances, and their children.



WILLIAM E. GIBSON

Sgt. William Edward Gibson, son of Mrs. Annie E. Gibson, was born at Boydell, Arkansas, August 6, 1913. He received his education at Dermott (Arkansas) High School, Arkansas A. & M. College and Arkansas State Teachers College. Sergeant Gibson entered military service on June 22, 1941. He received his basic training at Camp Roberts, California, and after 18 months in this country with the Field Artillery and Transportation Corps, he was sent overseas, arriving with his unit at Casablanca in February 1943. Overseas 33 months and holder of decorations denoting his campaign participations, Sergeant Gibson was honorably discharged on November 6, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.



JACK A. GIBSON

Lt. (s.g.) Jack A. Gibson, son of John J. Gibson, was born at Boydell, Arkansas, on March 3, 1920. He attended Louisiana State University and Mississippi State College and entered the Naval Air Corps on December 28, 1941. He received his pilot training at Pensacola, Florida, and after two years in the United States he was sent overseas to the Pacific area. He spent 12 months with the 3rd and 5th Fleets as a carrier pilot and participated in the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa and the general air offensive against Japan, completing 63 missions and has four Japanese planes to his credit. Lieutenant Gibson spent three months with the Army of Occupation in Japan before returning to this country on October 15, 1945. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and six Air Medals. He was reverted to inactive status at Memphis, Tennessee, on December 26, 1945.

Maj. Neill Moore Sloan, son of the late Lillie Moore and Elias Neill Sloan, was born September 18, 1909, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He attended Arkadelphia High School and Ouachita College, afterwards being engaged as a teacher in Hope and El Dorado, Arkansas, and as an employee of Arkansas Power and Light Co. and General Motors Acceptance Corporation. Entering the Quartermaster Corps June 9, 1942, as a member of the R.O.T.C., he attended Quartermaster School at Camp Lee, Virginia, and Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania. Major Sloan served at the Ft. Worth Quartermaster Depot; Camp Lee, Virginia, and Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot before departing December 27, 1942, for Australia. Overseas for two years and three months, he participated in campaigns of New Guinea, Southern Philippines, and Luzon, and was awarded Bronze Star Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Stars, American Theater and Victory Ribbons. Honorably discharged March 11, 1946, he returned to Arkadelphia, where he lives with his wife, Martha, and sons.



NEILL M. SLOAN



DANIEL S. McARTHUR

T/Sgt. Daniel S. McArthur is the son of Anna Evelyn McArthur of Portland, Arkansas, where he was born on October 18, 1922. He attended the Portland High School and the Little Rock schools and entered the Marine Corps on May 19, 1941. Sergeant McArthur served his boot training at San Diego, California, and then attended Aviation Machinist's Mate and Technical Schools at Chicago, Illinois. In December, 1941, he was sent to Midway Island and later made a second tour of duty in the Pacific as a member of the crew of the U.S.S. Bennington. Overseas 28 months, he saw action at Midway, Guadalcanal, Munda, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and the campaigns against Japan. Holder of the Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal and the Silver Star Medal, as well as the American Defense Service Ribbon, he has reenlisted for two more years with the Marine Air Corps and is now stationed at the Marine Air Base, El Toro, California.

Lt. Comdr. Robert J. Williams was born on September 9, 1905, at Parkdale, Arkansas. He attended Hendrix College at Conway, Arkansas, and completed his medical training at Vanderbilt University. Commander Williams entered the Navy Medical Corps on June 15, 1942, and trained at Durham, North Carolina. After two years of service in the United States as a medical officer, he was sent to the Pacific area and saw action in the campaigns for Saipan and the Marshall Islands. Overseas one year, he has been discharged from the Navy and is now assistant pathologist at Rhode Island State Hospital. He and his family make their home at 64 Valentine Circle, Apponang, Rhode Island.



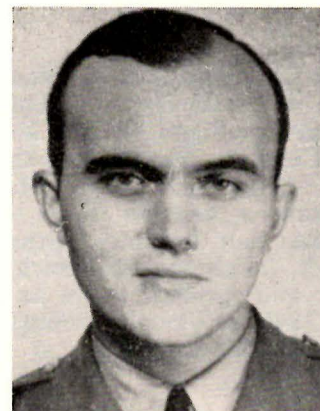
ROBERT J. WILLIAMS



JAMES A. WILLIAMS

Capt. James A. Williams, son of Elli J. and Robert George Williams of Parkdale, Arkansas, was born at Parkdale on July 22, 1910. He was educated at Columbia Military Academy and Vanderbilt University. Captain Williams entered military service in June, 1942, and was assigned to the Finance Department. He served three and one-half years with the Army. He was released from the service in September, 1945, and is now president of the Bank of Parkdale. He and his wife, the former Dorothy Thompson, have one child.

1st Lt. Russell Burnham Denham, son of Horace and Bonny Denham of Wilmot, Arkansas, was born at White, Arkansas, on March 8, 1917. He attended Arkansas Tech at Russellville and the University of Arkansas before entering the military service in June, 1941. He had first seen military service in 1934 with the National Guard. He was assigned to the Army Postal Service and was sent to England in June, 1942, after receiving his basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Lieutenant Denham was stationed for two and one-half years at Bristol, England, and later in Paris, France. Overseas a total of 44 months he is now stationed at the Pentagon Building, Washington, D. C. While in England he married an English girl, Dr. Helen Holt.



RUSSELL B. DENHAM



JOHN A. GILES

Sgt. John A. Giles, son of Mrs. R. C. Giles, was born July 4, 1919, in Hamburg, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Hamburg High School. Entering the Air Corps December 10, 1941, he received basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, specializing in A.A.F. supply. After serving for two years at West Point Military Academy, he departed May 23, 1944, for Bombay, India, and remained overseas for a year and a half. Sergeant Giles was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Victory Ribbon, and American Defense Ribbon. He is now in the regular Army and his wife, Louise, and their child live in Hamburg.

Cpl. William Miller Ludlam, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Ludlam of Hamburg, Arkansas, was born at Hamburg on December 1, 1924. He graduated from Hamburg High School and attended Arkansas A. & M. College at Monticello before entering the Army on June 1, 1943. Upon the completion of his basic training at Camp Abbott, Oregon, he attended the Demolition School and became a demolition specialist. After six months in this country with the 53rd Engineer Bn., he was sent to England in November, 1943, and assigned to Company C of the 820th Engineer Aviation Bn. Overseas 25 months, he served in England and throughout the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Holder of the European Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Ribbon, he was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, on December 29, 1945.



WILLIAM M. LUDLAM



CHARLES F. CARPENTER, JR.

Flight Officer Charles F. Carpenter, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Carpenter, Sr., was born at Hamburg, Arkansas, on September 19, 1921. He received his education by attending Arkansas A. & M. College at Monticello and Arkansas State Teachers' College at Conway, afterwards being employed as a contract Army flight instructor. Entering the Air Corps on July 13, 1943, he received basic training at Randolph Field, Texas, qualifying for pilot C-54. Flight Officer Carpenter departed from the United States on January 11, 1945, for the China-Burma-India theater and participated in India, central Burma, and China campaigns. He received, among other decorations, the Air Medal with Cluster and three Battle Stars. Returning to the United States January 10, 1946, he received an honorable discharge at Jefferson Barracks February 23, 1946. He and his wife, Marjorie, live in Hamburg with their son.

2nd Lt. Jackson H. Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Carpenter, Sr., of Hamburg, was born on February 2, 1924. He graduated from Hamburg High School and attended Arkansas State Teachers College at Conway. He entered the service on June 1, 1943, and was placed in the Army Air Corps. He received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and his flight training at Miami Beach, Florida; Tulsa, Oklahoma; San Antonio, Texas; Greenville, Texas; Eagle Pass, Texas; Frederick, Oklahoma, and Buckley Field, Colorado. Lieutenant Jackson served two and one-half years as a pilot and was relieved of duty on November 19, 1945, at Lincoln, Nebraska. He lives at Hamburg with his wife, Corene Choate and their son.



JACKSON H. CARPENTER



HAROLD E. FOSTER

Pfc. Harold Edward Foster, son of Mrs. Jesse Foster of Portland, Arkansas, was born at Hamburg, Arkansas, April 23, 1926. Educated in the Portland Public Schools, he entered military service on July 31, 1944. After completing his basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, he was sent to Radio Operation and Wiring School and in January 1945, was sent to the European theater, landing at Le Havre, France. Overseas more than 14 months, Private Foster, saw action in the Rhineland, Central Europe and Ardennes campaigns and won the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon and American Theater Ribbon. He spent seven months with the Army of Occupation of Germany and was returned to this country. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, March 11, 1946. His wife is the former Leona Elizabeth Sansing. They have one child.

1st Lt. Otto L. Toney, Jr., son of Mary L. Clay and Otto L. Toney, Sr., was born August 20, 1924, in Crossett, Arkansas. He attended Crossett High School, afterwards being employed as railway clerk by the Ashley Drew & Northern Railway Company. Entering the Air Corps May 17, 1943, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas, and graduated from Bombardier School, C.A.A.F., at Childress, Texas, qualifying as bombardier and rail transportation officer. Lieutenant Toney departed October 21, 1944, for Italy with the 15th Air Force and remained overseas for eight months, participating in air combat over the Rhineland and Balkans and the campaigns of Po Valley and Northern Apennines. He was awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and is still in the service. His home is in Crossett, and he is married to the former LaNell Walsh.



OTTO L. TONEY, JR.



EASTER L. RICE

Sgt. Easter L. Rice, son of Mary Bays and Iron Alford Rice, was born in Crossett, Arkansas. He attended Wallers Chapel School, afterwards being employed in a paper mill. Entering the Field Artillery January 30, 1942, he received basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, specializing in non-commissioned officer duty and qualifying as rifleman. Sergeant Rice departed February 27, 1944, for the European Theater of Operations and remained overseas for nearly two years, participating in campaigns of Central Europe, Northern France, and the Rhineland. He was awarded three Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. After being honorably discharged November 11, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to his home in Crossett, where he lives with his wife, Juanita Lucille, and their child.

Sgt. Harold Clements Scales, son of Mrs. Fannie B. Scales, was born January 18, 1912, in McCrory, Arkansas. He attended McCrory Grade School, Parkdale High School, and Monticello A. & M. College. Entering the Mechanized Cavalry November 8, 1944, he received basic training at Ft. Riley, Kansas, and attended Specialized Radio School and Noncommissioned Officers' School. Sergeant Scales received rifle and machine gun Expert's Medals. He is still in the service with Troop B, E.S.S.P., at Ft. Riley. He and his wife, Alline, have two children.



HAROLD C. SCALES



WILLIAM H. WHITE

S/Sgt. William H. White, son of Mrs. Ocie Peters of Hamburg, Arkansas, was born at Wilmot, Arkansas, on July 14, 1920. He received his education in the Ashley County schools of Parkdale, Portland and Hamburg, and entered military service on October 15, 1940. Sent to Ft. Benning, Georgia, for Infantry and Paratroop training, he later graduated from the Surgical Technician's School at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and left the United States with his unit in April, 1943. Sergeant White served valiantly overseas for a period of one and one-half years, meeting a hero's death in action on October 30, 1944. Among his decorations for gallantry in action he received the Silver Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, campaign ribbons with Battle Stars and two Purple Hearts.

Electrician's Mate 3/c Lloyd D. Blanchard, son of Lynn J. and Ida B. Blanchard, was born August 12, 1926, at Memphis, Tennessee, moving to Arkansas in 1931. After graduating from Crossett High School, he enlisted in the Navy January 21, 1944, receiving boot training at Farragut, Idaho, and afterwards attending University of Minnesota Electrical School. He departed from the United States August 28, 1944, aboard the U.S.S. Wichita, Admiral Halsey's Task Force, for the South Pacific, and took part in the raids on Formosa, battles with Japanese fleet in October 1944, second battle of the Philippines, raids on Luzon, liberation of the Philippines, and Okinawa campaign. Mate Blanchard received the American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with four Campaign Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Stars, Okinawa Citation with one Star, Naval Commendation Ribbon and World War II Victory Ribbon. Returning to the United States he attended Naval Mine Warfare School at Yorktown, Pennsylvania, and reenlisted in the regular Navy for service aboard a minesweeper in the Pacific.



LLOYD D. BLANCHARD



EMERY I. MOSHIER

Capt. Emery Irwin Moshier, son of Helen Pool and Emery Merton Moshier, was born May 31, 1920, in Jewel, Kansas, moving to Arkansas in 1937. He graduated from Booneville High School and Ouachita College at Arkadelphia with a B.A. degree. Entering the Chaplain's Corps of the Army September 27, 1944, he attended Chaplain's School at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts, qualifying as chaplain (Baptist-South). He served for six months with the 1st Horse Cavalry Training Regiment, C.R.T.C., Ft. Riley, Kansas. Departing March 25, 1945, for Europe, with the 5th Tank Destroyer Group, Captain Moshier remained overseas for 10 months, participating in Central European campaigns and serving five months with Hq. Special Troops, U. S. Forces in Austria. He was awarded European Theater Ribbon with Campaign Star and is still on active duty at New Orleans Port of Embarkation Station Hospital. He is married to the former Juanita Rainwater and has one daughter.

Yeoman 2/c Charles Hillman Moses, son of A. G. Moses and Mittie Tomlinson Moses, was born September 28, 1918, at Cummins, Arkansas. He received his education in Little Rock schools, graduating from Little Rock High School and also attending University of Arkansas. He entered the Navy May 22, 1944, and was sent to Camp Wallace, Texas, for his boot training. He qualified for stenographer (personnel yeoman) and served one year and eight months attached to Naval Ammunition Depot, New Orleans, Louisiana. He was honorably discharged January 15, 1946, at Naval Repair Base, New Orleans. He lives with his wife, Marthield Berry Moses, and their children.



CHARLES H. MOSES



LONNIE W. ENGLERTH

1st Lt. Lonnie W. Englerth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Englerth, was born October 22, 1920, at Wilmot, Arkansas. He received his education at Wilmot High School and Henderson State Teachers College at Arkadelphia. Entering the Army Air Corps November 1, 1941, he received basic training at Stamford, San Angelo and San Antonio, Texas. By attending Service Schools at Midland and Childress, Texas, and Carlsbad, New Mexico, he qualified as a bombardier instructor. After four years' service with the Air Corps, Lieutenant Englerth was relieved of active duty at Spokane, Washington, on December 15, 1945. His wife is Eileen K. Englerth.

2nd Lt. John Harrison Ralph, USMC, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Ralph of Parkdale, Arkansas, where he was born on January 15, 1924. He attended Parkdale High School and Arkansas State Teachers' College. Enlisting in the Marine Corps Reserve on December 1, 1942, he was called to active duty in June, 1943. After completing his boot training at Parris Island, South Carolina, he attended the V-12 unit at Arkansas A. & M. College. Lieutenant Ralph became a platoon leader and served with Marine Infantry units until he was sent to Cuba in September, 1945. Overseas five months, he was returned to the United States and released from active service at Pensacola, Florida, on February 26, 1946.



JOHN H. RALPH



GUISE W. KINCHELOE

Chief Yeoman Guise William Kincheloe, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Kincheloe, was born at Hamburg, Arkansas, March 10, 1910. After graduating from the Snyder (Arkansas) High School and Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas, he entered the Navy on October 21, 1942. Completing boot training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, he attended Instructors' School at San Diego, California, to become an instructor in the stenographic branch. He sailed on December 14, 1942, and saw 32 months of foreign service in the Sicilian, Italian, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Leyte Gulf, Honshu-American, European-African-Middle Eastern, Asiatic-Pacific and Philippine liberation campaigns and received service ribbons for participation in these theaters. He was wounded in North Africa and was honorably discharged August 29, 1945, at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, California. He and his wife, Martha, and son, live in Crossett.

M/Sgt. Young Hogan Etheridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hogan Etheridge of Hamburg, Arkansas, was born November 14, 1914. He attended Hamburg High School and later was employed by the Arkansas Power & Light Co. He entered the Army April 3, 1941, and received his basic training at Lowry Field, Colorado. He was later transferred to Chanute Field, Illinois, for specialized training as a B-29 flight engineer. After four years' service he was sent to the Marianas Islands. He spent six months overseas and took part in the general air offensive against Japan and the surrounding islands of the Marianas. He is holder of the Air Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. He was honorably discharged on October 25, 1945, at Barksdale Field, Louisiana. He lives at Hamburg with his wife, Anna, and their child.



YOUNG H. ETHERIDGE



LESTER D. SMITH

T/4 Lester D. Smith, son of William Smith of Wilmot, Arkansas, was born at Auroa, Missouri, on May 14, 1911. Educated in the Wilmot schools, he attended the Refrigeration School at Little Rock and Welding School at Monroe, Louisiana, and was the owner of his own electric and refrigeration service business before entering the military service on February 10, 1944. After completing his basic training at Camp Kohler, California, he attended the Signal Corps Schools at Davis, California, and Camp Crowder, Missouri, and became a Signal Corps powerman. He also holds the civil service rating of chief refrigeration foreman. In April, 1945, he was sent with his unit, the 3183rd Signal Service Company to the China-Burma-India theater. Overseas one year, he was returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on March 26, 1946. He and his wife, the former Bertha Walker, have two children.

S/Sgt. Robert K. Smith, son of William M. Smith of Wilmot, Arkansas, was born at Dermott, Arkansas, August 11, 1915. He attended Wilmot High School and was later employed by the Mail Messenger Service and in radio work. He enlisted in the regular Marine Corps in 1935, and received his boot training at Parris Island, South Carolina. In September 1935, he was sent to the Marine detachment headquarters in China. He has since done four tours of foreign duty, and has a total of six and one-half years' overseas service. He participated in the Sino-Japanese engagement in 1937, and in the battles of Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Ryukyus, Saipan, Tinian, Iheya and Okinawa. He is holder of the Expert and Sharpshooter Medals, the Good Conduct Medal with Bronze "2," two medals for service in China, American Defense Ribbon with one Battle Star, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, Presidential Citation with Star and a Navy Citation. He was honorably discharged on September 19, 1945, at San Diego, California.



ROBERT K. SMITH



REX C. BARKER

Seaman 2/c Rex Cogdell Barker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus H. Barker, was born July 1, 1914, at Pittsburg, Texas, moving to Arkansas in 1916. He attended Montrose, Arkansas, Public School; Lake Village, Arkansas, High School, and A. & M. College at Monticello. Entering the Navy February 16, 1945, he received boot training at Naval Training Center, San Diego, specializing in gunnery and qualifying as expert rifleman. After completing his training, Seaman Barker served aboard the Destroyer U.S.S. Allen M. Sumner, departing from the United States May 28, 1945, and participating in the Wake Island campaign, bombardment of Japan, and patrolling of the Japanese coast. He was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Stars, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star. Seaman Barker was honorably discharged at New Orleans, February 16, 1946. He and his wife, Loyce, live in Montrose, Arkansas, with their children.

Pfc. Billy Ned Grant, son of William T. Grant, was born at Crossett, Arkansas, September 10, 1918, and after attending the Crossett schools, engaged in farming prior to entering the military service on January 4, 1942. He received his basic training at Camp Roberts, California, and after only three months in this country, he arrived in Australia with his unit, Company C, 128th Infantry. He saw action in three major battles and was killed in action on June 27, 1944, at Yakumal, New Guinea. During his 27 months of overseas service, this gallant American was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars and the Order of the Purple Heart (awarded posthumously).



BILLY N. GRANT



EARL L. GRIFFIN

Cpl. Earl L. Griffin, son of Mrs. Maggie G. Deal, was born at Portland, Arkansas, April 25, 1927. He was educated at the Fountain Hill Public School and entered the Marine Corps June 3, 1943. He took boot training at San Diego and was assigned to the 23rd Marines, 4th Division, F.M.F. After serving in this country eight months he was sent to the South Pacific and participated in the battles of Roi-Namur, Kwajalein, Saipan, Marianas Island, Tinian and at Iwo Jima. Corporal Griffin received an honorable discharge at Great Lakes, Illinois, November 10, 1945.



CECIL L. GRIFFIN

Seaman 1/c Cecil Leon Griffin, son of Mrs. Maggie M. Deal, was born April 25, 1927, in Ft. Hill, Arkansas. He attended Ft. Hill Public Schools. Entering the Navy April 25, 1945, he received boot training at San Diego, California. Seaman Griffin departed August 1, 1945, for 10 months of overseas duty. He was awarded Victory Ribbon and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon. After being honorably discharged May 25, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to his home in Hamburg, Arkansas.



JOEL W. PUGH

Maj. Joel Withers Pugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Pugh, was born at Portland, Arkansas, on February 20, 1900, graduated from Portland High School and the University of Arkansas, and was a merchant, planter and ginner prior to entering military service. Following his entrance into the Army Air Corps on September 18, 1942, he graduated from Officer Training School, Miami Beach, Florida, and after more than two years' service in the United States, he landed in Cairo, Egypt, and commanded a flight squadron in several theaters of action until the end of the war. Major Pugh was relieved of active duty at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on June 26, 1945.



VICTOR E. FUTHEY

Sgt. Victor E. Futhey, son of E. A. Futhey and the late Mrs. Futhey, was born September 14, 1920, in Crossett, Arkansas. He graduated from Crossett High School, afterwards being employed as laboratory technician at Crossett Paper Mills. Entering the Infantry November 18, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, qualifying as rifleman and military policeman. Sergeant Futhey served in the Infantry and Air Corps and departed August 6, 1945, for the South Pacific Theater of Operations. He is still overseas with the Army of Occupation at Guam. His wife, Carolyn, and their child live in Hamburg, Arkansas.

1.—T/4 Joe T. Bates, son of Mae E. and Fred T. Bates, of Crossett, Arkansas, was born September 6, 1910, in Doylestown, Arkansas. He attended Wilmot Grade and High School, afterwards being employed as a welder with Adolph Buck Machine Shop of Oklahoma City. Entering the Corps of Engineers June 9, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Abbott, Oregon, and attended School of Engineers, qualifying as combination welder and receiving Marksmanship Medals. Sergeant Bates departed in January 1944, for New Guinea, the Philippine Islands, and Japan, remaining overseas for a year and a half and being awarded Presidential Citation. He was honorably discharged November 30, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, and returned to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Sadie.

2.—1st/Sgt. Clifford Lewis Jones, son of Mrs. Zadie Lorene Jones of Portland, Arkansas, was born at McGehee, Arkansas, March 29, 1921. He received his education in the Portland schools and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on November 13, 1939. He received boot training at San Diego, California, and later acquired specialized training at Machine Gun and Demolition Schools. As a member of Co D, 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, he participated in the expedition to Iceland, and later saw extensive action in the South Pacific, seeing service in New Zealand, Guadalcanal, the New Hebrides, Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima. For meritorious service, Sergeant Jones received decorations denoting participation in all of these campaigns, in addition to a medal for proficiency in operation of the machine gun. On November 14, 1945, he received an honorable discharge at Oakland, California. His wife is Birdell R. Jones.

3.—S/Sgt. Arvin Lawayne Hobbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Hobbs, of Crossett, was born at Crossett, Arkansas, August 27, 1922. He received his education at Crossett High School and entered the Army on February 11, 1941. Sergeant Hobbs received his basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and later attended an Army Air Force Technical School. He spent three years in the United States with the 2nd Air Force and was then sent to England, serving as a noncommissioned officer. Overseas 21 months, he received the Good Conduct Medal, the American Defense Service Ribbon and the European Theater Ribbon. He was honorably discharged on December 3, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

4.—Pfc. Troy A. Akers, son of Emrie Kathrine and Robert Clark Akers of Hamburg, Arkansas, was born in Beech Creek, Arkansas. He attended Wilmot Grade School and Hamburg High School. Entering the Army Quartermaster Corps July 16, 1942, he received basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and attended service school at Cheyenne, Wyoming. He departed March 17, 1943, for Anchorage, Alaska, and remained overseas for two years and seven months. After being honorably discharged in November 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, he returned to Bastrop, Louisiana, where he lives with his wife, Merle, and their child.

5.—Machinist's Mate 1/c Frank Etter Grimes, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Leon Grimes, was born at Dermott, Arkansas, on March 22, 1913. He attended Halley School, after which he was engaged as a carpenter. He entered the Navy Seabees January 16, 1945, and received boot training at Davisville, Rhode Island, specializing as heavy equipment operator. He departed from the United States May 15, 1945, for Guam, attached to the 2nd Spec. 28th Regt., 17th Spec., for seven months' overseas service. Mate Grimes was honorably discharged on November 24, 1945, at Memphis, and returned to Portland, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Bernice, and their children.

6.—T/4 James W. Toler, Jr., son of Mrs. J. W. Toler of Crossett, Arkansas, was born at Crossett on April 14, 1925. He completed his education at

Crossett High School and entered military service on July 21, 1943. Sergeant Toler received his Armored Force training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and became a tank driver. In February, 1944, he was sent to the European theater and served with the 745th Tank Battalion during the heavy fighting of the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns, and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Overseas a total of 23 months, he served seven months with the Army of Occupation of Germany and was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, January 5, 1946.

7.—T/4 Robert O. Courson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Courson, was born at Crossett, Arkansas, November 25, 1920. He attended the Crossett schools and then was employed as an electrician's helper in the paper mill. He entered the Army, Quartermaster Corps, July 9, 1942. He received his basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. After four months in the United States he was sent to the China-Burma-India theater with a Q.M. Corps unit and served for 35 months as a driver of two and four-ton trucks. He drove an average of 100 miles per day over mountains and deserts, hauling supplies, gasoline and ammunition over the Burma and Ledo roads and made all equipment repairs on the road when necessary. He was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. Sergeant Courson was honorably discharged on September 20, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He lives with his wife, Carolyn, and their child.

8.—T/5 Robert C. Akers, son of Emrie Kathrine and Robert Clark Akers of Hamburg, Arkansas, was born October 1, 1903, in Beech Creek, Arkansas. He attended Wilmot Grade and High School, afterwards being employed as clerk in a store, school bus driver, farmer, and telephone exchange operator and maintenance worker. Entering the Signal Corps July 10, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri, and attended Midwestern Signal School, qualifying as wire chief and chief operator. Corporal Akers served for nearly a year in the United States and was honorably discharged April 13, 1943, at Smoky Hill Army Air Field, Salina, Kansas. He lives in Parkdale, Arkansas, with his wife, Faye.

9.—Aviation Cadet James Uriah Walker, Jr., was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Uriah Walker, Sr., of Crossett, Arkansas. He was born in Crossett on April 3, 1923, and received his education at Crossett High School and Arkansas State Teachers' College. He entered the Army Air Corps February 20, 1943, and was sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, for basic training. He later went to Centenary College at Shreveport, Louisiana, for a part of his training as a fighter pilot. This young soldier lost his life on March 4, 1944, in a plane crash at Eagle Pass, Texas, Army Air Field. At the time of his death he had served 13 months in the Air Corps. He is survived by his parents.

10.—Sgt. Ervin Burman Jones, son of Mrs. Zadie Lorene Jones of Portland, Arkansas, was born at Yuma, Arizona, September 8, 1923. He attended Portland High School and entered the Marine Corps May 27, 1941. After boot training at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, California, he attended the San Diego Sea School, where he qualified for administrative work and anti-aircraft gunnery. In September, 1941, he accompanied his unit to Pearl Harbor, where he was wounded in the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941. He also served on Midway Island. Sergeant Jones returned to this country in May, 1943. He went overseas a second time in October, 1943, and served in Hawaii and Samoa and participated in the battles of Tarawa, Eniwetok, Saipan, Iheya Shima, Apamama, Okinawa and Guam. Holder of the Purple Heart, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal and campaign ribbons and service stars denoting his battle participations, he was honorably



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discharged from service on October 25, 1945, at San Diego.

11.—Pfc. J. B. Courson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Courson, was born at Crossett, Arkansas, November 29, 1922. He received his education by attending Crossett High School, after which he was employed as pipefitter's helper at Crossett Paper Mill. Entering the Army Medical Corps February 26, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Barkeley, and Camp Maxey, Texas, and New Orleans, Louisiana, and by attending Drivers' School qualified for ambulance and truck driver. After training in the United States for 10 months, Private Courson was sent to Europe where he participated in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central European campaigns, afterwards serving seven months with the Army of Occupation. He was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, and one Silver Star. Returning to the United States December 16, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, January 12, 1946. He lives in Crossett with his wife, Arline.

13.—Boatswain's Mate 2/c Franklyn Grayson Everett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Everett of Parkdale, Arkansas, was born February 3, 1923. He attended Parkdale High School, later engaging in farming. He entered military service in the Navy on December 15, 1941. He received his boot training at San Diego, California, and after two months in this country was sent overseas and served with the Navy in the Pacific area. Overseas 44 months, he participated in the Philippine campaign and many other engagements in the vast expanse of the Pacific. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with four Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon and the Navy Good Conduct Medal, he was honorably discharged November 6, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee. His wife is Dorothy Everett.

13.—Gunner's Mate 3/c Claude Everett, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Everett, was born at Parkdale, Arkansas, December 13, 1924. He attended Parkdale High School and then engaged in farming. Mate Everett entered the Navy December 15, 1941. He received boot training at San Diego, California, and later qualified for service as a signalman and gunner by attendance at specialized schools. Overseas 45 months, he served as a gunner's mate in the American, European-African-Middle Eastern, and Asiatic-Pacific theaters. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, the European Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal, he was honorably discharged November 20, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee.

14.—Gunner's Mate 3/c Glee Emil Huff, Jr., son of Glee and Hazel Huff of Crossett, Arkansas, was born at Little Rock, Arkansas, May 5, 1923. He attended Crossett High School and entered the Navy on October 23, 1943. He later was assigned to the Gunnery School and completed gunners training there. He served with the Armed Guard aboard merchant ships and his ship, the S.S. Cerno Sebastian was sunk off the Coast of Africa by enemy action. Mate Huff survived 17 days in an open lifeboat and finally reached the coast of South Africa. He later served in the South Pacific theater and won the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in action. Overseas more than three years, he was serving on the S.S. Tonklin McVeagh at the time he was released for discharge. He was honorably discharged at Millington, Tennessee, on November 19, 1945. He is also the holder of the Good Conduct Medal and five Battle Stars.

15.—Seaman 1/c Deryl Elwyn Huff is the son of Glee and Hazel Huff of Crossett, Arkansas, where he was born April 9, 1926. He was educated at Crossett High School and entered the Navy on October 28, 1944. Upon completion of his boot

training at San Diego, California, Seaman Huff was sent to the South Pacific area and remained overseas for 14 months. He operated Higgins landing boats in the invasions of Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines and in the invasion of Okinawa. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, he was honorably discharged at Norfolk, Virginia, April 15, 1946.

16.—T/4 Joe V. Hightower, son of Gwendolyn and Norwood Daniel Hightower, was born December 6, 1907, in New Edinburg, Arkansas. He attended Warren Grade and High Schools. Entering the Medical Department September 3, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and attended Bakers' and Cooks' School, qualifying as cook. After serving a year in the United States with the 14th General Hospital and the 303rd Station Hospital, Sergeant Hightower departed September 4, 1943, for England, and the European Theater of Operations. He served overseas for more than two years and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and European Theater of Operations Ribbon. After being honorably discharged by the 22nd General Hospital, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, October 22, 1945, he returned to Warren, Arkansas.

17.—S/Sgt. William H. Hightower, son of Eula and William Herbert Hightower, was born March 1, 1925, in Jerome, Arkansas. He attended Crossett High School. Entering the Quartermaster Corps June 17, 1943, he received basic training at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, qualifying as salvage repair noncommissioned officer. After serving five months in the United States, Sergeant Hightower departed November 1, 1943, for Trinidad, and served overseas for more than two years. Among other decorations, he received the Good Conduct Medal. After being honorably discharged February 24, 1946, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to Crossett.

18.—Fireman 2/c Max Hightower, son of Gwendolyn and Norwood Daniel Hightower, was born January 20, 1922, in Warren, Arkansas. He attended Warren Grade and High School. Entering the Navy (V-6, U.S.N.R.) September 10, 1942, he received boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois, and qualified as fireman, second class. After serving 10 months in the United States, he departed June 30, 1943, for the Pacific Theater of Operations, and served overseas more than a year in the Pacific, Atlantic, and Asiatic-American theaters. After being honorably discharged July 19, 1944, at Ft. Worth, Texas, he returned to Warren.

19.—T/5 James Thomas Shell, son of Ella and Oscar Shell, was born January 14, 1914, in Fordyce, Arkansas. He attended Grapevine High School, afterwards being engaged in farming. Entering the Army December 21, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Roberts, California, qualifying as field lineman and as marksman with the M-1 rifle. He served in the United States for three years with the 747th A.A.A. A.W. Bn. and was awarded one Service Stripe, American Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged March 7, 1946, at Camp Grant, Illinois, he returned to Pine Bluff, where he lives with his wife, Mary Frances, and their child.

20.—Shipfitter 2/c Jules R. Hightower, son of Gwendolyn and Norwood Daniel Hightower, was born August 14, 1918, in Warren, Arkansas. He attended Warren Grade and High School, afterwards being engaged as a welder. Entering the Navy January 23, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, qualifying as shipfitter. After serving seven months in the United States with S.L.C.U. No. 34, he departed August 25, 1944, for Ulithi, and served overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations for more than a year. After being honorably discharged January 8, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to Warren, Arkansas.

1.—Pfc Marvin Allen Pendergrass, son of Mrs. Dewit Henry Pendergrass, was born October 27, 1923, at Crossett. He attended the Crossett High School and was later employed at a furniture store in Crossett. Private Pendergrass entered the Marine Corps July 11, 1941, and received boot training at San Diego, California. He left the United States October 1, 1942 with Co. A, 1st Bn., 21st Marines, 5th Division, and arrived at the Solomon Islands. He participated in the Guadalcanal, Bougainville and Guam campaigns and was wounded July 21, 1944. Private Pendergrass passed away July 27, 1944, as result of the wounds. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, American Defense Ribbon, and the Purple Heart, posthumously.

2.—Seaman 1/c Ralph Hampton Webb, son of Margaret Estelle Webb of Hamburg, Arkansas, was born at Lawson, Arkansas, October 26, 1925. He completed his education at Portland High School, Portland, Arkansas, and entered the Navy July 7, 1943. Seaman Webb served his boot training at San Diego, California, and then attended the Anti-aircraft Gunners School. He was sent to New Caledonia in October, 1943, and served there until he was returned to this country and assigned to sea duty. Overseas a total of 23 months, he has served on New Caledonia, in the Solomon Islands and saw action at the battle for Okinawa. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and the American Theater Ribbon, he was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, December 17, 1945.

3.—Seaman 1/c Clarence Lee Morrison is the son of Mrs. Rolfe Nobles of Crossett, Arkansas, where he was born January 27, 1926. He attended the Crossett High School before entering the Navy on March 20, 1944. After completing his boot training at San Diego, California, he was sent to the South Pacific theater in May, 1944. Overseas 17 months, he took part in the Marianas, Western Carolines, Leyte, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa campaigns and won the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the American Theater Ribbon. Seaman Morrison is still in the Naval service and expects to be discharged May 15, 1946, at San Diego, California.

4.—Coxswain Curtis Andrew Pendergrass, son of Minnie Lee Pendergrass, was born June 7, 1927, in Crossett, Arkansas. He attended Crossett High School. Entering the Navy September 22, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, California. Coxswain Pendergrass departed in January 1944, for a year and 11 months of overseas duty and participated in the battles of Okinawa, Subic Bay, Leyte, and Luzon. He was awarded five Battle Stars. After being honorably discharged January 14, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to Crossett, where he lives with his wife, Mary Frances.

5.—Cpl. Lavelle Crawford Webb, son of Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Webb of Hamburg, Arkansas, was born at Lawson, Arkansas, July 27, 1922. He attended Cathings (Mississippi) High School and enlisted in the Marine Corps August 7, 1940. He received boot training at San Diego, California, and sailed with his unit for Midway Island on June 30, 1941, and engaged in the struggle there with the Japanese early in the war. Returning to the United States March 13, 1943, he again sailed for the South Pacific theater on January 26, 1944, and saw extensive action in the campaigns of Saipan, Tinian and Okinawa. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with Battle Stars denoting the engagements in which he participated, the American Defense Service Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. He served with distinction successively as an anti-aircraft machine gunner (October 10, 1940, to February 20, 1943), with an M. P. company (May 12, 1943, to October, 1943) and with the Infantry. Corporal Webb was honorably discharged October 26, 1945, at San Diego, California.

6.—Boatswain's Mate 2/c Joe Elliott Evants, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will H. Evants, was born at Warren, Arkansas, August 24, 1923. He received his education by attending the Crossett Public Schools and Luscombe School of Aeronautics at Dallas, Texas. He was later employed by the Crossett Paper Mill. Mate Evans entered the Navy on May 26, 1942, and received boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois. He attended Submarine Chaser Training Center, Miami, Florida, after boot training. He served in the United States one year and was shipped out on July 25, 1943. He participated in the African and Marianas campaigns, and received the African Bar with one Star and the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Stars. He was honorably discharged at Terminal Island, San Pedro, California, October 9, 1945.

7.—S/Sgt. Doyle W. Scarlett, son of Albion Russell Scarlett of Crossett, Arkansas, was born at Sparkman, Arkansas, August 16, 1920. He was educated at Crossett High School and was an inspector at the Crossett Paper Mills before entering the military service January 27, 1942. Assigned to the Army Air Forces, he served basic training at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In May 1943, he was sent with his unit, the 673rd Air Material Sqdn., to England. Overseas a total of 26 months, he was awarded the European Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation and the Air Medal. He was honorably discharged at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, October 28, 1945. His wife is the former Melba Jean Johnson.

8.—Pfc. Clifton A. Pendergrass, son of Mrs. Dewit Henry Pendergrass, was born at Crossett, Arkansas, February 12, 1925. He attended high school and worked at a saw mill later. He entered the Army on June 25, 1941, and received basic training at New Orleans, Louisiana. He attended an Armorer's School after completing basic training. He landed in Australia on January 31, 1942, attached to the 450th Ordnance Bn., and spent more than 39 months in the Asiatic-Pacific, Papuan and Philippine theaters. He received a Medal for Marksmanship, the Presidential Citation with three Oak Leaf Clusters and campaign ribbons denoting the campaigns in which he served. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, June 26, 1945. His wife is Melba Jean Pendergrass.

9.—Sgt. Marion A. Davis, son of Sarah and Albert Davis, was born June 17, 1909, in Guyman, Oklahoma, moving to Arkansas in 1937. He attended Elkhart, Kansas, High School, afterwards being engaged as service station operator and grocery clerk. Entering the Army Air Forces September 24, 1942, he received basic training at Blytheville Air Base and attended A.A.F. Technical School at Chanute Field, Illinois, and Amarillo, Texas, qualifying as airplane mechanic and A.A.F. technician. Sergeant Davis served for more than two years in the United States and departed November 29, 1944, for the Western Pacific Theater of Operations, remaining overseas for nearly a year. He was awarded Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, one Bronze Service Star, World War II Victory Ribbon, and American Theater Ribbon. After being honorably discharged November 22, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Crossett, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Hazel Virginia.

10.—Gunner's Mate 3/c Walter Thomas Webb, son of Mrs. Margaret Estelle Webb, was born November 5, 1924, in Lawson, Arkansas. He attended Portland, Arkansas, School. Entering the Navy November 10, 1943, he received basic training at San Diego, California, and attended Landing Craft School, qualifying as boat coxswain and gunner's mate. Mate Webb departed April 16, 1944, for Saipan, Guam, Leyte, and Luzon, and remained overseas more than a year and a half, participating in four



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campaigns. He was awarded Admiral's Commendation and was honorably discharged March 25, 1946, at Millington, Tennessee. His home is in Hamburg, Arkansas.

11.—Sgt. Carl A. Blackwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Butler P. Blackwood, was born at Dierks, Arkansas, March 15, 1915. He graduated from Dierks High School and farmed and worked at a planing mill. Sergeant Blackwood entered the Army Air Corps on July 7, 1942, and received his basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas. He later attended an Airplane Mechanics School at the field. He left the United States May 27, 1943, with the 384th Bombardment Group of the 8th Air Force, and served overseas as an airplane mechanic for more than 27 months. Sergeant Blackwood received a campaign ribbon with six Battle Stars for service in the European-African-Middle Eastern theater, the Good Conduct Medal and the Presidential Citation. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, September 26, 1945.

12.—Watertender 3/c Joseph Coolidge Rodgers, son of Louannie Ford and Thomas Bradford Rodgers, was born February 1, 1924, in Crossett, Arkansas. He attended Hamburg High School and received a machinists' Course with N.Y.A., El Dorado, Arkansas. Entering the Naval Reserve November 29, 1942, he received boot training at San Diego, California, qualifying as watertender. He departed February 17, 1943, for duty in the North Atlantic and on April 15, 1943, was sent to the South Pacific Theater of Operations. He was awarded Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, and European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon. After being honorably discharged April 3, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to his home in Crossett.

13.—Chief Torpedoman William Ford Rodgers, son of Louannie Ford and Thomas Bradford Rodgers, was born June 6, 1915, in Hamburg, Arkansas. He entered the Navy June 9, 1934, and received his boot training in San Diego, California. He served in the European Theater of Operations, and also in the Pacific theater and is still in the service, being an instructor in a torpedo school. His wife, Willie Joe, lives in Hamburg.

14.—Cpl. Osborne Roscoe Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Morgan, was born at Crossett, Arkansas, on October 8, 1922. He attended Crossett High School and then engaged in public utilities work prior to entering the Army Air Force on November 27, 1942. He was sent to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, for basic training and later to Atlanta, Georgia, for specialized training as an automotive mechanic. After 11 months in this country, Corporal Morgan was sent to the European Theater of Operations and during the two years he served overseas he received the European Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Victory Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged on November 20, 1945, at Barksdale Field, Shreveport, Louisiana.

15.—Machinist's Mate 3/c Crawford Franklin Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Morgan of Crossett, Arkansas, was born at Bastrop, Louisiana, December 29, 1917. He attended Crossett High School and then worked as a clerk with a railroad, paper mill and general store. Entering the service on December 9, 1942, as a member of the Navy Seabees, he received training at Camp Perry, Williamsburg, Virginia. After only five months in the United States he was shipped to New Caledonia. He spent 28 months overseas and took part in the invasion of Guam. He received the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and four Unit Citations. He was honorably discharged on October 11, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee. His wife is Annis Jones Morgan.

16.—Sgt. Billie J. Hearnberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hearnberger of Crossett, Arkansas,

was born at Ingalls, Arkansas, on March 24, 1925. He was educated at Crossett High School and entered the Army Air Corps on May 5, 1943. Sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, for his basic training, he later attended the Airplane Mechanic's School and Electrical Specialist's School. In May, 1945, Sergeant Hearnberger was sent to Guam after serving with the 15th Bomb Sqdn. Overseas almost a year, he saw action in the air offensive against Japan and the Eastern Mandates campaign. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Ribbon, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on March 6, 1946.

17.—Flight Officer Selby B. Strebeck, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Strebeck, was born October 29, 1924, at Enterprise, Mississippi, moving to Arkansas in 1933. He graduated from Crossett High School and attended Ouachita College, afterwards being employed in drafting. Entering the Air Corps May, 1943, he received basic training at Keesler Field, Mississippi, qualifying as pilot. He served for more than two years in the United States and was honorably discharged September 13, 1945, at Camp Chaffee. His home is in Crossett.

18.—Cpl. Hayden L. Holland, son of Alvah L. and Geneva M. Holland, was born at Springtown, Arkansas, April 28, 1919. He attended Siloam Springs Schools, Dyess High School and North Little Rock High School. Corporal Holland entered the Army April 21, 1944, and received his basic training at Camp Hood, Texas. He later attended Clerks' Service School at Camp Barkeley, Texas. After serving one year with a hospital ship platoon he departed from the United States for Europe, March 25, 1945. While in the service he received the American Theater Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct Ribbon and World War II Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged November 3, 1945, at New Orleans, Louisiana. He lives at Crossett with his wife, Althea Garrett Holland, and their children.

19.—Sgt. Donald E. Holland, son of Alvah L. and Geneva M. Holland, was born June 4, 1922, at Gentry, Arkansas. He received his education at Siloam Springs Schools and Dyess High School. On January 8, 1943, he entered the Army Air Corps and was sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, for basic training. He later attended Chemical Warfare Service School at Herbert Smart, Georgia, where he specialized as a mechanic. On August 8, 1943, he left the United States and participated in three major battles in the North African theater area. He was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with three Bronze Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Award and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. Sergeant Holland was returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, December 17, 1945. He lives in Crossett with his wife, Ethelene May, and their children.

20.—Sgt. Bill Gene Holland, son of Alvah L. and Geneva M. Holland of Crossett, Arkansas, was born at Gentry, Arkansas, January 6, 1924. He attended the Siloam Springs schools and Dyess High School before entering the military service February 11, 1943. Sergeant Holland served his basic training at St. Petersburg, Florida, and then attended the Medical School at El Paso, Texas. He became a medical technician and after two years in this country was sent to the European theater in February, 1945. Overseas a total of 13 months, he took part in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and earned the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon and the American Theater Ribbon. He was returned to this country and was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, April 1, 1946. His wife is the former Rosemary Grant.

1.—Sgt. Horace J. Dodd, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Dodd of Crossett, Arkansas, was born at Crossett on November 12, 1918. He attended the Crossett schools and was employed at the Crossett Paper Mill until entering the military service on March 23, 1942. Sergeant Dodd completed his basic training at Camp Barkeley, Texas, and served in this country until March, 1944, when he was sent to the European Theater of Operations. He was captured by the Germans on July 23, 1944, after taking part in the D-Day invasion of France. He remained a prisoner until January 30, 1945. Returning to the United States in April, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, in November, 1945. His wife is the former Joyce Ware.

2.—Radioman 3/c Arthur Wood Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Andrews, was born May 18, 1926, in Crossett, Arkansas. He graduated from Crossett High School. Entering the Navy May 25, 1944, he received boot training at Camp Wallace, Texas, and attended Naval Training Radio School at Indianapolis, Indiana, qualifying as radio operator. Radioman Andrews served in the United States for nearly two years and was honorably discharged March 19, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee. He lives in Crossett.

3.—Pfc. Chester Franklin Anders, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Anders, was born August 28, 1923, in Crossett, Arkansas. He attended Hamburg, Arkansas, High School, afterwards being employed as service station attendant. Entering the Marine Corps April 21, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and qualified as rifleman, receiving Expert Rifleman's Badge June 8, 1944. He departed from the United States August 14, 1944, for Saipan and Japan and remained overseas for a year and seven months. He participated in the Okinawa campaign and spent four months with the Army of Occupation. Private Anders was awarded Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged April 5, 1946, at Camp Pendleton, California, he returned to Crossett, where he lives with his wife, Thomasene, and their child.

4.—Cpl. Carlos Dodd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Dodd of Crossett, Arkansas. Born at Crossett on November 28, 1909, he was educated in the Crossett Public Schools and was employed by the Crossett Lumber Company until entering the Army Medical Corps January 29, 1942. After completing basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, he served two years in this country before being sent to the European theater in February, 1944. Overseas 22 months, he took part in the D-Day invasion of France and in the fighting of the Ardennes campaign. Holder of the European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars, he served seven months with the Army of Occupation of Germany and was honorably discharged in New Jersey in December, 1945. His wife is the former Evelyn Mazzeo.

5.—Sgt. Johnnie Lee Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Andrews, was born June 5, 1913, in Crossett, Arkansas. He graduated from Crossett High School in 1930, afterwards being employed as a paper mill worker. Entering the Army Air Force November 4, 1942, he received basic training at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and attended Air Force Welding School at Chanute Field, Illinois, qualifying as aircraft welder. After serving for 10 months with the 81st Airborne Sqdn. in the United States, Sergeant Andrews departed August 20, 1943, for England. Overseas more than two years, he participated in campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe, and the air offensive over Europe. He was awarded five Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. After being honorably discharged December 3, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to Crossett, where he lives with his wife, Rachel.

6.—T/Sgt. Leland T. Yelvington, son of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Yelvington of Hamburg, Arkansas, was born at Fountain Hill, April 22, 1924. He received his education at Hamburg schools and was a clerk before entering the service. He entered the Army Air Corps on June 2, 1943, and was sent to Amarillo Army Air Field, Amarillo, Texas, for basic training. He later went to Harlingen, Texas, for specialized training in gunnery. After 10 months in this country, Sergeant Yelvington arrived in the European Theater of Operations and took part in the general air offensives in Europe, including the Normandy, Ardennes and Rhineland campaigns. During the 13 months overseas service he was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with six Battle Stars and the Air Medal with 11 Oak Leaf Clusters. Returning to the United States, he was honorably discharged on August 8, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

7.—Pfc. Harry Grant, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Grant, was born at Crossett on June 4, 1914. He attended the Crossett schools and afterwards was employed by the Crossett Lumber Co. Entering military service on March 10, 1943, he received his basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and at Camp Maxey, Texas. After nine months in this country, Private Grant arrived in the European Theater of Operations with his unit, the 38th Cavalry Reconnaissance Sqdn. (Mechanized). Overseas 23 months, he participated in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central European campaigns as an 81 M.M. mortar gunner. Holder of the Good Conduct Medal and European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars, he was honorably discharged October 27, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and returned to Crossett where he lives with his wife, Eunice Irene, and their family.

8.—Pfc. Roland Dodd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Dodd of Crossett, Arkansas, where he was born October 25, 1923. He attended the Crossett Public Schools and was employed at the Crossett Lumber Company before entering the military service in November, 1942. Assigned to the Field Artillery, he completed his basic training at Camp Howze, Texas, and Camp Claibourne, Louisiana. Private Dodd served two years in the United States and was sent to the European theater in September, 1944. Overseas 16 months, he saw action in the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaign and was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, on January 30, 1946.

9.—Aviation Machinist's Mate 2/c Earl C. Fleming, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Fleming of Crossett, Arkansas, where he was born on September 22, 1943. He was educated in the Crossett Public Schools and entered the Navy December 7, 1942. After completing boot training at San Diego, California, he attended Specialist's Schools at Norman, Oklahoma, and Memphis, Tennessee. Mate Fleming served in this county until he was sent to the Hawaiian Islands in July, 1944. Overseas 19 months, he was returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at Shoemaker, California, February 8, 1946.

10.—Machinist's Mate 3/c William Harnel Degges, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Degges, was born April 5, 1920, in Hamburg, Arkansas. He graduated from Hamburg High School in 1938, afterwards being employed as paper mill worker. Entering the Navy April 21, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Basic Engineering School at Gulfport, Mississippi. Mate Degges served for four months in the United States before departing August 19, 1944, for the Pacific Theater of Operations, where he remained for a year and a half. After being honorably discharged April 2, 1946, at New Orleans, Louisiana, he returned to



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Crossett, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Maude.

11.—1st/Sgt. Roy K. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer T. Hall, was born February 4, 1921, in Lonoke County, Arkansas. He attended Cabot High School, afterwards being engaged as truck driver. Entering the Coast Artillery September 15, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Hulen, Texas, qualifying as sharpshooter. He served for more than a year in the United States with the 202nd A.A.A. (A.W.) Bn., departing November 24, 1943, for the Pacific Theater of Operations. Overseas more than two years, he participated in the New Guinea and Southern Philippine campaign and was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, American Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, World War II Victory Ribbon, and Bronze Service Arrowhead. He was honorably discharged February 1, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, reenlisting on that same date. His home is in Cabot, Arkansas.

12.—Pfc. Levi White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur White of Fountain Hill, Arkansas, was born at Lacey, Arkansas, on February 5, 1923. After attending Drew Central School, he entered the Army on March 2, 1943. He was sent to Camp Wolters, Texas, for his Infantry basic training. After six months in the United States, he arrived overseas in North Africa in September, 1943. During the next 12 months he participated in the battles of Mt. Pantano, Casino, Anzio and in the Rome-Arno campaign. Wounded twice, he is holder of the Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged on November 26, 1944, at Foster General Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi. His wife is Evelyn White.

13.—Pvt. Wayne White, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. White of Route 1, Fountain Hill, Arkansas, was born March 19, 1926. He attended Monticello Public Schools and is a graduate of Drew Central High School. He assisted his father in farming before entering the service. He entered the Army, Infantry branch, June 12, 1944. No further information regarding the service record of Private White was furnished.

14.—T/4 Vernon H. Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Harrison of Hamburg, Arkansas, was born at Hamburg on April 3, 1920. He attended Hamburg High School and Capitol City Business College in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was later employed in the statistical and accounting departments of the Crossett Paper Mills. He entered the service June 2, 1942, and received his basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. He served for 22 months in the Demolition Corps and later in the Signal Corps for 18 months, training at the Eastern Signal Corps Specialist Schools, qualifying as a cryptographic technician and message center chief. He served as a member of the 4031st Signal Service Company and was honorably discharged at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey on September 20, 1945.

15.—Boatswain's Mate 1/c Vernon Lawrence Amos, son of Willie Frank and Fannie E. Amos, was born at Hamburg, Arkansas, October 2, 1923. He received his education by attending Hamburg schools after which he was employed in farming and timber work. He entered the Navy on November 27, 1942, and was sent to San Diego, California, for boot training. He was assigned to troop transport duty in the Asiatic-Pacific theater, serving for over three years and participating in eight battles. He also spent four months with the occupational troops. He was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, January 9, 1946.

16.—Pfc. John McCoy Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin T. Knight of Hamburg, Arkansas, was born

at Milo, Arkansas, September 25, 1916. He attended the Hamburg schools and then engaged in farming. Entering the Army on April 21, 1944, he was sent to Camp Hood, Texas, for basic training. After six months in this country he arrived on the Italian front with his unit. He served overseas 14 months and participated in the Apennines and Po Valley campaigns. He is holder of the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge and the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon. Private Knight was discharged on November 28, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He lives with his wife, Helena, and their children.

17.—1st Lt. Norman M. Wells, Jr., son of Norman M. Wells of Hamburg, Arkansas, was born at Monticello, Arkansas, June 13, 1921. He attended Hamburg High School and Arkansas A. & M. College at Monticello before entering military service with the National Guard in January, 1941. He was sent to Alaska in August, 1941, and took part part in the defense of Dutch Harbor against Japanese planes June 6, 1942. Returning to this country, he became a flying cadet and trained at Ontario, California, Santa Ana, California, and Luke Field, Arizona. He was commissioned as a pilot on August 13, 1943, and became an instructor and pilot of radar planes. Lieutenant Wells is now on active service at Bakersfield, California. His wife is the former Jeanne Parmalee Taylor.

18.—Pvt. Isaac T. Norrell, son of Mrs. Jessie W. Norrell, was born at Fountain Hill, Arkansas, October 23, 1917. He attended the Fountain Hill schools and later was employed in a laundry in Fountain Hill. He entered the Army on October 5, 1944, and was sent to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, for his basic training. After several months' service, Private Norrell was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on February 7, 1945. He lives with his wife, Inez, and their child, in Fountain Hill.

19.—T/5 Norwood N. Hill is the son of Sally Jane Hill and the husband of Carrie Hill of Hamburg, where he was born on February 25, 1912. Educated at Hamburg High School, he was employed as an auto mechanic until entering the military service in April, 1944. After serving his basic training period at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, he went to the Mt. Rainer Ordnance Depot at Tacoma, Washington, for special training as a carbureation and ignition mechanic and then served in this country with the 384th Ordnance HM Co. (Tk.). Arriving in the European theater in February, 1945, he served 10 months overseas with the 3560th Ordnance HAM Co. He saw action during the Central Europe campaign and was transferred to the 36th Infantry Division for the trip back to the United States. He was honorably discharged on December 28, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

20.—Boatswain's Mate 1/c William Waldo Dodson, son of Mrs. Roxie M. Dodson of Hamburg, Arkansas, was born at Deroche, Arkansas, May 3, 1920. He attended the Hickory Grove schools. He enlisted in the Navy on October 28, 1940, and received his boot training at San Diego, California. He later attended Cargo Handling School in New York City. During the four and one-half years he served overseas he participated in the Russian convoy operations, the occupation of North Africa, raids on Norway, the occupation of Spitsbergen, the Leyte Gulf and Okinawa operations, the bombardment of the mainland of Japan and later occupation of Japan. Mate Dodson served successively on the U.S.S. Philadelphia, U.S.S. Fitch, U.S.S. Sierra, U.S.S. Heerman, and the U.S.S. Taussig. He is the holder of the American Defense Ribbon with bronze "A," American Theater Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the Victory Ribbon and a special Letter of Commendation. His enlistment expired on October 28, 1946.

1.—T/4 Paul H. Burchfield, son of Leroy and Ophelia Jordan Burchfield, was born June 24, 1916, at Medway, Arkansas. He attended Crossett Public Schools, afterwards being employed as welder. Enlisting in the Armed Forces July 2, 1941, he received basic training at Camp Roberts, California, qualifying for welder, combination. After serving over two years attached to 218th, 204th, and 963rd Field Artillery, he departed from the United States March 31, 1944, for the European Theater of Operations, where he participated in the campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. He was awarded five Bronze Service Stars and the Good Conduct Medal and was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, October 11, 1945. He lives in Crossett, Arkansas, with his wife, Katheryn.

2.—S/Sgt. Huey S. Brooks, son of Mrs. Jessie Brooks, was born at Fountain Hill, Arkansas, February 12, 1917. He graduated from Fountain Hill High School and attended Arkansas A. & M. College at Monticello. He enlisted in the Medical Corps on January 31, 1942, and received his basic training at Ft. Riley, Kansas, and Ft. Custer, Michigan. After training in the United States for three and a half months, he departed on May 18, 1942, for Australia and served in the Asiatic-Pacific theater for three years. Among other decorations he received a Marksmanship Medal. He was honorably discharged October 12, 1945, at Billings General Hospital, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

3.—Pvt. J. W. Tucker, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tucker of Hamburg, Arkansas, was born March 14, 1923, at Crossett, Arkansas. He received his education in Hamburg Public Schools and was employed by Crossett Lumber Company at Crossett. He entered the Army Air Corps February 26, 1943. No further information regarding the service record of Private Tucker was furnished.

4.—Pfc. Leroy Burchfield, Jr., son of Leroy and Ophelia Jordan Burchfield, was born July 30, 1924, at Crossett, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Crossett Public Schools. Entering the Engineer Corps June 1, 1943, he received basic training at Ft. Warren, Wyoming. After training over four months attached to 355th Combat Engineers, he departed October 21, 1943, for the European theater where he served in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, and Rhineland campaigns. He received Rifle Marksmanship Medal July 21, 1943, and was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with four Bronze Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon. Returning to the United States January 20, 1946, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, January 26, 1946.

5.—Pfc. Claudell Martin, son of Mrs. Della Martin, was born at Hamburg on August 12, 1914. He attended the Warren (Arkansas) schools. He was employed by the Arkansas Power and Light Company and the Kaiser Shipyards at Richmond, California, prior to entering military service on May 20, 1943. He received his basic Infantry training at Camp Fannin, Texas, and after six months in this country was sent to the European theater. Overseas eight months, he participated in the Northern France and Rhineland campaigns and was awarded the Expert Rifleman's Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Purple Heart, European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. Private Martin was seriously wounded in Germany and was returned to this country, where he received an honorable discharge from the William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas, on September 21, 1945. He and his wife, Elizabeth, are the parents of three children.

6.—Seaman 1/c Turner B. Brooks, son of Mrs. Jessie Brooks, was born at Fountain Hill, Arkansas, on November 13, 1921. He received his education by attending the Fountain Hill Schools and after graduating, he entered the Navy on September 22, 1943. He received his boot training at San Diego, California, and San Luis Obispo, California. After 15 months' service in the United States, he was sent to the Asiatic-Pacific theater in December, 1944. He participated in three major battles, including the invasions of Luzon and Okinawa. Returning to the United States in December, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, January 6, 1946.

7.—S/Sgt. Alphus E. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harris, was born February 23, 1919, at Crossett, Arkansas. He graduated from the Crossett High School in 1937 and was employed as condenser room operator for the power company there. He entered the Army Air Corps and Armored Force on September 2, 1941. He received basic training at Brooks Field, Texas, and was attached to the 53rd Base Squadron, when he left the United States, May 10, 1943. He arrived in Burma and participated in the North Burma and Central Burma campaigns with the 1st Provisional Tank Group. He was also detailed as instructor in the Chinese Army. After two and a half years' overseas service he returned to the United States. He was awarded ribbons for the campaigns he served in. Sergeant Harris received his honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, October 29, 1945. His wife is Margie Nelms Harris.

8.—1st/Sgt. Claudy I. Burchfield, son of Leroy and Ophelia Jordan Burchfield, was born January 30, 1918, at Collins, Arkansas. He attended Crossett Public Schools, after which he was employed as a painter. Enlisting in the Armed Forces September 2, 1941, he received basic training at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey. He served over three years in the United States attached to Co. F, 30th Cav. Recn. Sqn., Mecz., departing January 19, 1945, for the Asiatic-Pacific theater. Sergeant Burchfield served over 11 months in Luzon, Southern Philippines, and was awarded Combat Infantryman's Badge, World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Bronze Stars. After serving three months with the Army of Occupation, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, January 4, 1946. He lives in Crossett, Arkansas, with his wife, Virginia Ruth.

9.—Seaman 2/c Simms McClintock, son of Mrs. Lily S. McClintock, was born July 10, 1927, in Lake Village, Arkansas. He attended Lakeside High School, afterwards being employed as agent for the Arkansas Gazette for three years. Entering the Navy June 14, 1945, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Radar Operator's School, Class 16. Seaman McClintock departed December 13, 1946, for Shanghai, China, and is still in the service. His home is in Lake Village.

10.—Pfc. Gerald H. Martin, son of Mrs. Della Martin, was born at Hamburg, Arkansas, on July 18, 1917. He received his education at the Warren and Fountain Hill schools and was later employed by the McDonald Construction Co. Private Martin entered the Medical Detachment of the Infantry, May 27, 1942, and was sent to Camp Grant, Illinois, for his basic training. After three months in the United States, he arrived in North Africa. Overseas 38 months, he saw extensive action in the campaigns of Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Apennines and the Po Valley. Holder of the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal and several unit citations, he was honorably discharged on September 29, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.



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11.—**T/4 Perry Dean McCann**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Judson Carroll McCann, was born December 11, 1920, at Lacey, Arkansas. He attended Drew Central High School, the National Defense Mechanic School, Monticello, Arkansas, and the Dixie Aircraft School, Shreveport, Louisiana. He enlisted in the Quartermaster Bakery Branch, June 12, 1942. He received his basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and qualified as automotive wheel vehicle mechanic. He received a rifle Marksmanship Medal on December 30, 1942. Attached to Co. C, 98th Q.M. Bakery, he left the United States August 16, 1943, for New Guinea, and saw action in the New Guinea and Luzon campaigns. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, World War II Victory and American Theater Ribbons, and the Good Conduct Medal. He received an honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, December 28, 1945.

12.—**Cpl. Ignatius Anthony Janes**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Janes, of Wilmot, Arkansas, was born at Rayville, Louisiana, October 17, 1918. He attended Wilmot High School and then was manager of Janes' Store at Wilmot. He entered the service on November 30, 1943. He received his basic training in the Quartermaster Corps at Camp Lee, Virginia, and later attended Cooks' and Bakers' and N.C.O. Leadership Schools. Corporal Janes qualified for the Rifleman's Marksmanship Medal while a member of the 57th Headquarters Co., 10th Bn., at Camp Lee, and, after 23 months of service in the Quartermaster Corps as a cook, was honorably discharged October 27, 1945, at Camp Lee, Virginia. His wife is Dorothy Janes.

13.—**T/5 Floyd T. Locke**, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Locke, was born at Wilmot, Arkansas, February 3, 1923. He attended Wilmot High School and Arkansas A. & M. College prior to entering military service May 7, 1943. After basic training at Camp Grant, Illinois, he attended Medical Corps Surgical School. After spending seven and one-half months in the United States he arrived overseas with his unit and participated in the Northern France campaign. During his 22 months of overseas service, he was awarded a theater service ribbon with a Battle Star denoting his campaign engagements, the World War II Victory Ribbon and a Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged from the service on November 14, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

14.—**Pfc. Lester Starling**, son of Mrs. Ethel Starling, was born April 26, 1926, in Tillar, Arkansas. He attended Drew Central and Fountain Hill Schools, afterwards being engaged in farming. Entering the Army July 21, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Wallace, Texas, and Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, and attended Telephone School. He served with the Anti-aircraft forces, Infantry, and Quartermaster Corps and qualified as ammunition bearer, being awarded Sharpshooter's Medal and Combat Infantry Badge. Attached to the 84th Infantry Division, Private Starling departed September 21, 1944, for the European Theater of Operations, and remained overseas for a year and a half. He participated in campaigns of Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe, spending five months with the Army of Occupation, and he was awarded Victory Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, and Good Conduct Medal. After being honorably discharged March 7, 1946, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to his home in Fountain Hill, Arkansas.

15.—**Pvt. C. T. Starling**, son of Mrs. Ethel Starling, was born November 30, 1922, in Tillar, Arkansas. He attended Tillar, Montongo, Drew Central, and Fountain Hill Schools, afterwards being engaged in farming. Entering the Infantry November 15,

1944, he received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, qualifying as acting platoon sergeant. Private Starling served for more than six months with Company D, 116th Infantry, in the United States, including a period of hospitalization. After being honorably discharged June 23, 1945, at Camp Robinson, he returned to Hamburg, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Merle Janet, and their children.

16.—**Machinist's Mate 2/c Claude R. Kimbrell**, whose guardian is Mrs. Bertha Atkin, was born December 1, 1923, in Greenville, Mississippi, moving to Arkansas in 1940. He attended Greenville and Parkdale, Arkansas, Public Schools. Entering the Navy Seabees May 11, 1942, he received boot training at Norfolk, Virginia, and attended Operators' School, qualifying as equipment operator. He departed August 5, 1942, for Iceland, and was later sent to the Pacific Theater of Operations, where he served at Tinian, Okinawa, and Pearl Harbor, during his 31 months overseas. Mate Kimbrell participated in the battle of Okinawa and was honorably discharged December 14, 1945, in Memphis, Tennessee. He lives in Parkdale, Arkansas.

17.—**S/Sgt. Jessie W. Smith**, godson of Mrs. Bertha Atkin, was born February 18, 1918, near Parkdale, Arkansas. He attended Parkdale, Arkansas, High School. Entering the Army Air Force September 29, 1941, he received basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and attended Allison Engine School, qualifying as engine mechanic. He departed in September 1941, for the European Theater of Operations, and remained overseas for two years. Sergeant Smith participated in campaigns of North Africa, Sicily, and Italy and the air offensive over Europe. He was awarded Unit Presidential Citation with three Oak Leaf Clusters. After being honorably discharged September 14, 1945, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, he returned to his home in Parkdale.

18.—**Boatswain's Mate 1/c Robert J. Kimbrell**, whose guardian is Mrs. Bertha Atkin, was born in Greenville, Mississippi, moving to Arkansas in 1940. He attended Greenville Public School and Parkdale, Arkansas, High School. Entering the Navy January 31, 1941, he received boot training at Norfolk, Virginia. He served aboard the U.S.S. Vulcan and the U.S.S. Saturn at Bermuda. Mate Kimbrell is still in the service as tugboat operator in San Francisco Bay area. His wife is Mynona Teresa Kimbrell, and they have one child.

19.—**Pvt. James Edward Ashley**, son of Mrs. Susie Ashley, was born November 10, 1923, at Chicot, Arkansas. He attended Chicot High School and after completing his education worked as a mechanic until his induction into the Army on April 21, 1944. He received basic training at Camp Hood, Texas, and arrived with his Infantry unit in Italy December 23, 1944. Private Ashley fought in the campaigns on the Italian front for two months and was killed in action March 5, 1945. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hazel Margaret Ashley, and one child, who live at Eudora, Arkansas.

20.—**Pfc. John William Ashley**, son of Susie Lee Ashley of Eudora, Arkansas, was born at Chicot, Arkansas, July 1, 1925. He attended the Eudora schools and was a mechanic and carpenter's helper until entering the military service on October 25, 1943. Private Ashley received his basic training at Camp Roberts, California, and became a ward attendant in the Medical Corps. He served a total of one year and nine months of military service with the Medical Detachment of the 1928th Service Command Unit. Holder of the Good Conduct Medal and the Sharpshooter Medal for the rifle and anti-tank weapon, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, July 10, 1945. His wife is the former Betty Jean Wentworth.



THOMAS W. BRADHAM

1st Lt. Thomas W. Bradham, son of D. A. and Minnie O. Bradham, was born June 25, 1918, at Warren, Arkansas. He graduated from Warren High School and Georgia Military Academy, and attended University of Arkansas (three years) and West Coast University, A.I.T.I., Los Angeles, California, where he graduated with degree of bachelor of aeronautical engineering February 19, 1941. He was employed as aeronautical engineer for the North American Airplane Company, Dallas, Texas, before enlisting as a private on July 12, 1942. He was assigned to Aviation Cadet Detachment September 1, 1942, training at Chanute Field, Illinois, and Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. After being commissioned second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps March 29, 1943, he departed April 23, 1943, for the Southwest Pacific. He was promoted to first lieutenant November 1, 1943, and served as group engineer, 823rd Bomber Group, at Port Morsby, New Guinea. Lieutenant Bradham left the base on February 2, 1944, in a Mitchell B-24 bomber which was lost with seven men aboard. He was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity, and of the Presbyterian church. He is survived by his parents, who live in Warren.



JAMES W. EARNEST

Capt. James Wesley Earnest, son of Virgie Lea and Albert S. Earnest, was born at Tinsman, Arkansas, January 10, 1915. He received his education by attending Warren High School and Marine Vocational Training School. Prior to entering the Army, he was employed as magazine salesman, store salesman, census enumerator, and oil field and construction worker. Entering the Corps of Engineers at Camp Robinson on May 23, 1942, he received basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood and attended Mess Management School and Officer Candidate School at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. After serving almost two years with the 316th Engineers (C) Bn., 91st Div., he departed the United States April 1, 1944, for North Africa, and participated in Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley campaigns. He also spent three months with the Army of Occupation in Trieste area. He received Expert Rifleman and Sub-machine Gpn Medals. Captain Earnest was awarded Meritorious Service Unit Plaque with Star and Division Citation. His terminal leave expired March 27, 1946. He and his wife, Helen, reside at Warren, Arkansas.

Petty Officer 2/c Cecil Clement Cornett, son of Mrs. Jinnie Cornett, was born at New Edinburg, Arkansas, November 3, 1917. He received his education by attending Kingsland, Arkansas, Public School, afterwards being engaged in truck driving. Entering the Navy March 9, 1944, he received boot training at Farragut, Idaho. After training in the United States eight months, he was sent to the Asiatic-Pacific theater and participated in two battles off Okinawa, the Philippine liberation, and the occupation of Japan. He was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon. He and his wife, Gressie Mae, and their children live in Warren, Arkansas.



CECIL C. CORNETT



NOLAN L. WILLIAMS

Cpl. Nolan L. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Williams, was born April 9, 1921, in El Dorado, Arkansas. He attended Warren Public Schools, and after graduating entered the Army August 17, 1941. Corporal Williams received basic training at Ft. McDowell, San Francisco, California, and served for two months with the Quartermaster Corps in the United States before departing October 17, 1941, for the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations. Overseas nearly four years, he participated in the battles of Bataan and Corregidor, Philippine Islands, being captured by the Japanese on May 6, 1942, and held prisoner until September 13, 1945. He was awarded Presidential Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Silver Star, Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Philippine Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged June 11, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to his home in Warren, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Adeline.

Pfc. Samuel Alfred Clanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clanton, was born at Vick, Arkansas, on February 23, 1911. He received his education at schools in Vick and following education was a farmer. He entered the Anti-aircraft Corps and received his basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas. In February, 1942, he was sent to the Aleutian Islands and remained there until August, 1944. He again left the United States, January 1, 1945, with the 335th Infantry and remained in the European Theater of Operations until May, 1945. He arrived in the United States May 29, 1945, holder of the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, European Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, American Defense Ribbon and the Purple Heart. Private Clanton received an honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on August 3, 1945. His wife is Carmen Clanton.



SAMUEL A. CLANTON



JESSE B. HAMILTON

T/5 Jesse Brown Hamilton, son of Lola and Jesse Hamilton, was born December 20, 1921, in Warren, Arkansas. He attended Warren High School. Entering the Army, Amphibian Engineers, January 20, 1943, he received basic training at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts, qualifying as motorized air compressor operator and expert rifle marksman. He served for a year in the United States with the 4th Engineer Amphibian Brigade and departed April 12, 1944, for the Southwest Pacific Theater of Operations. Overseas for a year and 10 months, he participated in campaigns of Aitape, New Guinea; Morotai, Dutch East Indies; Lingayen Gulf, Philippine Islands; and San Fernando, Philippines. He spent three months with the Army of Occupation and was awarded Battle Stars and Bronze Arrowhead. After being honorably discharged May 10, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Warren, where he lives with his wife, Madalyn.

Sgt. Nolan Barlowe Shirey, son of Mrs. Vera Johnson of Warren, Arkansas, was born March 2, 1924, at Dermott, Arkansas. Educated in the Warren Public Schools, he was employed at the Pine Bluff Arsenal until entering the military service February 19, 1943. Sergeant Shirey completed his basic training at Camp Wallace, Texas, and after attending Clerk's School, he was sent to North Africa in August, 1943. Overseas more than 27 months, he took part in the fighting of the Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, North Apennines and Po Valley campaigns. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, European Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon and the Sharpshooter's Medal. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, December 3, 1945. He is married to the former Reba Douglass.



NOLAN B. SHIREY



J. D. KNICKERBOCKER, JR.

Petty Officer 2/c J. D. Knickerbocker, Jr., son of Mrs. Edna Rebecca and Judge Dennie Knickerbocker, Sr., was born April 17, 1916, in Ingalls, Arkansas. He attended Warren Junior and Senior High Schools, afterwards being employed as clerk for the Warren and Saline River Railroad Company. Entering the Navy April 14, 1944, he received boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois, qualifying as transport airman. He served for a year and nine months in the United States and was honorably discharged January 28, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee. He lives in Warren, Arkansas, with his wife, Nina Olga, and their children.

Sgt. Morris Jack Johnson is the son of Jack Samuel and the late Cynthia Elizabeth Johnson of Ingalls, Arkansas, where he was born September 11, 1912. He attended Ingalls High School, and entered the military service November 4, 1942. Sergeant Johnson was sent to the Combat Engineers for his basic training which he received at Camp Adair, Oregon. In July, 1944, he was sent to the South Pacific theater where he saw action in the fighting of the Leyte and Okinawa campaigns. Overseas 18 months, he holds the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars and one Arrowhead, Meritorious Service Unit Award, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon, for his service with the Engineers. Sergeant Johnson was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, January 13, 1946. His wife is the former Maxie Strait.



MORRIS J. JOHNSON



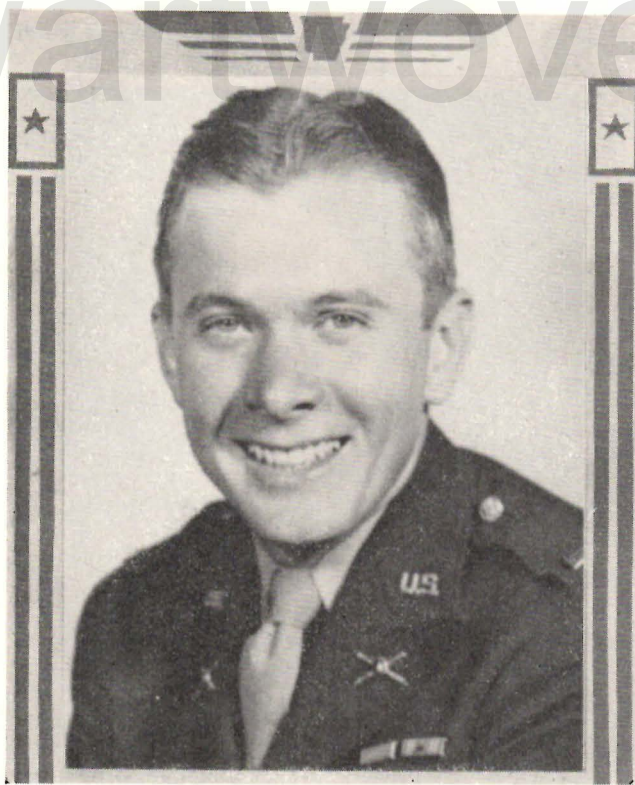
CLYDE H. McCROSKEY, JR.

Lt. Comdr. Clyde Hopkins McCroskey, Jr., son of Clyde H. and Mary M. McCroskey, was born September 16, 1912, at Dermott, Arkansas. He attended Dermott Public Schools, Hall's Preparatory School at Columbia, Missouri, University of Missouri, and the United States Naval Academy, graduating in 1935. He was assigned to the U.S.S. New Orleans, later being sent to Pensacola, Florida, for flight training, attached to the Carrier Lexington. He served as flight instructor at Pensacola for one year and also served on the staff of general headquarters of the West Coast defense area. In 1943, he was given command of a composite squadron to be equipped and trained. The squadron was attached to the U.S.S. Block Island in December 1943, and on its first trip sank one enemy submarine, and possibly two. Commander McCroskey was killed before the second trip, crash-landing on the Naval Training Station at Norfolk during night carrier landings, but the squadron he trained made an outstanding record. He is survived by his parents, who live in Dermott.



LaROY M. LOWRY

S/Sgt. **LaRoy M. Lowry**, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Martin Lowry, was born at Snyder, Arkansas, October 6, 1919. He graduated from the Dermott High School in 1938, after he lettered four years in football. He was employed as salesman in Abroms' Department Store at Dermott before enlisting in the Infantry August 4, 1941. He received basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and joined the 2nd Division (38th Inf.), which left the United States October 6, 1943, for Northern Ireland. He participated in four major battles on the continent during the Normandy, Northern France, Central Europe and Ardennes campaigns. His unit took the famous Hill 192 at St. Lo, France, where he was wounded July 12, 1944. Serving with the 38th Anti-tank Company in Belgium, he was taken prisoner and reported as "missing in action" December 17, 1944. Sergeant Lowry was awarded the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal and Infantryman's Combat Badge. His wife, Irene, lives at Dermott, Arkansas.



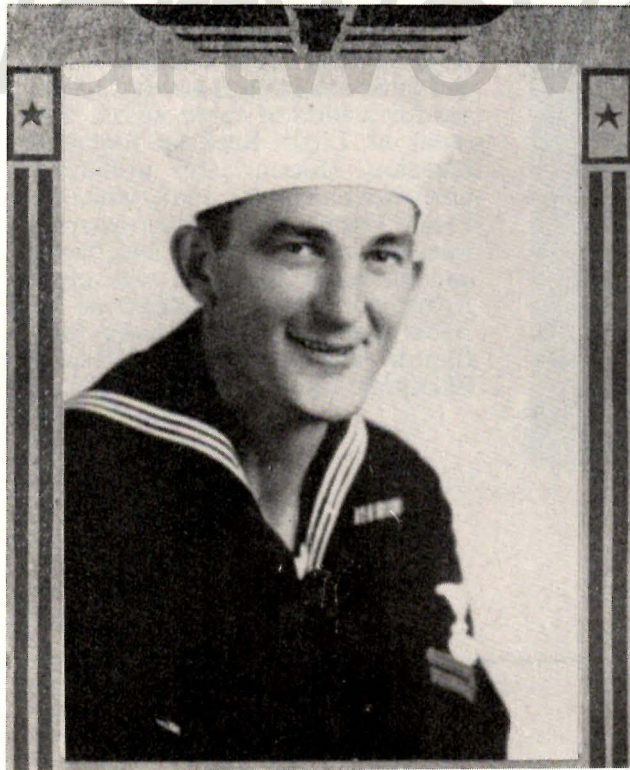
DOUGLAS F. GRIFFIN

Capt. Douglas Floyd Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Griffin, was born at Carlisle, Arkansas, on February 21, 1918. He graduated from Carlisle High School, Arkansas A. & M. College (B.S. degree), and Gupton-Jones College of Mortuary Science. Entering the National Guard in February 1937, he was called to active service January 6, 1941. He received basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and attended Gunnery School at Ft. Mears, Aleutian Islands, and Advanced Training School at Camp Davis, North Carolina, qualifying as platoon officer, automatic weapons instructor, rifle and sub-machine gun marksman, and rocket launcher. He departed August 1, 1941, for more than three years of overseas duty with the 260th Coast Artillery (A.A.) and 841st Anti-aircraft Artillery (A.W.) in the Aleutian Islands campaign and the battles of Normandy and Northern France. Captain Griffin was awarded the Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, and European Theater Ribbon. After being honorably discharged December 6, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Dermott, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Marion.



THADDEOUS F. DOWNEY

Pharmacist's Mate 3/c Thaddeous F. Downey, son of Mrs. Thad Marion Downey and the late Mr. Downey, was born June 28, 1923, in Dermott, Arkansas. He graduated from Dermott High School, attended State Teachers' College at Conway, Arkansas, and A. & M. College at Monticello, and graduated from Gupton-Jones College of Mortuary Science, Nashville, Tennessee. Entering the Navy at Lake Village, Arkansas, he received boot training at Farragut, Idaho, and attended Marine Field Medical School at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California. Mate Downey served for more than two years in the United States and for nearly a year overseas, transferring from the Navy to the Marines. After being honorably discharged January 8, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to Dermott, where he lives with his wife, Dorothy, and their daughter.



BERNARD M. BRAZIL

Electrician's Mate 2/c Bernard Maxine Brazil is the son of Mrs. Edna Brazil of Perry, Arkansas, where he was born February 13, 1908. He attended Perry High School and Harding College, and was owner of a hardware business and a distributor of butane gas for six years before entering the Navy on September 23, 1942. After completing his boot training at the Seabees Training Center at Camp Peary, Virginia, he attended Electrical School, Chemical Warfare School and Signal School, and was sent to North Africa in January, 1943. A veteran of 19 months of foreign service in both North Africa and the Philippine Islands with the 54th Naval Construction Battalion, he was returned to this country and was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, on October 23, 1945. His wife is Halley Alma Brazil,



JOE L. BYNUM

Maj. Joe Loyd Bynum, son of Mrs. William Bennett Bynum of Dermott, was born at Gleason, Tennessee, on November 4, 1918. He graduated from Western Military Academy (Alton, Illinois), and later attended Hendrix College and the University of Arkansas for a total of three years. He entered the Army as a flying cadet at Little Rock on September 9, 1940, and was sent to Sikeston, Missouri, for preliminary training, remaining there until November 20, 1940, when he was transferred to Randolph Field, Texas, for further instruction. After three months, he was then sent to Kelly Field, Texas, for advanced flight training, and on April 26, 1941, was graduated as a second lieutenant, Army Air Corps, qualified as a pilot of single engine planes. After serving meritoriously for more than five years, Major Bynum was retired to inactive status on October 23, 1945, at Barksdale Field, Louisiana. His wife is Mary Blackstone Bynum.



Specialist 1/c John Albert Trice, son of Mrs. Stella Trice and the late Handy A. Trice, was born at Collins, Arkansas, November 29, 1906. He received his education at Ouachita College, University of Colorado, Arkansas State Teachers College and University of Arkansas. At the time of his enlistment in the Naval Reserve he was employed as a city superintendent of schools. He entered the Naval Reserve April 12, 1944, and received boot training at San Diego, California. At the Physical Instructors' School, Bainbridge, Maryland, he qualified as athletic specialist, and received medals for marksmanship and AAA swimmer. Specialist Trice was attached first to V-12 and V-5 units as physical instructor; second to recruit training, and third, to welfare and recreation units. After serving 20 months he received an honorable discharge at Norman, Oklahoma, December 2, 1945, and returned to his home in Dermott, where he lives with his wife, Gertrude and their children.



JOHN A. TRICE



EDWARD "BICK" ROSSINI

T/4 Edward "Bick" Rossini, son of Santo A. Rossini and the late Mrs. Rossini, was born January 7, 1923, in Lake Village, Arkansas. He attended St. Mary's School and Likeside High School, afterwards being employed as receiving and shipping clerk for the Missouri-Pacific Railroad Company. Entering the Infantry July 19, 1943, he received basic training at New Orleans, Louisiana, qualifying as clerk-typist and rifle marksman. He departed February 11, 1944, for the European Theater of Operations and remained overseas for a year and a half, participating in campaign of Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He was awarded Combat Infantryman's Badge, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon, and World War II Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged December 13, 1945, at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, he returned to his home in Lake Village, Arkansas.



Pvt. John Warner Emmons, son of Mrs. John R. Emmons and the late Mr. Emmons, was born at Carrollton, Mississippi, October 7, 1907, receiving his education in the Dermott, Arkansas, Public Schools and later was employed as a salesman for Weisman's Dry Goods Store at Dermott. Entering military service in January, 1945, he received his basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and served with the 7th Regiment, 28th Field Artillery Battalion. He later transferred to the Air Corps and took his first training at Sheppard Field, Texas. From there he was sent to Airplane and Engine Mechanic School at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and assigned to the 3704th A.A.F. Base Unit. He was honorably discharged from the service at Keesler Field in October, 1945. He and his wife, Clara Wyeth Emmons, and daughter, live in Dermott.



JOHN W. EMMONS



NORMAN E. WYETH

Aviation Machinist's Mate 3/c Norman Eugene Wyeth is the son of Wallace De Anglis and Sylvia Wyeth of McGehee, Arkansas, where he was born May 4, 1918. He attended McGehee High School and was employed by the Ford Motor Company at McGehee, as a shop supervisor at Cannon Aviation, Hickory, North Carolina. He also worked as a mechanic for the C. P. Cole Flying Service at Heads, Mississippi, and as an aviation ground instructor for the Florida State Department of Education at Ocala, Florida. Entering the Navy August 7, 1944, he served his boot training at Jacksonville, Florida, and then attended the Marauder School at Baltimore, Maryland. Mate Wyeth served 18 months with a Marauder Towing Unit and was honorably discharged at Jacksonville, Florida, February 18, 1946. His wife is the former Virginia Howard.



DENNIS S. CHASTAIN

Cpl. Dennis S. Chastain, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Chastain, was born September 10, 1915, at Damascus, Arkansas. After receiving his education by attending Van Buren County Public Schools, he was employed as patrolman at Army Q.M. Supply Depot, Adams Field, Little Rock. Entering the Armored Detachment, 746th Tank Battalion, November 17, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Rucker, Alabama. After serving almost 10 months in the United States, he was sent to the South Pacific August 28, 1943, and participated in the Solomons and Philippine Islands campaigns. Corporal Chastain was awarded Drivers and Mechanics Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbons. After serving 28 months overseas, he returned to the United States December 15, 1945, and was honorably discharged December 23, 1945, at Camp Chaffee. He lives in Dermott with his wife, Willie.

S/Sgt. William Duell Rodgers, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cantrel Rodgers, was born January 10, 1921, at Gould, Arkansas. He was educated at the Dermott High School and Draughon's Business School and became a machinist for the Dermott Stave Co. He entered the Army Air Corps August 20, 1942, and received basic training at San Antonio, Texas. Sergeant Rodgers attended Radio-Gunnery School and qualified as a radio operator. Serving over three years with the 4th Air Force, he received an honorable discharge at Boise, Idaho, November 26, 1945. He lives with his wife, Marjorie Arlene, and their child, in Dermott.



WILLIAM D. RODGERS



EDWIN C. RODGERS

S/Sgt. Edwin C. Rodgers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Rodgers of Dermott, Arkansas. Born at Dermott on August 28, 1922, he attended Dermott High School and Arkansas Tech and was employed as a clerk until entering the Army Air Force August 10, 1943. Sergeant Rodgers was sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, to serve his basic training and then attended special schools in Radio, Radar and Electronics. He became a radar operator and mechanic and after two and one-half years in this country was sent to the European theater in October, 1945. He remained overseas for four months and was returned to this country. Sergeant Rodgers is the holder of the European Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Victory Ribbon and the Marksman Medal for the carbine. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, March 10, 1946.

Seaman 1/c Zeb Lee Proffitt, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Lee Proffitt, Sr., was born January 17, 1921, in Pyland, Mississippi, moving to Arkansas in 1930. He attended Dermott High School, afterwards being employed as fireman for the Missouri Pacific Railroad Co. Entering the Navy April 19, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Amphibious School at Coronado, California. Seaman Proffitt served for a year and three months overseas, participating in the invasion of Okinawa and making three trips across, including one to Yokohama, Japan. After being honorably discharged January 17, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to Dermott, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Charlene, and their child.



ZEB L. PROFFITT, JR.



FORREST E. ARNOLD, JR.

S/Sgt. Forrest E. Arnold, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest E. Arnold, was born at McGehee, Arkansas, July 14, 1924. He attended McGehee High School and was employed as an automobile mechanic until entering the Armed Forces July 9, 1943. He was sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, for basic training. He later attended a specialized service school at Fenn College, Cleveland, Ohio, and Gunnery School at Tyndall Field, Florida. After one and a half years in this country, Sergeant Arnold was sent overseas as an aerial gunner with the Army Air Forces. Overseas nine months, he participated in the Okinawa and Japanese mainland campaigns. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Good Conduct Medal, Expert Marksman's Medal (.45-caliber pistol) and Sharpshooter's Medal (carbine). Sergeant Arnold received an honorable discharge from the service on October 3, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He lives in McGehee with his wife, Olivia, and children.

Gunner's Mate 2/c J. D. Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvry Edwards, was born in Galbraith, Louisiana, moving to Arkansas in 1936. He attended Dermott High School, afterwards being engaged in farming. Entering the Navy Seabees September 13, 1943, he received boot training at Camp Perry, Virginia, and attended Demolition School. Mate Edwards served for a year and a half in the United States and departed March 9, 1945, for Ie Shima and Okinawa. Overseas for more than a year, he participated in campaigns of Ie Shima and Okinawa, being at Ie Shima when Ernie Pyle was killed on April 18, 1945. He was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Stars, Marksmanship Medal, American Area Ribbon, and World War II Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged April 9, 1946, at San Pedro, California, he returned to his home in Dermott, Arkansas.



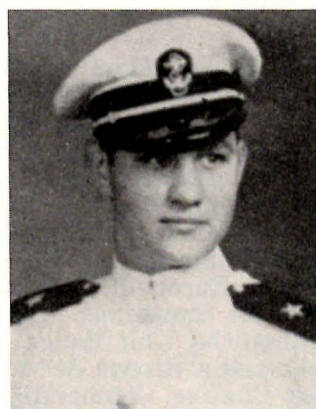
J. D. EDWARDS



DON C. SCOTT

Sgt. Don Clair Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall Scott of Dermott, Arkansas, was born at Dermott on March 9, 1926. He attended Dermott High School and Louisiana State University before entering the military service on June 7, 1944. Sergeant Scott was assigned to the Infantry and completed his basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas. He served in this country until he was sent with his unit, the 186th Replacement Company, to Manila in the Philippine Islands in April, 1945. Overseas 10 months, he won the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal and the Sharpshooter's Medal, as well as one Battle Star for the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. He was returned to this country and received his discharge April 25, 1946.

Aviation Cadet John E. Hawkins, son of Thad Hawkins of Dermott, Arkansas, was born at Hattiesville, Arkansas, February 20, 1926. He attended Dermott High School and Ouachita Baptist College at Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He entered the Naval Air Corps in March, 1944, and was sent to the Naval Air Training Base at Memphis, Tennessee, for his boot training. He later attended the University of North Carolina, and took more flight training at William Jewell College in Missouri. He is now in training at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, and expected to receive his wings and commission as a naval aviator in May, 1946, according to last report received.



JOHN E. HAWKINS



FLETCHER B. LOWRY

2nd Lt. Fletcher B. Lowry, son of Lura Clyde and George Martin Lowry, was born September 27, 1926, in Dermott, Arkansas. He attended Dermott High School, afterwards being employed by a department store in Dermott. Entering the Infantry December 11, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and attended Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, qualifying as platoon leader. After serving for a year and a half in the United States, Lieutenant Lowry departed March 4, 1946, for Germany. He is still in the service with the Army of Occupation. His home is in Dermott.

T/4 Charles D. Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey C. Barnes, was born at Dossville, Mississippi, February 5, 1905, and later moved to Arkansas. He received his education at Dossville High School and was employed as a route salesman. He entered military service on February 5, 1942, and was sent to Camp Robinson for basic training. He later attended Surgical Technician's School at Hot Springs. After two and one-half years of service in this country, Sergeant Barnes arrived with his unit, Medical Detachment, 272nd Infantry, in the European theater on November 26, 1944. Overseas 10 months, he participated in the Rhineland and Central European campaigns and was awarded the Combat Medical Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation and European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars. Sergeant Barnes was honorably discharged September 27, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He lives in Dermott with his wife, Verona Blanc, and children.



CHARLES D. BARNES



NEWTON F. BYNUM

1st/Sgt. Newton F. Bynum, son of Mrs. Newton F. Bynum, was born at Dermott, Arkansas, February 25, 1920. He attended Dermott and Monticello High Schools, and Arkansas A. & M. College at Monticello. Entering the Army Air Corps August 13, 1940, he received basic training at Scott Field, Illinois, and by attending Aircraft Mechanics School qualified as an administrative specialist. He also received the Sharpshooter's Medal for proficiency in the use of the carbine. Sergeant Bynum left the United States in November, 1944, for New Guinea, and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Bronze Star. After almost one year of service in the South Pacific he received an honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, October 10, 1945, and returned to Dermott where he lives with his wife, Margaret, and their daughter, Peggy.

T/Sgt. Harry Dixon Bynum, son of Mrs. Newton F. Bynum, was born at Dermott, July 28, 1923, and concluded his education at the Dermott High School. He entered the Army Air Force May 8, 1941, receiving basic training at Boise, Idaho, and qualified as an airplane maintenance mechanic. Sergeant Bynum joined the 410th Bombing Group which left the United States in June, 1942, for Alaska, to return in August 1943. He left the United States again in March, 1944, for England. In addition to the campaign in the Aleutians, he participated in the Normandy air offensive, Europe-Rhineland, Ardennes, Northern France, and Central European campaigns. He was awarded the American Defense Ribbon, Distinguished Unit Badge, Good Conduct and Bronze Star Medals, and a Silver and a Bronze Service Star. He received an honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, October 16, 1945.



HARRY D. BYNUM



LOWRY L. AUSTIN

Coxswain Lowry L. Austin, son of Mrs. Arvelia Austin of 601 Melton Street, Dermott, Arkansas, was born November 23, 1922. He attended public schools at Dermott and was later engaged in farming. Coxswain Austin enlisted in the Navy January 23, 1942. No further information regarding his service record was furnished.

Coxswain Aubrie Neal Starks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marley Starks, was born October 7, 1920, in Tuckerman, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Marianna, Arkansas, Public School. Entering the Navy September 9, 1942, he received boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois, and attended Gunnery School. After completing his training in the United States, Coxswain Starks departed December 12, 1942, for Puerto Rico, and during his more than two years overseas served also in India and Guam. After being honorably discharged November 10, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to Dermott, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Ethel Margaret.



AUBRIE N. STARKS



WILLIAM S. PARKER, JR.

Pfc. William S. Parker, Jr., is the son of William and Tommie Parker of Dermott, Arkansas, where he was born September 1, 1920. He completed his education at Dermott High School and Draughon's Business College prior to entering the military service March 12, 1941. Assigned to the Anti-aircraft Artillery, he completed his basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and then attended the Intelligence School. In February, 1942, he was sent to Alaska with the 206th Coast Artillery, and remained there for more than two years, taking part in the Aleutian Islands campaign. Returning to this country, he was sent to the European theater in December, 1944, and served with the 597th Anti-aircraft Battalion throughout the Central Germany and Rhineland campaigns. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star and the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, and a veteran of almost three years overseas, he was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, September 25, 1945.

Motor Machinist's Mate 3/c James Morris Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Parker, was born August 25, 1925, in Monticello, Arkansas. He attended Dermott High School. Entering the Naval Reserve November 7, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego and Oceanside, California. After serving for a year in the United States, Mate Parker departed November 25, 1944, for Iwo Jima and remained overseas for a year and a half. He participated in the landing on Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945, and was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Star, American Theater Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged April 30, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to his home in Dermott, Arkansas.



JAMES M. PARKER



JOHN W. WATSON

Pfc. John W. Watson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Osie Watson of Dermott, Arkansas. He was born at Humphrey, Arkansas on December 20, 1920, and was educated in the Humphrey Schools. Private Watson was employed as a service station worker until he entered the Army on November 25, 1941. After completing his basic training, he became a medical technician and served three months in the United States before being sent to the Asiatic-Pacific theater in February, 1942. Private Watson served 45 months overseas and was honorably discharged October 5, 1945.

Capt. Rivos H. Dorris, son of Charles L. and Myrtle V. Dorris, was born November 10, 1915, at Shady Grove, Kentucky, moving to Arkansas in 1917. He received his education by attending Dermott High School; Arkansas A. & M. College, Monticello; Ouachita College; and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas. Enlisting in the Chaplain Corps May 5, 1943, he received training at Chaplain's School. After 13 months' training attached to 242nd Inf. Regt., 42nd Inf. Div., he was sent to New Guinea on April 27, 1944. Attached to 191st Field Artillery Group, Captain Dorris participated in the New Guinea and Luzon, P. I., campaigns, and was awarded the American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, and Victory Ribbon. Returning to the United States December 24, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, April 15, 1946. He and his wife, Jimye, live in Dermott, Arkansas, with their daughter.



RIVOS H. DORRIS



HARRY K. BURNHAM

Maj. Harry Kingston Burnham, son of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Burnham, was born January 15, 1914, in Wilmot, Arkansas. He attended Monticello A. & M. College; Sunflower Junior College; George Washington University, and Arkansas Polytechnic College, afterwards being engaged as salesman and as station agent for the Missouri Pacific Railroad Co. Entering the Air Corps November 25, 1940, he received flight instruction at Muskogee, Oklahoma; Randolph Field, and Kelly Field, qualifying as pilot and Air Forces inspector. Major Burnham served in the United States attached to headquarters, Army Air Forces, and departed June 4, 1942, for the European Theater of Operations. Overseas for two years, he participated in the air offensive over Europe and the campaigns of Algeria-Morocco, Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, and Rome-Arno. He was awarded American Defense Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with five Bronze Stars, and Arrowhead. He is still in the service. His wife, Helen, and their child live in Lake Village, Arkansas.

S/Sgt. Thomas R. Burnham, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Burnham, was born at Wilmot, Arkansas, July 31, 1919. He completed his education at Arkansas Polytechnic College and Arkansas A. & M. College, Monticello, prior to enlisting in the Arkansas National Guard on April 23, 1940. Entering active service January 6, 1941, he received his basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and then was sent to Dutch Harbor, Alaska, with his unit, Battery B, 206th Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft) for a stay of 23 months. On returning to this country July 28, 1943, he was later transferred to the Air Corps in March, 1944, and was stationed at the Muroc (California) Army Air Field. He is holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star (Aleutian Islands campaign), the American Defense Ribbon with one Battle Star, the Good Conduct Medal and a Marksmanship Medal (carbine). Sergeant Burnham was honorably discharged September 9, 1945, at Ft. MacArthur, California. He and his wife, Leola M., and child, live in Lake Village.



THOMAS R. BURNHAM, JR.



GERALD W. LOYD

Pvt. Gerald W. Loyd, son of William Berry and Ida Jane Loyd, was born January 4, 1922, at Little Rock, Arkansas. He received his education at Lakeside High School, Lake Village, Arkansas, and Marion Institute, Marion, Alabama. Private Loyd entered the Army, Field Artillery and Public Relations Division, December 2, 1942, and trained at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, where he received Marksmanship and Drivers Medals. Attached to 183rd Field Artillery Group, he left the United States July 15, 1944, for Liverpool, England, and later saw service in the Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Germany campaigns. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, European Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, American Defense and Victory Ribbons. After serving overseas 16 months he received an honorable discharge at Jefferson Barracks December 24, 1945, and returned to Lake Village, Arkansas.

Motor Machinist's Mate 1/c William Edgar Partain, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Partain, Sr., was born April 5, 1916, at Eudora, Arkansas. After his graduation from Eudora High School he farmed and engaged in the motor machinist's trade until entering the Navy Seabees on July 5, 1943. He was sent to Camp Peary (Williamsburg, Virginia), for boot training. He later attended Motor Machinist's School at Camp Endicott (Rhode Island), and was assigned to the 118th Navy Construction Battalion, sailing for New Guinea on February 26, 1944. Overseas almost two years, Mate Partain counts among his decorations, the Sharpshooter's Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Battle Star, American Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Battle Star and World War II Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged from the service December 4, 1945, at Memphis. He and his wife, Agnes Ray Partain, are the parents of two sons.



WILLIAM E. PARTAIN



ROY B. PHILLIPS

Carpenter's Mate 1/c Roy B. Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Phillips, was born November 15, 1916, in Eudora, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Eudora Public Schools. Entering the Naval Reserve February 8, 1944, he received basic training at Farragut, Idaho. After serving in the United States for a year with S.R.U., P.S.N.Y., Mate Phillips departed May 1, 1945, for the Pacific Theater of Operations. Overseas seven months, he participated in campaigns in the Pacific and Europe and received two Campaign Ribbons. After being honorably discharged January 5, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to Eudora, where he lives with his wife, Ruth, and their children.

Shipfitter 3/c John William Ashley, Sr., son of Lottie Mae Brewer and Floyd Ashley, was born January 18, 1923, in Chicot, Arkansas. He attended Kilborne and Tallulah, Louisiana, Grade Schools, and Eudora, Arkansas, High School, afterwards being employed in a drug store and in the Delta Shipyard. Entering the Navy Seabees September 4, 1943, he received boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia, and attended Machine Gun School at Sun Valley, R. I. He specialized as manager of ship's restaurant. Departing February 23, 1944, for Hawaii, Hilo, Kwajalein, and the Marshall Islands, he remained overseas for a year and nine months and participated in campaigns in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations, receiving Asiatic-Pacific campaign decorations. After being honorably discharged December 24, 1945, at Millington, Tennessee, he returned to Eudora, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Carnealia, and their children.



JOHN W. ASHLEY, SR.



JACK JR. TURNER

Boatswain's Mate 1/c Jack Jr. Turner, son of Lela and Earl Ogden Turner, was born September 13, 1922, in Dermott, Arkansas. He attended Dermott High School. Entering the Coast Guard February 28, 1941, he received boot training at Curtis Bay, Maryland, qualifying in boat handling. Mate Turner served for nearly three years in the United States before departing December 6, 1943, for Trinidad, B.W.I. He remained overseas for two years and was awarded American Defense Ribbon with Star, American Theater Ribbon with Star, and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged March 8, 1946, at St. Louis, Missouri, he returned to Dermott, where he lives with his wife, Lyda.

Lt. Col. Carroll Hilton Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dunn, was born at Lake Village, Arkansas, on August 11, 1916. He graduated from Lake Village High School and the University of Illinois. He was commissioned in the regular Army, Corps of Engineers, on July 1, 1938. He has attended Command, General Staff and Engineer (divisional course) Schools and served successively with the 8th Engineers, 303rd Engineers and 105th Engineers of the 30th Division. Arriving overseas in the European theater on February 12, 1944, he participated as a division engineer and engineer battalion commander in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Germany campaigns and served with the Army of Occupation for two months. He was wounded at St. Lo, France, on July 25, 1944. Colonel Dunn is the holder of the European Theater Ribbon, Silver Star, the Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, American Defense Service Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory Ribbon, Croix de Guerre Avec Palme and the Order of the Purple Heart. He has chosen to remain in the regular Army. He and his wife, Letha, have two children.



CARROLL H. DUNN



GEORGE R. DUNN

Maj. George Raymond Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Dunn of Lake Village, Arkansas, was born at Centerville, Mississippi, February 13, 1919. Following graduation from Lake Village High School and University of Illinois, where he enrolled in the R.O.T.C. unit, he entered the Army in the Cavalry on July 28, 1940. Further qualified by attendance at Cavalry School, American Sch. Center, ETOUSA, he served successively as horse cavalry unit commander, tank unit commander, intelligence staff officer and operations and traffic officer. Overseas for more than 12 months, he saw action in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central European campaigns. He is the holder of the Bronze Star with Cluster, European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars, the Arrowhead award for the Normandy invasion, American Defense Ribbon and expert medals for proficiency with weapons. Major Dunn was reverted to inactive status on February 16, 1946 and later commissioned in Regular Army, transferred from Officer's Reserve. He and his wife, Lillian Anderson, have one child.

Capt. E. Pelham McGehee, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. E. P. McGehee, Sr., was born at Lake Village, Arkansas, February 21, 1905. He received his education at Lake Village High School, University of Arkansas and University of Arkansas Medical School. Entering the Army Medical Corps September 5, 1942, he received his training at Camp Barkeley, Texas, and served as a battalion surgeon with both the 14th Armored Division and the 35th Infantry. After two years in this country, Captain McGehee arrived in England May 26, 1944, and saw overseas service for one year, participating in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France and Central Europe, and being captured by the Germans August 8, 1944. After eight months of imprisonment, Captain McGehee was liberated by advancing Allied forces April 6, 1945. Holder of the Bronze Star Medal, Combat Medical Badge and European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, he was retired to inactive status October 6, 1945, at Hot Springs. He and his wife, Mary Peel, and children, live in Lake Village.



E. PELHAM McGEHEE, JR.



WILLIAM N. GILLISON

T/4 William N. Gillison, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gillison, was born at Lake Village, Arkansas, on August 26, 1916. He was educated at Lakeside High School (Lake Village), and University of Virginia. Entering military service December 1, 1942, he was assigned to the Finance Department and trained at the Finance Replacement Training Center, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. After four months in this country, Sergeant Gillison was sent with his unit to Tehran, Iran, and served meritoriously overseas for 29 months. He holds the Good Conduct Medal and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, and was honorably discharged November 5, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

1st Lt. James I. (Jack) Kelley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Kelley, was born July 23, 1907, at Halley, Arkansas, and after graduating from Halley High School and Arkansas A & M. College at Monticello, he obtained the agency for the Lion Oil Refining Co. at Eudora, Arkansas. A member of the Arkansas National Guard since 1923, he was called to active military duty January 2, 1943, and sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, for basic training. Following attendance at Air Force Radio and Radar Schools, he later transferred to the Ordnance Department, and after attendance at Ordnance Auto School, received his commission. Assigned to duty at the Philadelphia Ordnance District, Lieutenant Kelley was assistant to the chief, tank-automotive branch, procurement liaison officer and chief of the technical engineering change section of the tank automotive branch. He received American Theater Ribbon, and Expert and Marksmanship Medals for weapons. Lieutenant Kelley was released from active duty July 14, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, Helen Seale Kelley, are the parents of a daughter.



JAMES I. KELLEY, JR.



RUPERT E. PAULK

S/Sgt. Rupert Eugene Paulk, son of Mrs. Alice Paulk, was born January 24, 1919, in Ocilla, Georgia, moving to Arkansas in 1932. He attended Ocilla Grade and High Schools and Eudora, Arkansas, High School, afterwards being employed by Steinberg Company and in construction work in the Panama Canal Zone. Entering the Infantry September 5, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, and attended Welding School, qualifying in welding and as sharpshooter with M-1 rifle and carbine. Sergeant Paulk transferred to the Engineers, and later to Ordnance Department and is still in that branch of the service. His home is in Eudora, Arkansas.

2nd Lt. William Harold Stephenson, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harold Stephenson of Eudora, Arkansas, where he was born December 4, 1916. Educated at Eudora High School and George Washington University, at Washington, D. C., he was a cotton merchant until entering the military service February 8, 1945. He had also seen service with the National Guard in 1938 and 1939. Lieutenant Stephenson served his basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and then was selected to attend the Armored Force Officer Candidate School. Upon receiving his commission, he attended Officer's Indirect Fire Course. He served at Ft. Knox throughout his military service. Lieutenant Stephenson was released from active duty at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, January 13, 1946. He and his wife, Carolyn, have three children.



W. H. STEPHENSON, JR.



ARVIS R. BENNETT

2nd Lt. Arvis R. Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bennett of Lake Village, Arkansas, was born at Aurelle, Arkansas, September 5, 1920. He attended Lake Village High School and Louisiana State University until his enlistment as a naval aviation cadet February 10, 1943. Sent to Athens, Georgia, for pre-flight training and later to Dallas, Texas, he received his commission in the Marine Corps at Pensacola, Florida, on May 28, 1944. Lieutenant Bennett received further operational flight training at Daytona Beach, Florida, and later was transferred to the El Toro Marine Air Station at Santa Ana, California, for specialized instruction in operating Corsairs. While engaged in routine flight training, this gallant Marine was accidentally killed on March 27, 1945.

1st Lt. George M. Stokes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George N. Stokes of Dermott, Arkansas, where he was born August 20, 1924. He attended Dermott High School, Mississippi State College and the Kutztown State Teachers' College at Kutztown, Pennsylvania. Entering the Army Air Corps December 14, 1942, he completed basic training at Miami Beach, Florida, and upon completion of his pilot's training was commissioned as a pilot of B-25 medium bombers. He served with the Eastern Flying Training Command and the 3rd Air Force in this country until he was sent to Italy in December, 1944. Overseas six months, he served with the 321st Bomber Group throughout the North Apennines, Po Valley and Balkan air campaigns and won the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars and Presidential Unit Citation. He was released from active service September 30, 1945, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.



GEORGE M. STOKES



LOUIS KIRBY

Pvt. Louis Kirby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kirby of Dermott, Arkansas, was born at Dermott October 19, 1920. He attended Dermott High School and operated a dairy before entering the Army Air Forces May 9, 1941. He was sent to Salt Lake City, Utah, for basic training and specialized in aircraft welding. After one year of service as a member of the 76th Squadron, 42nd Bombardment Group, he was honorably discharged April 21, 1942, at the Veterans Hospital, Excelsior Springs, Missouri. His wife is Clara Kirby.

S/Sgt. Billie G. Calhoun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto R. Calhoun, was born June 23, 1925, at Dermott, Arkansas. He received his education at Dermott High School, after which he entered the Army Air Corps, August 31, 1943. Receiving basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and later attending Flexible Gunnery School, he qualified for airplane armorer-gunner. After training, he was sent to the Asiatic-Pacific attached to 99th Bomb. Sqdn., 9th Bomb. Group, on February 8, 1945. He participated in air offensive over Japan, Western Pacific, and Ryukyus campaigns, making 35 missions against the Japanese empire. His crew dropped approximately 400,000 pounds of explosives in flying about 500 combat hours. He received the AAF Air Crew Member Badge (Wings), the Air Medal with three Bronze Clusters, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and Distinguished Flying Cross. After over seven months' service overseas, he returned to the United States September 20, 1945, and was honorably discharged at San Antonio, Texas, November 15, 1945.



BILLIE G. CALHOUN

1.—Maj. James D. McMurray, son of H. Martin McMurray of Lake Village, Arkansas, was born at Greenville, Mississippi, September 24, 1916. He attended Lake Village High School, Hendrix College, and University of Arkansas, and was employed as an inspector by the Arkansas Highway Department before entering military service July 16, 1941. He was assigned to the Air Corps and received basic training at Ft. Warren, Wyoming. He later attended Officer's Training School at Miami Beach, Florida, and became an executive officer. In April, 1943, he was sent to North Africa and remained in the European theater for more than two years. He served with the 525th Fighter Squadron of the 86th Fighter Group throughout the Sicilian, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Po Valley, Southern France and Rhineland campaigns, and was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with six Battle Stars and the Presidential Unit Citation. He was released from active service at Pasadena, California, July 17, 1946. His wife is the former Patsy Carney.

2.—Pvt. Oscar N. Matlock, son of Freeman K. Matlock, was born at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, September 16, 1915. He received his education at Pine Bluff High School and Louisiana State University, and was employed as manager of a retail furniture store prior to entering military service February 7, 1945. He received basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and later attended Clerk's School at Camp Maxey, Texas. During his training he received medals denoting marksmanship proficiency with the rifle and carbine. After nine months of service with the 529th Anti-aircraft Bn., he was honorably discharged on October 26, 1945, at Hot Springs, Arkansas. He and his wife, Vella, and children, live in Dermott.

3.—Cpl. Thomas C. Spakes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Church Thomas Spakes, was born October 25, 1921, at Rison, Arkansas. After finishing local schools he was engaged in farming until entering the Army October 14, 1942. After basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, Corporal Spakes was assigned to the military police and qualified as a sharpshooter. After serving six months in the United States with the 760th M.P. Bn., he was sent to the Panama Canal Zone February 20, 1943. He served in that area two and one-half years and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the American Defense Ribbon. He was honorably discharged October 28, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, and returned to Dermott, where he lives with his wife, Donnie, and their child.

4.—Sgt. Martin G. McMurray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. McMurray of Lake Village, Arkansas, was born at Lake Village on August 12, 1912. He attended Lakeside High School and Monticello A. & M. College, then was employed in construction work in Little Rock. He entered military service February 15, 1942. Sergeant McMurray received basic training at Camp Robinson and later attended specialized Air Force Schools at the J. M. Perry Institute and Keesler Field, Mississippi. After two years in this country he was sent to Italy as a member of the 455th Bomber Group, 741st Squadron, 15th Air Force, and participated in the Naples-Foggia, Po Valley, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Northern France, Rhineland and Northern Apennines campaigns, as well as the air offensive against the Balkans. Holder of the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster and medals denoting proficiency in carbine and rifle marksmanship and airplane engine mechanics, Sergeant McMurray was honorably discharged from Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, September 8, 1945.

5.—T/5 Cody Terry, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Terry, was born at Damascus, Arkansas, in 1921. He entered the Army on March 1, 1942. He received basic training at Camp Bowie, Texas, and later received special training as a telephone operator. He was assigned to the 953rd Field Artillery and landed with his outfit in England on November 4,

1943. He took part in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central European campaigns, and served two months with the Army of Occupation. He was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal for meritorious service. He received his honorable discharge at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, September 16, 1945. He and his wife, Dorothy Terry, and children, live in Dermott.

6.—Cpl. Jo-Jo Floriani, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Floriani, was born June 25, 1925, in Lake Village, Arkansas. He attended St. Mary's School and Lakeside High School, afterwards being employed as parts man for John Deere Implement Company. Entering the Field Artillery October 4, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Hood, Texas, qualifying as battalion supply clerk. After serving for a year and a half in the United States with Hd. Btry., 414th F.A. Group, Corporal Floriani departed May 15, 1945, for Luzon and the Philippines. Overseas for 10 months, he participated in the campaigns of Luzon and the Philippine Islands and was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Star, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star. He was honorably discharged April 4, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, and returned to his home in Lake Village.

7.—Lt. (j.g.) Herbert E. Floriani, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben V. Floriani, was born at Lake Village, Arkansas, December 11, 1922. After completing his education at Lake Village High School, he entered the Naval Air Corps August 14, 1942. He received flight training at Pensacola, Florida, and after two and one-half years in this country, arrived overseas in the South Pacific in March, 1945. Lieutenant Floriani took part in the Philippine Islands, Borneo, Iwo Jima and Okinawa campaigns, and has been awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, a Commendation from Admiral Perry and a recommendation for the Distinguished Flying Cross. Lieutenant Floriani was retired to inactive status December 15, 1945. His wife is Mary Ellen Floriani.

8.—Mailman 2/c Ralph B. Ellis, son of Mrs. Emma J. Ellis of Dermott, Arkansas, was born at Hushpuckena, Mississippi, October 2, 1908. He completed his education at McGehee High School and was later employed as a railway and postal clerk. He entered the Navy on May 9, 1944, and received boot training at San Diego, California. After five months in this country he was sent to the Pacific area and attached to the Naval Postal System. Overseas one year, he participated in the Philippine invasion campaign. He is holder of a personal citation by his commanding officer, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the American Theater Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the Victory Ribbon and the Expert Marksman's (aviation unit) Medal. He was honorably discharged November 14, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee. He and his wife, Gladys, and children, live in Dermott.

9.—Maj. Mildred L. Ellis, daughter of Mrs. Fred T. Ellis, was born April 13, 1916, in Masi, Mississippi, later moving to Arkansas. She attended Arkansas A. & M. College at Monticello and University of Tennessee, afterwards being engaged as home economics teacher. Entering the Women's Army Corps August 12, 1942, she received basic training at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, and attended Cooks' and Bakers' School, Officer Candidate School, and Command and General Staff School, qualifying as company commander. Major Ellis served with the Transportation Corps for nearly four years and was honorably discharged May 15, 1946, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. She lives in Dermott, Arkansas.

10.—1st/Sgt. Jack T. Ellis, son of Mrs. Fred T. Ellis, was born at Wilmot, Arkansas, August 6, 1914. He received his education by attending Dermott High



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School and A. & M. College at Monticello, after which he was employed as manager of Collinston Stave Co., Collinston, Louisiana. Entering the C.A.C. (parachutist) January 17, 1944, and receiving basic training at Ft. McClellan, Alabama. After almost seven months' training in I.R.T.C. he was sent to Liverpool, England, July 25, 1944. Sergeant Ellis qualified as heavy machine gunner and saw action in the Rhineland, Central Europe, and Ardennes campaigns. For meritorious service he was awarded the Bronze Star, European Theater of Operations Ribbon, Bronze Arrowhead, Victory Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal. After serving five months with the Army of Occupation in Germany and Austria, he returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, January 18, 1946.

11.—**T/5 Grady F. Gambill**, son of Beulah and Oscar L. Gambill, was born at Eudora, Arkansas, September 29, 1920. He received his education by attending Eudora High School, after which he was employed as machine shop worker. Entering the Army Air Corps on September 3, 1942, he received basic training at Flora, Mississippi, and attended service school at Michigan State College. After serving in the United States for 10 months, he departed in July 1943, for Liverpool, England, attached to Hq. and Hq. Det. 1583rd Q.M. (Avn.). Corporal Gambill saw 30 months' service overseas, returning to the United States December 25, 1945, and receiving an honorable discharge at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, December 31, 1945.

12.—**Pfc. Jack T. Blann**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Brawner Blann of Lake Village, Arkansas, was born April 3, 1924, in Jersey, Arkansas. He attended Lakeside High School at Lake Village, afterwards being employed as telegraph operator for St. Louis Southwestern Railway Co. Entering the Air Force February 16, 1943, he received basic training at St. Petersburg, Florida, and attended Radio Operators' School, A.S.T.P., Radio Mechanics' School, and Radio Range School, qualifying as D.F. operator and carbine sharpshooter. Private Blann served in the United States for three years with the 105th A.A.C.S. and was honorably discharged February 15, 1946, at Camp Chaffee.

13.—**T/4 Leighton L. Blann**, son of Hazel and Tillman Blann, was born December 25, 1925, in Tersey, Arkansas. He attended Lakeside High School at Lake Village, Arkansas, afterwards being engaged as telegraph operator for St. Louis Southwestern Railway Co. Entering the Transportation Corps March 21, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Plauche, Louisiana, and attended Telegraph School, qualifying as telegraph operator and marksman. After serving for nearly a year in the United States with the 737th Railway Operating Bn., he departed February 14, 1945, for Manila, P. I., and remained overseas for a year and two months. He participated in the Philippine campaign and spent six months with the Army of Occupation. He was awarded American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, American Defense Ribbon, and Good Conduct Medal. After being honorably discharged May 1, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Lake Village, Arkansas.

14.—**Seaman 1/c Jack Burchfield**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burchfield, was born May 17, 1925, in Dermott, Arkansas. He attended Dermott High School. Entering the Navy May 14, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Landing Craft and Small Craft School, qualifying in landing craft. He departed September 11, 1943, for Hawaii, and remained overseas for more than two years. He participated in campaigns of Tarawa, Marshall Islands, Morotai, Leyte, Ouzon, Zamboanga, and Davoe and was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with five Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Stars, and the Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged January 15, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to his home in Dermott.

15.—**1st Lt. William R. Burchfield**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Burchfield, was born December 31,

1920, in Monticello, Arkansas. He attended Dermott High School, afterwards being engaged as farmer, surveyor, and brick and rock masonry constructor. Entering the Air Corps January 9, 1942, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and attended Pilots' Preflight, Primary, Basic, and Advanced Schools, qualifying as pilot and expert machine gunner. Attached to the 830th M.P. Co. and aviation cadets, Lieutenant Burchfield departed September 12, 1943, for Pearl Harbor and remained overseas for two years. He participated in campaigns of Ellice, Gilbert, Marshall, and Marianas Islands, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa, with the 19th Troop Carrier Sqdn., 7th A.A.F., and was awarded two Battle Stars, Air Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged May 14, 1946, at San Antonio, Texas, he returned to his home in Dermott, Arkansas.

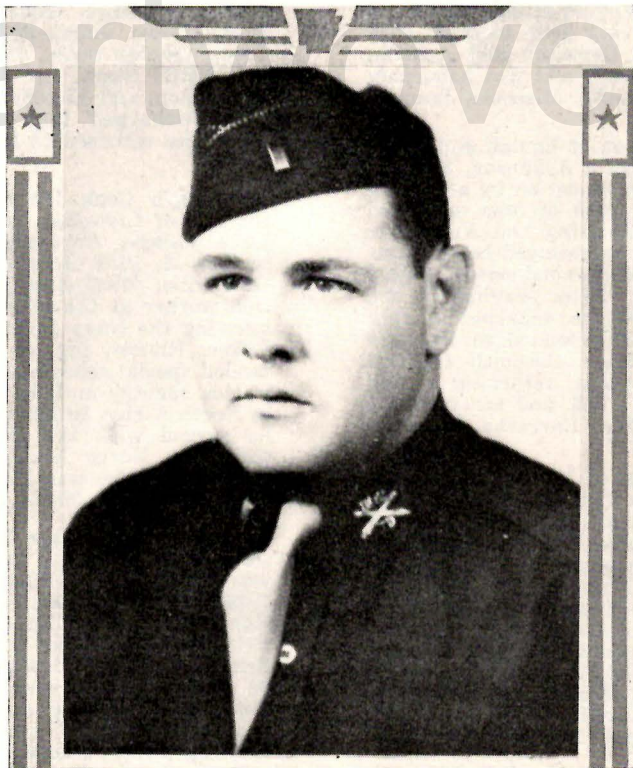
16.—**Ship's Cook 1/c Charles Vinson Saunders** is the son of Llewellyn and Pina Buntin Saunders of Lake Village, Arkansas, where he was born September 11, 1922. Educated in the Lake Village and Greenville, Mississippi schools, he was a construction worker at the Pine Bluff Ordnance Plant until entering the Navy November 1, 1942. Sent to Great Lakes, Illinois, for his boot training, he later attended special schools at New York City and served in this country until he was sent to Arzew, Algeria, in North Africa, in March 1943. Overseas 18 months, he served with the Headquarters Detachment of the Navy North African Command. Returning to this country, he was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, March 23, 1946.

17.—**Machinist's Mate 3/c Llewellyn Saunders, Jr.**, son of Pearl Buntin and Llewellyn Saunders, Sr., was born at Lake Village, Arkansas, February 21, 1926. He received his education by attending Lakeside High School. He entered the Navy March 22, 1943, receiving boot training at Naval Training School, Farragut, Idaho. He served in the Navy 32 months, 24 of which were on sea duty aboard the U.S.S. Mullany and U.S.S. Benevolence, participating in four engagements and 12 invasions. He was awarded seven Battle Stars in addition to other decorations. Returning to the United States, he was honorably discharged at Memphis, November 29, 1945. He lives in Lake Village.

18.—**2nd Lt. Edward Harding Saunders** was the son of Llewellyn and Pina Buntin Saunders of Lake Village, Arkansas. Born at Luna, Arkansas, September 15, 1915, he was graduated from Lake Village High School in 1934, and completed his education at Arkansas A. & M. College at Monticello, Arkansas. Entering the Army Air Corps in February, 1941, he completed basic training at Hicks Field, Ft. Worth, Texas, and received special training at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Texas, and Barksdale Field, Shreveport, Louisiana where he received his commission in September, 1941. He was assigned to the Ferry Command and saw service at Pendleton, Oregon; Long Beach, California, and Romulus, Michigan. This gallant flier was killed when his plane crashed near Lima, Ohio, March 18, 1942, while Lieutenant Saunders was leading a flight of planes to New Orleans, Louisiana. He was laid to rest at Lake Village.

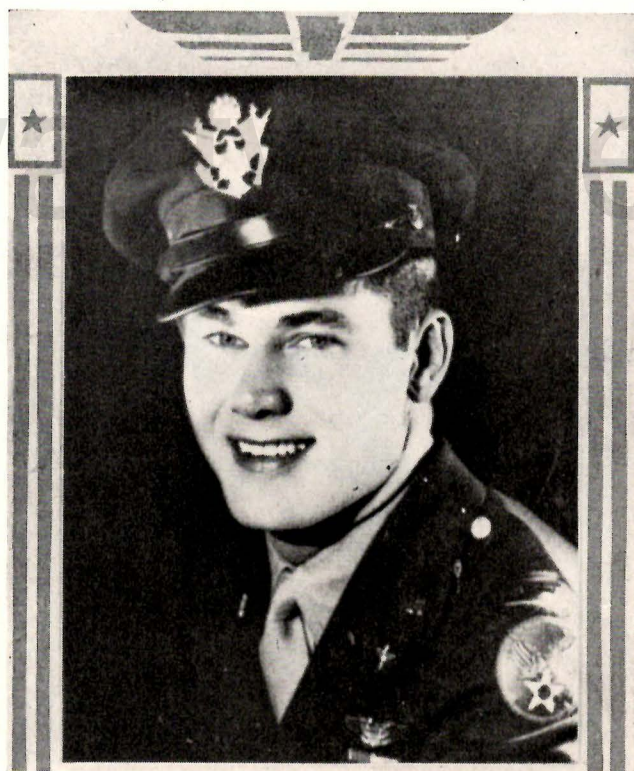
19.—**Pvt. Jearl D. Ross**, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Ross of Portland, Arkansas, was born June 26, 1921. He attended Fountain Hill Public Schools and was employed in a defense plant at Clinton, Tennessee, before entering the service. Private Ross was inducted into the Army July 5, 1944. No further information was furnished regarding the service record of Private Ross.

20.—**Seaman Hubert L. Ross**, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Ross of Portland, Arkansas, was born at Fountain Hill, Arkansas, July 6, 1925. He attended Portland Public Schools and was engaged in farming prior to entering the service. Seaman Ross entered the Navy May, 1944. No further details were furnished regarding the service record of Seaman Ross.



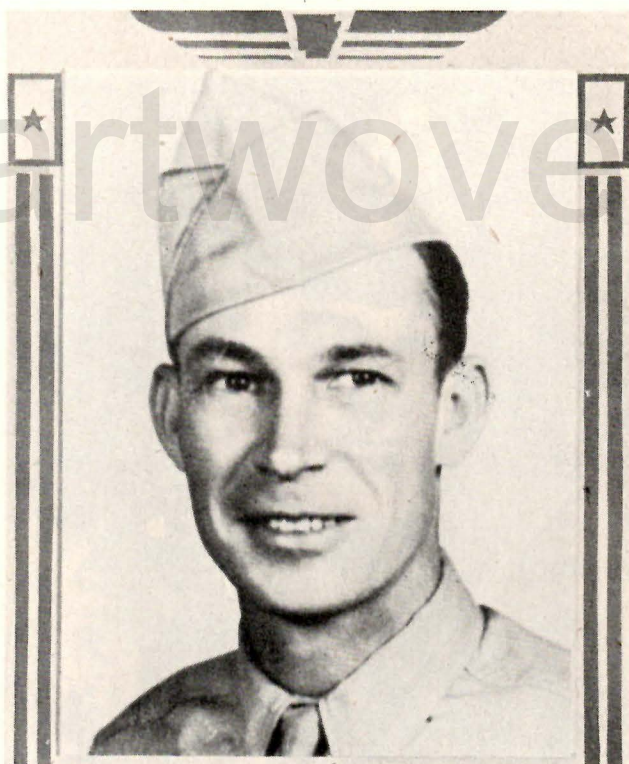
CARVEL C. CLAYTON

1st Lt. Carvel C. Clayton, son of the late Mae Duncan and Lee Arthur Clayton and brother of Howard L. Clayton of Arkansas City, was born January 1, 1916, in Tillar, Arkansas. He attended Arkansas City High School, Marion Institute at Marion, Alabama, and A. & M. College at Monticello, Arkansas. Entering the Army January 1941, he received Coast Artillery basic training at Ft. Rosecrans, California, and attended Tank Destroyer Officer Candidate School at Camp Hood, Texas, qualifying as company commander. Lieutenant Clayton served in the United States for three years with the 802nd T.D. Bn., and departed in April, 1944, for the European Theater of Operations. Overseas a year and a half, he participated in campaigns of Normandy, Central Europe, Northern France, Ardennes, and Rhineland, and spent four months with the Army of Occupation. He was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars, one Bronze Star, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged May 4, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to his home in Tillar, Arkansas.



DON R. JOYCE

1st Lt. Don Ray Joyce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond M. Joyce, was born March 5, 1922, at Wilmar, Arkansas. He graduated from Arkansas City High School in 1940. On September 4, 1940, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was sent to Chanute Field, Illinois, for basic training, and later attended Welding and Aerial Gunnery Schools. In April 1941, he left the United States on the first of three tours of duty which were destined to take him to widely separated parts of the world. Proceeding to the Hawaiian Islands, he was stationed at Hickam Field, Pearl Harbor, and was on duty there when the Japanese made their attack on that American outpost on December 7, 1941. He was wounded in this engagement and spent six weeks recuperating in an Army hospital before being returned to the United States in April 1942, for training as a pilot. On January 4, 1943, he graduated from the flying field at Roswell, New Mexico, and received his lieutenant's commission. Lieutenant Joyce again went overseas in April 1943, as a pilot in the 8th Air Force, being stationed in England. From this base he flew more than 25 successful missions over Germany and many parts of occupied Europe, being sent back to the United States in November, 1943. In November 1944, he went overseas a third time, this time being attached to the 20th Air Force stationed on Saipan, in the Marianas Islands, and from this base participated in many missions against the Japanese homeland until the end of the war. Holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Clusters, European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars, he returned to the United States in October 1945, and was retired to inactive status in the Organized Reserve Corps on February 2, 1946, with the rank of captain.



FRED M. MANEES

Pfc. Fred Morgan Manees, son of Zelph and Lula Turner Manees of 314 North Laurel Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas, was born at Monticello, Arkansas, April 27, 1915. After completing his education in the high schools of Little Rock and North Little Rock, he was employed by the Mayflower Dairy Company, North Little Rock, for 10 years prior to his entrance into the Army on March 1, 1944. Following basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, Private Manees was sent overseas on August 11, 1944, going to the European theater with a replacement unit. Arriving at his destination, he was attached to the 10th Armored Infantry Battalion, 4th Armored Division, and first saw combat service in the vicinity of Metz, a short distance from the southern border of Belgium. Advancing into Belgium, the 4th Armored Division was assigned in December, 1944, to relieve the Allied force trapped in the City of Bastogne. On December 28, while his platoon was being forced to retire from the town of Chaumont before a superior enemy force, Private Manees was instantly killed by small-arms fire while serving as an assistant leader of a machine gun squad. He was buried in a United States Military Cemetery in France. In tribute to this gallant young American who unhesitatingly made the supreme sacrifice for his country, his battalion commander described Private Manees as a fine soldier and an excellent noncommissioned officer. He was scheduled for promotion to the rank of corporal as soon as a vacancy occurred and was performing those duties unofficially at the time of his death. For heroism in action, a Presidential Citation and the Order of the Purple Heart were conferred on Private Manees, posthumously. He had previously been awarded several medals denoting proficiency in marksmanship. He is survived by his wife, Eunice Pauline Manees, and two daughters, Patricia Ann, and Ollie Pauline, who reside in North Little Rock, Arkansas.



CHARLES C. STEPHENS

1st/Sgt. Charles C. Stephens, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Donnelly of Riverside, New Jersey, was born at Monroe, Louisiana, November 26, 1915. He moved with his parents to Arkansas in 1920, and was educated in the McGehee Public Schools. Employed as a warehouse foreman, he entered the military service July 9, 1942, and was sent to Ft. Warren, Wyoming, for his Quartermaster basic training and later attended the Administration and Supply School at Camp Lee, Virginia. After two and one-half years in this country as a member of the 550th Quartermasters, he was sent to the European theater in December, 1944, and served his country faithfully in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. He was deployed directly to the Pacific and sailed from France to Okinawa, arriving there in September, 1945. With a total of 13 months of foreign duty, he is the holder of the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and World War II Victory Ribbon. Sergeant Stephens was honorably discharged July 16, 1946, at Camp Fannin, Texas, after serving with the Army of Occupation of Japan. His wife is Bessie C. Stephens.



Pfc. Josef Hoffman Crutchfield, son of Jessie Furman and Ethel Walker Crutchfield, was born May 10, 1915, at Denning, Arkansas. He received his education by attending McGehee High School and was employed as sheet metal worker until inducted into the Infantry on November 5, 1941. He received basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, qualifying for expert rifleman. After serving two and a half years in the United States, he was sent to the Asiatic-Pacific theater attached to Co. E, 105th Infantry. Participating in three major battles in the Marshall and Gilbert Islands, Private Crutchfield was killed in action July 9, 1944. He was the inventor of an automatic gunsight control and was awarded, among other decorations, three Battle Stars, the Purple Heart, and Presidential Citation, posthumously.



JOSEF H. CRUTCHFIELD



CLYDE WALKER, JR.

Capt. Clyde Walker, Jr., son of Clyde and Nelle Elizabeth Walker, was born May 23, 1921, at Campbell, Missouri, moving to Arkansas in 1923. He received his education by attending Grade School at El Dorado; High School at McGehee, and one a a half years at A. & M. College at Monticello. A member of the National Guard since October 2, 1939, he entered the Coast Artillery Corps January 4, 1941, receiving basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Lieutenant Walker qualified for anti-aircraft gun unit commander and as an expert in the use of the Springfield Model 1903 and M-1 rifles. Attached to the 206th Coast Arillery (A.A), he was sent to Dutch Harbor, Alaska, on August 11, 1941, and after serving one year in the Aleutian Islands returned to the United States. He departed January 9, 1943, for the South Pacific theater where he participated in the Society Islands, Efate, New Hebrides, Guadalcanal, Mono-Sterling, Treasury Islands, Finschaffen, New Guinea, and Northern Luzon campaigns, for which he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific and Philippine Liberation Ribbons. Lieutenant Walker, after serving three years and eight months overseas, received an honorable discharge March 20, 1946 (Inactive Reserve) at Camp Chaffee, returning to North Little Rock, where he lives with his wife, Dorothy. On October 17, 1946, he was appointed captain by order of the President.



T/Sgt. William B. Haley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Haley of Dermott, Arkansas. Born March 13, 1915, he attended Dermott High School and was employed by a lumber company before entering the military service April 1, 1942. Sergeant Haley was sent to Camp Barkeley, Texas, to serve his basic training and became weapons platoon sergeant with Company B, 357th Infantry, 90th Infantry Division. He served almost two years in this country and was sent to England in March, 1944. Overseas one year, he took part in the Normandy, Northern France and Rhineland campaigns. Severly wounded in action, he was awarded the Purple Heart and was returned to Brooke General Hospital at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, for treatment. Sergeant Haley also holds the Bronze Star Medal, the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Brooke General Hospital at Ft. Sam Houston on March 25, 1946. His wife is Mary Elizabeth Haley.



WILLIAM B. HALEY



EUGENE V. BRINKLEY

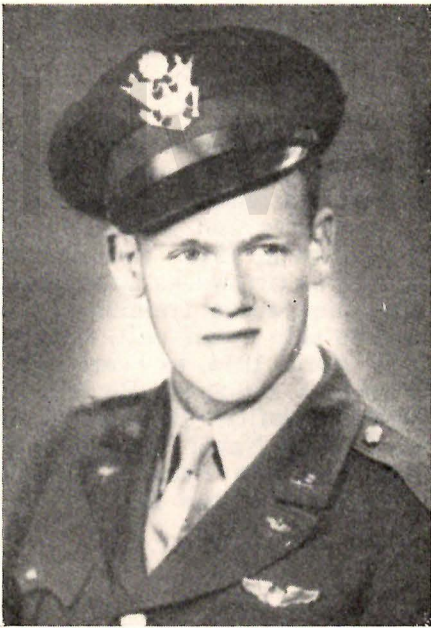
Shipfitter 3/c Eugene Victory Brinkley, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Spencer Brinkley of Rohwer, Arkansas, was born March 5, 1909, at Warren, Arkansas. After attending rural school in Cleveland County, he followed carpentry and general farming until he enlisted in the Navy Seabees in 1943. Entering with a rating of fireman, first class, he was two weeks later rated as a shipfitter, third class, and after nine weeks' training at Camp Peary, Virginia, was transferred to ship repair unit, remaining in that assignment until sent in April, 1944, to Pearl Harbor, where he worked as a carpenter in a shipyard. He holds the Sharpshooter Marksmanship Medal. Shipfitter Brinkley received a medical discharge at the United States Naval Hospital on May 12, 1945, Portsmouth, Virginia, and now lives at McGehee, Arkansas, with his wife, the former Florence Beatrice Snow, and their children.



Watertender 2/c Howard Jackson Vardaman, son of Mrs. Susie Armitie Vardaman, was born April 8, 1914, in Conway, Arkansas. He attended Augusta, Arkansas, High School, afterwards being employed as a railroad fireman. Entering the Navy November 3, 1943, he received boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia, and attended Water Purification and Distilled Water School and Watertenders' School. He served in the United States for nearly two years and was honorably discharged October 16, 1945, at Camp Peary, Virginia. He lives in McGehee, Arkansas, with his wife, Pearl Marie, and their children.



HOWARD J. VARDAMAN

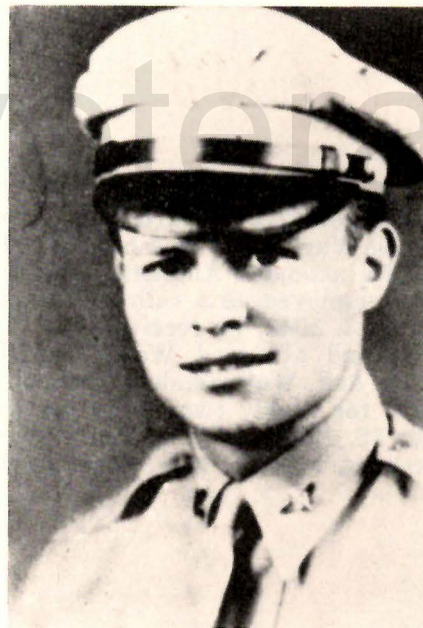


SAMUEL C. RIAL

Capt. Samuel Cotham Rial, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Yancy Rial, was born January 15, 1922, in McGehee, Arkansas. He attended Monticello, Arkansas A. & M. College. A member of the National Guard since July 12, 1940, he entered the Army Air Corps January 6, 1941, and received basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, qualifying as twin-engine night fighter pilot. Captain Rial served with the 206th C.A. (A.A.) and remained overseas for two years in Dutch Harbor, Alaska; Africa, and Southern France. He participated in campaigns of the Aleutian Islands, Rome-Arno, Central Europe, Southern France, Po Valley, Northern Apennines, Naples-Foggia, and Rhineland, spending three and a half months with the Army of Occupation, and was awarded the Air Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Star, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with seven Bronze Stars, American Theater Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged April 10, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, he returned to his home in McGehee, where he lives with his wife, Sue, and their son.



Capt. Zeb Vance Freeman, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb V. Freeman, Sr., was born at Dermott, Arkansas, on October 2, 1919. He completed his education by attending A. and M. College, Monticello, and Draughon's School of Business, Little Rock. He was engaged in the wholesale grocery business prior to entering the Army Air Corps on March 23, 1942. Following basic training at the Southeast Air Corps Training Center, Maxwell Field, Alabama, and attendance at Flight Training Schools in the Southeast Training Area, he was commissioned as a pilot on March 25, 1943. On June 25, 1943, he was sent to the Asiatic-Pacific theater, where he served for 18 months in the North Burma campaign as base operations officer. Captain Freeman was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Battle Stars, and the American Theater Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, November 3, 1945, and returned to McGehee, where he and his wife, Lois, make their home.



ZEB V. FREEMAN, JR.



FRANK J. SAIN

Sgt. Frank Joseph Sain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie A. Sain of McGehee, Arkansas, was born at Watson, Arkansas, on October 7, 1921. He attended McGehee High School and the University of Arkansas. Enlisting in the Marine Corps Reserve in August, 1942, he was called to active duty on July 1, 1943. He completed boot training at Parris Island, South Carolina, and then attended schools in the V-12 program at Monticello A. & M. College, and Quantico, Virginia. Sergeant Sain served in the 4th Platoon Commander's Class and was sent to Okinawa in July, 1945. He is now serving in the Pacific theater. His wife, the former Kathryn Virginia Maier, makes her home at McGehee, Arkansas.



Cpl. W. H. Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Howard, was born April 1, 1923, in Boydell, Arkansas. He attended McGehee High School and the University of Cincinnati, afterwards being employed as postal carrier and by the Goodyear Tire Store. Entering the Infantry October 27, 1942, he received basic training at Hondo, Texas, and attended Army Specialized Training Program schools, qualifying as machine gunner, carbine marksman, and light machine gun expert. Attached to the 14th A.D., 25th Tank Battalion, Corporal Howard departed October 14, 1944, for the European Theater of Operations and remained overseas for more than a year, participating in the campaigns of Central Europe and Rhineland. He spent eight months with the Army of Occupation and was awarded two Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in France, January 1945. After being honorably discharged January 10, 1946, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to McGehee, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Mable.



W. H. HOWARD



MILTON M. HEMINGWAY

Signalman 3/c Milton McNeely Hemingway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Farewell Hemingway of McGehee, Arkansas, was born at Arkansas City, Arkansas, on November 16, 1924. He attended McGehee High School, graduating in May, 1943. He entered the Navy on July 10, 1943, and was sent to San Diego, California, for his boot training. In October, 1943, he was sent to the Southwest Pacific theater and spent a total of more than 28 months overseas. Signalman Hemingway saw action in the Gilbert and Marshall Islands, the New Guinea campaign, the Marianas Islands, Morotai, Leyte, Okinawa and Borneo, and also in the 2nd naval battle of the Leyte Gulf. Wounded once, he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon. He was returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at the Naval Personnel Separation Center, Memphis, Tennessee, February 21, 1946.



Seaman 1/c Thomas F. Hemingway, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Hemingway, Sr., was born at Arkansas City, Arkansas, September 12, 1941. He received his education by attending Arkansas City Public Schools and McGehee High School. Prior to entering the Coast Guard on October 29, 1942, he was employed in a clerical capacity. He received boot training at Coast Guard Training Station, St. Augustine, Florida, and served a total of 35 months before being honorably discharged at Coast Guard Personnel Separation Center No. 8, New Orleans, on October 11, 1945. He lives in McGehee, Arkansas, with his wife, Margaret Lee.



THOMAS F. HEMINGWAY, JR.



PENICK R. REITZAMMER

1st Lt. Penick Richard Reitzammer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Reitzammer, Sr., was born December 29, 1919, at Arkansas City, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Arkansas State Teachers' College and University of Tennessee. Entering the Army Air Corps April 6, 1943, he received basic training at Keesler Field, Mississippi, later attending Ellington Field Pre-flight and Advanced Navigation School, Ellington Field, Texas, and qualifying for navigator. After training 14 months, he departed from the United States June 30, 1944, for the European Theater of Operations, where he served in Northern France, Holland, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Germany. Lieutenant Reitzammer qualified for navigator May 20, 1944, and was awarded five Battle Stars and Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. He accumulated 600 combat and administrative flying hours as navigator on A-C 47 cargo plane while on the continent. Returning to the United States July 18, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, October 10, 1946. He lives in McGehee, Arkansas, with his wife, Burwell Jean.



S/Sgt. Ross R. Corder, son of Mrs. Ida L. Corder, was born June 4, 1913, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He attended McGehee High School, afterwards being engaged in the retail and wholesale oil business. Entering the Army Air Force June 11, 1942, he received basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and attendedtended Lincoln Air Base Mechanics' School and Lockheed Vega Airplane and Aero. Prop. School, qualifying as airplane and engine mechanic, engine specialist, and expert rifleman. Sergeant Corder graduated 11th highest in 1,500 students with score of 93 out of a possible 95. After serving for a year in the United States with the 77th Ftr. Sqdn., 20th Ftr. Group, he departed August 20, 1943, for the European Theater of Operations. Overseas for two years, he participated in the air offensive over Europe and the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe and was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with six Bronze Stars and Presidential Citation with Cluster. After being honorably discharged September 8, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to McGehee, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Martha.



ROSS R. CORDER



ROBERT J. FRASER

Pfc. Robert J. Fraser, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fraser, was born July 1, 1923, in Judsonia, Arkansas. He attended McGehee Public Schools, Gulf Coast Military Academy, and the University of Arkansas, afterwards being employed by the Dairyland Ice Cream Company. Entering the Army Air Corps November 1942, he received basic training at Walnut Ridge Army Air Base, Arkansas, and attended service school at Gulfport, Mississippi. Private Fraser served in the United States for more than three years with the Air Corps Band and Fleet Service. He was honorably discharged February 27, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, and returned to his home in McGehee, Arkansas.



Chief Pharmacist's Mate Oscar F. Townsend, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Townsend, was born August 26, 1916, in McGehee, Arkansas. He attended Tillar High School, Tillar, Arkansas, and McGehee High School, afterwards being employed by Hillcrest Drug Company at Little Rock, and Beek Drug Company at McGehee. Entering the Navy September 17, 1941, he received boot training at Norfolk, Virginia, and attended Neuro-psychiatry School in Washington, D. C., and Field Medical School, New River, North Carolina. Mate Townsend served for 16 months in the United States and 32 months overseas, participating in convoy duty and anti-submarine warfare in the North and South Atlantic, invasion of Okinawa, initial occupation of Japan, and initial occupation of Northern China (Tsing Tao, Shantung Prov.), spending three weeks in Japan and three months in China. He was attached to the 6th Marine Division. After being honorably discharged December 14, 1945, at Terminal Island, San Pedro, California, he reenlisted March 7, 1946, and is now stationed at Naval Hospital, Long Beach, California. His parents live in Rison, Arkansas, and he has one daughter.



OSCAR F. TOWNSEND



JOHN M. PRIDDY

Yeoman 1/c John Marcus Priddy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eugene Priddy, Sr., was born at Charleston, Mississippi, February 8, 1923, and moved to Arkansas with his family in 1924. He received his education in the Arkansas City High School, and later completed a commercial course at Draughon's School of Business, Little Rock. He enlisted in the Navy on December 11, 1941, four days after the attack of Pearl Harbor, and was sent to Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Virginia, for basic training. He was assigned to clerical duties at the Recruiting Station in Little Rock, Arkansas. On September 13, 1944, Yeoman Priddy departed for Milne Bay, New Guinea and, during the 12 months he was overseas, saw action in the Lingayen Gulf, Philippine Island, Luzon, Subic Bay, Bataan, Parang, and Balikpapan campaigns. He received the Good Conduct Medal and was honorably discharged from the Naval Personnel Separation Center, Memphis, Tennessee, on October 4, 1945. He returned to Arkansas City, where he and his wife, Lizzie Kate, make their home.



Sonarman 3/c Walter Lee Priddy, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Priddy of Memphis, Tennessee, was born November 28, 1924, in Arkansas City, Arkansas. He attended Arkansas City High School, afterwards being employed as salesman at the C. A. Linaker Company of McGehee. Entering the Navy May 15, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended West Coast Sound School and Fleet Sonar School at Key West, Florida, specializing in locating underwater objects and submarines. Sonarman Priddy served aboard the U.S.S. Chatelain and the U.S.S. Glennon and departed in September 1943, for duty in the Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, and Caribbean Sea. Overseas for nearly two years, he operated with a task group against submarines and was awarded three Battle Stars and Presidential Unit Citation. After being honorably discharged February 18, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to McGehee, Arkansas.



WALTER L. PRIDDY



ALBERT E. PRIDDY, JR.

Chief Motor Machinist's Mate Albert Eugene Priddy, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Priddy, Sr., of Memphis, Tennessee, was born May 11, 1920, in Charleston, Mississippi, moving to Arkansas in 1942. He attended Arkansas City High School and Hemphill-Diesel School, afterwards being engaged as a Diesel mechanic. Entering the Navy February 19, 1942, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and served in the United States for two years before departing February 22, 1944, for the South Pacific Theater of Operations. He remained overseas for a year and eight months. After being honorably discharged January 13, 1946, at Millington, Tennessee, he returned to Dumas, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Carr Lemoine.



MERCER E. BAYLISS

S/Sgt. Mercer E. Bayliss, son of Mrs. Florence Bayliss, was born at Warren, Arkansas, February 21, 1919. He was educated in McGehee Public Schools, after which he was employed as brakeman by the Missouri Pacific Railway. He entered the Engineering Corps, May 7, 1942, receiving basic training at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, and specializing as construction foreman. Attached to the 408th Engineers, he departed from the United States August 6, 1942, for England. He participated in the Tunisian, Sicilian, Algerian French Morocco, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Rhineland, North Apennines and Central Europe campaigns and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and eight Bronze Stars. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, September 10, 1945.



T/Sgt. James E. Bayliss, son of Mrs. Florence E. Bayliss, was born at McGehee, Arkansas, on June 11, 1916. After graduating from McGehee High School he attended A. & M. College at Monticello for one year. He entered military service on August 11, 1941, and after basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, was attached to the Port Service Command and Staff Judge Advocate's Office as a stenographer. Following two years of service in this country he was sent overseas in July, 1943, where he served for 15 months. Holder of the American Theater Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon, and the Good Conduct Medal, he was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, on November 17, 1945.



JAMES E. BAYLISS



GARLAND E. BAYLISS

Ens. Garland Erastus Bayliss, son of Mrs. Florence E. Bayliss, was born August 27, 1924, in Warren, Arkansas. He attended McGehee Public Schools and Arkansas A. & M. College at Monticello. Entering the Navy November 3, 1942, he attended Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School at Columbia University, New York City, and spent two years in the United States, including service at New York Naval Shipyard. Departing November 19, 1944, Ensign Bayliss remained overseas for a year and three months. He was released from active duty August 1, 1946. His home is in McGehee, Arkansas.



JACK B. SEAMANS

T/4 Jack B. Seamans, son of Mrs. Zura Mae Seamans and the late P. S. Seamans, was born April 2, 1913, in McGehee, Arkansas. He attended McGehee High School, afterwards being employed by the U. S. Engineers. Entering the Corps of Engineers October 19, 1943, he received basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, and attended Heavy Equipment School, qualifying as heavy equipment mechanic. After serving for a year in the United States with the 1485th Engineer Maintenance Company, he departed December 16, 1944, for the Philippines and remained overseas for a year and a month. He participated in campaigns of Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines and Japan, spending three months with the Army of Occupation, and was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Service Stars, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star. After being honorably discharged January 24, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, he returned to McGehee, where he lives with his wife, Betty Jean, and their child.

Cpl. Glen Guy Seamans, son of Mrs. Zura Mae Seamans and the late P. S. Seamans, was born September 27, 1917, in McGehee, Arkansas. He attended McGehee High School and Arkansas A. & M. College in Monticello, Arkansas. Entering the Quartermaster Corps April 15, 1941, he received basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Corporal Seamans was killed at Ft. Leonard Wood while in training on July 5, 1941. He is survived by his family.



GLEN G. SEAMANS



BILLIE J. SEAMANS

T/Sgt. Billie Joshua Seamans, son of Mrs. Zura Mae Seamans and the late P. S. Seamans, was born May 22, 1921, in McGehee, Arkansas. He attended McGehee High School and Arkansas A. & M. College at Monticello. Entering the Air Corps August 22, 1942, he received basic training at St. Petersburg, Florida, and attended Aerial Gunnery and Photography Schools, qualifying in aerial photography. Sergeant Seamans departed March 16, 1943, for North Africa and remained overseas for 13 months, participating in campaigns of Africa, Italy, Sicily, Balkans, Germany, and France. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, European Theater of Operations Ribbon, four Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon, Presidential Citation with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Air Medal with 10 Oak Leaf Clusters. After being honorably discharged August 29, 1944, at St. Petersburg, Florida, he returned to McGehee, where he lives with his wife, Dorothy Louise.

Cpl. Harry Earnest Seamans, son of Mrs. Zura May Seamans and the late P. S. Seamans, was born September 26, 1926, in McGehee, Arkansas. He attended McGehee High School. Entering the Air Corps March 20, 1945, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Keesler Field, Mississippi, and attended Mechanic School. Corporal Seamans served for eight months in the United States and departed in November, 1945, for the Philippine Islands. He was still in service with the occupational forces, according to last report received. His home is in McGehee.



HARRY E. SEAMANS



CATHERINE M. GASTON

Pfc. Catherine Maxine Gaston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sidell of McGehee, Arkansas, was born at Des Arc, Arkansas, April 9, 1914. She attended McGehee High School and was a beauty operator until entering the Women's Army Corps on May 11, 1943. She served basic training at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia, and specialized in message center work. Holder of the Good Conduct Medal, she has served 19 months of military service. She was honorably discharged at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, on December 10, 1945. She is the widow of the late Pfc. James DeWitt Gaston.

Chief Machinist's Mate Eugene Terrall Clark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Venard Terrall Clark of Portland, Arkansas, where he was born March 18, 1916. He was educated at Portland High School and was a lineman and service man with the Arkansas Power and Light Company until entering the Navy February 9, 1942. He became a machinist and was sent to the South Pacific Theater of Operations. He saw action in many battles in the Pacific, including Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Guadalcanal, Ellice Islands, Savo Island, New Georgia, Vella Lavella, Bougainville and New Britain. He also took part in the fighting off of many enemy air attacks and in the first landing of occupation forces in Yokahama, and Kure, Japan. Chief Clark served aboard the U.S.S. Farenholt and the U.S.S. Talladega. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with nine Stars, American Theater Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, he was honorably discharged on February 9, 1946, and has reenlisted in the regular Navy. His wife is Frances Ellen Clark.



EUGENE T. CLARK



BENJAMIN R. GASTON, JR.

2nd Lt. Benjamin Ryals Gaston, Jr. was the son of Benjamin Gaston and Lola Lang Gaston of McGehee, Arkansas, where he was born February 6, 1922. He attended McGehee High School and Arkansas A. & M. College at Monticello and was employed by the U. S. Engineers. Entering the Marine Air Corps August 13, 1942, he received his flight training at New Orleans, Louisiana; Corpus Christi, Texas, and the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, Florida. He was commissioned as a pilot and served nine months in the Marine Corps. This young officer was killed while observing low flight landing operations of a plane which went out of control. He died at Lee Field, Florida, on May 21, 1943. His mother and father lost two gallant sons, who gave their lives in the service of their country.

Pfc. James DeWitt Gaston was the son of Benjamin Ryals and Lola Lang Gaston of McGehee, Arkansas, where he was born on January 1, 1916. He was educated at McGehee High School and was employed by the United States Engineers until entering the Army Air Corps on August 1, 1942. He served his basic training period at St. Petersburg, Florida, and then attended Radio School at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Radar School at Boca Raton, Florida. He became a radio operator and mechanic and was sent to India in July, 1943. This gallant soldier was killed in a plane crash at Jorhat, India, on December 25, 1943. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Citation of Honor for his faithful service. He is survived by his widow, Catherine Maxine Gaston.



JAMES D. GASTON



MARVIN F. SHOOK

Sgt. Marvin F. Shook, son of William G. and Ellen Evelyn Shook, was born at Ellisville, Arkansas, January 27, 1913. Receiving his education in the Kelso Public Schools, he was engaged in farming and logging business until enlisting in the Army February 19, 1942. Receiving basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, he qualified as combat infantryman and assistant squadron leader. Attached to Company E, 19th Infantry, 24th Division, he was sent to the South Pacific on May 22, 1942, serving in this area for over three years. He participated in the campaigns of New Guinea and Southern Philippines and was wounded in action on October 20, 1944. Sergeant Shook was awarded the Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Service Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, June 16, 1945.

Pvt. William G. Shook, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Shook, Sr., was born at Kelso, Arkansas, July 10, 1923. He attended the Watson and Kelso, Arkansas, Public Schools and was engaged in farming until entering the Engineer Aviation branch of the Army in February 1943. He received basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and later, specializing as a construction engineer, was assigned to H. & S. Company, 1906th Engineer Aviation Battalion. Private Shook was sent to the South Pacific in January 1944. He served nine months on Dutch New Guinea and was killed in action on October 9, 1944. He is survived by his parents, who live in Rohwer, Arkansas.



WILLIAM G. SHOOK, JR.



LAWRENCE R. SHOOK

Pvt. Lawrence R. Shook, son of William G. and Ellen Evelyn Shook, was born at Kelso, Arkansas, July 22, 1925. He attended the Watson and Kelso Public Schools and was engaged in farming until entering the Army in October 1943. He received basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas, and qualified as rifle and carbine marksman. Attached to Company E, 19th Infantry, 24th Division, he was sent to the South Pacific area, where after five months of service he was killed in action on Leyte Island, October 22, 1944. He is survived by his parents, who live in Rohwer, Arkansas.

Pvt. John P. Hughart, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hughart, was born at Saverton, Missouri, on August 22, 1908, moving to Arkansas in 1940. He received his education at Eugene Field and Hannibal, Missouri, High Schools and entered the Army Signal Corps on July 2, 1942. He received basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri, and Ohio Bell Telephone School, specializing as a trouble-shooter and lineman. Private Hughart served in the Rome-Arno, Foggia, Apennines and Po Valley campaigns and was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars, as well as Medal for Marksmanship. He was honorably discharged at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, on September 13, 1945, and returned to Rohwer, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Dorothy Cleo.



JOHN P. HUGHART



GEORGE L. KVATERNIK

Baker 3/c George Leo Kvaternik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kvaternik of McGehee, Arkansas, was born at Warren, Arkansas, March 27, 1921. He was educated at McGehee High School and was a cafe manager until entering the Navy on March 11, 1944. Upon the completion of his boot training at San Diego, California, he attended the Cooks' and Bakers' School and served eight months in this country before he was sent to the Southwest Pacific area in November 1944. Overseas more than 17 months, he served on Guadalcanal, New Caledonia, the Philippines and in Japan, and saw action at Iwo Jima, Okinawa and on Luzon in the Philippines. Baker Kvaternik was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Stars, the Victory Ribbon, and the American Theater Ribbon. He was returned to the United States in January, 1946, and was honorably discharged at the Naval Separation Center at Memphis, Tennessee. He and his wife, Odessel, are the parents of one child.

Cpl. L. D. Butler, son of Mrs. Lura Bowles of McGehee, Arkansas, was born at Blytheville, Arkansas, October 9, 1924. He was educated at McGehee High School and was employed by the United States Engineers until entering the military service on February 16, 1943. Corporal Butler served his basic Air Corps training at Miami Beach, Florida, and then was sent to the Anderson Organization School at Los Angeles, California. He became a mechanic and served six months in this country with the Air Corps. In October, 1943, he was sent to the European Theater of Operations. A veteran of almost two and one-half years of overseas service and three years of military service, he has seen service with the Infantry and the Engineers as well as the Air Corps. Holder of the European Theater Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal, he was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, March 8, 1946. His wife is Gloria Butler.



L. D. BUTLER



LEALON W. STANFORD

T/4 Lealon Wesley Stanford, son of John Wesley and Mattie Viola Stanford, was born in Monroe County, Mississippi, January 8, 1910. An automotive mechanic prior to his entrance into military service on June 11, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Rucker, Alabama, and was assigned to duty as an automotive mechanic with the 81st Quartermaster Company. After two years of service with his unit in Continental United States, he sailed on July 9, 1944, for the South Pacific war zone, and during the 18 months he served in the Pacific, participated in the Southern Philippines campaigns. He counts among his awards, the Driver's and the Mechanic's Awards, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Battle Star, and the Victory Ribbon. Sergeant Stanford was honorably discharged from the service at Ft. MacArthur, California, November 28, 1945. He is the husband of Leatha Orell Stanford.

T/4 Lewis J. Butler is the son of Mrs. J. W. Owen of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where he was born June 17, 1909. After graduating from Pine Bluff High School, he became division storekeeper for the Arkansas Power and Light Co., a post which he held continuously until entering the Army on April 3, 1944. Sergeant Butler received his Signal Corps basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri, and served six months in this country before he was sent to the Southwest Pacific theater with his unit, the 4025th Signal Service Group. Overseas 15 months, he took part in the fighting in New Guinea and on Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on January 20, 1946. He and his wife, Hazel, are the parents of a daughter, Lorraine.



LEWIS J. BUTLER



CHARLES C. PRICE

T/4 Charles C. Price, son of Mrs. Ruth K. Price, was born at Dumas, Arkansas, April 6, 1917. He received his education by attending Little Rock Senior High School and A. & M. College, Monticello, and was afterwards employed as manager for R. A. Adcock Wholesale Grocer. Entering the Army Signal Corps December 28, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Kohler, California, qualifying for cryptographic technician. After serving in the United States 10 months, he was sent to New Guinea November 11, 1944. He served on New Guinea and Southern Philippine Islands. Returning to the United States January 17, 1946, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, January 24, 1946. He and his wife, Eva, live in McGehee with their child.

T/5 Willie B. Keahey, son of Mrs. A. W. Keahey and the late Mr. Keahey, was born November 27, 1909, at Wilmar, Arkansas. He attended the McGehee High School, after which he was employed as a locomotive fireman for the Missouri Pacific Railroad until entering the Army on January 18, 1943. Receiving basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, he was assigned to the 713th Railway Operating Battalion, Company C, and departed for North Africa on June 6, 1943. He served in the Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central European campaigns, for which he was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with five Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, five Overseas Bars, and the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, December 2, 1945, and returned to McGehee, where he lives with his wife, Maudie Lee.



WILLIE B. KEAHEY



WYLIE R. AVERY

Sgt. Wiley Ray Avery, son of William R. and Mazie E. Avery, was born at McGehee, Arkansas, November 15, 1919. He received his education by attending McGehee High School and Whitehaven Aeronautical School in Tennessee, afterwards being employed by the Farm Security Administration. Entering the Army Air Corps February 7, 1942, he received basic training at Brookley Field, Alabama, and later attended National School of Aeronautics, Kansas City, where he qualified for machinist. After serving 18 months in the United States, he departed for England, May 10, 1943, attached to 29th Repair Squadron, A. D. G. After more than two years' service overseas, Sergeant Avery returned to the United States June 24, 1945, and was honorably discharged at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, November 6, 1945. He lives in McGehee.

Pharmacist's Mate 3/c Harry Elbert Lambert, son of Mrs. Nettie Lambert, was born June 28, 1925, at Walnut Lake, Arkansas. He attended high schools at McGehee, Arkansas, and Poplar Bluff, Missouri, prior to entering the Navy August 27, 1943. After receiving boot training at Farragut, Idaho, he attended Hospital Corps School at Farragut and departed from the United States December 14, 1944, for the Northern Pacific attached to the Hospital Corps. Mate Lambert participated in support of the Okinawa invasion, carrier-based strikes on Okinawa and Japan, and bombardment of Okinawa, Japan, and surrounding islands. He was awarded American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon, and after three months' service with the Naval Occupation Forces was honorably discharged February 1, 1946, at St. Louis, Missouri.



HARRY E. LAMBERT



FRANK H. ROSS

Sgt. Frank H. Ross, son of the late Mrs. Ruth Ross, was born at Monticello, Arkansas, February 20, 1913. He received his education by attending Monticello High School and Monticello Business College. Entering the Medical Corps August 17, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, and by attending Brooke General Hospital Service School qualified for medical technician. Attached to Co. B, 328th Med. Bn., 103rd Inf. Division, he departed from the United States October, 1944, for the European theater and saw service in the Rhineland, Southern Germany campaigns, Battle of the Vosges Mountains and Colmar, Austria, and Brenner Pass campaigns. He was awarded the Combat Medical Badge, Bronze Star, and Good Conduct Medal. Sergeant Ross received an honorable discharge at Jefferson Barracks January 19, 1946, returning to McGehee, where he lives with his wife, Mabel Aline.

T/5 Blanche Wesley Pinckard, son of Mrs. Susie Wynn of McGehee, Arkansas, was born at Churant, Louisiana, on October 13, 1913. He attended the Lake Village Public Schools and engaged in farming until entering the Army January 16, 1943. He received basic training at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, in the Quartermaster Corps as a heavy-truck driver. After completing his training in the United States, Corporal Pinckard was sent to the European Theater of Operations September 20, 1943, where he participated in the campaigns of Northern France, Normandy, Central Europe, Rhineland, and the Ardennes, receiving the European Theater of Operations Ribbon with five Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, October 18, 1945, and lives at Halley, Arkansas, with his wife, Edna Jane, and their child.



BLANCHE W. PINCKARD



FRANK C. JOHNSON

Boatswain's Mate 1/c Frank C. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Radford Johnson, was born at Hamburg, Arkansas, August 24, 1917. After completing his education at Chicot and Hamburg High Schools and A. and M. College, Monticello, Arkansas, he enlisted in the Navy July 16, 1941, and received boot training at San Diego, California. Assigned to the U.S.S. Flusser, a medium destroyer, in September 1941, he spent three years in convoy, patrol, and combat duty through the South Pacific, seeing action at Gaudalcanal, Coral Sea, New Guinea, New Britain, Saipan, and Admiralty Islands. In August, 1944, he was transferred to the U.S.S. Wyandot and as a member of its crew made landings on Leyte, Guam, and Okinawa. During the latter engagement his ship was struck by three bombs and returned to the United States for repair. He was awarded Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Victory, Pre-Pearl Harbor, American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbons with nine Battle Stars, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon. Following honorable discharge September 2, 1945, he reenlisted. His wife, Nila Dale, and children, live at Halley, Arkansas.

T/5 Joseph Fuller Pryor, son of Andrew F. and Abbye Pryor, was born December 1, 1916, at San Jon, New Mexico, and moved to Arkansas in 1927. He received his education in the public schools of Bellview, New Mexico, and DeQueen, Arkansas, and was engaged in farming prior to his entrance into the Army on May 16, 1944. Following basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, he was sent to the Tank School, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, for specialized training as a mechanic, and was later assigned to the 560th Field Artillery Battalion. During his 20 months of service he was awarded the Expert Rifleman's (carbine) Medal and the Mechanics' and Drivers' Medal. On November 30, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, and returned to Halley, where he lives with his wife, Dewella, and their children.



JOSEPH F. PRYOR



WILLIAM F. RICE, JR.

Shipfitter 1/c William Franklin Rice is the son of William Franklin and Jasie Rice of Watson, Arkansas, where he was born November 28, 1922. He graduated from Watson High School in 1940 and entered the Navy on August 31, 1942. After completing boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois, he was sent to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in November, 1942. He spent 18 months in Hawaii and also saw service on Palmyria Island and at Kaneohe Bay. Overseas a total of more than 33 months, he was returned to this country in August, 1945, and saw service with the 5th Naval District Shore Patrol Detachment. Shipfitter Rice was honorably discharged at Camp Shelby, Virginia, December 4, 1945.

Carpenter's Mate Ben R. Rayder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben W. Rayder, of Watson, Arkansas, was born May 7, 1910. He attended Watson Public Schools and was later employed in the Pine Bluff Arsenal, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He entered the Seabees October 25, 1942. He and his wife, Ottie Lee, have a daughter. No further details regarding the service record of Mate Rayder were furnished.



BEN R. RAYDER



W. C. LLOYD

Pfc. W. C. Lloyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Lloyd, was born November 14, 1913, in Elpine, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Watson High School, afterwards being engaged in construction work. Entering the Marine Corps March 28, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, qualifying as welder with the 3rd Engineers, 3rd Marine Division. Departing January 14, 1945, for Guam, Private Lloyd served overseas for one year. After being honorably discharged February 1, 1946, at San Diego, he returned to his home in Watson, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Pauline, and their children.

Cpl. Charles Arland Preddy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Preddy of Watson, Arkansas, where he was born October 4, 1924. He attended the Watson High School and completed his education at Gulf Coast Military Academy. Entering the military service March 12, 1943, he was sent to Camp Crowder, Missouri, for his basic training and became a light truck driver for Signal Corps units. Corporal Preddy served almost three years, serving with Headquarters, 2nd Signal Service Battalion. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon and American Theater Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, March 3, 1946. He and his wife, the former Ila Marie Nicholson, are the parents of one child.



CHARLES A. PREDDY



JAMES D. MOORE

Lt. (j.g.) James Daniel Moore, son of Mrs. I. V. Kendrick, was born December 3, 1916, in Adona, Arkansas. He graduated from Dumas High School. Entering the Navy November 13, 1936, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended General Motors Diesel School, qualifying as engineer. Lieutenant Moore was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, on the U.S.S. Maryland. He also served on the U.S.S. Laffey until it was sunk December 20, 1942; on the Wadsworth; and on L.C.I. 763. He participated in campaigns at Pearl Harbor, Midway, Guadalcanal, Cape Esperance, Savo Island, Bougainville, Green Island, and Okinawa. He was wounded in action and was awarded the American Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, and Victory Ribbon. He is remaining in service. His wife, Pauline, and their son live in Watson, Arkansas.

Seaman 2/c Robert C. Gaddy, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lee Gaddy of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, was born December 5, 1918, at Wilmar, Arkansas, and received his education at Watson, Arkansas, and Wilmar High Schools. He entered the Armed Services November 8, 1944, and after boot training at San Diego and Port Hueneme, California, was assigned to active duty with the Seabees, seeing service with both the 146th and 15th Naval Construction Battalions. After more than 11 months in the service, he was honorably discharged at Memphis October 10, 1945, and again makes his home in McGehee, Arkansas, with his wife, Inez, and their children.



ROBERT C. GADDY



OLEN C. SINGLETON

Pfc. Olen C. Singleton, son of Elbert and Emma Singleton of Dumas, Arkansas, was born March 25, 1913, at Oden, Arkansas. He attended the Oden Public School and later engaged in farming prior to his entrance into the Army on November 9, 1942. Following basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri, Private Singleton was assigned to the 342nd Ordnance Depot Co. and, after 11 months' service in the United States, was sent to the European theater October 7, 1943. During the two years he served overseas, he saw action in the Normandy, Rhineland, Northern France, and Central European campaigns. He was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with one Silver Star, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged November 9, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, and lives in Watson, Arkansas, with his wife, Dora.

Motor Machinist's Mate 2/c Eldred Hilton Lee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Lee of Magazine, Arkansas, where he was born August 16, 1900. He attended Magazine High School and was a farmer and auto mechanic until entering service with the Navy Seabees on November 23, 1942. He remained on inactive duty until April 19, 1943, and was then sent to Camp Perry, Virginia, for his boot training period. In October, 1943, he was sent to the Gilbert Islands in the South Pacific theater and served with Naval Construction Battalions for 15 months. He was returned to the United States and was honorably discharged April 3, 1945, at Oakland, California. He and his wife, Theora, have one daughter.



ELDRED H. LEE



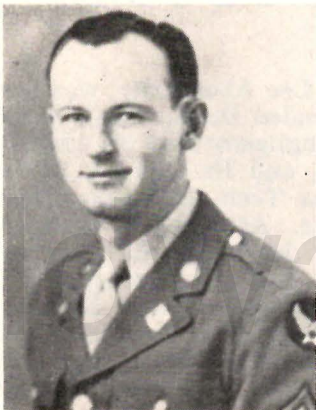
DEWIE E. MINCHEW

Pfc. Dewie Elbert Minchew, son of Elmer and Freddie Sarah Minchew, was born at Wilmar, Arkansas. He attended school at MacArthur, Arkansas, and was subsequently employed by the Missouri Pacific bus station as mechanic. Entering the Army (Infantry) on June 11, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Rucker, Alabama, and was assigned to the 81st Division, remaining in the United States for more than two years before sailing July 1, 1944, for Hawaii. During his stay of 17 months in the Pacific area, he participated in two major battles, and was wounded in action. Private Minchew was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, and the Order of the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, December 9, 1945. He and his wife, Alpha Lue, are the parents of one child.

Capt. Joseph Frank McWilliams, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McWilliams, Sr., was born February 27, 1916, in Texarkana, Texas, moving to Arkansas, in 1921. He attended El Dorado High School, El Dorado Junior College, Louisiana State University, and University of Arkansas, afterwards being engaged as paymaster for the Arkansas Power & Light Co. Entering the Ordnance Department August 24, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Perry, Ohio, and attended Ordnance School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, qualifying as ordnance shop officer. After serving in the United States with the 264th Ordnance M.M. Co., Captain McWilliams departed November 3, 1944, for Southern France. Overseas for eight months, he participated in campaigns of the Rhineland and Central Europe. He was honorably discharged March 15, 1946, at Ft. Meade, Maryland, and returned to Dumas, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Mary Cornelia, and their child.



JOSEPH F. McWILLIAMS, JR.



HESTER L. FRANKS

1st Lt. Hester Lee Franks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Franks of Dumas, Arkansas, was born July 1, 1910, at French Camp, Mississippi. He received his education at Dumas High School, College of Ozarks, Clarksville, Arkansas, and the University of Alabama, Tusculosa, Alabama. He was athletic coach at Piggott, Arkansas, High School, prior to entering the Army Air Corps May 12, 1942. Following basic training at Keesler Field, Mississippi, he later attended the Army Air Forces Physical Training School and the Army Air Forces Officer Candidate School at Miami Beach, Florida, and Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Virginia. Thus thoroughly qualified as a physical training officer, he served in that capacity. He was honorably discharged January 28, 1946, at San Antonio, Texas. His wife is Winnie Wells Franks.

2nd Lt. Jackson C. Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Elliott, was born at Leola, Arkansas, September 28, 1921. He received his education by graduating from the Leola Grammar School and Gould High School. He entered the Infantry October 28, 1940, and received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, qualifying as Infantry platoon leader. Attached to the 153rd Infantry, he was sent to the Aleutian Islands August 20, 1941, where he served for two years. He returned to the United States and departed again July 22, 1944, attached to 382nd Inf., 96th Division for Leyte. Lieutenant Elliott participated in the battles of Leyte and Okinawa, receiving his commission on the field at Leyte, and was twice wounded in action. For meritorious service, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Stars, American Defense Ribbon with one Star, American Theater Ribbon, and Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, January 7, 1946, and now resides at Dumas with his wife, Darnelle, and their child.



JACKSON C. ELLIOTT



JOSEPH M. HUDSON

1st Lt. Joseph M. Hudson is the son of Charles Fred and Emma White Hudson of Dumas, Arkansas, where he was born January 28, 1925. Educated at Dumas High School and Henderson State Teachers' College, he entered the Army Air Forces January 26, 1943. Lieutenant Hudson became a flying cadet and served his basic military training at San Antonio, Texas; his primary flight training at Ft. Stockton, Texas; basic flight training at Garden City, Kansas, and advanced training at Alde and Randolph Field, Texas. He was commissioned as a pilot and was sent to the Southwest Pacific theater in June 1944. Overseas 14 months, he saw action in the New Guinea, Western Pacific, Luzon, Southern Philippines, Northern Solomons and Bismarck Archipelago campaigns. Holder of the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with six Battle Stars, he was released from active duty at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, December 7, 1945.

1st Lt. Al B. Goodgame, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Goodgame, was born at Holly Springs, Arkansas, December 23, 1919. He received his education at Bearden High School and Henderson Teachers' College. He entered the Army with his National Guard Unit on December 23, 1940, and was sent to Camp Robinson, Arkansas, for basic training. He attended an Infantry Training School but later transferred to the Army Air Corps, and after completing his pre-flight, primary, basic, and advanced training, became a pilot. Lieutenant Goodgame was sent to the China-Burma-India theater June 21, 1944, and saw action in this area for more than 14 months. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross and Cluster, Air Medal and Cluster, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, European Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, and Presidential Unit Citation. He returned to the States May 15, 1945, and was honorably discharged November 27, 1945, at Camp Beale, California. He lives at Dumas with his wife, Emma Jean, and their son.



AL B. GOODGAME



NED ABERNATHY

T/5 Ned Abernathy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Lee Abernathy, was born August 27, 1923, in Warren, Arkansas. He attended Dumas High School and Arkansas A. and M. College. Entering the Engineers May 31, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Maxey, Texas, and Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, and attended Service School at Texas Tech, Lubbock, Texas, qualifying as rifleman, messenger, and mechanic. Attached to Company A, 22nd Engr. Trng. Bn., he departed June 16, 1944, for the European Theater of Operations. Overseas a year and a half, he participated in campaigns of the Rhineland, Central Europe, Ardennes, and Northern France, and was awarded four Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. After being honorably discharged January 4, 1946, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to Dumas, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Anne.

Radioman 2/c Edward L. Kelley, son of Brooklyn Harrison Kelley, was born at Crossett, Arkansas, October 5, 1924. Following his graduation from Crossett High School, he engaged in the trucking business with his grandfather until June 9, 1943, when he entered the Navy and was sent to San Diego, California, for boot training, later attending a specialized school at Texas A. & M. College and S.C.T.C. at Miami, Florida. After serving for a year in the United States, he went to sea May 18, 1944, and during the ensuing 19 months, saw service at many points in the European and South Pacific theaters, including participation in campaigns in Greece, Leyte, Tarakan and Borneo. He was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with one Star, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Stars, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star. Radioman Kelley was honorably discharged from service at Nashville, Tennessee, December 18, 1945. He and Mrs. Kelley, the former Mary Louise Scifres, are the parents of one son.



EDWARD L. KELLEY



HERBERT S. CROFFORD, JR.

M/Sgt. Herbert S. Crofford, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Spencer Crofford, Sr., was born at Memphis, Tennessee, July 10, 1915, moving to Arkansas in 1930. He completed his education at Dumas, Arkansas, High School, and was later engaged in construction work. Sergeant Crofford entered the Army Air Corps April 1, 1941, and received his basic training at McDill Field, Tampa, Florida. He later attended Airplane Mechanic School, Delgado, New Orleans, and B-24 Familiarization School, San Diego, California, and qualified as an aerial engineer and aerial gunner. He was assigned to the 2nd Air Force as a crew chief and served overseas for a total of 26 months in the Aleutian Islands and the Pacific area. He saw action in New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, Western Pacific, Northern Solomons, Ryukyus, Southern Philippines, and Luzon, and was awarded ribbons denoting action in each area. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, October 14, 1945, and reenlisted in Air Corps Reserve Training Unit in June 1946. His wife, Della, and children, live in Dallas Texas, where Sergeant Crofford is stationed.

Pfc. Charles Redward Pescod, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thomas Pescod, Cristobal, Canal Zone, was born at Silinia, Ecuador, December 8, 1913, and moved to Arkansas in 1939. He graduated from Cristobal High School and was engaged as a professional baseball player and as physical director of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Boys' Club. He entered the Army September 28, 1943, and received basic training at Camp Roberts, California. Private Pescod qualified as a radio operator and gunner and received Marksmanship Medal and medal for the use of the hand grenade. He was attached to the 121st Cal. R.C.N. Sq. (M.E.C.), and his unit was sent to the European theater in May 1944. After eight months of service, he was killed in action on the Western front December 2, 1944. Private Pescod was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, and was buried in a military cemetery in Eastern France. He is survived by his parents; his wife, Mattie Elizabeth, and a daughter, Charlotte Ann.



CHARLES R. PESCOD



BERT O. RUNYAN

Cpl. Bert O. Runyan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Phillips Runyan, was born at McGehee, Arkansas, August 2, 1917, received his education at McGehee High School and entered the Army November 6, 1941. Following basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, he was sent with his unit to the European theater on October 14, 1942, and saw 36 months of foreign service as an automotive mechanic attached to Maintenance Battalion Co. B, 2nd Armored Division, and participated in the French Morocco, Sicilian, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central European campaigns, and served an additional two months with the Army of Occupation. He was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with seven Battle Stars, the Bronze Star Medal, Bronze Arrowhead, a Presidential Citation with Cluster, American Defense Service Ribbon and the Fourragere (Belgian). Corporal Runyan was honorably discharged October 14, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

T/Sgt. John R. Runyan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Phillips Runyan of McGehee, Arkansas, was born in McGehee August 18, 1920. He received his education in the McGehee Public Schools, after which he was employed by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Co. as a brakeman. He entered the Army October 17, 1942, taking basic training at Keesler Field, Mississippi. Later he received specialized training as an airplane mechanic at Keesler Field, and as a gunner at Harlingen, Texas. Qualified as a crew and line chief on B-17 Fortresses, he departed from the United States September 1, 1943, for the European theater. During the 25 months he served in this area, he saw extensive action, including the Normandy, Northern and Southern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central European campaigns. He was the recipient of the European Theater Ribbon with six Battle Stars, a Presidential Citation and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged October 31, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.



JOHN R. RUNYAN



TOM L. PERTUIS, JR.

Aviation Machinist's Mate 2/c Tom L. Pertuis, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom L. Pertuis of Arkansas City, Arkansas, where he was born February 12, 1924. He attended the Arkansas City High School and was employed by the U. S. Engineers until entering the Navy on December 4, 1942. He completed boot training at San Diego, California, and then attended the Naval Technical School at Norman, Oklahoma, and Maintenance School at Burbank, California. He became an aerial gunner and flight engineer and served three years in this country. In September, 1945, he was assigned to units doing patrol duty and served with these units until December, 1945. He was honorably discharged at Shoemaker, California, March 15, 1946.

Yeoman 2/c Fred Lee Fish is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fish, Sr., of Portland, Arkansas, where he was born August 8, 1917. He was educated at Portland High School and Arkansas A. & M. College and entered the Navy February 16, 1943. After serving boot training at San Diego, California, he became an administrative specialist and served over two years in this country. In August, 1943, he was given sea duty aboard the U.S.S. Y.M.S. 177, and served there for a total of nine months. He was honorably discharged at Jacksonville, Florida, February 3, 1946. He and his wife, Dorothy May, are the parents of one child.



FRED L. FISH



ARCHIE VINSON

Pfc. Archie Vinson, son of Dewitt and Eunice Vinson of Arkansas City, Arkansas, was born September 25, 1922, at Rowell, Arkansas, and attended the public schools at Woodlawn and Arkansas City (Arkansas). Entering the Marine Corps July 15, 1942, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and was sent with his unit to the Pacific theater on November 3, 1942. During the 26 months he served overseas, he saw action, including the campaigns of Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian. Among his decorations for meritorious service, he counts the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, and a Presidential Citation. He was honorably discharged October 11, 1945, at Parris Island, South Carolina.

A.B. James Quinten Vinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Vinson, was born December 19, 1925, in Herbine, Arkansas. He attended Woodlawn Public School and Arkansas City High School. Entering the Merchant Marines January 4, 1944, he received boot training at Sheepshead Bay, New York. During his overseas service he participated in the campaigns of Okinawa and Iwo Jima. He is still in the service in the South Pacific. His home is in Arkansas City.



JAMES Q. VINSON



THOMAS D. NAGEL

Fireman 1/c Thomas Duane Nagel, son of Marie Alice and Thomas Nagel, was born July 9, 1924, in Hartman, Arkansas. He attended Halley School, Dermott High School, and Monticello A. & M. College, afterwards being employed at the Pine Bluff Arsenal and the Japanese Relocation Center at Rowher, Arkansas. Entering the Navy February 16, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Naval Diesel School at Los Angeles, qualifying as motor machinist's mate, third class, and fireman, first class. Overseas for 18 months, he participated in campaigns of Vella Lavella, Munda, and New Caledonia and, after returning to the United States, was sent to New York, Virginia, and Los Angeles, California, via the Panama Canal. Returning to the Pacific after V-J Day, he served in Japan and on Bikini Island, participating in preparations for atomic bomb tests. He was still in the service, according to last report received, and his home is in Halley, Arkansas.

Pharmacist's Mate 2/c Dewey Jefferson Howell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey J. Howell, Sr., was born at Pine Bluff May 16, 1924. He received his education at McGehee High School, after which he was employed as a salesman in a drug store. Entering the Navy March 6, 1943, he received boot training at Farragut, Idaho, and later attended Hospital Corps Service School. He departed August 8, 1943, for the South Pacific and participated in the invasions of the Gilberts, Marshalls, Marianas, Carolines, Philippines (Leyte and Luzon), and Okinawa. Mate Howell received Asiatic-Pacific and Philippine Liberation Ribbons with Battle Stars and Commendation from commanding officer. After being honorably discharged from service at Memphis, Tennessee, November 18, 1945, he returned to McGehee, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Charleen Claire.



DEWEY J. HOWELL, JR.



ELURA PERRIEN

Pvt. Elura Perrien, son of John E. Perrien of Watson, Arkansas, was born July 25, 1925, in Little Rock, Arkansas. He received his education in Little Rock, Lepanto, Nettleton, and Watson, Arkansas, Public Schools. Before entering the service he was engaged in the logging business and also worked for a railroad. He entered the service November 8, 1943, and received basic training at Camp Blanding, Florida. He was sent to Germany with the 60th Infantry, 9th Division, 1st Army. Private Perrien was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon, Marksmanship Badge and the Purple Heart. He was given an honorable discharge March 23, 1945, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and has returned to Corning, where he and his wife, Doris Verlone, make their home.

Pfc. Autus T. Lowry, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Martin Lowry of Dermott, Arkansas, was born at El Dorado, August 4, 1915. He graduated from Dermott High School and attended A. and M. College at Monticello for one year. Prior to entering military service June 12, 1942, he worked for the George W. Helme Company and the Railway Express Agency. After basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, he was assigned to the 335th Regiment, General Service, and sailed for the North African theater April 2, 1943. He served in five campaigns and was overseas 29 months. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, September 24, 1945, and returned to McGehee, where he lives with his wife, Thelma, and their child.



AUTUS T. LOWRY



BRUCE C. GRUBB

Cpl. Bruce Clifford Grubb, son of Maude Bulloch and Bruce Cody Grubb, was born August 23, 1912, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, moving to Arkansas in 1918. He graduated from the Dumas High School, after which he was employed as filling station operator until entering the Infantry December 12, 1942. Corporal Grubb received basic training at Camp Howze, Texas, and Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. He received Marksmanship Medals for his proficiency in the use of the rifle and machine gun and, after 21 months' service in the United States, he was sent to England on September 19, 1944, attached to Company D, 334th Infantry. Participating in the campaign of the Ardennes, he was killed in action December 25, 1944. His wife, Nell, and one child reside at Dumas, Arkansas.

Sgt. Claude Oscar Roberson, son of Edward Gilford and Ethel Roberson of Gould, Arkansas, was born December 26, 1918, at Dumas, Arkansas. After completing his education at the Dumas High School he was employed as a grocery clerk until entering the Army on February 4, 1941. He received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and was assigned to Company E, 153rd Infantry. Sent to the Alaskan theater in January, 1942, he served with his unit on Kiska Island in the Aleutian Islands during his more than 26 months of overseas service. Sergeant Roberson was awarded the American Defense Service Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon with one Battle Star, and the Good Conduct Medal for his service with the Army. A veteran of more than four years of service, he was honorably discharged June 25, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, Maxine Louise, have one child.



CLAUD O. ROBERSON



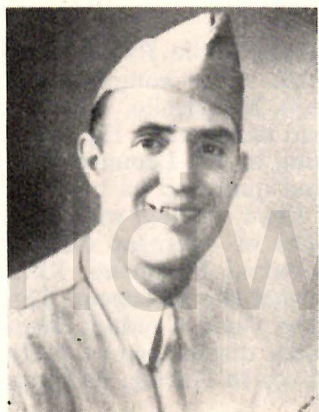
EDWARD G. ROBERSON, JR.

S/Sgt. Edward G. Roberson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Roberson, Sr., was born June 27, 1915, at Dumas, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Dumas Public Schools and Draughon's Business College at Little Rock. Entering the Infantry February 4, 1941, he received basic training at Camp Robinson, qualifying for supply NCO. Attached to Service Co., 153rd Infantry, he departed from the United States April 15, 1942, for the Aleutian Islands where he served until April 5, 1944. Sergeant Roberson received rifle Marksmanship Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Star, American Defense Service Ribbon, and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Camp Robinson October 1, 1945. He and his wife, Louise, live in Dumas with their child.

Pfc. Lloyd C. Price is the son of Jack and Vera Price of Arkansas City, Arkansas, where he was born June 12, 1913. After completing his education at the Arkansas City High School, he was employed as a river pilot until entering the Army December 27, 1943. After serving eight months spent in basic training at Camp Abbott, Oregon, he was sent with his unit, the 556th Heavy Pontoon Bn., to the New Guinea area in the Southwest Pacific and took part in the New Guinea and Luzon campaigns. For his service during the 16 months he spent overseas he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star and the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged January 21, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, Carro, are the parents of two children.



LLOYD C. PRICE



WILLIAM R. FISH

S/Sgt. William R. Fish, son of Mr. and Mrs. William I. Fish, was born August 17, 1914, at Dumas, Arkansas, and was educated at Dumas High School and A. and M. College at Monticello, Arkansas. Later he was employed in a clerical capacity in the Post Office prior to entering the Army on May 7, 1942. Following basic training at Camp Robinson, he was assigned to Company D, 73rd Training Bn., and sailed for Africa on July 26, 1942. After almost 34 months of meritorious service overseas, and holder of Sharpshooter and Marksmanship Medals and the Good Conduct Medal, he returned to the United States and received an honorable discharge at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, September 21, 1945. He now makes his home with his wife, Norma Ruth, and their child, at Dumas, Arkansas.

Maj. Earl Haley Cochran, son of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Cochran, was born October 26, 1918, at Portland, Arkansas. After graduating from Portland High School and University of Arkansas, he was engaged in farming and mercantile interests. Entering the Infantry February 3, 1942, he attended Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, qualifying for Infantry unit commander and regimental supply officer. After serving 18 months in I.R.T.C. and 15 months attached to 42nd Division, he was sent to the European Theater of Operations November 25, 1945, and took part in the Central European and Rhineland campaigns. Major Cochran qualified as expert with the rifle, carbine, and machine gun (caliber .30 and .50) in 1943, and was awarded the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Plaque for company, and Combat Infantry Badge. After spending seven months with the Army of Occupation, he was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, April 10, 1946. He and his wife, Maxine, live in Dumas, Arkansas, with their son.



EARL H. COCHRAN



MARTHA E. ANDREWS

Pvt. Martha Elizabeth Andrews, WAAC, daughter of Isaac Raymond and Martha E. Andrews of Arkansas City, Arkansas, was born at Lake Village, Arkansas, September 5, 1915. She attended the Arkansas City Public Schools and on April 3, 1943, entered the Army and received basic training at Ruston, Louisiana. After serving in the United States for four and one-half months, Private Andrews was honorably discharged at Ft. Riley, Kansas, August 16, 1943.

S/Sgt. Charles Reeves Andrews, son of Isaac Raymond and Martha E. Andrews, was born at Lake Village, Arkansas, July 18, 1918. He graduated from Arkansas City High School in 1937, and was employed in a civil service position in Washington, D. C., leaving to enter the Air Corps on August 11, 1941. Following basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, he attended Radio School, Scott Field, Illinois, and qualified for classification as administrative specialist. During his 51 months of service he received the American Defense and American Theater Ribbons, Good Conduct Medal, the Victory Ribbon, and Marksmanship Medals for proficiency with the rifle and pistol. Sergeant Andrews was honorably discharged at Bowman Field, Louisville, Kentucky, November 21, 1945.



CHARLES R. ANDREWS



GEORGE R. BOOTH

1st/Sgt. George Robert Booth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Byron Booth, was born at Lawson, Arkansas, December 22, 1913. After completing his education at Huttig Schools and A. and M. College, Monticello, Arkansas, he worked with a seismograph crew and as railroad brakeman. He entered the Army July 10, 1942, and received basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. He later attended Demolition School and qualified as unit foreman. On April 2, 1943, Sergeant Booth sailed for Oran, Africa, with Co. F, 335th Engineer Regiment. During his 29 months of overseas duty, he participated in the Rome-Arno, Naples-Foggia, Central European, Rhineland, and Southern France campaigns, being awarded the European Theater Ribbon with five Bronze Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. He returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, November 16, 1945. He lives in Huttig, Arkansas, with his wife, Ruth.

2nd Lt. Maurice Andrew Camp, son of Ella and Andrew Joe Camp, was born March 3, 1914, at Paragould, Arkansas. He attended McGehee High School, afterwards being engaged as switchman for the Missouri Pacific Railroad Co. A member of the National Guard since August 15, 1929, he entered the Army June 23, 1941, and received basic training at Camp Roberts, California. Attending Field Artillery School and Transportation Corps Officer Candidate School, he qualified as rifle expert. Lieutenant Camp served in the United States with the Field Artillery, Engineers, and Transportation Corps and departed December 7, 1942, for Iran. Overseas nearly two years, he was awarded the European Theater Service Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Service Ribbon, World War II Victory Ribbon, American Theater Service Ribbon, and Good Conduct Medal. After being honorably discharged December 28, 1945, at Camp Plauche, Louisiana, he returned to McGehee, where he lives with his wife, Leeda Mae.



MAURICE A. CAMP



ROBERT E. VINCENT, JR.

Seaman 1/c Robert E. Vincent, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Vincent, Sr., was born October 6, 1924, in Monroe, Louisiana, moving to Arkansas in 1941. He attended St. Cloud High School in Florida, afterwards being employed as a clerk by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Co. Entering the Navy July 9, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, California. He departed October 17, 1943, for the Pacific Theater of Operations and remained overseas for a year and nine months, participating in campaigns of the Gilberts, Marshalls, Saipan, and Okinawa. After being honorably discharged November 21, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to his home in McGehee, Arkansas.

Seaman 1/c James G. Cruse, son of Mrs. Betty Cruse, was born September 5, 1926, in Alexandria, Louisiana, moving to Arkansas in 1930. He attended McGehee Public School, Castle Heights Military Academy at Lebanon, Tennessee, and Arkansas A. & M. College at Monticello, afterwards being employed by the U. S. Engineers. Entering the Navy February 10, 1944, he received boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois, and attended Quartermaster School at Gulfport, Mississippi, qualifying in navigation. Seaman Cruse departed April 29, 1945, for the Philippine Islands and remained overseas for seven months, participating in the Tokyo operation. He was honorably discharged May 11, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, and returned to his home in McGehee.



JAMES G. CRUSE



WOODROW W. WATTS

Chief Commissary Steward Woodrow William Watts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude T. Watts of Dumas, Arkansas, was born August 28, 1914, in Monticello, Arkansas. He attended Monticello and Garrett Bridge Schools, afterwards being engaged as farmer, butcher, and service station operator. Entering the Navy May 20, 1940, he received boot training at Norfolk, Virginia, and attended Commissary School at Jacksonville, Florida. He departed in September, 1940, on the U.S.S. Barnett for four and a half years of overseas duty and participated in the invasion and defense of the Solomon Islands, battle of Salvo Island, and the beachhead campaigns at Guila in Sicily, Salerno, and Guadalcanal. After being honorably discharged May 25, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to Monticello, where he lives with his wife, Gladys.

Flight Officer Arthur Reuben Cross, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Cross, Sr., was born January 14, 1925, in McGehee, Arkansas. He attended McGehee Grade and High School. Entering the Air Corps August 9, 1943, he received basic training at Miami Beach, Florida, and attended Aviation Cadet Training School, qualifying as pilot. After serving for more than two years in the United States, he was honorably discharged October 11, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and returned to his home in McGehee.



ARTHUR R. CROSS, JR.



CARROLL T. GAMBILL

Sgt. Carroll Thomas Gambill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gambill, was born March 18, 1910, at Eudora, Arkansas. He graduated from Eudora High School and Macon & Andrews Business College at Memphis, Tennessee. At the time of his entrance into the Army on February 5, 1942, he was manager of the Concord Chevrolet Co. in Eudora. After basic training at Camp Robinson, his training and business experience qualified him for assignment as chief clerk, Medical Detachment, 381st Bombardment Group. He served with his unit in the European theater for more than 26 months, receiving the European Theater Ribbon with six Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal and the Presidential Citation. He was honorably discharged at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, October 15, 1945.

S/Sgt. Glen B. Roberson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Roberson of Dumas, Arkansas, was born September 24, 1921. He received his education in the Dumas Public Schools and was employed by the Pine Bluff Arsenal, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Sergeant Roberson entered the Army Anti-Aircraft, September 1, 1942. His wife is Ruth Ellen Roberson. No further information regarding the service record of Sergeant Roberson was furnished.



GLEN B. ROBERSON



ERNEST L. LEEK

S/Sgt. Ernest L. Leek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Leek, was born August 13, 1923, at Star City, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Dumas High School and Hendrix College. Entering the Army Air Corps (Troop Carrier Sqdn.) August 19, 1943, he received basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and later attended Radio Operator-Mechanic School at Scott Field, Illinois, qualifying for radio operator-mechanic. Sergeant Leek departed from the United States November 1, 1944, for the Asiatic-Pacific theater, participating in New Guinea, Southern Philippines, Luzon, Western Pacific, and Ryukyus campaigns. He was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Silver Service Star, Air Medal, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon. After serving with the Army of Occupation over two months, he returned to the United States December 19, 1945, and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, January 4, 1946. He lives in Dumas, Arkansas.

Aviation Chief Machinist's Mate Edward B. Warrington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Warrington, Sr., was born at McGehee, Arkansas, December 4, 1909. After completing his education at the MacArthur, Arkansas, High School, he was engaged in farming until enlisting in the Navy January 19, 1927. He received boot training at Norfolk, Virginia, and was assigned to sea duty, spending almost four years on the U.S.S. Arkansas before being honorably discharged. He reenlisted in September 1939, and attended Fire Control School, Washington, D. C., later becoming crew chief in the Air Transport branch. He served in the Philippine Islands and Okinawa campaigns and on submarine patrol duty in the Caribbean Sea. Mate Warrington received two Commendations (one for transporting rockets from Maryland to Normandy for the continental invasion), Combat Air Crewman and Expert Rifleman Badges, and the Good Conduct Medal. His present term of enlistment will expire October 6, 1947.



EDWARD B. WARRINGTON



JAMES W. HERRINGTON

T/Sgt. James W. Herrington, son of William Lee and Allie Mae Herrington, was born at Selma, Arkansas, July 23, 1919. He received his education by attending the Woodruff School at Little Rock, and McGehee Grade and High Schools, after which he was employed as grocery clerk and by the Railway Express Company. Enlisting in the Infantry June 13, 1941, he received basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Camp Howze, Texas, qualifying for platoon sergeant. He received medals qualifying him as sharpshooter with the pistol, rifle and carbine; expert Infantryman's Badge and Combat Infantryman's Badge. Sergeant Herrington departed from the United States September 20, 1944, for Scotland. He saw service in the Ardennes, Central European, and Rhineland campaigns. He also spent six months with the Army of Occupation. He was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and American Defense, American Theater, and Victory Ribbons. He received an honorable discharge at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, December 20, 1945.

T/4 Hugh B. Tichenor, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Tichenor, of McGehee, Arkansas, was born at Winchester, Arkansas, February 4, 1916. He received his education at McGehee High School and A. and M. College at Monticello, Arkansas. He entered the Army January 28, 1941, and after completing basic training at Ft. Riley, Kansas, served with the 14th Cavalry and 1st Special Service Forces, qualifying as a machine gunner and parachutist. Sergeant Tichenor served for several months in the Aleutian Islands and later was sent to the Italian and Asiatic-Pacific theaters. Among the engagements he participated in during the Italian campaign were those of Mt. Ladifensa, Ceppagna, Mt. Majo, and Anzio-Nettuno, during which he was wounded. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with Battle Star, European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with Battle Star, American Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged at Ft. Benning, Georgia, January 13, 1945. He lives with his wife, Hope.



HUGH B. TICHENOR



EVERETT B. PERRIEN

T/5 Everett B. Perrien, son of Edgar Perrien of Watson, Arkansas, was born at Corning, Arkansas, December 2, 1919. Educated in the Corning schools, he was later employed by the Missouri Pacific Railroad and the J. W. Black Lumber Co. of Corning, prior to his entrance into the service December 2, 1941. He received basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, where he was stationed for six months and then sent overseas with an armored unit where he spent three years, taking part in the battles and campaigns in the Tunisian, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Apennines and Po Valley. This gallant soldier was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with six Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart. Corporal Perrien was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, May 29, 1945, and now resides with his wife and two children at Corning, Arkansas.

S/Sgt. Henry P. Saine is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Saine of Watson, Arkansas, where he was born February 17, 1915. He was educated at Watson and McGehee High Schools and was employed by the United States Engineering Department at Vicksburg, Mississippi, until entering military service January 27, 1941. Sergeant Saine was assigned to the Medical Corps and upon the completion of basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, he was sent to the Laboratory Technician's School at the Army and Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs. He is a veteran of five years of military service. Serving with the Medical Section of the 1962nd Service Command Unit at Ft. Ord, California, he earned the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon. Sergeant Saine was honorably discharged at Camp Beale, California, January 27, 1946. His wife is the former Mayhart Stinson.



HENRY P. SAINE



JAMES E. SAINE

Lt. James Edwin Saine is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Saine of Watson, Arkansas, where he was born November 23, 1921. After graduating from Watson High School in 1940, he was employed by the Army Engineers at Vicksburg, Mississippi, until entering the Merchant Marine July 13, 1942. He received cadet boot training at New Orleans and Pass Christian, Mississippi, and attended the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York. Lieutenant Saine then spent eight months in the Pacific theater as a junior third officer and was returned to the United States. He was sent to sea again and saw service in Atlantic waters and in the Pacific and many ports of call in African and European waters and spent four months in Toyko Bay. He was a member of a crew attacked by German submarines in the spring of 1943. He was serving as 2nd officer aboard merchant ships, according to last report received, and is entitled to wear the American Theater Ribbon, the Atlantic and Pacific Zone Ribbons and Victory Ribbon. Lieutenant Saine also holds a commission in the United States Navy Reserve.

T/4 Raymond H. Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Baker, of Watson, Arkansas, was born August 11, 1922, at Havana, Arkansas. He received his education in the Public Schools of Havana, after which he was engaged in farming. He entered the Army October 17, 1942. After completing basic training at Camp Roberts, California, he was assigned to the 273rd Ordnance Maintenance Co. (A.A.), as mechanic and wrecker operator. On December 22, 1943, he departed for the European theater, and during his 23 months overseas, served with the 1st Army in the campaigns in the Rhineland, Central Europe, Normandy, France, and the Ardennes. For meritorious service he was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with five Bronze Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon, Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and carbine Sharpshooter's Medal. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, November 13, 1945.



RAYMOND H. BAKER



JAMES H. HESSELRODE

Shipfitter 2/c James H. Hesselrode, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hesselrode, was born at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, January 22, 1916. He received his education in the Pine Bluff and McGehee Public Schools and was engaged in the plumbing business before entering the Navy April 25, 1944. He received basic training at Farragut, Idaho, after which he attended Navy Salvage Diving School, specializing in deep sea diving. After more than two years in service, he was honorably discharged December 12, 1945, at Pensacola, Florida. He and his wife, Jennie Lee, live in McGehee, Arkansas, with their children.

Pfc. Joe C. James, son of Mrs. Annie Lorena James, was born September 15, 1913, in Arkansas City, Arkansas. He attended Arkansas City Grade and High School. Entering the Infantry February 14, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Roberts, California, and qualified as rifleman, receiving Sharpshooter's Medal and Combat Infantry Badge. Private James departed October 21, 1944, for North Africa, and remained overseas for more than a year, participating in campaigns of Rome-Arno, Central Europe, and Germany, and spending six months with the Army of Occupation. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged January 2, 1946, at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, he returned to Arkansas City, where he lives with his wife, Florence Mae.



JOE C. JAMES



M. T. HICKINGBOTHAM

T/5 Monroe T. Hickingbotham, son of Monroe and Gertrude Hickingbotham of McGehee, Arkansas, was born at McGehee December 4, 1913. He attended McGehee High School and was a locomotive fireman for the Missouri Pacific Railroad until entering military service January 2, 1942. Corporal Hickingbotham served basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Camp Bowie, Texas, and also received training at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts. He was assigned to an Engineer Amphibious Combat Battalion and was sent to the European theater in August, 1942. Overseas more than three years, he served throughout the Algerian-French Morocco, Tunisian, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns, and was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with six Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal and Meritorious Service Unit Award. He was returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, September 5, 1945. His wife is Edna Hickingbotham.

T/4 James Russell Gard, son of Russell Spence and Myrtle Edna Gard, was born September 27, 1921, at Portland, Arkansas. After attending McGehee High School and Arkansas A. and M. College, he entered the Arkansas National Guard in September 1939, and was called to active military duty January 6, 1941. Upon completion of basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, he was assigned to the 206th Coast Artillery and sent to Dutch Harbor, Alaska, where he served for almost three years with the 83rd Army Ground Forces Band as a drum major. For his service in the Aleutians, Sergeant Gard received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Star, Good Conduct Ribbon, and the American Defense Ribbon with one Star. He was honorably discharged from service at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on August 17, 1945.



JAMES R. GARD



LONNIE J. GRIFFIN

Pfc. Lonnie James Griffin, son of Mrs. Helen Griffin of Arkansas City, Arkansas, was born at Lake Village, Arkansas, April 23, 1925. After completing his education in the Public Schools of Portland and Dermott, Arkansas, and Westfield, Indiana, he entered military service July 30, 1942. He received boot training at the Marine Corps Base, San Diego, California, and later attended Parachute School. Assigned as a Marine paratrooper and detailed for Pacific service, he landed in New Caledonia in October, 1942, taking part during the next 31 months in the fighting at Villa Lavella, Bougainville and Iwo Jima. Private Griffin holds the Rifleman's Sharpshooter Medal, Machine Gunner's Medal, Paratrooper Medal, Silver Star Medal and Purple Heart with Star. He was granted an honorable discharge from the service at the Naval Hospital at Mare Island, California, June 30, 1945.

Aviation Ordnance Mechanic 3/c William I. Sullivan is the son of William I. and Laura B. Sullivan of Arkansas City, Arkansas. Born at Arkansas City June 21, 1926, he graduated from Arkansas City High School and was a clerk at the Red Star Grocery when he entered the Navy in May, 1944. He received boot training at Jacksonville, Florida, and then attended special schools at Memphis, Tennessee, and Banana River, Florida. He became a tailgunner and served in this country until he was sent to the Marshall Islands April 4, 1946. Holder of the American Theater Ribbon and Victory Ribbon, he was serving on a special assignment in the Pacific, according to last report received.



WILLIAM I. SULLIVAN



WILLIAM H. GLOVER

Storekeeper 1/c William H. Glover, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Glover of Arkansas City, Arkansas, was born at Rison, Arkansas, November 17, 1918. He attended Rison High School, Mississippi State College, Arkansas A. & M. College, and Chillicothe Business College, and was employed by the United States Engineers at Vicksburg, Mississippi. Storekeeper Glover enlisted in the Navy March 8, 1942, and received boot training at San Diego, California. He specialized in disbursing. After three years in this country, he was sent to sea duty in the Atlantic and remained overseas for six months. Holder of the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon, he was honorably discharged January 7, 1946, at Nashville, Tennessee. He and his wife, the former Gaynell Sullivan, have one son.

S/Sgt. Jacob A. Nations, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Nations, Sr., was born May 12, 1921, in McGehee, Arkansas. He graduated from McGehee High School. Entering the Army Air Corps August 3, 1942, he received basic training at Clearwater and St. Petersburg, Florida, and attended Photo School at Lowry Field, Colorado, qualifying as photo section chief and rifle marksman. Sergeant Nations served for 18 months in the United States in Hdq. and Base Service Sqdn., 71st Air Service Group, and departed January 29, 1944, for the Western Pacific Theater of Operations. Overseas for a year and eight months, he participated in campaigns of Saipan and Iwo Jima and the air offensive against Japan, being awarded Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal, American Service Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Service Ribbon, and one Bronze Service Star. After being honorably discharged October 31, 1945, in Camp Chaffee, he returned to Arkansas City, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Margaret Earlyne, and their child.



JACOB A. NATIONS, JR.



HARVEY L. LANDERS

S/Sgt. Harvey Lewis Landers was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Landers of Rohwer, Arkansas. He was born at Kelso, Arkansas, May 15, 1918, and completed his education at Kelso High School. He entered military service on August 12, 1941, and served with the Infantry. Sergeant Landers received basic Infantry training at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas, and at Camp Wolters, Texas, and became a drill sergeant. He served two years and four months as a member of the 5th Armored Division Infantry and won the Expert Infantry Badge in July, 1942. This soldier died a tragic death at Pine Camp, New York, on November 13, 1943, when he was killed in an automobile accident.

Cpl. Christopher Landers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lewis Landers of Rohwer, Arkansas, was born at Kelso, Arkansas, November 12, 1923. He attended Kelso High School and a machinist's school and was employed as a machinist at Hartford, Connecticut, before entering the Army Air Corps February 23, 1943. Corporal Landers served basic training at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and completed special training at Aircraft Armament and Aerial Gunnery Schools. In April, 1944, he was sent to the Italian Front as an armorer. Overseas a total of 14 months, he participated in the fighting of the Northern France, Southern France, Normandy and Rhineland campaigns and the Rome-Arno, Po Valley and North Apennines campaigns in Italy. He also took part in the air combat over the Balkans and the general air offensive against Europe. Holder of the European Theater Ribbon with one Silver Battle Star and four Bronze Battle Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge and Good Conduct Medal, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, September 13, 1945.



CHRISTOPHER LANDERS



DANIEL W. HOWELL

Cpl. Daniel William Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lem C. Howell, was born January 29, 1914, at Graysonia, Arkansas. Following his graduation from Arkadelphia (Arkansas) High School, he attended the University of Arkansas for two years, after which he was engaged in farming. He entered the Army Air Corps October 24, 1942, and received basic training at Greenville, Mississippi, and by later attendance at Mechanics School at Gulfport Field, Mississippi, he qualified as an aircraft electrical specialist. After almost three years of meritorious service, Corporal Howell was honorably discharged at the Sioux City Air Base, Sioux City, Iowa, October 17, 1945. He and his wife, Helen, are the parents of one child.

T/5 Lynwood McCone, son of Thomas Garland and Eunice McCone of Pine Bluff was born November 25, 1914, at Monticello, Arkansas. He received his education at the Dumas, Tillar and Winchester schools and was a grocery clerk and bread salesman until entering the Army on December 23, 1942. After completing basic training at Camp Swift, Texas, he became a baker and was attached to the 158th Quartermaster Baking Company. Arriving in the Southwest Pacific theater in November, 1944, he saw more than 13 months of overseas service and saw service in the New Guinea and Philippine Islands campaigns. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal, he spent two months with the Army of Occupation of Japan and was returned to this country. Corporal McCone was honorably discharged January 4, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, the former Mildred Landers, are the parents of one daughter, Lynda Sue.



LYNWOOD McCONE

1.—Capt. James S. Ross, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Spillman Ross, Sr., was born August 12, 1916, in Arkansas City, Arkansas. He graduated from Arkansas City High School and Arkansas A. & M. at Monticello. Entering the National Guard in September 1934, he entered the Coast Artillery January 6, 1941, and transferred to the Army Air Corps, receiving basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, with the 206th Coast Artillery and receiving Wings and qualifying as B-17 pilot after receiving training at Ellington Field and at Combat Crew Standardization School, Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas. Captain Ross departed in June 1942, for England and North Africa, and was later sent to Saipan, serving as B-17 pilot and B-29 airplane commander with the 97th Bomb Group and the 498th Bomb Group. Overseas for two years and three months, he participated in American theater patrol, 50 combat missions in the European Theater of Operations, and 28 combat missions in the Pacific theater, being wounded in action over Tokyo, and being held as prisoner of war at Ofuna Prison Camp near Tokyo. He was awarded American Theater Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon, Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Purple Heart, Victory Ribbon, and Good Conduct Medal. Captain Ross is still in service at Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. His wife is Virginia Ford Ross.

2.—Capt. Walter Perstell Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Spillman Ross, was born June 1, 1918, in Arkansas City, Arkansas. He attended Arkansas City High School and Monticello A. & M. College. He entered the Air Corps October 4, 1940. After receiving mechanic school training at Chanute Field he received preflight training at Kelley Field; primary at Stanford; basic at Lubbock, Texas; advanced at Smyrna Air Base, specializing in four-engine flying. He then took training at Salt Lake City, Utah, classification; Tucson, Arizona; Biggs; Alamogordo, Clovis, New Mexico; and Topeka, Kansas. He qualified as pilot of bomber and four-engine transports. Departing from the United States in May, 1943, for the Southwest Pacific, Captain Ross remained in that area nine months and participated in campaigns of New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago and the Solomons. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and the Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon. He returned to the States and is with the Ferrying Command stationed at Memphis, Tennessee. He and his wife, the former Shirley Langlore, have two children.

3.—Seaman 2/c Major Garland Minchew, son of Lucy I. and Major G. Minchew, was born June 25, 1924, in McArthur, Arkansas. He attended McArthur School. Entering the Naval Reserve August 13, 1942, he received boot training at San Diego, California. Seaman Minchew departed September 17, 1942, for more than three years of overseas duty. After being honorably discharged June 4, 1946, he returned to Halley, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Ollie.

4.—Aerographer's Mate 3/c Florence Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Spillman Ross, was born August 20, 1920, in Arkansas City, Arkansas. She attended Arkansas City Public School, Dumas High School, and Monticello A. and M. After graduating, she taught high school English and music, attended Detroit Music Conservatory, and taught in the Monticello High School. Entering the WAVES February 2, 1944, she received boot training at Hunter College, New York, and attended Aerology School at Lakehurst, New York. After serving in the United States for a year and a half, Mate Ross was honorably discharged August 29, 1945, at Naval Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee. On March 2, 1946, she married Louis V. Peverelly of the French Naval Air Force and sailed for France March 30, 1946, where she will study music in the Paris Conservatory. Her parents live in Arkansas City.

5.—Glyndon G. Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Spillman Ross, was born March 4, 1921, in Arkansas City, Arkansas. He graduated from Arkansas City High School in 1944, and joined the Army Special Training Program, being sent to Baylor University from May to November, 1944, and to the University at Fayetteville, from January to April, 1945. Entering the service April 5, 1945, he received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and was sent to Japan October 3, 1945. He is still in the service with the 188th Paratrooper Division in Japan. His home is in Arkansas City.

6.—T/Sgt. Melville C. Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melville C. Ellis, Sr., was born February 6, 1919, in Fremont, Missouri, moving to Arkansas in March, 1925. He attended Arkansas City High School, afterwards being employed by Red Star Grocery and Vestal Lumber and Manufacturing Co. Entering the Army Air Corps September 4, 1940, he received basic training at Chanute Field, Illinois, qualifying as supply technician and carbine marksman. After serving nearly four years in the United States with the 4th Academic Group, Seymour Johnson Field, North Carolina, Sergeant Ellis departed June 27, 1944, for England and the European Theater of Operations, where he remained for more than a year. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, European Theater Ribbon, Letter of Commendation from group commander, and Defense Service Ribbon. After being honorably discharged September 20, 1945, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, he returned to Knoxville, Tennessee, where he lives with his wife, Rosa, and their children.

7.—Sgt. Jack L. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Wright, was born October 25, 1913, at Winchester, Arkansas. He received his education at the Winchester Public Schools, after which he was employed as a construction foreman. Entering the Engineer Corps December 6, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, qualifying as power shovel operator. Attached to the 749th Engineer Base Equipment Co., he left the United States January 21, 1945, for Manila. Serving through the campaign on Luzon, he was awarded the American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, and Philippine Liberations Ribbons, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Ribbon, and one Battle Star. Sergeant Wright received an honorable discharge at Ft. Bliss, Texas, December 23, 1945, returning to Arkansas City, where he lives with his wife, Frances, and their children.

8.—Cpl. Robert R. Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Spillman Ross, was born December 27, 1921, in Arkansas City, Arkansas. He attended Arkansas City Grade School, Dumas High School, Monticello A. & M. College, Fayetteville University, and Dallas Engineer School. He was later employed by the U. S. Engineer Department in Costa Rica as transitman on the Pan-American Highway; in Edmonton, Canada, as draftsman; and as transitman on Alcan Highway through Alaska and Canada from Fairbanks, White Horse, and Edmonton. Entering the 1943rd Engineer Aviation Utilities Detachment May 4, 1944, in Canada, he received basic training at Great Falls, Montana, qualifying as engineer (aviation) transitman and as rifle marksman. He departed September 15, 1945, for the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations and remained overseas more than a year, serving as transitman on Guam. Corporal Ross was awarded Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. After being honorably discharged May 14, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to his home in Arkansas City.

9.—Carpenter's Mate 1/c Charles Carroll Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Payne, was born at Arkansas City, Arkansas, June 30, 1912. He received his education in the Arkansas City Public Schools, after which he was employed as a civil engineer



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until entering service in the Naval Construction Bn. on June 15, 1943. He received boot training at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia, later taking additional training at Camp Endicott, Providence, Rhode Island; Camp Parks, San Francisco, California, and Port Hueneme, Los Angeles, California, specializing in military engineering and qualifying as a sharpshooter. Mate Payne departed February 20, 1944, attached to the 107th U.S.N.C.B. for the South Pacific area, serving in the Marshall Islands and on Tinian in the Marianas. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific and American Theater Ribbons, and on returning to the United States was honorably discharged at Nashville, Tennessee, November 6, 1945. He and his wife, Thelma, reside in Arkansas City.

10.—Aviation Chief Machinist's Mate Walter D. Grantham, son of Mrs. Ara Elizabeth Grantham, was born August 6, 1908, in Snyder, Arkansas. He attended Snyder High School, afterwards being engaged as an automobile mechanic and garage manager. He served in the Army Air Corps with the 6th Pursuit Sqdn., 18th Group, at Wheeler Field, T. H., having enlisted in November 1930, and being discharged in February 1933. Entering the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1940, he attended R.C.A.F. Technical Training School, St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada. He transferred to the United States Navy in 1942, and received boot training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Illinois. Mate Grantham also attended Douglas C-54 Special Service School, Santa Monica, California, and he qualified as airplane and engine mechanic and pistol sharpshooter. Departing September 23, 1942, for the Central and South Pacific Theater of Operations, he served overseas for more than two years and was awarded American Theater Ribbon, American Defense Ribbon, and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. He was honorably discharged May 22, 1945, at San Diego, and returned home where he lives with his wife, Thelma, and their children.

11.—T/5 Hugh Gordon Britton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Shirrell Britton, was born at Parsons, Tennessee, May 21, 1907, moving to Arkansas in 1927. He received his education in the public schools at Steele, Missouri, and before entering the Army was employed as a printer. Entering the service December 3, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Abbott, Oregon, and was assigned to the Engineering Corps as a toolroom keeper. On January 3, 1945, his organization departed for the European theater and he participated in the Rhineland and Central European campaigns. He was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Service Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and rifle Marksmanship Medal. He returned to the United States September 10, 1945, receiving an honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, September 17, 1945. He and his wife, Naomi Gertrude, and their children live at McGehee, Arkansas.

12.—Cpl. G. C. Britton, Jr., son of Leure and Grover C. Britton, was born November 4, 1922, in Brinkley, Arkansas. He attended Jefferson School, afterwards being engaged in farming. Entering the Signal Corps January 1, 1942, he received basic training in Atlantic City, New Jersey, qualifying as truck driver, heavy. He served in the United States for more than a year with the 559th Battalion, and departed April 1, 1943, for the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations. Overseas for a year and seven months, he participated in the battles of Bakmo and Myitcan and was awarded two Bronze Stars, China-Burma-India Theater Ribbon, and Good Conduct Medal. After being honorably discharged January 24, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to his home in Arkansas City, Arkansas.

13.—Ship's Cook 3/c James E. Britton, son of Leure and Grover Britton, was born March 17, 1925, in Gould, Arkansas. He attended Jefferson School, afterwards being engaged in farming. Entering the Navy May 24, 1942, he received boot training at San Francisco, California. He departed September 12, 1943, for Hawaii, and remained overseas for two and a half years. He was awarded Asiatic-Pacific

Theater Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon and, after being honorably discharged April 2, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to his home in Arkansas City.

14.—Pvt. Van Buren Tullous, son of Joel Gullledge and Vera Oliver Tullous, was born at Halley, Arkansas, December 24, 1919. He was educated in the Halley Public Schools before being employed as checker in a grocery store and market. Entering the Infantry April 12, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Robinson. After training in the United States for five months he was sent to the European Theater of Operations on September 16, 1944. Private Tullous saw action in Northern France and the Rhineland and was fatally wounded in the Battle of the Bulge. He died December 20, 1944. He had received Expert Rifleman's Medal August 12, 1944, and was awarded, posthumously, the Purple Heart. He was buried with full military honors in an American Army Cemetery in Luxembourg. Private Tullous is survived by his parents, his wife, and one daughter.

15.—Sgt. Edward H. Holman, son of the late Kattie and Ben Holman, was born September 13, 1918, in Collins, Arkansas. He attended Halley, Arkansas, School, afterwards being engaged in farming with his uncle, J. G. Tullous, in Halley. Entering the Marine Corps in August 1938, he received boot training at Parris Island, South Carolina. Sergeant Holman served for two years in the United States and for more than five years overseas. He served in Hawaii, Midway, Pearl Harbor during the attack, Solomon Islands, and China. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal and Okinawa, he was hospitalized in New Zealand and was awarded the Purple Heart, Sharpshooter's Medal, five Battle Stars, and Good Conduct Medal. He was still in the service in China, according to last report received.

16.—Fireman 1/c Floyd Louis Wilcox, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wilcox, was born July 2, 1918, at Lorays, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Arkansas City High School, after which he was employed as salesman by Royal Crown Bottling Company. Entering the Navy May 17, 1944, he received boot training at Camp Wallace, Texas, and, after three months' service in the United States, departed for the South Pacific theater September 11, 1944. He was aboard the U.S.S. Destroyer Lansdowne on patrol duty when the Japanese surrendered. He received the American Theater Ribbon with three Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Theater with two Stars, and World War II Victory Ribbon with three Stars, and was honorably discharged at New York City, January 5, 1946. He and his wife, Evelyn, live in Arkansas City with their children.

17.—Machinist's Mate 1/c Raymond Jerome Traylor, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wilcox, of Arkansas City, Arkansas, was born at Greenville, Mississippi, moving to Arkansas when he was five years of age. He received his education by attending Arkansas City High School and entered the Navy November 19, 1943, receiving boot training at San Diego, California, and afterwards attending Machinist Mate Training School at New Mexico A. & M. College. Mate Traylor departed for Falmouth, England, on March 20, 1944, for a years overseas service. He was still in the Navy, according to last report received.

18.—T/5 Curtis E. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Williams, was born at Altheimer, Arkansas, November 24, 1925. He received his education by attending the Dumas Grade School and afterwards attended N. Y. A. Welding School. Entering the Engineer Corps, Construction, February 22, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Abbott, Oregon, and Ft. Lewis, Washington, qualifying for truck driver and mechanic. After 15 months' training in the United States, he departed May 27, 1945, for the South Pacific theater. He received the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, and American Theater Ribbon. His present reenlistment expires January 24, 1947.

19.—**Ens. Elliott W. Matthews**, son of Mrs. Fred E. Matthews of McGehee, Arkansas, was born July 1, 1909, in Helena, Arkansas. He graduated from Lake Village High School and attended Draughon's Business College in Memphis, Tennessee, afterwards being employed as engineer in the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. Entering the Maritime Service November 23, 1943, he received boot training at Ft. Trumbull, New London, Connecticut, and attended Service School, qualifying in engineering. Ensign Matthews made four trips overseas, to England, France, and the Southwest Pacific. He was honorably discharged September 28, 1945, at Washington, D. C., and returned to his home, where he lives with his wife, Carolyn, and their children.

20.—**1st Lt. Hugh L. Williams, Jr.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh L. Williams, Sr., was born March 2, 1918, in McGehee, Arkansas. He attended McGehee High School, Hendrix College, and the University of Arkansas. Entering the Air Corps September 3, 1940, he received basic training at Scott Field, Illinois, and attended Service Schools at Wayne, Pennsylvania, and Yale University, qualifying in radio and administration. Lieutenant Williams served for three and a half years in the United States, his last station being Hunter Field, Georgia. He was killed in service in a plane crash at Hartselle, Alabama, April 9, 1944. He is survived by his wife, Laura Smith Williams; one child, and his parents.

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1.—**T/5 Charles M. Donley**, son of Martin and Mattie Donley of Route 2, Watson, Arkansas, was born in Desha County, Arkansas, January 17, 1912. After completing his education he was engaged in farming until he entered military service February 19, 1942. He was assigned to the Army Engineers and sent to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, for his basic Engineer training. After five months in this country he was sent to England in August 1942, and remained overseas for three years and two months. Corporal Donley saw action in four of the hard-fought battles in Europe and earned the European Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. He also holds the Marksmanship Medal. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barrack, Missouri, October 11, 1945.

2.—**Ens. Clifton Leon Meador**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Walter Meador, was born February 19, 1925, in Dumas, Arkansas. He attended Dumas High School, Hendrix College, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, and Tulane University. Entering the Navy January 12, 1943, he was a member of the Tulane N.R.O.T.C. Unit and specialized in five-inch, 38-caliber guns. Ensign Meador departed May 15, 1945, for the South Pacific Theater of Operations and remained overseas for seven months, participating in the invasions of Balikpapan, Borneo, and Okinawa, and the anti-shipping sweeps off the China coast. After being honorably discharged May 16, 1946, at Boston, Massachusetts, he returned to his home in Dumas, Arkansas.

3.—**Pfc. Energy A. Powell**, son of Leslie and Sarah Rebecca Powell, was born March 12, 1922, at New Blaine, Arkansas. He attended the Public Schools at Kelso, Arkansas, after which he was engaged in farming prior to entering the armed services on November 20, 1942. After he completed training at Camp Hulen, Texas, he was assigned to Battery A, 459th C.A. Bn., and was sent overseas with his organization on October 22, 1943. He participated in the campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, and the Ardennes, and was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with five Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, November 5, 1945.

4.—**T/5 Lester B. Donley**, son of Martin C. and Mattie Elen Donley, was born August 21, 1919, at Kelso, Arkansas. He received his education in the Public Schools at Kelso, after which he was engaged in farming until entering service with the Army Signal Corps November 20, 1942. He received basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri, and was later attached to 3401st Ordnance, 2nd Army. He was sent to the South Pacific May 1, 1943, participating in engagements in New Guinea, Luzon, and Leyte, and later served for two months with the Army of Occupation in Tokyo. Corporal Donley was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Battle Star, and the Victory Ribbon. He returned to the United

States November 28, 1945, and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, December 12, 1945. He and his wife, Elizabeth, live at Watson, Arkansas.

5.—**Radioman 3/c Roger Peyton Meador**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Walter Meador, was born April 21, 1927, in Dumas, Arkansas. He attended Dumas High School. Entering the Navy in January 1945, he received boot training at San Diego, California, qualifying as radio operator. He served at Memphis, Tennessee, and Cape May, New Jersey, before departing for duty in the Atlantic Ocean. After being honorably discharged July 15, 1946, he returned to his home in Dumas.

6.—**Sgt. James E. Rowland**, son of Mrs. Madarasz Rowland, was born at Dumas, Arkansas, April 12, 1922. He graduated from Dumas High School and attended Mississippi State College, prior to entering the Air Corps September 7, 1942. Basic training was received at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and he attended service schools at Keesler Field and Chanute Field, Illinois, qualifying as airplane mechanic at Keesler Field and as electrical specialist at Chanute Field. Assigned to the 44th Air Depot, he departed with his organization for the European theater July 25, 1943, and participated in the campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe for which he received the Meritorious Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Unit Citation and European Theater Ribbon with four Bronze Stars. Sergeant Rowland returned to the United States October 27, 1945, and was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, November 1, 1945.

7.—**Pfc. James B. Powell**, son of Leslie and Sarah Rebecca Powell of McGehee, Arkansas, was born April 9, 1926, at Subiaco, Arkansas. He attended the Kelso, Arkansas, Public Schools and was engaged in farming before entering the armed services September 7, 1944. He received basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, qualifying as half-track driver, and was assigned to Headquarters Company, 786th Tank Battalion. He departed for the European Theater of Operations, March 23, 1945, and participated with his unit in the Rhineland campaign, also serving for a month after the close of the war with the Army of Occupation. He received the European Theater Ribbon with Bronze Battle Star. Returning to the United States July 6, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, October 22, 1945, but reenlisted in the Army.

8.—**Pfc. Chester D. Donley**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin C. Donley, was born August 21, 1919, at Kelso, Arkansas. He finished Kelso High School and was engaged in farming until his induction into military service on August 10, 1941. After basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, he was assigned to the Infantry, serving more than a year in the United States and almost three years in the South Pacific, where he took part in many engagements, including Guadalcanal and Amurfa. Private Donley



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received the Infantryman's Combat Badge, Good Conduct Ribbon, American Defense Ribbon, and the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, August 28, 1945.

9.—**Fireman 1/c William Milton Stuart, Jr.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Milton Stuart, Sr., was born August 13, 1925, in McGehee, Arkansas. He received his education by attending McGehee High School, afterwards being self employed. Entering the Navy November 11, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Electricians' School, qualifying as electrician. After serving for seven months in the United States, he departed June 20, 1944, for the South Pacific and remained overseas for nearly two years, participating in campaigns of Western New Guinea and Leyte. After being honorably discharged April 29, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to his home in McGehee.

10.—**Sgt. Ward Roney Meador**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Walter Meador, was born May 29, 1921, in Dumas, Arkansas. He attended Dumas High School and Hendrix College, afterwards being employed as airway traffic control operator for the Civil Aeronautics Administration. Entering the Air Force October 5, 1943, he received basic training at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, qualifying as airport control tower operator. Sergeant Meador served for two and a half years in the United States with the Army Airways Communication System and was awarded Good Conduct Medal and Marksmanship Medals for rifle, carbine, sub-machine gun, and pistol. After being honorably discharged February 11, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Dumas, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Virginia, and their son.

11.—**Lt. Gale Martin Rowland**, son of Mrs. Madarasz M. Rowland, was born at Dumas, Arkansas, November 3, 1917. He attended Dumas High School and Mississippi State College, afterwards being engaged as parts and accessories sales manager for Clower Chevrolet Company of Dumas and McGehee. He entered the Army May 6, 1942, and, after basic training at Santa Ana Army Air Field, California, and special instruction at Boeing School of Aeronautics in Oakland, California, was assigned as bombardier with the 485th Bomb Group, which departed for Italy March 10, 1944, taking part in the general air offensive in the Rome-Arno, European, Balkans, Southern France, and Northern Apennines campaigns. Lieutenant Rowland received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. He was honorably discharged October 1, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, and lives with his wife, Rose Margaret, at Dumas.

12.—**T/5 Fred Osborne**, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Osborne, was born at McArthur, Arkansas, February 5, 1912. After finishing the Public Schools at McArthur, he was engaged in farming until entering the Army on October 17, 1942. He received basic training at Camp Campbell Kentucky, remaining in the United States for five months before being sent overseas March 24, 1943, with the 757th Tank Bn. Sergeant Osborne participated in the campaigns of Rome-Arno, Po Valley, and Northern Apennines and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with three Bronze Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, November 3, 1945.

13.—**A.C.O.M. Lawrence Osborne**, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Osborne of McGehee, Arkansas, was born in McArthur, Arkansas, November 3, 1918. After finishing high school at McArthur, he joined the Navy on November 7, 1938, receiving boot training at Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Virginia. During his period of service he was awarded the Expert Medals for both rifle and pistol. Following four years in the Navy, he was honorably discharged at Jacksonville, Florida, November 8, 1942, re-enlisting the following day. He is still in active service.

14.—**S/Sgt. Hugh B. Smith**, son of Henry and Annie Smith of Rohwer, Arkansas, was born at Gilmore, Arkansas, February 14, 1916. He attended the Turrell High School and was a logging contractor and truck driver until entering the Army Air Force February 21, 1941. Sergeant Smith was sent to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, for basic training and then attended specialist's schools at Chanute Field, Illinois, and Amarillo Army Air Field at Amarillo, Texas. He became an expert airplane mechanic and line chief and served with the 3030th Army Air Force Base Unit. A veteran of almost five years of military service, he holds the American Defense Service Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal and the Sharpshooter's Medal. He was honorably discharged at Roswell, New Mexico, November 16, 1945. He and his wife, the former Jewell Simpson, have one child.

15.—**Sgt. Ed Woodrow Smith**, son of Henry and Annie Smith of Rohwer, Arkansas, was born at Gilmore, Arkansas, November 12, 1918. He was educated at Turrell Public School and McGehee High School and afterwards was employed as farm manager and truck driver. He entered the Army Air Corps February 19, 1942, receiving basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and later attended Cryptographic Service School in India, where he qualified as a cryptographic technician. After completing basic training, he was assigned to the 4505th A.A.F., B-4, and departed from the United States May 28, 1942, for the India-Burma theater where he served for 29 months. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Star, the American Service Ribbon, the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Ribbon, and Good Conduct Medal and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, September 16, 1945. He and his wife, Jimmie Jo, live with their children at Rohwer, Arkansas.

16.—**T/3 Willis E. Coddington**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Coddington, was born at Warren, Arkansas, July 15, 1913, attended high school there and later became a service station attendant and tank truck driver. He entered the Army December 27, 1943, and was sent to Camp Kohler, California, for basic training, afterwards attending Western Signal Corps School at Davis, California, qualifying as radio operator, high speed manual, and was assigned to the 3373rd Signal Service Company. After 15 months' service in Continental United States, he sailed with his unit March 25, 1945, with Okinawa as his destination, and later saw action in the Okinawa campaign. Sergeant Coddington counts among his decorations, the Expert Rifleman's Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, American Theater Ribbon and World War II Victory Ribbon. After serving from October 18 to December 4, 1945, with the Army of Occupation in Korea, he was returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, January 5, 1946. He and his wife, Lorene Morgan Coddington, are the parents of two children.

17.—**S/Sgt. Leroy D. Coddington**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Coddington, was born at Warren, Arkansas, November 20, 1914. He attended Warren Public School, afterwards engaging in farming prior to his enlistment in the Army September 9, 1940. As an anti-tank crewman with the glider infantry, Sergeant Coddington served overseas for 43 months, participating in the Aleutians, German, and Belgian campaigns. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with two Bronze Stars. He was honorably discharged July 1, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and returned to Halley where he and his wife, Thelma, make their home.

18.—**Boatswain's Mate 2/c Dale O. Coddington** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Coddington of Halley, Arkansas. Born at Warren, Arkansas, August 8, 1925, he was educated at Warren and Halley

in the public schools and entered the regular Navy at 17, in August, 1942. Upon completion of boot training at San Diego, California, he was sent to the South Pacific theater. Overseas 39 months, he saw action at the battle for Saipan. Mate Coddington's enlistment in the Navy ended August 8, 1946.

19.—Pfc. Harry Coddington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Coddington of Halley, Arkansas, was born at Accard, New York, February 6, 1907. He moved with his parents to Arkansas in 1916, and completed his education at the Warren, Arkansas schools. He was employed as a carpenter and plantation overseer until entering the military service February 5, 1942. After completing basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, he was assigned to a hospital unit and departed for overseas service. Overseas more than three years, he suffered one wound and won the Purple Heart. Private Coddington was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, September 14, 1945.

20.—Seaman 1/c Hilliard Waco Barringer, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Barringer, was born at Conway, Arkansas, September 8, 1916. After graduating from New Edinburg (Arkansas) High School, he was employed as a pine lumber grader for the Bradley Lumber Company of Warren, Arkansas, prior to entering the Navy on May 8, 1944. He received boot training at Farragut, Idaho, and after five months' service in the United States, went to sea on December 28, 1944, and subsequently participated in the campaigns of Iwo Jima and Okinawa, later serving with the occupation forces for four months after the close of the war. Seaman Barringer was awarded the American Defense Service Ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars. He was returned to the United States and honorably discharged at Memphis, January 7, 1946. He and his wife, Odell Barringer, are the parents of one child.

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1.—Pfc. Juanita Henington Hutching, daughter of Mrs. Annie Pump of McGehee and the late James Yancy Henington, was born May 28, 1919, in Montrose, Arkansas. She attended Lake Village School, afterwards being employed at the Alabama Dry Docks in Mobile and as a welder in Kaiser Shipyards in San Francisco, California. Entering the Women's Army Corps December 1943, she received basic training at Des Moines, Iowa, qualifying as staff car operator. She was sent to Camp Stoneman, California, Port of Embarkation for the South Pacific, but was injured twice in line of duty and remained in the United States. She was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Ribbon and was honorably discharged December 14, 1945, at Camp Beale, California. She will make her home in St. Louis, Missouri, with her husband, Corporal Charles Hutching, after he is discharged.

2.—Cpl. Esther Marian Cotham is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cotham of Arkansas City, Arkansas, where she was born February 10, 1924. She was educated at Arkansas City High School and Draughon's Business College at Little Rock and worked in the circuit clerk's office at Arkansas City for one and a half years before entering the Marine Corps Women's Reserve April 21, 1944. Corporal Cotham served boot training at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, and became a teletype operator. She served in the communications section at the Marine Air Station, Congaree Air Field, South Carolina, for 15 months and then at Cherry Point, North Carolina, for four months. She was honorably discharged at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, April 6, 1946.

3.—Signalman 1/c Noble Lafayette Roberts, son of Mrs. Emma Inez Roberts, was born June 10, 1925, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Kelso, Arkansas, High School. Entering the Coast Guard October 19, 1943, he received boot training at Curtis Bay, Missouri. He departed November 13, 1944, for the Panama Canal. Overseas more than a year, he participated in campaigns of Leyte, Kerama Petto, Ie Shima, and Okinawa, being wounded in action. He was awarded four Battle Stars and four Campaign Ribbons and was honorably discharged April 16, 1946, at New Orleans, Louisiana. His home is in Watson, Arkansas.

4.—Sgt. Albert Clark Horn, son of Albert Horn and Mrs. Clara M. Cash, was born November 3, 1924, in Lake Village, Arkansas. He attended McGehee and Drew Central Schools, afterwards being engaged as welder for Kaiser Shipyards. Entering the Air Corps March 31, 1943, he received basic training at Fresno, California, and attended Armament School, qualifying as airplane armorer and carbine expert. Departing June 15, 1945, for the South

Pacific Theater of Operations, he remained overseas for eight months, serving as airplane armorer with a fighter group, performing inspections and making repairs, and participating in the air offensive over Truk and Japan. He was awarded Western Pacific Theater Ribbon, Victory Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, one Overseas Service Bar, and the Good Conduct Medal. After being honorably discharged February 24, 1946, at Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, he returned to McGehee, Arkansas.

5.—Electrician's Mate 3/c John Louis Cotham, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cotham, was born May 23, 1926, at Arkansas City, Arkansas. He graduated from Arkansas City High School in May, 1944. Entering the Navy July 20, 1944, he received boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia, qualifying as electrician's mate. He departed March 7, 1945, for the Philippine Islands. Overseas for more than a year, Mate Cotham participated in Asiatic-Pacific campaigns and the Philippine campaigns, being awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, one Bronze Star, and the Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged June 25, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to his home in Arkansas City.

6.—Pharmacist's Mate 3/c Gus L. Waterman, son of Marie Lang and Lawrence U. Waterman, was born December 26, 1926, in McGehee, Arkansas. He attended Dumas High School and the University of Arkansas. Mate Waterman entered the Navy December 21, 1944, and received boot training at San Diego, California. He attended Naval Hospital Corps School at San Diego. He was still in service at Norman, Oklahoma, and expected to be discharged the latter part of 1946, according to last report received. His family lives in Dumas, Arkansas.

7.—T/5 Floyd A. Stinson, Sr., son of Bessie R. and Christopher C. Stinson, was born December 10, 1917, in Tylertown, Mississippi, moving to Arkansas in 1923. He attended Kelso and Rohwer High Schools. Entering the Ordnance Department November 9, 1943, he received basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and attended Ordnance Parts Clerical School at Toledo, Ohio, qualifying as supply clerk and in the use of the carbine and M-1 rifle. After serving for more than a year in the United States with the 921st Ord. H., A.M. Co., he departed December 1, 1944, for the European Theater of Operations and remained overseas for more than a year. He participated in campaigns of Rhineland and Central Europe and was awarded the Victory Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Service Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and two Overseas Service Bars. After being honorably discharged March 14, 1946,



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at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to Rohwer, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Evelyn, and their child.

8.—**Shipfitter 1/c Lester M. Cash**, son of the late Ethel and Tom Cash and nephew of Hogan A. Cash of McGehee, Arkansas, was born July 19, 1907, in Collins, Arkansas. He attended Desha County Public Schools, afterwards being engaged as a farmer. Entering the Navy in August 1927, he served for 15 years. His ship was sunk in the first battle off the coast of Virginia, and he was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Good Conduct Medal.

9.—**Cpl. Maurelle Leake**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leake, was born December 20, 1909, in Alabama, moving to Arkansas in 1930. He received his education by attending Cleveland, Mississippi, and Nashville, Tennessee, Public Schools and was afterwards employed as a mechanic. Entering the Armed Forces December 9, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Abbott, Oregon, and Ft. Lewis, Washington. After 18 months' service he was sent to the Asiatic-Pacific theater and participated in action at Okinawa. He also spent seven months with the Army of Occupation in Japan, and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon. Corporal Leake was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, January 30, 1946. He and his wife, Beatrice, live in Arkansas City with their children.

10.—**Seaman 1/c Richard Vernon Cotham**, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cotham, was born October 15, 1927, in Arkansas City, Arkansas. He graduated from Arkansas City High School in May, 1945. Entering the Navy June 28, 1945, he received boot training at San Diego, California, with Co. 45-316. He departed in October 1945, for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and was still in the service overseas, according to last report received. His home is in Arkansas City.

11.—**T/4 Charles W. Burnett**, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson Burnett, was born February 7, 1925, in Rohwer, Arkansas. Entering the Engineer Corps August 24, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Sutton, North Carolina, qualifying as auto mechanic. Serving with the 1395th Engineers, 1305 G.S., he departed March 31, 1944, for Guadalcanal, and served overseas for nearly two years, participating in two campaigns in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations. He spent seven months with the Army of Occupation and was awarded the Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, and three Citations. After being honorably discharged February 18, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, he returned to his home in Rohwer.

12.—**Cpl. James Morgan, Jr.**, son of Bessie and James Morgan, Sr., was born in Watson, Arkansas. He attended Watson High School, afterwards being engaged as a railroad employee. Entering the Army December 2, 1941, he received basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, qualifying as medium tank crewman. Attached to Company C, 13th Tank Battalion, Corporal Morgan departed May 10, 1942, for Italy. Overseas three and a half years, he participated in the Algerian-French Morocco, Tunisian, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Northern Apennines, and Po Valley campaigns and was wounded in action twice during service in Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star, and Oak Leaf Cluster. After being honorably discharged July 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to his home in Watson.

13.—**Pfc. Vernon A. Lilly**, son of J. T. and Susie Lilly, was born October 21, 1925, at Rohwer, Arkansas. He entered the service October 17, 1942. After completing basic training at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, he was assigned to the 197th General Hospital as a clerk-typist in the Medical Corps, sailing with this organization for the European Theater of Operations October 31, 1944. At the end of 12 months in Europe, he returned to the United States on November 4, 1945, and was honorably discharged

from the service at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, on November 9, 1945.

14.—**T/4 James G. Thurman** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Thurman of Warren, Arkansas, where he was born December 3, 1910. After completing his education, he was a civil engineer at Camp Chaffee, Camp Hale, California, and the Japanese Relocation Centers at Rohwer and Jerome, Arkansas. Entering military service December 23, 1944, he was sent to Camp Hood, Texas, for basic training and later was sent to the Philippine Islands in June, 1945. Sergeant Thurman served more than eight months overseas and holds the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Victory Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. He spent four months with the Army of Occupation of Japan and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, January 29, 1945. He and his wife, the former Eunice McIlvoy, live in Warren with their children.

15.—**Cpl. Talvin Malachi Young**, son of David Webster and Clorine Young of Arkansas City, Arkansas, was born at Leaksville, Mississippi, January 21, 1917, and was engaged in farming until entering military service February 12, 1944. Sent to Camp Kohler, California, for basic training, he became a cook and in September, 1944, was sent to New Guinea in the Southwest Pacific theater. Overseas more than 16 months, he took part in the New Guinea, Southern Philippines and Luzon campaigns and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Ribbon for his service with the 3168th Signal Operating Group. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, January 25, 1946. He and his wife, Jewel Ruth, have one child.

16.—**Yeoman 2/c Retha Henry** is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis R. Henry of Dumas, Arkansas, where she was born October 15, 1920. She attended Dumas High School and completed her education at the Bowling Green Business University at Bowling Green, Kentucky. Yeoman Henry was employed for three years with the National Youth Administration and at the time she entered the naval service was employed in the Office for Emergency Management at Little Rock. Entering the Navy in May, 1944, she completed boot training at Hunter College, New York City, and then was sent to the Naval Training School for Yeomen at Cedar Falls, Iowa. A veteran of almost two years of Naval service, she was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, March 15, 1946.

17.—**Fireman 2/c Harvey Johnson Fuel, Jr.**, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Johnson Fuel, Sr., of Lake Village, Arkansas, where he was born December 7, 1927. He attended Lake Village High School and was employed as a boilerman and fireman for the City Dry Cleaners at Lake Village. He enlisted in the regular Navy June 6, 1945. He completed his boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois, and was then sent to Okinawa in November, 1945. This sailor has enlisted for a term of six years and was fireman on the U.S.S. L.S.T. 1009, which was operating in Japanese waters, according to last report received.

18.—**Pfc. Tom Hillard Free, Jr.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hillard Free, Sr., of Dumas, Arkansas, was born January 15, 1915, at Varner, Arkansas. He attended Grady High School, Hendrix College, and the Tyler Commercial College prior to entering military service May 1, 1944. He completed basic Medical Corps training at Camp Barkeley, Texas, and then attended the Lawson General Technician's School and became a dental technician. On March 21, 1945, he was sent to Okinawa and served throughout that campaign with the 17th Infantry of the famous 7th Division. Overseas 11 months, he was wounded twice and is the holder of the Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Battle Star, the Good Conduct Medal, Combat Medic's Badge, and the

Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged February 18, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, Bernice, have one son.

19.—**T/Sgt. Oscar Vernon Peppers**, son of Mrs. Will Lee, was born September 30, 1914, in Ansley, Louisiana, moving to Arkansas in 1916. Entering the Infantry November 1937, he received basic training at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, qualifying as chief instructor, platoon sergeant, combat infantryman, and expert with rifle and machine gun. After serving in the United States for seven years with Company F, 9th Infantry, he departed June 6, 1944, for Liverpool, England. Overseas for a year, he participated in campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, and Rhineland, being wounded in action at Mozelle, France, November 22, 1944. He was awarded the Purple Heart, five Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Citation, and European-African-

Middle Eastern Service Ribbon. After being honorably discharged June 18, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Watson, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Thelma Louise, and their children.

20.—**Cpl. E. J. Walker**, son of John Eyra and Daisy Anne Walker of Watson, Arkansas, was born at Parma, Missouri, August 8, 1924, and moved with his family to Arkansas in 1939. He was educated at Watson High School and was engaged in farming until entering the Marine Corps October 18, 1943. Corporal Walker served boot training at the Marine Corps Base at San Diego, California, and was sent to Hawaii in March 1944. He served a total of more than two years of duty and was returned to the United States March 14, 1946. He was honorably discharged at Great Lakes, Illinois, March 26, 1946. His wife is Mary Pearl Walker.

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1.—**Sgt. Carna Bishop**, daughter of Susie Jane and Loranza Dal Bishop, was born July 11, 1923, in Dumas, Arkansas. She attended Dumas Public Schools, graduating from Dumas High School, and was afterwards engaged in National Youth Administration work and as dental assistant. Entering the W.A.C. Air Transport Command June 13, 1944, she received basic training at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia, qualifying as dental assistant. Sergeant Bishop served in the United States for two years with the Air Transport Command. She was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, and American Theater Ribbon. She was honorably discharged June 26, 1946. Her home is in Dumas, Arkansas.

2.—**S/Sgt. Ernest Austin Jones**, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ernest Jones, was born September 27, 1919, in Wilmot, Arkansas. He attended Wilmot High School, afterwards being employed as automobile mechanic. Entering the Air Force June 28, 1940, he received basic training at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, and attended Airdrome Specialists' School, qualifying as motor mechanic. After serving for three years in the United States with the 11th Airdrome Sqdn., Sergeant Jones departed June 13, 1943, for Guadalcanal and remained overseas for nine months. He was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and American Defense Ribbon. After being honorably discharged May 22, 1944, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to Wilmot, where he lives with his wife, Leona Jeanette, and their children.

3.—**S/Sgt. Winford G. Hayes**, son of Anna M. and Andrew L. Hayes, was born May 13, 1916, in Monticello, Arkansas. He attended Dumas Public Schools, Memphis Tech High School, and Arkansas A. & M. College, afterwards being engaged in telephone work for the Bell Telephone Co. and as mechanical engineer for Driver Construction Co. Entering the Army Air Force April 8, 1942, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and attended Spartan School of Aeronautics, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Allison Aircraft Engine School, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Packard Rolls Royce Engine School, St. Petersburg, Florida, qualifying as aircraft inspector and engine mechanic. Sergeant Hayes served for nearly four years in the United States with the 304th Fighter Sqdn. and the 337th Fighter Group. He was honorably discharged December 8, 1945, at Maxwell Field, Alabama, and returned to Tillar, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Phyllis Jean.

4.—**Sgt. Woodrow Bishop**, son of Loranza and Susie Bishop, was born January 24, 1920, at Dumas, Arkansas. He received his education at Dumas Grade and High Schools and afterwards was engaged in farming and employed in furniture factory at Benton. He entered the Army Air Corps November 6, 1942, receiving basic training at Brooks Field, Texas, and later qualifying as armorer, aircraft, by attending AAFTTS at Buckley Field, Colorado,

where he was awarded A.A.F. Technical Badge. Sergeant Bishop arrived in the European Theater of Operations August 25, 1943, and participated in the campaigns through Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe and in the air offensive. After over two years' service overseas, he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon. He received an honorable discharge October 28, 1945, at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

5.—**Sgt. John Marion Jones**, son of Mrs. Nora B. Jones and the late Dr. W. E. Jones, was born July 9, 1926, in Wilmot, Arkansas. He attended Wilmot High School. Entering the Army Air Force January 17, 1945, he received basic training at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and attended Lockheed Aeronautical School, qualifying as crew chief mechanic. He was awarded Marksmanship Medal in 1945. Departing October 9, 1945, for Wake Island, he remained overseas more than eight months. Sergeant Jones was still in service on Johnston Island, according to last report received. His home is in Wilmot.

6.—**S/Sgt. John H. Madden**, son of Mrs. Effie Madden, was born at Wilmar, Arkansas, March 5, 1920. After completing his education at Crossett High School he was employed as a chemical operator for the Crossett Chemical Company. He entered the Army Air Corps May 5, 1942, and received basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and Seattle, Washington. He attended Aircraft Mechanic School at Chanute Field, Illinois, and Lincoln, Nebraska, and attended AAFTTC Boeing Specialist School at Seattle, Washington, and qualified as aircraft mechanic and maintenance chief. He served in the States 21 months with the 309th Airdrome Sqdn., 769th Bomb Group (B-29). He left the States on February 26, 1944, and arrived at Bombay, India. He participated in air offensives over Japan, China, Central Burma, India Burma, Palembang and Sumatra. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon, Bronze Star Medal and Distinguished Unit Badge. Sergeant Madden received an honorable discharge at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, October 11, 1945. His wife is Madrid Madden.

7.—**S/Sgt. Thomas J. Hayes**, son of Ruby R. and Miles P. Hayes, was born January 27, 1921, in Dumas, Arkansas. He attended Dumas Grade School and graduated from Tillar High School in 1940. Enlisting in the Army August 29, 1940, he received basic training at Chanute Field, Illinois, after which he served with the military police for 16 months. In January 1942, he entered Machinists' School at Chanute Field, afterwards serving as an instructor for two years. He attended Clerical School in Salt Lake City, Utah, and graduated from Combat Intelligence School, serving as combat intelligence clerk for six months at Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas.



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In February 1944, he was sent to McCook Air Base, McCook, Nebraska, for training with the 493rd Bomb Group. Sergeant Hayes departed May 3, 1944, for England, being stationed at Debach, England, and remaining overseas for more than a year. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, European Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, and Presidential Citation. After being honorably discharged October 23, 1945, at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, he returned to his home in Tillar, Arkansas.

8.—**Pvt. Loranza Bishop, Jr.**, is the son of Loranza and Susie Bishop of Dumas, Arkansas, where he was born February 22, 1946. He was educated in the Dumas schools and entered the Army March 29, 1944. Private Bishop completed basic training at Camp Swift, Texas, and served with the Signal Corps as a telephone and telegraph lineman. He served nine months in this country as a member of the 46th Signal Battalion before he was honorably discharged at Coral Gables, Florida, December 11, 1944. His wife is Mary E. Bishop.

9.—**Flight Officer John Llewellyn Reeves**, son of Samuel Stirling Reeves (deceased) and Edwylle L. Reeves, was born February 4, 1925, at Lake Village, Arkansas. He graduated from the Lakeside High School, Lake Village, and attended Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, in 1942-43. He entered the Army Air Corps July 13, 1943, and received basic training at Miami, Florida. He attended a service school at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. Training as a single-engine pilot he received preflight training at Santa Ana, California; primary training at Dos Palos, California; basic training at Merced, California, and advanced training at Luke Field, Phoenix, Arizona, receiving his wings on March 11, 1945. He received his certificate of service October 8, 1945, at Scott Field, Illinois.

10.—**S/Sgt. William Travis Jones** is the son of Mrs. W. E. Jones of Wilmot, Arkansas, where he was born January 19, 1922. He attended Wilmot High School and was connected with the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. when he entered military service on July 29, 1942. Assigned to the Air Corps, he was trained at San Antonio, Texas, and attended Preflight School and Air Force Technical School. Sergeant Jones became a radio station chief, and in March 1944, he was sent to the Italian Theater of Operations. Overseas more than 22 months, he served during the Rome-Arno campaign. Holder of the European Theater Ribbon and Expert's Medal for the rifle and carbine, he was honorably discharged at Camp Fannin, Texas, February 4, 1946.

11.—**Pfc. Orman H. Harris**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Plas Harris of Dardanelle, Arkansas, was born at Havana, Arkansas, March 27, 1917. He completed his education at Carden Bottom High School and was engaged in farming until entering military service November 9, 1942. He served basic training at the Anti-Aircraft center at Camp Haan, California, and became a gun crewman serving with Battery D of the 413th Anti-Aircraft Battalion. In November 1943, Private Harris was sent with this unit to the European theater where he later participated in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns. Overseas a total of almost two years, he is the holder of the European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars and an Arrowhead and the Good Conduct Medal. Private Harris spent three months with the Army of Occupation of Germany and was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, November 1, 1945. His wife is Thelma J. Harris.

12.—**M/Sgt. Percy K. Boyd**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Boyd of Crossett, Arkansas, was born at Baird, Mississippi, September 9, 1918, and moved with his family to Arkansas in 1919. He attended the Portland High School and entered the Army Air Force August 2, 1941. Trained at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he was sent to Mechanics' Schools at Chanute Field, Illinois, and Bell Aircraft Company and in July 1942, arrived in the Fiji Islands in the Pacific theater. Overseas more than three

years, he saw action in the Guadalcanal, Bismarck Archipelago, China, Luzon, Northern Solomons, Western Pacific, Southern Philippines, and New Guinea campaigns and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with eight Battle Stars, American Defense Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star, and the Victory Ribbon. Sergeant Boyd was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, October 6, 1945, and on November 21, 1945, he re-enlisted in the regular Army.

13.—**Pfc. Herschel M. Hayes**, son of Anna Moore and Andrew Lawrence Hayes, was born September 11, 1906, in White, Arkansas. He attended Dumas High School, Dumas, Arkansas; Henderson-Brown College, Arkadelphia; University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. After completing his education, he was employed as chief chemist for Forest Products Chemical Co., Memphis, Tennessee, and chemical supervisor of Buckeye Cotton Oil Company, Chemical Pulp Division, of Memphis. Entering the Chemical Warfare Service November 10, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Sibert, Alabama, qualifying as chemical engineer, toxic gas handler, decon. operator, M-1 rifle sharpshooter, and 1903 rifle expert. He served in the United States with Co. F, 1st Regt., R.T.C., and departed July 23, 1944, for England. Serving overseas for more than a year, he participated in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns with the 21st Chemical Company, 7th Army. Private Hayes spent seven months with the Army of Occupation and was awarded European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. After being honorably discharged December 24, 1945, at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, he returned to Tillar, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Roberta.

14.—**Pfc. Clyde Austin Shepherd**, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Shepherd was born at Fendley, Arkansas, July 25, 1917. After completing his education in the public schools at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, was employed as tire shop mechanic until entering the Marine Corps October 13, 1943. Following boot training at San Diego, California, he sailed on February 27, 1944, with his unit, the 7th Depot Motor Transport Corps to the South Pacific area, where he participated in the campaigns in Saipan, Tinian and Guam. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Stars, the American Theater Ribbon and a Sharpshooter's Medal and returned to the United States on January 16, 1945, where he received an honorable discharge at the Oakland, California, Naval Hospital on March 15, 1945, and returned to rejoin his wife, Mildred Altha.

15.—**Seaman 2/c James E. Wagner**, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wagner of Dermott, Arkansas, was born at Pineville, Louisiana, June 18, 1915, and moved to Arkansas in 1920. He graduated from Dermott High School and Arkansas A. & M. College at Monticello. He entered the Navy on October 9, 1944. Seaman Wagner received boot training at the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois, and on January 31, 1945, while attached to LST No. 815, he suffered a fractured kneecap and was placed in the Naval Hospital at Seattle, Washington, for treatment. While in this hospital he contracted pneumonia, and after recovering, was transferred to the Naval Hospital at Memphis, from which he received an honorable discharge on November 14, 1945. He lives at Dermott with his wife, Lois, and child.

16.—**Sgt. Charles Wallace Bledsoe**, son of William Wallace and Martha Elizabeth Bledsoe, was born April 4, 1916, at Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He attended Woodruff and Kramer Grade School, East Side Junior High, and Fordyce High School, later being employed as policeman in Little Rock. He entered the Infantry, military police, August 6, 1942, receiving basic training at Camp Robinson, and qualifying for instructor, orientation specialist. After serving three years and seven months attached to Co. H, 140th Infantry, Sergeant Bledsoe

was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, February 17, 1946. He and his wife, Clara Eva, live in Little Rock with their daughter.

17.—Sgt. Hancel M. Sewell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sewell of Prescott, Arkansas, was born March 28, 1922. He attended Prescott Public Schools, and after graduating from high school was mustered into service December 23, 1940, with the Arkansas National Guard Unit, 153rd Infantry. He received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. (No further details regarding the service record were furnished).

18.—1st Lt. Emily Sewell Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sewell, was born at Prescott, Arkansas, January 15, 1921, and received her education at Blevins (Arkansas) High School and Shoemaker Beauty School (Little Rock). Employed as a beautician, she enlisted in the Women's Army Corps October 5, 1942, received basic training at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, and later attended Officer's Training School and Provost Marshal's General School, qualifying for service as a company commander. After 21 months of meritorious service, Lieutenant Stewart was relieved of active duty at Ellington Field, Texas, July 25, 1944. She is the wife of Lieutenant Howard L. Stewart, who also saw service in the Army, and they are the parents of one child.

19.—1st Lt. Howard L. Stewart, son of Mrs. Katharine Jeanette Stewart, was born at Vilonia, Arkansas, October 26, 1917, received his education at Vi-

lonia High School and Arkansas State Teachers' College, and entered military service December 23, 1940, when his National Guard unit was mustered into federal service. He received basic training at Camp Robinson, and later attended Officer Candidate School, Ft. Benning, Georgia, qualifying as an Infantry unit commander. On April 12, 1942, he sailed with his unit, the 153rd Infantry, for the Aleutian Islands, and served there until his return to the United States on March 1, 1943. On March 23, 1944, Lieutenant Stewart again sailed for the war zone, going to the European theater and participating in the invasion of Normandy with the 1st Division, and was wounded at Mandeville, France, on June 8, 1944. He engaged in the campaigns of Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Germany, and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, the European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars, the Bronze Star Medal, the Order of the Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. Lieutenant Stewart was retired from active duty shortly after his return to the United States. He is the husband of Lt. Emily Sewell Stewart of the WACS, and they are the parents of one child.

20.—Cpl. John H. Sewell, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Sewell of Route 5, Prescott, Arkansas, was born January 7, 1902. He attended public schools and was employed at a defense plant before entering the Army September, 1942. He is the father of seven children. (No further details regarding the service record of Corporal Sewell were furnished).

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1.—Pfc. Darrell M. Banister, son of Lillian and Coval N. Banister, was born April 16, 1921, in Rosboro, Arkansas. He attended Gould Grade School and McGehee High School, afterwards being employed by the U. S. Engineers. Entering the Military Police August 16, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and served for more than two years in the United States with the 1861st M.P. Detachment. Departing January 17, 1941, for LeHavre, France, Private Banister remained overseas for more than a year. He was awarded American Theater Ribbon, Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, European Theater Ribbon, and Unit Citation. After being honorably discharged, he reenlisted March 22, 1946, for three years' service in the Air Corps. His home is in McGehee, Arkansas.

2.—T/5 Howard B. Ross, son of Bertha I. Fish and Jack P. Ross, was born September 26, 1916, near Star City, Arkansas. He attended Palmyra Public School and Star City High School. Entering the Coast Artillery Corps (A.A.) December 5, 1941, he received basic training at Camp Callan, California, qualifying as field lineman and rifle sharpshooter. He served in the United States for three and a half years before departing July 17, 1945, for the Marianas Islands. He remained overseas for six months and was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon, and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. After being honorably discharged January 19, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to his home in Star City, Arkansas.

3.—Capt. William Theodore Smith Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Smith, was born at Wilmot, Arkansas, October 20, 1918. He received his education at Wilmot High School and Arkansas A. & M. College and was employed for several years as a cotton weigher. In 1935 he enlisted in the Arkansas National Guard, and on April 6, 1942, entered the Army Air Corps. He was sent to San Antonio, Texas, for basic training and later attended a number of specialized A.A.F. Flying Schools, qualifying as a pilot, and graduating from the Advanced Flying School, Waco, Texas, January 14, 1943. After four years of service, Captain Smith was relieved of

active duty on December 26, 1945, at Barksdale Field, Louisiana.

4.—1st/Sgt. Norton E. Banister, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Banister, was born at Nashville, Arkansas, May 17, 1919. He received his education by attending the Gould Grade School and McGehee High School, after which he was employed as clerk by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company. He entered the Field Artillery Signal Corps on July 3, 1941, and received basic training at Camp Roberts, California, qualifying for administrative NCO and receiving Marksmanship and Sharpshooter Medals for his proficiency in the use of the rifle. Attached to 302nd Signal Bn., 11th Field Artillery, he departed from the United States on February 27, 1944, for the European Theater of Operations and saw service in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central European campaigns. He also spent four months with the Army of Occupation. For meritorious service, Sergeant Banister received the European Theater of Operations Ribbon with four Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. He received an honorable discharge at Jefferson Barracks, October 17, 1945, returning to McGehee, where he resides with his wife, Catherine, and their child.

5.—1st Lt. Lloyd A. Ross, son of Bertha I. Fish and Jack P. Ross, was born December 23, 1921, near Star City, Arkansas. He attended Palmyra Grade School and Star City High School. Entering the Infantry, Medical Detachment, September 16, 1940, he received basic training at Camp Pickett, Virginia, qualifying as medical unit commander. Lieutenant Ross served in the United States with the Medical Corps for four years before departing October 13, 1944, for Plymouth, England. Overseas for 10 months, he participated in campaigns of Central Europe, Rhineland, and Ardennes and was awarded European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, American Theater Campaign Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon, Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Wreath, and Combat Medical Badge. Having been promoted to the rank of sergeant March 14, 1941, he was commissioned second lieutenant overseas January 9, 1945, and promoted to first lieutenant Janu-

ary 25, 1946. He attended Syracuse University as a student in the Air Corps. His home is in Star City.

6.—Electrician's Mate 1/c Crawford William Ashley, son of Jessie Lee and Maude Jane Ashley of Lake Village, was born July 17, 1923, at Noble Lake, Arkansas. He attended Eudora (Arkansas) High School; Lake Providence (Louisiana) High School, and Mer Rouge (Louisiana) High School, afterwards being employed as lineman for Western Union Telegraph Co., Dallas, Texas. Entering the Navy July 6, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, and later attended Electrical School at St. Louis, Missouri, qualifying for electrician's mate. He served nearly a year in the United States, departing for the South Pacific January 14, 1944, and participating in the invasions of Ulithia Island, Peleau Island, and Anguar Island. The ship on which he was serving was sunk January 18, 1945, at Bablethorpe, Peleau Island, by enemy mine, and he was wounded. Mate Ashley received Navy Unit Citation, Purple Heart, and Letter of Commendation, with Star for second award. After being honorably discharged December 4, 1945, at Camp Shelton, Virginia, he reenlisted December 5, 1945.

7.—Capt. Paul L. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith, was born at Wilmot, Arkansas, January 10, 1915. He attended Wilmot High School and Arkansas A. & M. College, and later was engaged in pipeline construction work. Entering military service on January 6, 1941, with the 204th Coast Artillery of the Louisiana National Guard, he was sent to Camp Hulen, Texas, for basic training. He was later sent to the Anti-Aircraft Officer Candidate School, where he received his commission. After two years in this country he arrived with his unit in Oran, Algeria, in May 1943. During the next 30 months he participated in the Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland and Central Germany campaigns, and later served five months with the Army of Occupation in Germany. He is holder of the European-African-Middle Eastern and European Theater Ribbons with Battle Stars denoting his engagements and the Bronze Star Medal. Captain Smith was retired to inactive status on January 29, 1946, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

8.—1st/Sgt. Paul Murray Banister, son of Lillian and Coval Norton Banister, was born September 22, 1917, in Nashville, Arkansas. He attended Gould Public Schools and A. & M. College in Monticello, Arkansas, afterwards being employed by the Missouri Pacific Tailways Co. A member of the National Guard since October 1935, he entered the 3461st Ordnance M.A.M. Co. December 21, 1944, and received basic training at Camp Hood, Texas. After serving in the United States for six months, Sergeant Banister departed June 20, 1945, for Japan and was still in the service overseas, according to last report received. His wife, Geraldine, and their children live in McGehee, Arkansas.

9.—Cpl. Robert H. Hudgens, son of Mrs. Lucille B. Hudgens, was born August 23, 1926, in Little Rock, Arkansas. He attended Portland (Arkansas) High School and Texas A. & I. College, afterwards being employed as a clerk. Entering the Air Force February 1, 1945, he received basic training at Amarillo, Texas, and attended Basic A.M. School at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and B-32 Specialist School at San Diego, California, qualifying as airplane mechanic and carbine sharpshooter. He departed December 15, 1945, for Jamaica, remaining overseas for two months. He lives in Portland, Arkansas.

10.—T/Sgt. Jack Ross, Jr., son of Bertha I. Fish and Jack P. Ross, was born August 9, 1919, near Star City, Arkansas. He attended Grade and High Schools at Star City and Monticello A. & M. College at Monticello, Arkansas. Entering the Infantry, Medical Corps, September 3, 1940, he received basic training at Camp Gruber and Hot Springs Army and Navy Hospital, attending Pharmacists' School in Hot Springs. Sergeant Ross served for nearly

three years in the United States before departing May 14, 1943, for Australia, where he served with the 89th Station Hospital. Overseas for two and a half years, he also was stationed at the 89th Station Hospital in Luzon and was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, American Theater Campaign Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon, Victory Ribbon, and Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged November 8, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, and returned to his home in Star City.

11.—Aviation Ordnanceman 3/c Jessie Earl Ashley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Lee Ashley, was born November 28, 1925, at Noble Lake, Arkansas. He attended Lake Providence High School, Mer Rouge High School, Mer Rouge, Louisiana, and Lakeside High School at Lake Village, Arkansas. Entering the Navy Reserve November 26, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, and later attended Aviation Ordnance School at Norman, Oklahoma. He qualified for aviation gunner (crew member) and, after serving 21 months in the States, departed August 9, 1945, for the South Pacific where he served for eight months. Returning to the United States January 23, 1946, he was honorably discharged at Camp Wallace, Texas, January 30, 1946. He lives in Lake Village with his wife, Frances Louise.

12.—S/Sgt. Paul H. Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom I. Edwards, of Grady, Arkansas, was born April 22, 1921, at Coy, Arkansas. After completing his education, he was employed as a store clerk until entering the Army July 12, 1942. Upon completion of basic training at Camp Wallace, Texas, he attended Electric Fire Control School at Los Angeles, California, and arrived in Europe with his unit, the 430th Anti-Aircraft Artillery (A.W.) Bn., in October, 1943. With a total of more than two years of foreign service, he saw action in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe campaigns. He holds the European Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged November 13, 1945, at Camp Fannin, Texas.

13.—Sgt. Phillip H. Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom I. Edwards, of Grady, Arkansas, was born at Ryan, Arkansas, April 22, 1921. After completing his education, he entered the Army on September 6, 1940, and received basic training at Ft. Lewis, Washington. Assigned to the 3rd Reconnaissance Troop, 3rd Infantry Division, he arrived overseas in October, 1942, with his unit, and fought valiantly in the campaigns in Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany, and Austria. Overseas 32 months, he was awarded the European and European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbons with eight Battle Stars, the Silver Star and accompanying citation, the Order of the Purple Heart with two Clusters for three wounds, and a French decoration. He was honorably discharged June 28, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

14.—Pfc. Isaac Buchanan Edwards, son of Mary E. and Thomas I. Edwards, was born August 29, 1915, in Coy, Arkansas. He attended high school, afterwards being engaged in farming. Entering the Army February 8, 1945, he received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, with the Army Engineers Base Survey Co. Private Edwards departed August 5, 1945, for the Philippines and Japan. He was honorably discharged August 7, 1946, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. His wife, Elizabeth, and their children, live in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

15.—Sgt. James Carl Edwards, son of Tom and Mary Edwards of Grady, Arkansas, was born at Rhine, Arkansas, August 26, 1915. He attended school at Moscow, Arkansas, and was a truck driver until entering the Army Air Corps January 1, 1943. After completing basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, he became a member of the 61st Air Service Group and was sent to the Asiatic-Pacific theater in September, 1944. Overseas more than 15 months, he took part in the fighting in Central Burma and

was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon. He was returned to this country in the winter of 1945, and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, February 13, 1946. He and his wife, the former Ophelia Russell, are the parents of one child.

16.—Electrician's Mate 3/c **Felix J. Bynum**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Bynum of Dermott, Arkansas, was born at Dermott on March 12, 1922. After completing his education at Dermott High School, he entered the Coast Guard on June 27, 1942, and received boot training at Alameda, California. He then served one and one-half years in this country with the Off-Shore Observation Force before being sent to the Southwest Pacific area, arriving there in April, 1944. During the 20 months he was overseas, he served in the Solomon Islands, New Guinea and Admiralty Islands campaigns and received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with Battle Stars denoting his engagements. Mate Bynum was honorably discharged from service on November 13, 1945, at St. Louis, Missouri. He and his wife, Dora May, are the parents of one child.

17.—Pfc. **Ernest H. Riley**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Riley, was born March 29, 1919, in Alexandria, Louisiana, later moving to Arkansas. He attended Lakeside School, Lake Village, Arkansas. Entering the Army August 1, 1942, he served as military policeman at the Pine Bluff Arsenal and was assigned to the 853rd Chemical Co. Departing August 29, 1944, for England, he later participated in the India-Burma campaign and the China offensive. He reenlisted for one year while at Kunming, China, and is now stationed at Eglin Field, Florida. He is married, and his home is in Lake Village.

18.—Turret Captain 1/c **William Alvin Lewis**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie F. Lewis, was born January 1, 1921, in Arkansas. He graduated from Drew Central High School in 1940, afterwards being employed by General Electric Company in Chicago, Illinois. Entering the Navy May 20, 1942, he received boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois. Departing August 8, 1942, for Europe, he remained overseas for two years and eight months. He was awarded Good Conduct Medal. His home is in Fountain Hill, Arkansas.

19.—Pvt. **William E. Riley**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Riley, was born August 28, 1926, in Lake Village, Arkansas. He attended Lakeside High School and, after graduating, was employed by the Lake Village Lumber Company. Entering the Army Air Corps February 1, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, he received basic training at Amarillo, Texas, and Scott Field, Illinois. After completion of training, he departed from New Orleans, Louisiana, for Panama, where he was still in service, according to last report received. His home is in Lake Village.

20.—Sgt. **James Whitcomb Riley**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Riley, was born May 21, 1917, at Alexandria, Louisiana, and received his education in the Lake Village (Arkansas) schools. Entering military service February 5, 1942, he received his basic training at Camp Robinson, and later attended Cooks' and Bakers' School, qualifying as a cook. After 21 months of meritorious service as a member of the 102nd Medical Battalion, Sergeant Riley was honorably discharged November 18, 1943. He and his wife, Edna Elizabeth, are the parents of two children.



JULIAN T. W. TILLAR

Medical Technician Julian T. W. Tillar, son of Mrs. J. S. Tillar and the late Mr. Tillar, was born September 27, 1915, at Tillar, Arkansas. He received his education at Tillar High School and attended Arkansas A. & M. College at Monticello for one year before enlisting in the Army Medical Corps July 18, 1936. He served two years at the Army and Navy Hospital, Hot Springs, as medical technician, prior to volunteering for foreign service in 1938. He was a veteran of Philippine action, and served in Sternberg General Hospital, Manila, P. I., and aboard hospital ships and troop transports. Technician Tillar was killed in a vehicle accident in the Southwest Pacific area on August 19, 1942. He was posthumously awarded the American Defense Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon, American Theater of Operations Ribbon, and a Presidential Citation. His mother and sister reside in Tillar, Arkansas.