



HENRY S. PREWITT

Cpl. Henry Strider Prewitt was the son of Jesse Rowan and Caroline Strider Prewitt of Tillar, Arkansas. Born at Tillar on July 27, 1923, he attended Arkansas A. & M. College at Monticello, and the University of Arkansas. He enlisted in the Army Reserve in October, 1942, and was called to active duty on May 8, 1943. Corporal Prewitt served basic Infantry training at Camp Roberts, California, and in August, 1944, he was sent to the European theater. A member of Company M, 319th Infantry, 80th Infantry Division, he served throughout the Northern France campaign. This gallant soldier was killed in action on October 14, 1944, while his unit was serving with the 3rd Army in France. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal, and his body rests at the American Military Cemetery at Andilly, France.



Lt. Col. Zachary Taylor Prewitt is the son of Jesse Rowan and Caroline Strider Prewitt of Tillar, Arkansas, where he was born September 24, 1919. Educated at Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater, Oklahoma, he entered active service with the Corps of Engineers on June 4, 1941. Colonel Prewitt has attended the Engineer School at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, the Army Industrial College at Washington, D. C., and the Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. He served four years with the staff and faculty of the Engineer School at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. In July, 1945, he was sent to Hawaii and served nine months overseas with the Headquarters, Pacific Division, of the Air Transport Command. He was returned to the United States and was placed on inactive status on March 26, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. His wife is the former Betty Davidson.



ZACHARY T. PREWITT



JESSE R. PREWITT, JR.

Cpl. Jesse Rowan Prewitt, Jr., is the son of Jesse Rowan and Caroline Strider Prewitt of Tillar, Arkansas. Born at Tillar July 27, 1923, he attended Tillar High School, Arkansas A. & M. College, and completed his education at the University of Arkansas. Entering military service March 2, 1943, he completed basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and after six months in this country was sent to Italy in the European theater. Overseas 25 months, he served with the Engineers throughout the Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns as a machine gunner, bulldozer operator and draftsman. Corporal Prewitt is the winner of the French Croix de Guerre, a high French military decoration for bravery. He was returned to this country and was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, November 10, 1945.



CURTIS W. MEADORS

Chief Gunner's Mate Curtis Warren Meadors, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rosco C. Meadors, was born July 29, 1920, in Mickles (Drew County) Arkansas. He attended Ola High School. Entering the Navy December 4, 1939, he received boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois, and qualified in chemical warfare. Mate Meadors served for six months in the United States and for five and a half years overseas, participating in the battles of the Solomons and Midway Island and the campaigns of Attu, Kiska, Gilbert Islands, Marshall Islands, Philippines, China Sea, Okinawa, Iwo Jima, and Japan. He landed with the occupation forces in Japan and was awarded Victory Ribbon, American Defense Ribbon with one Bronze Star, American Area Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with eight Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Stars, and Good Conduct Medal with one Star. After being honorably discharged December 22, 1945, at San Pedro, California, he returned to Winchester, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Louise Mae.

Sgt. Luther E. Meadors, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rosco C. Meadors, was born February 9, 1922, in Ola, Arkansas. He attended Ola High School, afterwards being employed at Winchester Arms Company, New Haven, Connecticut. Entering the Army Air Corps November 2, 1942, he received basic training at Hondo Army Air Field, Hondo, Texas, and attended Automotive Mechanics' School. After serving more than a year in the United States with the 421st Night Fighter Sqdn., he departed December 4, 1943, for New Guinea. Overseas nearly two years, he participated in the air offensive over Japan and the campaigns of Bismarck Archipelago, Southern Philippines, Luzon, Western Pacific, Ryukyus, and New Guinea. He was once wounded in action and was awarded World War II Victory and American Theater Ribbons, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Silver Star and two Bronze Service Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, with one Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, and Distinguished Unit Badge. After being honorably discharged January 3, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Winchester, Arkansas.



LUTHER E. MEADORS



HARVEY W. LOVELACE

Chief Warrant Officer Harvey Wade Lovelace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Donald Lovelace of Winchester, Arkansas, was born at Houston, Arkansas, August 7, 1912. He graduated from Houston High School in 1931, and enlisted in the Navy August 6, 1931. He received boot training at Norfolk, Virginia, and attended Electric School at Norfolk and Interior Communications School in Washington, D. C., qualifying as expert electrician. During his more than 14 years' service, Warrant Officer Lovelace spent four years in the Canal Zone and two years at Balboa radio station and was aboard the U.S.S. Agate in the Caribbean Sea when war begun. He participated in the campaigns of Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Morotai, and the Philippines and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Unit Citation, American Defense Ribbon with one Battle Star, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Battle Stars, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Battle Stars. He was attached to the U.S.S. Tangier on Japanese shore patrol duty, according to last report received, and will remain in the Navy.

Aviation Machinist's Mate 3/c Joseph Edward Lovelace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Donald Lovelace of Winchester, Arkansas, was born at Houston, Arkansas, on September 7, 1925. After completing his education at Tillar High School, he entered the Army Air Corps January 18, 1943, and received preliminary training at the Naval Training Station, San Diego, California. He arrived with his unit in the South Pacific theater in July 1943, and served on Munda, Bougainville, Rabaul, New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, and Rendova. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the American Theater Ribbon, and the Good Conduct Medal. He will remain in the Navy.



JOSEPH E. LOVELACE



ROBERT E. COLLINS

Cpl. Robert E. Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collins, was born March 9, 1921, at Tillar, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Tillar Grade and High School and College of the Ozarks, after which he was employed as flight dispatcher and construction clerk. Entering the Army Air Corps August 15, 1942, he attended Air Corps and Radio Schools at Scott Field, Illinois. After serving one year in the United States, he was sent to England February 26, 1944. Corporal Collins qualified as carbine sharpshooter and after serving almost two years overseas was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, January 29, 1946.

Pfc. A. C. Lewis, son of James H. Lewis of Tillar, Arkansas, was born at Collins, Arkansas, April 7, 1923. He attended Tillar High School and entered military service August 7, 1944. Private Lewis completed basic training at Camp Blanding, Florida, and after five months of training in this country was sent to Scotland. Overseas almost 15 months, he served with Infantry units throughout the fighting of the Seigfreid Line, the Ardennes and Rhineland campaigns. Holder of the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Presidential Unit Citation and the Good Conduct Medal, he served nine months with the Army of Occupation of Germany and was then returned to the United States. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, March 26, 1946. He and his wife, Evelyn Alleen, are the parents of one child.



A. C. LEWIS



HAROLD M. HARPER

Seaman 1/c Harold M. Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harper, was born at Rock Springs, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Plantersville and Monticello Public Schools, afterwards being engaged in farming. Entering the Navy June 13, 1943, he received boot training at Naval Training Station, San Diego, California. Departing from the United States January 29, 1945, Seaman Harper was in action against the enemy at Iwo Jima and Okinawa and, after spending 11 months overseas, was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, January 27, 1946. He and his wife, Margaret, live in Monticello, Arkansas, with their child.

Boatswain's Mate 1/c Leonard G. Charrier, son of Mrs. Icy D. Charrier, was born December 16, 1916, at Childress, Texas, moving to Arkansas in 1917. He received his education by attending Monticello Public Schools. Enlisting in the Navy October 5, 1940, he received boot training at San Diego, California. Mate Charrier departed from the United States November 28, 1940, and participated in action against the enemy off North Africa, the Coral Sea, Midway, Marshall, Gilbert, and Marianas Islands, and New Guinea. He was awarded six Campaign Bars and 14 Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged at San Pedro, California, October 18, 1945, returning to Monticello, where he lives with his wife, Theo.



LEONARD G. CHARRIER



JOHN C. MEAD, JR.

1st Lt. John C. Mead, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mead, Sr., of Monticello, Arkansas, was born September 28, 1923, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He graduated from Monticello High School and attended Monticello A. & M. College and the University of Arkansas. Enlisting in the Army Air Corps July 24, 1943, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and spent five months at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, as a member of the 86th C.T.D. He was sent to San Antonio and Hondo, Texas, Army Air Fields and received preflight training. He received primary training at Chickasha, Oklahoma, and after advanced training at Enid, Oklahoma, received Wings as pilot of B-25 and was commissioned second lieutenant. He again served in San Antonio and in Waco, Texas, before attending B-24 School at Liberal Army Air Field, Liberal, Kansas. From Liberal Field, he again transferred to Blackland A.A.F., Waco, Texas. Lieutenant Mead transferred October 13, 1945, to Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, where he was stationed until the time of his honorable discharge, December 12, 1946. He and his wife live in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Pfc. James Preston White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston McKager White, was born at Wilmar, Arkansas, June 30, 1916. After attending high school at Wilmar and Monticello and Tyler (Texas) Commercial College, he became bookkeeper for the Monticello Cotton Oil Mill. He was employed in that capacity until induction into service in 1944. Assigned to the Marines, he trained at San Diego and Oceanside, California. During the 12 months he served overseas he saw action in the fighting on Pelelieu, Palau, and Okinawa, being killed in action on the latter island on June 20, 1945. This gallant Marine was the recipient of a Marksmanship Medal, the Order of the Purple Heart and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with Battle Stars denoting each engagement in which he participated. His wife, Selma, and their three children, and his parents, survive him.



JAMES P. WHITE



CARROL L. BIRD

Seaman 1/c Carrol L. Bird, son of Mrs. Eva Burford Bird and the late Carrol L. Bird, was born at Crossett, Arkansas, April 30, 1925. He completed his education at Wilmar High School. Seaman Bird entered the Navy April 29, 1943, and received boot training at San Diego, California. He was sent to the Solomon Islands January 1, 1944, and was wounded while on duty in Admiralty Bay on October 1, 1944. Following hospitalization at Brisbane, Australia, and Great Lakes, Illinois, he was attached to the U.S.S. Cleburne from April 11 to June 18, 1945. He returned to Treasure Island, California, and was honorably discharged July 24, 1945. He lives in Wilmar, Arkansas.

T/5 A. J. Moss, Jr., son of A. J. and Grace Moss, was born in Memphis, Tennessee, April 18, 1923. After moving to Arkansas in 1932, he received his education at Wilmar and Dumas, Arkansas, Schools. He entered the Signal Corps January 7, 1943, and received basic training at Atlantic City, New Jersey. After attending Signal Corps School at Omaha, Nebraska, Corporal Moss departed from the United States May 10, 1943, for India. He participated in constructing the Ledo Road and in battles in the China-Burma-India theater, receiving the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Camp Crowder, Missouri, October 27, 1945.



A. J. MOSS, JR.



ALBERT W. GROCE

Boatswain's Mate 1/c Albert White Groce, son of William and Mary Roxanna Groce of Monticello, was born at Plantersville, Arkansas, February 23, 1911. After attending Plantersville Schools and Monticello A. and M. College, he became a school teacher and also farmed. On September 15, 1942, he entered the Navy and was sent to Naval Station at Corpus Christi, Texas, for basic training. On March 23, 1944, he was sent to Puerto Rico, where he served one year. Mate Groce was honorably discharged September 7, 1945, at Lido Beach, Long Island. He lives with his wife, Edna Lee, and their child at Wilmar, Arkansas.

1st Lt. Frederick L. Duckworth, son of Mrs. F. L. Duckworth and the late Dr. Duckworth, was born November 23, 1920, in Monroe, Louisiana, moving to Arkansas a few weeks later. He attended Monticello, Arkansas, Grade and High Schools and Arkansas A. & M. for three years. Entering the Army January 6, 1941, he received basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and was stationed at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, for a year, including the time of the Japanese attack June 3 and 4, 1942. Returning to the United States August 25, 1942, he entered Officer Candidate School at Camp Davis, North Carolina, graduating September 28, 1943. Lieutenant Duckworth served with Co. B, 838th A.A.A. A.W. Bn. (M.B.L.) and Battery B, 206th Coast Artillery (A.A), before departing December 1, 1944, for England. Overseas 10 months, he participated in Central Europe and Rhineland campaigns. He was awarded European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Stars and was honorably discharged November 27, 1945, at Camp Chaffee. His home is in Monticello, Arkansas, and he is now enrolled as a senior in the University at Houston, Texas.



F. L. DUCKWORTH



DANIEL W. McKINSTRY

Ens. Daniel W. McKinstry is the son of Bernice W. and Dorothy H. McKinstry of Wilmar, Arkansas, where he was born April 14, 1925. He was educated at Wilmar High School and Arkansas A. & M. College at Monticello before entering the Navy July 1, 1943. Ensign McKinstry served with the V-12 unit at Arkansas A. & M. and attended Pre-Midshipman School at Asbury Park, New Jersey; Midshipman's School at Notre Dame University; Line Officers' School at Miami, Florida, and Recognition School at Gulfport, Mississippi. In September, 1945, he was sent to Subic Bay and was serving as assistant first lieutenant and stores officer aboard the U.S.S. Key, according to last report received.

T/Sgt. Clarence Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Davis, was born January 8, 1917, in Rye, Arkansas. He attended Monticello Grade and High School and after graduating was employed at the prisoner of war camp, Monticello. Entering the Infantry October 12, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and attended Cooking School. Sergeant Davis departed in March 1945, for Japan, and remained overseas for more than a year, participating in the battle of Luzon and spending six months with the Army of Occupation. He was awarded Infantryman's Combat Badge, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Luzon Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and one Battle Star. He was still in the service and expected to be discharged in May 1946, according to last report received. His wife, Myrtis Elizabeth, and their child live in Monticello, Arkansas.



CLARENCE DAVIS



H. H. BROOKINGS, SR.

Sgt. Herschel Harold Brookings, Sr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Brookings, was born December 11, 1912, at Monticello, Arkansas. He attended Monticello Grade and High School, after which he was employed as routeman for Purity Baking Co., El Paso, Texas. Entering the Armed Forces July 2, 1943, he received basic training at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, specializing as armorer. After six months' training in Ordnance, he departed from the United States January 9, 1944, for the Asiatic-Pacific theater where he served on Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, and Borneo. He qualified for rifle marksman August 13, 1943, and served with the Amphibian Engineers in the Pacific theater. He was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Service Stars and one Bronze Arrowhead, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon. Returning to the States December 19, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, January 3, 1946. He and his wife, Lois, live in Monticello, Arkansas, with their son.

Pfc. Arnold H. Smart, son of Jasper S. and Lydia Smart, was born at Gurdon, Arkansas, August 31, 1914. He graduated from the Grady High School with the class of 1933. Entering the Signal Corps November 14, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri, where he attended Auto Maintenance Service School and qualified for truck driver and cook. He received medals qualifying for marksmanship with the 1903 Springfield rifle and as sharpshooter with the carbine. Attached to the 303rd Sig. Opr. Bn., he was sent to the European Theater of Operations September 11, 1944, and participated in the battle of the Ardennes and battle of the Rhineland. He also spent two months with the Army of Occupation. For meritorious service, Private Smart was awarded the European Theater of Operations Ribbon, American Defense Ribbon, and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, November 4, 1945, and now resides at Tillar, with his wife, Marion Berniece, and their child.



ARNOLD H. SMART



WALTER COX

Seaman 1/c Walter Cox, son of John Wesley and Mattie Ardella Cox of Wilmer, Arkansas, was born at Johnsville, Arkansas, November 5, 1918. He was educated at Drew Central High School and Arkansas A. & M. College and was a Coca-Cola salesman until entering the Navy February 21, 1945. Trained at San Diego, California, he was sent to Laundry School at Shelton, Virginia, and became a presser. In October, 1945, Seaman Cox was assigned to duty aboard a troop transport and made three trips to LeHavre, France, and one trip to Manila, Philippine Islands. Overseas a total of seven months, he was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, March 5, 1946. He and his wife, Louise, have two children.

2nd Lt. Zedock Caron Tucker, Jr., son of Julia Hankins and Z. Carson Tucker, Sr., was born November 2, 1923, at Monticello, Arkansas. He attended Monticello Grade and High Schools and Arkansas A. & M. College, after which he was employed as drugstore salesman and airplane mechanic. He entered the Army Air Forces in February 1943, receiving basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and after completing flight training, qualified for single-engine fighter pilot. He departed from the United States September 18, 1944, for the European Theater of Operations, where he participated in the campaigns of the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. After serving overseas almost 11 months, Lieutenant Tucker returned to the States August 4, 1945, and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, October 8, 1945, reverting to inactive status. He lives in Monticello, Arkansas, with his wife, Mary.



ZEDOCK C. TUCKER, JR.

1.—Pfc. T. J. Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Bennett, of Tillar, Arkansas, was born at Chaonia, Missouri, October 2, 1923. He attended Tillar High School and was later employed as a retail clerk. He entered the Army Engineer Corps March 2, 1943. After completing basic training at Camp Robinson, where he specialized as a utility repairman and qualified as rifle sharpshooter, he was assigned to Company C, 336th Engineer (C) Battalion and departed from the United States on October 21, 1943, for the European Theater of Operations. He was engaged in the campaigns through Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe and received the European Theater Ribbon with four Bronze Battle Stars. Returning to the United States, he was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, December 11, 1945.

2.—Machinist's Mate 2/c Paul W. Herring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Herring, was born January 11, 1919, at Monticello, Arkansas. He attended Drew Central Public School and entered the Navy Construction Battalion March 26, 1943. Receiving boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia, he specialized in handling heavy equipment. On August 23, 1943, he was sent to the Aleutian Islands and the Asiatic-Pacific theater where he served in the Philippine Islands and China. Returning to the United States November 5, 1945, Mate Herring was honorably discharged at Memphis, November 15, 1945. He and his wife, Turylah, live in Wilmar, Arkansas, with their children.

3.—T/4 William C. Boone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Boone of Warren, was born at White Hall, Arkansas, April 12, 1916. After completing his education he was employed as a mechanic. He entered the Army October 27, 1943, and received basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. After two years in this country, he arrived with his unit in Europe and participated in the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central European campaigns. He served overseas nine months and received the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal and medals denoting proficiency in the use of the rifle, machine gun and also medals as qualified tank mechanic and driver. He was honorably discharged October 18, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He lives in Warren with his wife, Flarie Estelle, and their children.

4.—T/5 John Wilbert Turnage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Turnage of Tillar, Arkansas, was born at Griffithville, Arkansas, May 11, 1923. Educated in the Des Arc and Griffithville schools, he entered military service June 4, 1943. Assigned to the Infantry, he served basic training at Camp Roberts, California, and became a truck driver. In December, 1943, he was sent to Hawaii and was later assigned to the 27th Infantry Division. Overseas two years, he saw action in the battle for Okinawa and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Good Conduct Medal. He was returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, January 9, 1946. He and his wife, Nadine, have one child.

5.—T/5 David W. Knight, son of Jesse and Genie D. Knight, was born at Wilmar, Arkansas, August 15, 1920. He attended the public schools of Wilmar and was engaged in trucking until he entered the Quartermaster Corps of the Army on June 20, 1942. He received basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and was attached to the 2500th Quartermaster Bn. On August 21, 1943, he was sent to North Africa with his unit as a driver of heavy duty trucks in the Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno campaigns, for which he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Service Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, and medals for proficiency in truck driving and rifle and pistol marksmanship. After serving in this area for 24 months, he returned to the United States and was honorably

discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, October 24, 1945.

6.—Pfc. Kermit J. Watson, son of Mrs. D. Webb Watson, was born at Thornton, Arkansas February 23, 1918. After graduating from Banks (Arkansas) High School he worked as a farmer and a hospital attendant. He entered the Army on February 25, 1943. Upon completion of basic training at Camp Robinson, he was assigned to the Medical Corps as a surgical technician. After 15 months in the United States he sailed for the European theater on June 18, 1944, and saw service with his command, the 212th Hospital Ship complement, in both the European theater and the Pacific theater, evacuating wounded soldiers to hospitals from Southern France, Luzon, Leyte, and Tokyo. Private Watson received the American Theater Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation. He was honorably discharged from service December 24, 1945, at Camp Beale, California.

7.—Electrician's Mate 3/c James F. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam N. Harris of Gravel Ridge, Arkansas, was born at Vick, Arkansas, November 10, 1926. Two weeks after graduating from Kingsland High School he volunteered for the Navy, May 26, 1944. Mate Harris received boot training at San Diego, California, and following this training was transferred to an electrician training school at Gulfport, Mississippi. After 18 months' service, Mate Harris reenlisted November 16, 1945.

8.—T/Sgt. Thurston O. Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cooper, was born August 6, 1922, at Gould, Arkansas. He received his education at Tillar High School. He entered the Army Air Corps January 2, 1941, and received basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He later attended the Air Corps Training School at Chanute Field, Illinois, receiving specialized training which qualified him as an airplane crew chief. He landed in England in September 1942, with the 92nd Fighter Sqdn., and saw more than 27 months' foreign service in the Italian and Chinese theaters. Sergeant Cooper was engaged in the campaigns of Naples, Tunisia, Foggia, and China, being awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon, and the European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon. He received an honorable discharge at Camp Beale, California, September 6, 1945, and lives in Tillar, Arkansas.

9.—Seaman 1/c William Owens, Jr., is the son of William Hamilton and Virgie Lee Owens of Route 2, Monticello, Arkansas. Born January 25, 1925, at Monticello, he attended the Monticello Public Schools and was employed at the Monticello Cotton Mill until entering the Navy on July 2, 1943. After completing boot training at San Diego, California, he was sent to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in September, 1943. Overseas two and one-half years, he saw action in nine major battles of the Pacific theater campaign. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with 10 Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star, and the American Theater Ribbon, he was honorably discharged on March 7, 1946. Seaman Owens served aboard the famous U.S.S. San Francisco, and the U.S.S. Santa Fe.

10.—1st/Sgt. Leonard B. Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cooper, was born September 27, 1919, at Gould, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Tillar High School and Arkansas A. & M. College, Monticello, Arkansas. A member of the National Guard since September 12, 1939, he entered the regular Army, Coast Artillery Anti-aircraft, January 6, 1941, receiving basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and qualifying for administrative noncommissioned officer. Attached to Btry. B, 206th C.A.A., he departed from the United States August 11, 1941, for the Aleutians where he served for



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over 10 months. Sergeant Cooper received rifle M-1 Marksmanship Medal, and was awarded the American Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and Asiatic-Pacific Campaign and American Defense Ribbons with Clasp. He was honorably discharged at Camp Beale, California, October 31, 1945, returning to Tillar, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Charlotte Louise.

11.—Aviation Machinist's Mate 1/c Benny Ford Allen, son of Docia Minshew and C. F. Allen, was born October 26, 1922, in Wilmar, Arkansas. He attended Wilmar High School and spent six months in a C.C.C. camp at Ely, Minnesota. Entering the Navy September 30, 1941, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Aviation Machinists' School. Mate Allen departed October 4, 1942, for Bermuda and Africa, arriving at Casablanca November 8, 1942. Overseas for two years, he participated in the invasions of Casablanca, Guadalcanal, Marshall Islands, Gilbert Islands, Hollandia, New Guinea, Saipan, Tinian, Guam, and Admiralty Islands. He served on the U.S.S. Suwannee, aircraft carrier, for more than two years and was awarded Good Conduct Medal, European Theater Ribbon, five medals, and seven Battle Stars. Returning to the United States, he reported on December 18, 1944, at Naval Air Station at New Orleans and was at Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas, according to last report received. His home is in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

12.—Pfc. John Wilson Allen, son of Green Fountain and Docia Allen, was born May 19, 1919, at Lake Village. He received his education at the Wilmar High School. He entered the Army Air Corps June 13, 1941, and received basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He qualified for engine operator and received Rifle Marksmanship and Carbine Expert Medals. Private Allen, after serving in the states three years, was sent to India November 10, 1944, and for service in the South Pacific received the Presidential Unit Citation Badge, two Battle Stars and Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, November 17, 1945. He returned to Warren, where he lives with his wife, Lucille, and their child.

13.—Cpl. Elvin Bates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Bates of Montrose, Arkansas, was born December 9, 1919, at Trafalgar, Arkansas. He received his education at the Snyder, Arkansas, schools and was later engaged in farming and textile work. He entered the service November 17, 1942, in the Armored Ground Force and received his basic training at Camp Rucker, Alabama. He was assigned to the 746th Tank Bn., and departed from the United States on January 28, 1943, for the European Theater of Operations. During the 21 months overseas, Corporal Bates served through five campaigns: Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, and the Ardennes. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, European Theater of Operations Medal with five Bronze Battle Stars, the Bronze Arrowhead, and Expert Machine Gunner's Medal. He was honorably discharged on October 31, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He lives with his wife, Roberta, and their child in Monticello, Arkansas.

14.—T/Sgt. Allen G. Williams, son of Nola and A. G. Williams, was born May 21, 1915, in Strong, Arkansas. He graduated from Bastrop, Louisiana, High School, and R.C.A. Institute in 1936, afterwards being engaged as coin machine operator. Entering the Army October 22, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri, and attended Clerks' School, qualifying as supply sergeant. After serving more than a year in the United States with the Signal Corps, he departed January 14, 1945, for India. Overseas for a year, Sergeant Williams participated in the Burma campaign and spent four months with the Army of Occupation in Japan. He was awarded Meritorious Service Award, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and American Defense Ribbon. After being honorably discharged February 4, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Monticello, Arkansas,

where he lives with his wife, Marian, and their children.

15.—Pfc. George William Bond, son of Mrs. Sallie M. Davis, was born August 12, 1918, in Wilmar, Arkansas. He attended Wilmar High School, afterwards being engaged as automobile mechanic for the Missouri Pacific Transportation Company. Entering the Anti-aircraft forces June 20, 1944, he received basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and attended Auto Mechanics' School, qualifying as auto mechanic, truck driver, and carbine expert. Private Bond served for nearly two years in the United States with the 1154th Engineer Group. He was awarded the Victory Ribbon and American Theater Ribbon. After being honorably discharged May 6, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Wilmar, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Blanche Iva, and their children.

16.—Pfc. Joe Hilton Dorman is the son of Belle L. Griffin of Winchester, Arkansas, where he was born on June 10, 1922. After completing his education he engaged in farming until entering the Army on October 30, 1942. Private Dorman received his basic training at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, and was assigned to the Armored Infantry. In October, 1944, he was sent to England and later saw action in the Southern France, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Wounded in action while serving with the 56th Armored Infantry Bn., he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge, European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon. Overseas 14 months, he served two months with the Army of Occupation of Germany and was then honorably discharged at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma on November 7, 1945.

17.—Pfc. Paul K. Dorman is the son of Belle L. Griffin of Winchester, Arkansas. Born at Winchester on July 24, 1924, he was educated in the public schools and was engaged in farming until entering the Army in July, 1943. Private Dorman was sent to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, for his basic training and later attended the Artillery School. In February, 1944, he was sent to England with his unit, the 84th Infantry. Overseas 21 months, he saw action in the fighting of the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Holder of the European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Ribbon, he served six months with the Army of Occupation of Germany and was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, on December 7, 1945.

18.—T/3 David Benjamin Snoddy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Snoddy of Monticello, Arkansas, where he was born on March 10, 1924. He completed his education at Monticello High School before entering the Army on June 2, 1943. He served his basic training at Camp Abbot, Oregon, and then attended the Army Specialized Training Program at Oregon State College, Corvallis, Oregon. Sergeant Snoddy was transferred to the Signal Corps and completed special training at the Signal Corps School, Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey. In December, 1944, he was sent with his unit, the 3181st Signal battalion, to the Southwest Pacific theater. Overseas a total of 14 months, he served in Hawaii and saw action in the Ryukyus campaign. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on March 17, 1946.

19.—S/Sgt. Lester Warrick, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Warrick, Sr., was born April 5, 1922, in McGehee, Arkansas. He graduated from McGehee High School and attended Hendrix College for two years and the University of Mississippi at Oxford for two years. Entering the 1st Cavalry Division of the Infantry May 1943, he received basic training at Camp Roberts, California, qualifying as flame thrower. Sergeant Warrick departed November 22, 1942, for the Southwest Pacific Theater of Operations and remained overseas for two years. He participated in campaigns of Bismarek Archipelago, New Guinea, Southern Philippines, and Luzon, and was wounded in action November 13, 1944, in the

Philippines. He was awarded American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, Bronze Arrowhead, and the Purple Heart. After being honorably discharged December 15, 1945, at Ft. Bliss, Texas, he returned to his home in McGehee.

20.—Pfc. James Robert McIntosh, son of Cora and John Robert McIntosh, was born in McArthur, Arkansas. He attended McArthur School, after-

wards being engaged in farming. Entering the Army September 7, 1944, he received Infantry basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. Departing April 20, 1945, for the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations, Private McIntosh remained overseas for eight months. He participated in campaigns of the Philippine Islands and Japan, spending two months with the Army of Occupation, and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. He was still in the service, according to last report received. His home is in Tillar, Arkansas.



LEONARD O. TINER

Sgt. Leonard O. Tiner, son of Lula M. Tiner of Tyro, Arkansas, was born at Tyro on April 13, 1917. After attending the Tyro schools, he enlisted in the regular Marine Corps on January 18, 1939. Trained at Parris Island, South Carolina, he was rated as an expert rifleman and pistol shot, and was a squad leader. Arriving in the Solomon Islands in September, 1942, Sergeant Tiner saw action throughout the Solomon Islands campaign and returned to this country in February, 1944. He left this country a second time in August, 1944, and served with the Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 27th Marines, at the battle of Iwo Jima. Sergeant Tiner was killed in action while spotting fire for his platoon on Iwo Jima on February 22, 1945. He was one of the famous "Old Marines" and gave his career and later his life to the service of his country. He was the holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Battle Stars and the American Defense Service Ribbon and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.

Seaman 2/c William Carter was born March 22, 1922, in Tyro, Arkansas. He attended Tyro Grade School, afterwards being engaged in farming. Entering the Navy December 14, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Gunnery and Fire Fighting Schools. He departed June 27, 1944, for the Pacific Theater of Operations and remained overseas for more than a year. Seaman Carter was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with six Stars, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Stars. After being honorably discharged December 24, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to Tyro, where he lives with his wife, Bonnie, and their son.



WILLIAM CARTER



WILLIAM E. FREE

Lt. William E. Free, son of Pinkie Neal and Walter Ernest Free, was born November 18, 1914, in Varner, Arkansas. He attended Gould Grade and High School and Arkansas Polytechnic College, afterwards being employed as superintendent of the Federal Warehouse and Compress in Dumas, Arkansas. Entering the Infantry December 5, 1942, he received basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and attended Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning. He served for nearly three years in the United States before departing October 15, 1945, for Tokyo, Japan, where he was still in the service, according to last report received. He was awarded Good Conduct Medal and Infantryman's Badge. His wife, Margaret, and their child, live in Star City, Arkansas.

Quartermaster 2/c John Wesley Paschall, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Paschall, Sr., was born August 14, 1924, in Gould, Arkansas. He attended Gould High School and Henderson State Teachers' College at Arkadelphia, afterwards being employed as painter and material checker by the U. S. Engineer Department. Entering the Navy May 6, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Quartermasters' School. He served on the U.S.S. Abner Read and the U.S.S. Tracy at New Caledonia and in the forward areas of the Pacific Theater of Operations, participating in the occupation of the Solomons, convoy escorts and patrols, invasion of Iwo Jima, and invasions of Okinawa and Kerama Rhetto. After being honorably discharged March 2, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to his home in Gould, Arkansas.



JOHN W. PASCHALL, JR.



HAROLD L. HARDWICK

Radioman 2/c Harold Lamar Hardwick, son of Reverend and Mrs. William Files Hardwick, was born February 18, 1926, in Dothan, Alabama, moving to Arkansas in 1933. He attended Paris, Arkansas, High School. Entering the Navy March 3, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Class A Radio School and Compool School, qualifying as radioman. He departed December 7, 1943 for two years and three months of overseas duty at Tasmania, India, Ceylon, South Africa, South America, Trinidad, Cuba, Panama, New Guinea, Philippines, Okinawa, China, Saipan, and Pearl Harbor. He was awarded American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, China Liberation Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon. He was still in the service and expects to be discharged January 8, 1948, according to last report received. His home is in Monticello, Arkansas.

Hospital Aide 1/c Walter R. Richards, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Richards, was born December 22, 1925, in Little Rock, Arkansas. He attended Gould, Arkansas, High School. Entering the Navy November 23, 1943, he received boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois, and attended Hospital Corps School. He served for 11 months in the United States and for a year and two months overseas. After being honorably discharged May 2, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to his home in Gould, Arkansas.



WALTER R. RICHARDS, JR.



MARION F. BAUGH

Carpenter's Mate 2/c Marion F. Baugh is the son of William and Alma Baugh of Star City, Arkansas, where he was born August 15, 1920. He attended Star City High School and was a farmer and construction worker until entering the Navy Seabees on May 12, 1943, at Little Rock. He served boot training at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia, and after six months in this country was sent to the Hawaiian Islands in November, 1943. In Hawaii he attended the Sanitation School and later saw service in the Marshall Islands and the Philippine Islands, serving with his unit, the 100th Naval Construction Battalion. After more than two years of foreign service, he was returned to this country and was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, December 2, 1945. He and his wife, the former Elizabeth Thomas, are the parents of one child.

Lt. (j. g.) Charles Dayton Fish, son of John Garwin and Lorena Myrtle Fish, was born March 4, 1923, at Gould, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Gould High School. Entering the Naval Air Corps September 9, 1942, he received training at Athens, Georgia, and Pensacola, Florida, qualifying for naval aviator February 22, 1944. After two years' service in the United States, he departed July 10, 1944, for the South Pacific and served in the Philippine campaign. After 11 months' service overseas, he returned June 29, 1945, and was placed on inactive duty November 28, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee, returning to Star City, where he lives with his wife, Anna Delle.



CHARLES D. FISH



ERCEL F. FREEMAN

Ens. Ercel Franklin Freeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin Freeman, was born September 14, 1922, in Tyro, Arkansas. He graduated from Gould High School and attended Ouachita College at Arkadelphia. Entering the Navy July 1, 1943, he received Navy V-12 training at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute at Ruston; attended pre-midshipman's School at Asbury Park, New Jersey; entered Midshipman's School at Northwestern University in Chicago; and was commissioned ensign and transferred to Advanced Officer's Line School in Miami, Florida. He qualified as deck officer. Departing August 16, 1945, for Hawaii, he served for nearly a year in the vicinity of Pearl Harbor and Johnston Island and received American Theater, Asiatic Theater, and Victory Ribbons. After being honorably discharged August 9, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to his home in Gould, Arkansas.

T/5 Daniel Woodrow Bolin, son of Mrs. Sarah Cason Bolin and the late Mr. Bolin of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, was born at Pine Bluff September 11, 1914. He was educated at Pine Bluff High School and Arkansas A. & M. College at Monticello, and was an insurance and real estate salesman with the McNew Realty and Insurance Company at Pine Bluff until entering military service March 7, 1944. He served basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma and Camp Bowie, Texas, before arriving in the European theater in December, 1944. Overseas 15 months, he saw action in the battle of the Ruhr pocket in Germany with the 1268th Combat Engineers. Corporal Bolin was later sent to the Pacific theater and served throughout the battle for Luzon in the Philippines. Holder of the European Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal, he expected to be honorably discharged in April, 1946, according to last report received. He and his wife, Doris Farrell Bolin, have one son.



DANIEL W. BOLIN



OSCAR D. COLVIN

Pfc. Oscar Denton Colvin, son of Mrs. Emma Colvin of Warren, Arkansas, was born at Vick, Arkansas, February 15, 1911. He was educated in the Bradley County schools and was employed as a forestry towerman and insurance agent until entering military service on March 24, 1944. He served basic Infantry training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and after seven months in this country he was sent to the European Theater of Operations for a stay of more than a year. Private Colvin served as a rifleman in an Infantry division throughout the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and holds the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. Wounded in Germany in November, 1944, he also was awarded the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, December 3, 1945. He and his wife, Martha Dees Colvin, have three children.

2nd Lt. Elmo O. Stoker is the son of Walter F. Stoker of Warren, Arkansas, where he was born January 20, 1909. He attended Warren High School and Chillicothe Business College and was a salesman, bookkeeper and cost clerk until entering military service on April 14, 1942. He served basic training at Camp Roberts, California, and has since seen service with the Infantry, Tank Destroyers and Quartermasters. Lieutenant Stoker was selected to attend Quartermaster Officer Candidate School and became a price analyst during his military career. After service with the 819th Tank Destroyer Bn., he was sent to the Asiatic-Pacific theater in March, 1944, and remained overseas for seven months. He was released from active duty at Ft. Meade, Maryland, February 13, 1946. His wife is Claudelle G. Stoker.



ELMO O. STOKER

1.—Chief Storekeeper W. B. Hurt, Jr., is the son of W. B. Hurt of DeWitt, Arkansas, where he was born on January 20, 1914. He attended DeWitt High School and Monticello A. & M. College and was employed by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration at Searcy, Arkansas, before entering the Navy on October 31, 1943. Chief Hurt served boot training with the Navy Seabees at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia, and then served with the Naval Operating Base at Norfolk, Virginia. Overseas a year, he served on Guam with the Seabees and was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, January 27, 1946. He and his wife, the former Ellen Gray Meroney, have two children. They make their home at 508 McClure St., Jonesboro, Arkansas.

2.—Pvt. Obie N. Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Burns of Star City, Arkansas, was born December 6, 1924, in Star City, Arkansas. He received his education in the public schools of Lincoln County, Arkansas. Private Burns entered the Army Infantry in 1943. This young soldier was killed in action. He is survived by his parents and four brothers, Harold, James, William, and Jason, who were also in the service.

3.—Pfc. LaVerne Claude Harper, son of Fusha and Claude Harper, was born July 28, 1923, in Thornton, Arkansas. He attended Thornton High School, afterwards being engaged as a carpenter. Entering the Infantry February 5, 1943, he received basic training at Camp McCain, Mississippi, and attended special training schools, qualifying as lineman and switchboard operator. Attached to the 346th Infantry, Private Harper served for a year in the United States and departed February 24, 1944, for Italy. He remained overseas for a year and a half, participating in three major European battles and spending two months with the Army of Occupation. He was awarded Infantry Combat Badge, Bronze Star Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. After being honorably discharged October 13, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to his home in Star City, Arkansas.

4.—Cpl. Jason L. Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Burns of Star City, Arkansas, was born April 3, 1922 in Star City. He received his education in the public schools of Lincoln County and was farming before entering the service. Corporal Burns entered the Army Air Corps November 18, 1943. No further information regarding his service record was furnished.

5.—Pfc. James D. Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Burns of Star City, Arkansas, was born October 16, 1918, in Star City. He received his education in the public schools of Lincoln County. Private Burns entered the Army Engineer Corps in 1942. No further details regarding the service record of Private Burns were furnished.

6.—Petty Officer 1/c John Carlos Lyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Lyle of Star City, Arkansas, was born December 25, 1913. He attended Lincoln County Public Schools and graduated from Monticello High School. He was employed as an electrician before entering the Navy March 27, 1942. Petty Officer Lyle received boot training at Norfolk, Virginia. He was an aviation electrician and served in the Navy three years and six months. He was honorably discharged September 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee. He and his wife, Pearl, have one child.

7.—Cpl. Harvey B. Edwards is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Edwards of Star City, Arkansas, and was born there September 22, 1914. He attended Star City High School, Ouachita Baptist College and Magnolia A. & M. and was employed by the Collier Publishers of Memphis, Tennessee, and by the Owen Furniture Company, Marianna, Arkansas. He served with the Arkansas National Guard from 1938 to 1939 and entered the Corps of Engineers at Ft. Lewis, Washington, May 11, 1942, and received

his basic training there. Assigned to the 133rd Engineer Combat Bn., he arrived in Northern Ireland in April, 1944, and remained overseas for 19 months. Participating in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns, he was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars, the Order of the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster for two wounds suffered in France and Luxembourg, the Good Conduct Medal and a Sharpshooter's Medal for proficient use of the rifle. He was honorably discharged on November 4, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

8.—Pvt. Harold M. Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Burns of Star City, Arkansas, was born September 18, 1908, in Star City. He received his education in the public schools of Lincoln County and before entering the service was employed by Pine Bluff Arsenal, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Private Burns entered the Infantry in 1944. He and his wife, Lillie Mae, have two children. No further information regarding the service record of Private Burns was furnished.

9.—T/Sgt. Joe J. Dean, son of Charlie H. and Mary J. Dean of Gould, Arkansas, was born at Star City, Arkansas, on January 15, 1910. After completing his education he was employed as a plumber prior to entering the Army on October 16, 1942. Having received basic training at Camp Polk, Louisiana, he was assigned to the Armored Field Artillery and made construction work his specialty. Arriving in New Guinea in November, 1944, he was engaged there for 13 months in construction work with the 1005th Engineer Special Construction Company, being one of six supervisors in charge of the pipe fitting and other iron work in connection with the installation of more than 80 huge oil storage tanks. Holder of the Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and the American Theater Ribbon, he was honorably discharged on December 3, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He is the father of two daughters.

10.—Pfc. William J. Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Burns of Star City, Arkansas, was born February 23, 1921, in Star City. He was educated in the public schools of Lincoln County, Arkansas, and was engaged in farming after his school training. Private Burns entered the Army in 1943. No further details regarding the service record of Private Burns were furnished.

11.—T/5 Curtis Crabb, son of Mrs. Lena R. Crabb of Gould, Arkansas, was born at Herbine, Arkansas, on November 1, 1918. After completing his education in the Woodlawn (Arkansas) schools, he was engaged in farming and carpentry until entering the service on February 23, 1943. Completing his basic training at Camp White, Oregon, he was assigned to the Combat Engineers and became a machine operator. Arriving in the European theater in December, 1943, he took part in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Overseas 21 months, he holds the European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Marksman's Medal (rifle) and the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged on November 12, 1945, at Camp Fannin, Texas.

12.—Pfc. Calvin Baugh is the son of Alma and William Baugh of Star City, Arkansas, where he was born on May 2, 1913. He attended the Star City High School and was employed as a boilermaker until entering military service November 30, 1943. Private Baugh was assigned to the Combat Engineers and served his basic training at Camp Abbott, Oregon, later attending the Engineer Bridge Construction School. He served with the 110th Engineer Bn., and arrived in Hawaii in May, 1944. Overseas almost 17 months, he saw action in the Philippines campaigns and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars and



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one Arrowhead, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Brooke Convalescent Hospital at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, November 16, 1945. He and his wife, the former Doris Morgan, have one son.

13.—Sgt. Sigard R. Baugh is the son of Alma and William Baugh of Star City, Arkansas. Born at Star City on September 16, 1922, he attended Star City High School and was engaged in farming and construction work until entering the Army on December 5, 1942. He completed basic Infantry training at Camp Howze, Texas, and at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, and was assigned to the 333rd Infantry of the 84th Division. In September, 1944, he arrived with his unit in England. Overseas a total of 16 months, he saw action in the fighting of the Ardennes, Central Europe and Rhineland campaigns and was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, the Expert Infantry Badge and the Combat Infantryman Badge. After eight months with the Army of Occupation of Germany, he was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, February 17, 1946.

14.—Cpl. James Cecil Waters is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Waters and was born on January 25, 1920, at Star City, Arkansas. He attended the Star City High School and was engaged in carpentry work prior to entering the Army Engineers on May 18, 1942. Upon completion of basic training at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, he was assigned to duty as a construction foreman, departing for Alaska with his unit on September 19, 1942. During his 26 months overseas, he served throughout the Attu and Kiska campaigns and returned to this country in November, 1944. Corporal Waters received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars and other awards. He was honorably discharged from the service on October 7, 1945, at Camp Claiborne. He is the husband of the former Miss Gladie Richards.

15.—Carpenter's Mate 1/c William Eugene Waters is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Waters of Star City, Arkansas, where he was born July 10, 1921. Educated at Star City High School, he was employed as a carpenter until entering the Navy on June 18, 1942. Completing boot training at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Virginia, he specialized in construction work and sailed for the South Pacific area on October 23, 1944. During the 14 months he spent overseas, he saw extensive service in many localities, including participation in the historic battle of Okinawa. Among his decorations is the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with Battle Stars denoting his engagements. Mate Waters was honorably discharged from the Navy on January 3, 1946, at the Naval Separation Center, Memphis.

16.—Pfc. Gerald Clyde Shepherd, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Carroll Shepherd, Sr., was born at Gould, Arkansas, November 4, 1924. Graduating from Gould High School, he attended Henderson State Teachers' College one year, after which he entered the Army Medical Corps May 12, 1943. Receiving basic training at Camp Barkeley, Texas, he qualified for medical technician. After training in the United States, Private Shepherd was sent to

Pearl Harbor for one year and then to Okinawa for over a year in charge of dispensary and assisting surgeons. Among other decorations, he received Marksmanship and Good Conduct Medals. After serving 28 months in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, January 19, 1946, returning to Gould.

17.—Sgt. William Carroll Shepherd, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Carroll Shepherd, Sr., was born August 23, 1921, at Gould, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Hendrix College, Conway; State A. & M. College, Monticello, and Cohn's Electrical School, Chicago. Entering the Army Air Corps, Base Unit, September 22, 1942, he received basic training at Keesler Field, Mississippi, qualifying for basic instructor, duty non-commissioned officer. Sergeant Shepherd gave instructions in basic training, employment of basic weapons, close and extended order drill and in chemical warfare. After serving over three years attached to 1050th Air Force, he was awarded expert carbine and sharpshooter pistol medals, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Ft. Douglas, Utah, November 22, 1945. He and his wife, Addie Ruth, live in Gould with their children.

18.—Pharmacist's Mate 3/c Billy Harold Smith, son of Mrs. Tom Smith, was born August 30, 1926, in Dumas, Arkansas. He attended Gould High School. Entering the Navy December 13, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Hospital Corps School, specializing in medical training for hospital and combat beach party duty. Mate Smith departed December 9, 1944, on the U.S.S. Bollinger, for the Pacific Theater of Operations. He remained overseas more than a year and participated in the campaigns of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. After being honorably discharged May 2, 1946, in Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to his home in Gould, Arkansas.

19.—S/Sgt. Clarence Crabb, son of Mrs. Lena Crabb, was born January 14, 1916, in Herbina, Arkansas. He attended Gravel Ridge School, afterwards being engaged in farming. Entering the Army February 4, 1941, he received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and attended Cooks' and Bakers' School, qualifying for mess sergeant. Departing August 15, 1941, for Alaska, he was later sent to Europe and served overseas for three years, participating in the campaigns of Northern France, Central Europe, and the Rhineland. Sergeant Crabb also spent four months with the Army of Occupation. He was honorably discharged October 15, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and returned to Gould, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Helen.

20.—Seaman 1/c Clifton Noah Crabb, son of Mrs. Lena Crabb, was born May 12, 1923, in Herbina, Arkansas. He attended Woodlawn School, afterwards being engaged in farming. Entering the Coast Guard November 22, 1943, he received basic training at Baltimore, Maryland, and attended Target School, specializing in truck driving. Seaman Crabb served for two years in the United States and was honorably discharged April 20, 1946, at Brooklyn, New York. He lives in Gould, Arkansas, with his wife, Juanita, and their child.



PHILIP C. RAMSEY

Fireman 1/c Philip Calvin Ramsey, son of Charles Carlisle and Marie Jones Ramsey, was born on December 24, 1925, at Kirksville, Missouri, moving to Arkansas in 1928. After completing his education at Magnolia High School, he enlisted in the Navy December 20, 1943. He received boot training at San Diego, California, and was sent to the Aleutian Islands March 27, 1944, serving aboard the U.S.S. Luce. He participated in the assault on Leyte and Luzon Islands in the Philippines and the invasion of Okinawa; the Luce serving in this area as a radar picket ship until being sunk by Japanese suicide planes on May 4, 1945. Fireman Ramsey was reported missing in action on this date and has since been reported killed at his battle station. He is survived by his parents, who live in Magnolia, Arkansas.

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20.—Seaman 1/c Clifton Noah Crabb, son of Mrs. Lena Crabb, was born May 12, 1923, in Herbine, Arkansas. He attended Woodlawn School, afterwards being engaged in farming. Entering the Coast Guard November 22, 1943, he received basic training at Baltimore, Maryland, and attended Target School, specializing in truck driving. Seaman Crabb served for two years in the United States and was honorably discharged April 20, 1946, at Brooklyn, New York. He lives in Gould, Arkansas, with his wife, Juanita, and their child.



PHILIP C. RAMSEY

Fireman 1/c Philip Calvin Ramsey, son of Charles Carlisle and Marie Jones Ramsey, was born on December 24, 1925, at Kirksville, Missouri, moving to Arkansas in 1928. After completing his education at Magnolia High School, he enlisted in the Navy December 20, 1943. He received boot training at San Diego, California, and was sent to the Aleutian Islands March 27, 1944, serving aboard the U.S.S. Luce. He participated in the assault on Leyte and Luzon Islands in the Philippines and the invasion of Okinawa; the Luce serving in this area as a radar picket ship until being sunk by Japanese suicide planes on May 4, 1945. Fireman Ramsey was reported missing in action on this date and has since been reported killed at his battle station. He is survived by his parents, who live in Magnolia, Arkansas.



JAMES H. WHITE

S/Sgt. James H. White, son of Mrs. Ruth D. White, was born November 25, 1920, in Magnolia, Arkansas. He attended Hope High School in Hope, Arkansas, and A. & M. College at Magnolia. Entering the Chemical Warfare Service October 7, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Sibert, Alabama, and specialized in electrical and communication section. Attached to the 93rd Chemical Composite Company, he departed June 3, 1943, for Brisbane, Australia, and served overseas two and a half years. He participated in New Guinea and Luzon campaigns and spent five months with the Army of Occupation. Sergeant White was awarded the World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Service Stars, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star. After being honorably discharged January 1, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to his home in Magnolia.



Flight Officer George L. Britton, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Britton, was born at Hope, Arkansas, on May 16, 1916, educated at Fair Park High School, Shreveport, Louisiana, and Monticello A. & M. College, and worked as a watch repairman prior to entering the Army March 11, 1941. Following basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, he accompanied the 206th Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft) to Dutch Harbor, Alaska, and served in that theater until May, 1943. During that period of service, he received the American Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Marksman's Medal and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Battle Star. On May 16, 1943, he returned to the United States for pilot training in California, Texas and New Mexico. Receiving his commission, he was assigned to the India-Burma theater as pilot in January, 1945, and served for five months, receiving the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross and a British citation. He was honorably discharged at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, October 17, 1945. He and his wife, Mary Inez, are the parents of a son.



GEORGE L. BRITTON



ROBERT T. CHEATHAM

Cpl. Robert T. Cheatham, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cheatham, was born April 17, 1915, at Stephens (Route 1), Arkansas. Following his graduation from Stephens High School, he enlisted in the regular Army in 1936, serving for four years at Ft. Riley, Kansas. Accepting an honorable discharge at the conclusion of his enlistment period in 1939, he engaged in construction work for the next three years, entering the Army again on March 14, 1942. Following a training period at Camp Robinson, he served with the military police from 1942 to 1944, then transferred to the Quartermaster Corps. On May 16, 1944, he sailed with his unit for Oran, North Africa, and during the next 18 months participated in the Rome-Arno campaign and other action in that area. Holder of the American Theater Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, Victory Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal, he was honorably discharged December 10, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. His wife is Catherine.



ALVIN L. ROGERS, JR.

1st. Lt. Alvin Lawrence Rogers, Jr., son of Ora Lee and Alvin L. Rogers, Sr., was born at Magnolia, Arkansas, April 15, 1921. He was educated at Magnolia High School and Magnolia A. & M. College, being mustered into service with his National Guard unit on December 23, 1940. Following basic training at Camp Robinson, he graduated from Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and arrived with his Infantry unit in Alaska in August, 1941. After almost three years' service in that theater, he was transferred to the Western European front, where he participated in the Normandy and Brest campaigns, where he was severely wounded. He was awarded Expert Pistol, Rifle, and Machine Gun Medals, the American Defense Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon, two Battle Stars, Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Purple Heart and Good Conduct Medal. Lieutenant Rogers was honorably discharged at Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia, May 2, 1945.

Cpl. David Hayes Dees, son of Marjorie and Philip Dees, was born October 10, 1923, at Magnolia, Arkansas. He received his education by attending the Harvey C. Couch School and Magnolia High School, after which he entered the Infantry on June 4, 1943. Receiving basic training at Ft. Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina, he qualified for expert marksman October, 1943, and received Combat Infantryman's Badge January, 1945. He was sent to Europe October 17, 1944, participating in the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central European campaigns. He was awarded a Croix de Guerre with a Bronze Star from the French government for exceptional service in the liberation of France, European Theater of Operations and European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbons, and Good Conduct and World War II Victory Ribbons. Returning to the United States July 11, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, January 7, 1946. He lives in Magnolia with his wife, Pauline.



DAVID H. DEES



BONNIE B. RUCKS

1st Lt. Bonnie Bert Rucks, son of Bertha Carnes and the late Edmund Taylor Rucks of Magnolia, Arkansas, was born at Newport, Arkansas July 23, 1917. He attended DeWitt High School at DeWitt, Arkansas, and the Lincoln Aviation College at Lincoln, Nebraska, before entering the Army Air Forces August 21, 1936. Lieutenant Rucks completed basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and later served at Chanute Field, Illinois. He attended Aerial Gunnery, Radar and Night Fighter Operations schools and also saw service with the Infantry. In August, 1944, he was sent to the Southwest Pacific and was overseas for a year. He flew 94 combat missions and flew cover for the troops which liberated the prisoners at the Japanese prison of Cabanatuan in the Philippines. He was also in action in New Guinea, Dutch Indies and Bismarck Archipelago. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, American Defense Service Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal. He plans to remain in the regular Army permanently.

Pfc. Philip Dees, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Dees, Sr., was born on October 20, 1918, at Camden, Arkansas. Following his graduation from Magnolia High School and Magnolia A. & M. College, he owned and operated a lumber yard in Ft. Worth, Texas, prior to his entrance into the Army on May 11, 1944. Previously qualified by service in the Arkansas National Guard, Private Dees was sent to Camp Hood, Texas, for further training and was assigned to an Infantry Replacement unit. On November 19, 1944, he arrived on the European front and as a member of Co. K, 16th Infantry, 1st Division, 1st Army, participated in three battles, including the Battle of the Bulge. On January 19, 1945, two months after landing in Europe, he was killed in action. For his devoted service to his country, he was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, a Group Presidential Citation, Marksman's Medals (pistol, rifle and machine gun) and the Order of the Purple Heart (awarded posthumously). He is survived by his wife, Jerusha Hinshaw Dees, and a daughter, Margery Jane.



PHILIP DEES, JR.



LLOYD P. ALLEN

T/5 Lloyd P. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd A. Allen, was born November 8, 1925, in Stephens, Arkansas. He graduated from Stephens High School. Entering the Field Artillery November 21, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas, and attended Field Artillery Noncommissioned Officers' School at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He served for more than a year in the United States with the 5th Division, 21st F. A. Battalion, Camp Campbell, Kentucky, before departing April 16, 1945, for Germany. Overseas for four and a half months, he spent three months with the Army of Occupation and was awarded Good Conduct Medal, European Theater of Operations Ribbon, Victory Ribbon, and Occupational Ribbon. At last report he was still in service. His home is in Magnolia, Arkansas.

1st/Sgt. Clarence Richard Samuel, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Samuel, residing at McNeil, Arkansas, was born at Magnolia, Arkansas, on April 26, 1919, and was educated at McNeil High School and Ouachita College before entering the Army in July, 1942. He received basic training at Camp Barkeley, Texas, Medical and Infantry and attended Administrative School, University of Mississippi. Assigned to Hammond General Hospital, he participated in the campaigns of Northern France and Central Europe, winning the Good Conduct Medal, European Theater of Operations Ribbon and American Theater and Victory Ribbons. Sergeant Samuel was discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, December 13, 1945.



CLARENCE R. SAMUEL



HOYLE W. CLANTON

Capt. Hoyle W. Clanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clanton, was born at Hermitage, Arkansas, November 13, 1922. He graduated from Magnolia High School and attended Magnolia A. & M. College for two years, after which he was employed by the Arkansas Highway Department. Entering the Army Air Corps on December 29, 1942, he received basic training at Boca Raton, Florida, and attended A.A.F. Technical School at New Haven, Connecticut, specializing in aircraft armament. Attached to 14th U.S. A.A.F., he departed from the United States on December 7, 1943, for China, where for over two years he saw service with the 23rd Fighter Group (Flying Tigers). Captain Clanton received Unit Citation, Bronze Star Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, Asiatic Theater Ribbon with two Stars, American Theater Ribbon, and qualified as expert with pistol, rifle, and sub-machine gun. He returned to the United States January 3, 1946, and will remain in the service.

T/5 Herbert L. Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben E. Cooper, was born at Magnolia, Arkansas, on February 12, 1919. After completing his education in the Magnolia Schools, he was employed by the Weaver-Magnolia Cotton Mill. Entering the service on March 21, 1941, he received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. Corporal Cooper served with his unit, the 153rd Infantry, in the Aleutian Islands, and returned in June, 1943, being sent July 29, 1944, to the South Pacific. Overseas a total of 35 months, Corporal Cooper participated in the Philippine campaign and in the Okinawa campaign, and was wounded in action. Holder of the Purple Heart, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Bronze Arrowhead, American Defense Service Ribbon, and the Good Conduct Medal, he was honorably discharged on October 1, 1945, at Camp Beale, California. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Margaret.



HERBERT L. COOPER



WYMAN S. DENNIS

Cpl. Wyman Steve Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dennis, was born August 27, 1911, in Magnolia, Arkansas. He attended Magnolia High School and Magnolia A. & M. College, afterwards being engaged as book-keeper for Standard Ice Company of Hot Springs and gauger for Standard Oil Company. Entering the Engineer Corps April 23, 1944, he received basic training at Aberdeen, Maryland, and Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, attending Clerk's School at Ft. Belvoir, where he qualified as sales clerk. Corporal Dennis served nearly a year in the United States and departed February 28, 1945, for Recife, Brazil. He remained overseas for eight months and was awarded American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and South Atlantic Theater Ribbon. After being honorably discharged November 8, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Magnolia, where he lives with his wife, Ozelle Volentine, and their children.

Sgt. Norris W. Beard, son of Walter W. Beard of Magnolia, Arkansas, was born at Arcadia, Louisiana, June 8, 1922. After completing one year at Louisiana Technical Institute he entered the Army Air Forces on June 22, 1942. Sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, for basic training, he later attended Airplane Mechanics School, and after one year in this country, arrived with his unit, the 381st Bomb Group, in England. Overseas 25 months, he participated in the general air offensive in Europe and the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central European campaigns. Holder of a Presidential Unit Citation, the European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal, he was honorably discharged on October 5, 1945, at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



NORRIS W. BEARD



HENRY M. DOSS, JR.

Cpl. Henry Madden Doss, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Madden Doss, Sr., was born March 2, 1921, at Atlanta, Arkansas. He received his education by attending the Magnolia High School and A. & M. College at Magnolia. A member of the Arkansas National Guard from September 1939, he entered the regular Army Infantry January 3, 1941. He received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and qualified for heavy weapons N.C.O. Attached to the 153rd Infantry, 35th Division, he was sent to Alaska August 15, 1941, and after almost nine months' service in the Aleutians, he was reported missing in action May 6, 1942, at Yakutat, Alaska. Corporal Doss had been awarded the Pre-Pearl Harbor and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbons. His parents reside at 401 North Vine Street, Magnolia, Arkansas.

Sgt. Warren N. Doss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Doss, was born December 17, 1924, at Ruston, Louisiana, and moved to Arkansas in January 1928. Receiving his education by attending the Magnolia High School, he entered the Infantry in July 1943, and received basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, where he qualified for machine gunner N.C.O. and received Combat Infantryman's Badge August 9, 1944. Attached to Co. M, 262 Inf., 66th Div., he served one year in the United States and departed July 15, 1944, with Co. M, 121st Inf., 8th Div., for the European Theater of Operations. He participated in Northern France, Rhineland, and Central European campaigns and spent one month with the Army of Occupation. For meritorious service he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, European Theater of Operations Ribbon with three Campaign Stars, American Theater Ribbon and World War II Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, December 20, 1945.



WARREN N. DOSS



JOHN F. LEE

T/Sgt. John F. Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Lee, was born at Emerson, Arkansas, February 18, 1918, and completed his education at Arkansas A. & M. College, Magnolia, and University of Arkansas. He was employed as teller for the Farmers Bank & Trust Company, Magnolia, when he entered the Army Finance Department January 30, 1942. After basic training at Camp Robinson he attended the Advanced Finance School, Ft. Harrison, Indiana, qualifying as technical finance clerk. Sergeant Lee left the states May 27, 1942, for Puerto Rico and was transferred on October 26, 1943, to Cuba. After serving in Cuba for almost a year he shipped for Egypt and Turkey August 27, 1944. After 31 months' service overseas he received an honorable discharge at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, November 23, 1945, and now resides at Magnolia.

Flight Officer Edwin A. Waller is the son of Thomas Melton and Cecil Waller of Magnolia, Arkansas, where he was born on January 15, 1921. After graduating from Magnolia High School in 1939, he attended Magnolia A. & M. College until entering active service with the Arkansas National Guard. He had first enlisted in the National Guard in 1939 and entered active service on December 23, 1940. After completing his basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, he was transferred from the Infantry to the Air Corps and trained at Lowry Field, Colorado. In October 1942, he was sent to the Southwest Pacific theater. A veteran of service in both the Pacific and in Italy, he has seen action in the Papuan, North Apennines and Po Valley campaigns during his 18 months overseas. At last report he was still on active duty as a navigator in the Air Corps. His wife is the former Jackie Nowlin.



EDWIN A. WALLER



CARL BENSON

S/Sgt. Carl Benson, son of Mrs. L. V. Benson, was born February 19, 1916, at Camden, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Texas University and Illinois University, after which he was engaged in teaching school. Entering the Field Artillery April 26, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Bowie, Texas, specializing as instructor. After training in the United States 14 months attached to 404 F. A. Group, he was sent to the European Theater of Operations on July 1, 1944. He served in the campaigns of Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe with 6819th Allied Information Educational Special Service, returning to the United States January 9, 1946. Sergeant Benson was honorably discharged at Camp Grant, Illinois, January 15, 1946, and lives in Waldo, Arkansas, with his wife, Martha.

Pvt. Alvis Roger Whitlow, son of John Roger and Mary Burrow Whitlow, was born April 15, 1917, at Magnolia, Arkansas. He received his education at the Magnolia Public Schools, after which he was employed as cook and later as manager of the Chatter Box Cafe at Magnolia. Entering the Infantry March 21, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas, and after nine months' service in the United States, was sent to the South Pacific with the 382nd Infantry. Serving for a short time in Hawaii, Private Whitlow was killed in action on Okinawa by a sniper's bullet April 8, 1945. His wife, Lurline Rogers, and three children, reside at Magnolia. Among other decorations, he was awarded, posthumously, the Purple Heart.



ALVIS R. WHITLOW



WILLIAM R. BENTON, JR.

Lt. (j. g.) William Robert Benton, Jr., son of Mrs. William R. Benton and the late Mr. Benton of Fordyce, Arkansas, was born in Little Rock on August 10, 1912. Following graduation from the University of Arkansas, he was employed for a time by the Arkansas State Highway Department as an engineer and later became office manager of the Benton Furniture Co. at Fordyce. He entered the Naval Reserve on December 15, 1943, being sent to Tucson, Arizona, for indoctrination at the University of Arizona. Later he specialized in anti-submarine defense by attending the Nets and Booms School at Tiburon, California, and after five months of preparation in the United States, he began his sea duty on June 13, 1944, and served until March, 1946, when he was retired to inactive status at Memphis. He and his wife, Sarah Kathryn Rhodes Benton, are the parents of a daughter.



2nd Lt. Charles Evan Rhodes was the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Rhodes of Fordyce, Arkansas. He attended the Fordyce schools and graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1942. He entered military service in July 1942, and after completing Infantry basic training was selected to attend the Infantry Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Lieutenant Rhodes served two years in this country as a communications officer with the 28th Infantry Division and in August 1944, was sent to England. He took part in the battle for Metz with the 95th Infantry Division and on December 5, 1944, was killed in action while being evacuated to the rear for medical treatment after suffering wounds. This young officer was wounded while leading his men in an attack on a heavily defended German position near the town of Neuforweiler, Germany. He was buried with full military honors in the United States Military Cemetery at Limey, near the city of Thiacourt, France. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and was the holder of the Presidential Unit Citation for action participated in with his famous unit.



CHARLES E. RHODES



FRANK E. ATTWOOD

Sgt. Frank E. Attwood, son of Evan Marks Attwood and Allie Attwood of Fordyce, Arkansas, was born at New Edinburg, Arkansas, on August 14, 1922. After graduating from Fordyce High School, he attended the University of Arkansas for two years and entered military service on October 26, 1942. Assigned to the Air Corps, he was sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, and completed basic training there. Sergeant Attwood then attended the Weather School at Chanute Field, Illinois, and became a weather specialist. He served two years in the continental United States as a member of the 3rd Weather Sqdn., and in November, 1944, was sent to the China-Burma-India theater where he remained for more than 11 months. He earned the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Ribbon and was returned to this country in October, 1945. Sergeant Attwood was honorably discharged at the Army Air Force Personnel Distribution Center at San Antonio, Texas, January 23, 1946.



Lt. Thomas E. Sparks, son of Mrs. Clara M. Sparks, was born August 15, 1911, at Crossett, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Hendrix College and Washington and Lee University, after which he practiced law. Entering the Navy in August 1943, he received boot training at Indoctrination School, Hollywood, Florida, and at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, specializing as communications officer. After nine months' service in the United States, he was sent to the Asiatic-Pacific theater where he served for 20 months. Lieutenant Sparks returned to the States January 19, 1946, and was honorably discharged at Norfolk, Virginia, March 1, 1946. He and his wife, Julia, live in Fordyce, Arkansas, with their children.



THOMAS E. SPARKS



JOHN C. MEADOR

Lt. Col. John C. Meador, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Meador, was born August 11, 1909, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He graduated from Arkadelphia High School and Ouachita College, after which he taught school for one year, served with the C.C.C. for five years, and was a hardware store manager for more than a year. A member of the R.O.T.C., he entered the Infantry February 3, 1941, as a captain, and attended Armored Force Schools at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and Automobile Maintenance School, Ft. Crook, Nebraska, qualifying as tank destroyer unit commander; expert rifleman, machine gunner, and anti-tank gunner, and pistol marksman. He departed December 15, 1944, for Liverpool, England, later being sent to France, Belgium, and Germany. During his six months overseas, he participated in the campaigns of the Rhineland and Central Europe. He was awarded the American Defense Service Ribbon, Bronze Star Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, and Occupation Ribbon, and was recommended for the Silver Star Medal. He reverted to inactive status December 20, 1945, and returned to Fordyce, where he lives with his wife and children.



CARL G. WAFFORD

2nd Lt. Carl George Wafford, son of Clarence George and Lillie Belle Wafford of Malvern, Arkansas, was born at Curtis, Arkansas, March 29, 1919. He attended Camden High School at Camden, Arkansas, and completed four years at Henderson State Teachers College at Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Entering military service on June 28, 1941, he served basic training at Orangeburg, South Carolina and was transferred to the Army Air Corps in January, 1942. Lieutenant Wafford became a flying cadet and completed basic training at Greenville, Mississippi. He served his flight training at Columbus, Mississippi, and Greenville, South Carolina, and was commissioned in the Air Corps. In January, 1943, he was sent to Chakulia, India, and was sent into combat in February, 1943. This gallant young officer was killed in action in the China-Burma-India theater on February 24, 1943, only one week after he was sent into combat.



HARVEY E. PAUL, JR.

Aviation Cadet Harvey E. Paul, Jr., son of Letitia G. and Harvey E. Paul, Sr., was born December 14, 1916, in McGehee, Arkansas. He attended McGehee High School and Chillicothe Business College, afterwards being engaged as route supervisor for Camden Wholesale Company. Entering the Air Corps December 7, 1942, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and attended Service School at San Antonio, Texas; Pine Bluff School of Aviation; Bombardier School at Childress, Texas; and Radio and Radar Training Schools at Madison, Wisconsin, and Boca Raton, Florida, qualifying as radar mechanic. Cadet Paul received Sharpshooter's Medal October 11, 1944, for use of the carbine. He served in the United States for three years and was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and American Theater Ribbon. After being honorably discharged February 24, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, he returned to Camden, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Bonita, and their children.

1st Lt. James H. Paul, son of Letitia G. and Harvey E. Paul, was born August 31, 1922, in McGehee, Arkansas. He attended McGehee Public School, Camden High School, and University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, where he enlisted in the Army Special Training Program. Entering the Infantry June 30, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Hood, Texas, and infantry training at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. He also attended Service School at Texas A. & M., qualifying as squadron commander. After serving more than a year in the United States with the 84th Division, 9th Army, "Railsplitters," Lieutenant Paul departed in September 1944, for Germany. He participated in campaigns in Belgium and Germany, and was awarded Bronze Star Medal and Citation and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster. He attended Officer Training School in France and later reenlisted and transferred to the 3rd Army. He was still in service at last report with the Army of Occupation in Frankfurt, Germany. His home is in Camden, Arkansas. He is married to the former Miss Geraldine Wise.



JAMES H. PAUL



RAYMEND L. PAUL

Aviation Cadet Raymend L. Paul, son of Letitia G. and Harvey E. Paul, was born March 26, 1920, in McGehee, Arkansas. He attended McGehee Public School, Camden High School, and University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee. Entering the Navy (V-5) December 22, 1943, he attended Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee, and received preflight training at Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Cadet Paul served in the United States for a year and a half under Navy V-12a and V-5 and was placed on reserve status October 2, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee. He lives in Camden, Arkansas.

1st Lt. Charles E. Paul, son of Letitia G. and Harvey E. Paul, was born January 16, 1919, in McGehee, Arkansas. He attended McGehee and Camden Public Schools and Chillicothe Business College in Missouri. Entering the Cavalry June 1941, he received basic training at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, and El Paso, Texas, and attended Supply Clerk's School. After serving in the United States for a year with the 7th Cavalry, Lieutenant Paul departed in 1942 for Australia and remained overseas for a year and three months. He participated in the campaigns of New Guinea, Admiralty Islands, New Britain, Leyte, and Luzon, being wounded in action June 17, 1945, and was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Award, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and four Battle Stars. After being separated from service April 15, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, he returned to his home in Camden, Arkansas.



CHARLES E. PAUL



COURTNEY C. LUBBES

Pharmacist's Mate 2/c Courtney C. Lubbes, son of H. O. Lubbes, was born at Wesson, Arkansas, August 20, 1921, graduated from Warren (Arkansas) High School and had been employed at Bagpak, Inc., for three years prior to his entrance into the Navy Medical Corps on August 26, 1942. He received basic training at Davisville, Rhode Island, and was assigned to duty with the Marines as a medical corpsman. After 14 months at a continental United States base, he sailed on November 12, 1942, with Guadalcanal as his destination, and remained in the Pacific area for two years. Mate Lubbes was the recipient of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and other awards denoting his service, and was honorably discharged from the service on October 15, 1945, at Memphis.

T/5 Julius C. Lubbes, son of Herbert Otto and Bernice Parker Lubbes, was born at Graysonia, Arkansas, on February 27, 1911. He attended school at Wesson, Huttig, Monticello and Warren (Arkansas) and graduated from McKinley High School in Washington, D. C., prior to entering military service on April 12, 1941. He received basic training at Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland, and later attended Dental Technician School at O'Reilly General Hospital, qualifying as a dental laboratory technician. He was assigned to the 967th Field Artillery Bn., spending almost three years at posts in continental United States before leaving with his unit for service in Scotland, England and France. Overseas 21 months, Corporal Lubbes was honorably discharged at Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland, on December 3, 1945.



JULIUS C. LUBBES



GEORGE C. OWENS, JR.

Gunner's Mate 3/c George Claude Owens, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Owens, Sr., of Camden, Arkansas, was born at Bearden, Arkansas, on May 26, 1925. He attended Bearden High School and Camden High School until enlisting in the Coast Guard on June 11, 1942. After completing his basic training at Government Island, California, he was given sea duty in the South Pacific aboard the U.S.S. LST 205 in April, 1944. Mate Owens served as a landing craft operator and gunner's mate during his 23 months overseas. He saw action in the Saipan, Leyte and Mindoro campaigns and then served three months with the Army of Occupation of Japan. He was honorably discharged at Savannah, Georgia, on March 15, 1946.

Boatswain's Mate 1/c Ellis L. Hammond, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hammond, was born at El Dorado, Arkansas, December 28, 1907, received his education at El Dorado High School, and was employed as a salesman for the El Dorado Baking Company for 15 years prior to entering the Navy Seabees on October 28, 1943. Following boot training at Camp Peary (Virginia), Endicott (Rhode Island), and Port Hueneme (California), he was assigned to duty with the 31st Special Construction Battalion and arrived at Saipan on October 4, 1943. He served meritoriously in this area for more than 14 months (including six weeks spent in Japan), and was given an honorable discharge from the service on November 29, 1945, at Millington, Tennessee. He is the husband of Mrs. Floy Hammond.



ELLIS L. HAMMOND



PAUL C. STINE

T/5 Paul C. Stine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Stine, Sr., was born March 25, 1918, in Wilburton, Oklahoma, moving to Arkansas in 1937. He attended Wilburton Public Schools and Cain's Academy in Oklahoma, afterwards being engaged as a labor foreman. Entering the Engineers January 22, 1945, he received basic training at Ft. Riley, Kansas, qualifying as electric welder with the 3015th Engineer Maintenance Company. After serving with the 4th Cavalry for seven months, he departed August 4, 1945, for Nagoya, Japan, and remained overseas for nine months with the Army of Occupation. He was hospitalized for some time and received Unit Meritorious Wreath. After being honorably discharged June 18, 1946, at O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Missouri, he returned to Camden, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Mildred, and their child.

S/Sgt. David Stuart Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Wright, was born July 14, 1921, in Camden, Arkansas. Entering the Air Corps Field Artillery (A.A.A.) January 6, 1941, he received basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Sergeant Wright departed September 1, 1941, for Alaska and January 10, 1945, for Europe. Overseas for two years and eight months, he participated in campaigns of Rhineland and Central Germany. After being honorably discharged September 22, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to Camden, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Marjorie Helen.



DAVID S. WRIGHT



CHARLES B. KELLY

Sgt. Charles Benton Kelly, son of Charles Ray and Maymie Cleo Kelly, was born at Tulip, Arkansas, December 19, 1921. He graduated from the Fairview High School, after which he was employed by Southern Kraft Corp., Camden, Arkansas. Entering the Infantry August, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Forrest, Tennessee. Attached to 17th Inf., 80th Div., he departed for England in June, 1944, and with the division landed on French soil on August 3, 1944, and his unit was given its first combat mission on August 8. Sergeant Kelly was in the battle north of Argentan, crossing the Meuse River and taking Commercy, September 1, 1944. He was killed in action on December 25, 1944, in the town of Lintgen, Luxembourg, and was buried in the U. S. Military Cemetery, Grand Faily, France. He is survived by his parents, who live in Camden.

T/5 Homer Sharpe, son of Brady P. Sharpe, was born at Hope, Arkansas, November 5, 1913, received his education in the Hot Springs schools, and was employed in construction work prior to his entrance into the Army on April 5, 1944. Following basic training at Camp Robinson, he was assigned to the Engineering Corps and sailed with his unit for the European theater September 10, 1944. For more than 12 months he saw service on this front, engaging in the Verdun, Luxembourg and Regensburg campaigns, and later serving three months with the Army of Occupation. His unit was the first to construct bridges across the Saar, Rhine and Moselle rivers, enabling the American forces to plunge deep into Germany in the last drive of the war. Among his decorations for meritorious service were the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Silver Star Medal, medals for proficiency with the rifle and carbine and other awards. Corporal Sharpe was honorably discharged September 22, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He and his wife, Emeleene McLendon Sharpe, are the parents of four children.



HOMER SHARPE



CHARLIE R. HART, JR.

Pfc. Charlie Richmond Hart, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie R. Hart, Sr., was born at Fordyce, Arkansas, November 11, 1923, graduated from high school there and was employed as a timekeeper at the Pine Bluff Arsenal prior to entering military service on February 22, 1943. He was sent to Camp White, Oregon, for basic training, later being assigned to duty in a clerical capacity. On December 3, 1943, he sailed for the European theater and served for more than 23 months with Co. A, 300th Engineers, taking part in the Rhineland, Ardennes, Normandy and Northern France campaigns. Private Hart was awarded the Marksman's Badge, European Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal and the Order of the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, November 9, 1945. He and his wife, Helen L. Hart, are the parents of one child.

1st Lt. John E. Gaughan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Emmet Gaughan of Camden, Arkansas, where he was born on March 1, 1925. He attended Camden High School and Mexico Military Institute before entering the Army Air Corps April 5, 1943. Lieutenant Gaughan completed his pre-flight training at San Antonio, Texas, and was later commissioned as a fighter pilot. Arriving in Italy in July, 1944, he saw nine months of overseas service and took part in the invasion of Southern France and raids over Germany, Austria and Greece. Holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the European Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and the Expert's Medal for the pistol, carbine and aerial gunnery, he was placed on the reserve list and retired from active duty on October 10, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.



JOHN E. GAUGHAN



G. W. ETHRIDGE

S/Sgt. G. W. Ethridge, son of James Frank and Nellie Ilene Ethridge of Louann, Arkansas, was born at Warren, Arkansas, October 10, 1925. He attended Hampton High School and Locust Bayou High School and was employed as truck driver and on an oil company seismograph crew until entering the Army Air Corps February 7, 1944. He completed basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and was sent to the Air Force Flexible Gunnery School at Laredo, Texas, where he became an aerial gunner. In December, 1944, he was sent with his unit, the 380th Bomb Group, to the Southwest Pacific theater. Sergeant Ethridge was based on Mindoro Island in the Philippines and took part in the Philippine campaign, the fighting in the Southern Philippines, the raids on Rabaul and the fighting in the China Sea area and Borneo. On May 17, 1945, he was killed when his plane crashed near Mindoro Island. He was the holder of the Presidential Unit Citation, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Stars, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the Purple Heart.

Capt. Elvis P. Ozment, son of E. P. Ozment, was born in Little Rock on March 18, 1921, graduated from Arkadelphia (Arkansas) High School and Henderson State Teachers College and served three years in the Arkansas National Guard prior to entering the Army (Infantry) June 1, 1942. By attendance at Officers' Basic Class and Officers' Advanced Courses, he qualified for duty as a company commander. During his four and one-half years of service, he was with the 35th Division three years, and the 102nd Division one and a half years. On September 12, 1944, he accompanied his unit to the European theater, seeing extensive service, including the Rhineland and Central Germany campaigns, and seven months with the Army of Occupation. Captain Ozment was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, the Bronze Star, American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory Ribbon and the Combat Infantryman's Medal. He has chosen to continue active military service. He and his wife, Virginia G. Ozment, are the parents of two children.



ELVIS P. OZMENT



LOUIS L. RAMSEY, JR.

Capt. Louis L. Ramsey, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis L. Ramsey of 205 West Fourth Street, Fordyce, Arkansas, was born at Fordyce on October 11, 1918. After completing his education at the University of Arkansas, he entered the Army Air Corps on March 2, 1942, attending Service Schools at Pine Bluff, Coffeyville, Kansas, and Altus, Oklahoma. He departed for the European theater on March 2, 1944, assigned to the 441st Troop Carrier Group, and saw 19 months of foreign service. He was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with seven Battle Stars, the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the American Defense Service Ribbon and a Presidential Unit Citation. He was relieved of active duty at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, on February 10, 1946. His wife is Joy B. Ramsey.

2nd Lt. William Archer Moore, Jr., son of Amelia D. and William Archer Moore, Sr., was born June 25, 1920, at Fordyce, Arkansas. He graduated from Fordyce High School and the University of Arkansas, afterwards being employed by the Arkansas State Highway Department and Ford, Bacon & Davis Construction Company of Little Rock. Commissioned second lieutenant in R.O.T.C. at the University of Arkansas, he entered the Army November 11, 1941, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and received basic training at Ft. Lewis, Washington, and Tacoma, Washington, with Co. A, 7th Infantry. Transferred to the Air Corps May 1942, Lieutenant Moore received basic training at Minter Field, California, and received pilot's wings at Roswell, New Mexico. He served in the United States with the 94th Bomb Group (H) and 410th Bomb. Sqdn. Lieutenant Moore departed in February 1943, for England and was attached to the 306th Bomb. Gp. On May 21, 1943, on his fifth mission over Emden, Germany, his plane was disabled and lost in the North Sea. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, and is survived by his parents, who live in Fordyce.



WILLIAM A. MOORE, JR.



FLOYD R. CLOWERS

Cpl. Floyd R. Clowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duff George Clowers of Pine Bluff, was born on July 30, 1916, at Star City, Arkansas. After completing his education at the Star City High School he was engaged in farming and as a clerk until his entrance into the Army in November 17, 1942. After serving his basic training period at Camp Rucker, Alabama, he was sent to the Armored Maintenance School and became a tank mechanic. Corporal Clowers arrived in Scotland in January, 1944, and served with his unit, the 746th Tank Bn., during the fighting in Normandy, Northern France, the Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns. During his 21 months of overseas duty he earned the Distinguished Unit Badge, the Bronze Star Medal, European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged on October 30, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

1st Lt. Willard Everett King, son of Fay and Zelma King, was born at Sparkman, Arkansas, July 4, 1923. He received his education by attending Sparkman Grade and High Schools and Arkansas Tech. He entered the Army Air Forces January 25, 1943, receiving basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and afterwards attending Service Schools at Ellington Field, Houston; Harlingen Gunnery; Midland Air Base; and Alexandria Air Base for combat training and qualifying for bombardier. After training in the United States for 18 months, he was sent to England in May, 1944, attached to the 8th Air Force. Lieutenant King made his first combat mission over enemy territory on July 4, 1944, which was his 21st birthday. He made many important missions, 23 in all, among them being over Peenemunde, Schweinfurt and Leipzig, Germany, and was shot down over Merseburg, Germany, September 11, 1944. He was reported missing in action on that date and declared dead one year later. Among other decorations he was posthumously awarded the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Presidential Unit Citation, two Battle Stars, and the Purple Heart.



WILLARD E. KING



ALFRED P. STINNETT

Machinist's Mate 1/c Alfred P. Stinnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Stinnett, was born August 13, 1915, in Chidester, Arkansas. He attended Chidester Public School, afterwards being employed as bulldozer operator and farmer. Entering the Navy Seabees August 1943, he received boot training at Camp Perry, Williamsburg, Virginia, and Camp Thomas, Davisville, Rhode Island. Mate Stinnett departed June 9, 1944, for Pearl Harbor and remained overseas for a year and a half, spending two months with the Army of Occupation. After being honorably discharged November 19, 1945, at Norman, Oklahoma, he returned to Camden, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Katie, and their children.

Pfc. Marvin J. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith, was born October 22, 1918, in Sayree, Arkansas. He attended public schools in Chidester, Arkansas, and Huntington, Texas, afterwards being employed as rewind operator for International Paper Company at Camden, Arkansas. Entering the Infantry May 21, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas. Private Smith departed November 3, 1944, for Scotland and remained overseas more than a year. He participated in the Rhineland campaign, being wounded in action twice, and spent six months with the Army of Occupation. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Oak Leaf Cluster, two Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and Combat Badge. After being honorably discharged March 13, 1946, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to Cullendale, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Lottie, and their child.



MARVIN J. SMITH



WIGHTMAN M. HARRIS

Flying Officer Wightman Miles Harris, son of Mrs. Texa and W. M. Harris of Camden, was born on February 17, 1918, at Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He attended Camden High School and completed his education at Henderson State Teachers College before enlisting in the Royal Canadian Air Force on January 3, 1941. Officer Harris trained at Virden and Dauphin in Manitoba and at Dunville, Picton and Toronto, Ontario, and was commissioned as a pilot officer on January 3, 1942. He sailed to England in January, 1942, and there took part in the Battle of Britain. In December, 1942, he was sent to Africa and took part in the fighting there until he was killed at Constantine, Africa, January 3, 1943. Officer Harris is buried at Algiers, Algeria. This gallant young officer had seven 10 months overseas at the time of his death.

Lt. (j. g.) Charles Randolph Crutchfield, Jr., son of Charles Randolph and Martha H. Crutchfield, was born at Hope, Arkansas, on June 2, 1921. A graduate of Rice Institute, Houston, Texas, with a B.S. degree in civil engineering, he received his commission as an ensign in the Naval Reserve while a student of that school, and entered active service in May, 1943. After boot training at the University of Arizona at Tucson, he completed a Diesel course at Cornell University and was assigned to the Submarine Service. His training completed, Lieutenant Crutchfield went to sea in October, 1944, on the U.S.S. Kete, operating in the South Pacific. He and the crew of his submarine have been listed as "missing in action" since April 16, 1945, and it is presumed that they were lost while upholding the highest traditions of their hazardous branch of the service. This gallant Arkansan was awarded the Submarine Combat Insignia, and a Citation from the commander of the Pacific Submarine Division for participating in a successful submarine patrol.



C. R. CRUTCHFIELD, JR.

1.—**Pharmacist's Mate 2/c Raymond Eugene Arnold** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude L. Arnold of Camden, Arkansas, where he was born on December 12, 1925. He attended Camden High School until enlisting in the Navy on April 19, 1943. After completing his boot training at San Diego, California, he attended the Hospital Corps School. In December, 1943, he was sent to the Southwest Pacific theater. Overseas a total of more than two years, he has served three tours of foreign service and has seen service in the invasions of the Marshall Islands, Saipan, Guam and the Philippines, as well as the battle for Iwo Jima. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with seven Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon and a Citation issued by Admiral Nimitz for service under fire on Saipan, he was honorably discharged at Shoemaker, California on February 23, 1946.

2.—**1st Lt. Fred E. Walker**, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Walker, was born in Camden, Arkansas. He attended Camden High School and Henderson College. Accepted as an Air Corps cadet at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, April 5, 1943, he was sent to San Antonio, Texas, for pre-flight training and received primary flight training at Bonham, Texas; basic training at Perrin Field, Sherman, Texas; and advanced flight training at Lubbock Army Air Field. He graduated and received wings as pilot February 8, 1944; was assigned to Midland Army Air Field, Midland, Texas, as twin-engine pilot; and transferred July 10, 1945, to Liberal, Kansas, for B-24 training. He was promoted to first lieutenant August 21, 1945, and was honorably discharged October 2, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He lives in Camden, Arkansas, with his wife, Lenora.

3.—**Seaman 1/c Jim Charley Buckley**, son of Mrs. Gracie Crain Buckley, was born May 28, 1919, at Oakland, Louisiana, moving to Arkansas in 1926. He attended Fairview High School, Fairview, Arkansas, afterwards being employed as machine operator. Entering the Navy May 24, 1944, he received boot training at Camp Wallace, Texas. After serving six months in the United States, Seaman Buckley departed November 5, 1945, for Saipan where he participated in the campaigns of the Asiatic-Pacific. He received the American Theater and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbons with one Battle Star and was honorably discharged at Memphis, January 18, 1946. He and his wife, Beulah, live in Camden, Arkansas, with their son.

4.—**Cpl. Paschal C. Lusby**, son of Bob and Carrie Lusby of Cullendale, Arkansas, was born at Stephens, Arkansas, July 6, 1918. He was educated in the Fairview schools and was a truck driver until entering the military service on January 31, 1942. After completing his basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, he was assigned to the Air Force and after eight months in this country was sent to the Southwest Pacific theater in September, 1942. Overseas three years, he served with the 321st Bomb Squadron throughout the fighting of the Bismarck Archipelago, Guadalcanal, Northern Solomons, China, Southern Philippines, Luzon, Papua and New Guinea campaigns. Corporal Lusby is the holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with eight Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star, Good Conduct Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the rarely awarded Soldier's Medal. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on September 10, 1945.

5.—**Cpl. John William Bullock**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Bullock, was born at Faber, Arkansas, July 31, 1915. He received his education by attending Fairview High School at Camden, Arkansas, after which he was employed at Southern Kraft Corp. paper mill at Cullendale, Arkansas, for 12 years. Entering the Marine Corps December 6, 1943, he received basic training at San Diego, qualifying for rifleman and receiving Marksmanship Medal on February 3, 1944. After serving nine months in the

United States, he departed September 10, 1944, for Oahu, T. H., and was in action against the enemy at Iwo Jima February 19 to March 16, 1945. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon and Victory Ribbon. Returning to the United States December 3, 1945, Corporal Bullock was honorably discharged at San Diego, December 19, 1945. He and his wife, Maxine, live in Camden, Arkansas, with their child.

6.—**Sgt. Joseph Floyd Bullock**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allen Bullock, was born at Faber, Arkansas, March 11, 1920. After completing his education at the Faber and Camden public schools, he was employed as a stenographer-clerk by the South Arkansas Grocer Company at Camden for three years before his entry into military service on April 10, 1942. He received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and attended Radio Mechanics' School at Scott Field, Illinois, for 18 weeks. Assigned to the Army Air Forces, he served seven months in the United States before leaving on November 7, 1942, with his unit for the Central and Western Pacific theater, where he spent nearly three years, taking part in ground combat on Iwo Jima, the Eastern Mandates and the Bismarck Archipelago, and in the air offensive over Japan. Sergeant Bullock holds the Army Air Forces Technician's Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars and Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged from the service on October 31, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

7.—**Sgt. William Luther Cox**, son of Edna Rae Pickett and Luther C. Cox was born May 8, 1921, at Bearden, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Fairview High School, Camden, after which he was employed as helper in a bag plant. Entering the Army Air Force July 27, 1942, he received basic training at St. Petersburg, Florida, later attending Airplane Mechanics School at Keesler Field, Mississippi, where he qualified for airplane mechanic. After training in the United States for 11 months, he was sent to Australia where he participated in the campaigns of New Guinea. After serving 31 months overseas, Sergeant Cox returned to the United States and received an honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, January 4, 1946. He lives in Camden, Arkansas, with his wife, Frances, and their child.

8.—**Cpl. William L. Benton**, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Benton, was born at Chidester, Arkansas, October 8, 1921. After graduating from Chidester High School, he became a mechanic and was employed in this capacity when called to military service on September 14, 1942. Sent to Keesler Field, Mississippi, for basic training, he was assigned to the Army Air Corps as a mechanic and welder. He remained in continental United States six months before sailing with his outfit in November 1942, for Hawaii and eventual participation in hotly contested campaigns in the Central Pacific, the Mandate Islands and the Southwest Pacific. Corporal Benton received the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three Bronze Stars and Presidential Unit Citation. Overseas 31 months, he was honorably discharged October 9, 1945, at San Antonio, Texas.

9.—**Motor Machinist's Mate 2/c James Willis Thomason**, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Howard Thomason of Chidester, Arkansas, was born at Thornton, Arkansas, May 18, 1925. He attended the Arkansas City and Dumas High Schools and entered the Navy on September 3, 1943. He completed his boot training at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia, and attended Diesel School at Richmond, Virginia. After one year in this country, he was sent to the Pacific theater in January, 1945, and saw action in the Philippines campaign and on Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He later served with the Army of Occupation of Japan during his 10 months overseas. Returning to this country, he was honorably discharged at Mem-



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phis, Tennessee, January 7, 1946. His wife is Emily I. Thomason.

10.—**Ship's Cook 2/c Archie B. Benton**, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Louis Benton, was born August 31, 1925, in Chidester, Arkansas. He attended Chidester High School. Entering the Navy June 23, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Bakery School in Seattle, Washington, qualifying as cook. He served for 11 months in the United States before departing in May 1945, for the Marshall Islands, where he is still in service.

11.—**Pfc. Ellis Franklin Lewis**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Opie Franklin Lewis of Camden, Arkansas, was born October 20, 1918, at Hazen, Arkansas. After completing his education at Fairview High School at Camden, he was employed by the International Paper Company at Camden and at the time he entered military service on May 24, 1944, was employed by the Consolidated Ship Yards at Long Beach, California. After receiving his basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas, he arrived in France in November 1944, with his unit, the 95th Infantry Division. Overseas eight months, Private Lewis took part in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Combat Infantryman Badge, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Ribbon. He also holds the Sharpshooter's Medal for the rifle and carbine. After two months with the Army of Occupation, he was returned to this country and was honorably discharged on February 4, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, Marthe Annis Eagle, have a daughter.

12.—**2nd Lt. Carlos Maynard Pinkston**, son of Cecil and Eneree Pinkston of Camden, Arkansas, was born at Stephens, Arkansas, March 27, 1920. He attended El Dorado High School and was employed as a taxicab operator until entering the Army Air Corps on November 18, 1942. He completed his basic training at Altus, Oklahoma, and later attended the Radio School at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. Lieutenant Pinkston received his pilot's training at San Antonio, Texas, and at Oklahoma City, Enid and Altus, Oklahoma. After being commissioned he became a first pilot on a Liberator bomber and has 1,350 flying hours. He has served as an instrument instructor at Courtland Army Air Field, Alabama, and as a pilot for gunnery students at Tyndall Field, Florida. A veteran of three years in the Air Force, he was placed on inactive duty at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, on December 7, 1945. He and his wife, the former Ava Nell Taylor, have two children.

13.—**Pvt. Randolph Milos Pinkston**, son of Cecil and Eneree Pinkston of Camden, Arkansas, was born at Buena Vista, Arkansas, on July 7, 1925. He attended the El Dorado and Camden High Schools and was employed as a salesman for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company at Camden until entering military service on September 7, 1943. Private Pinkston completed his basic Infantry training at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, and became a communication linesman. Arriving in the Philippines in January, 1945, he took part in the invasion of Luzon in the Philippines and while advancing on an enemy position near San Felipe, Batangas Province in the Philippines, he was severely wounded in action on March 8, 1945, and died of his wounds on the next day. This gallant soldier was buried with full military honors in the U. S. Army Cemetery at Nasagbu, Batangas, Philippine Islands. Serving with the 158th Infantry at the time of his death, he was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.

14.—**T/5 Claude H. Langley**, son of Mrs. Love Langley, was born at Dalark, Arkansas, and after completing his education at Gurdon (Arkansas) High School, worked in a paper mill prior to entering the Army on October 5, 1942. He received his basic training at Reno, Nevada, and was assigned to Company A, 433rd Signal Construction Bn. On August 20, 1943, he sailed with his unit for England,

and saw more than 25 months of action in the European theater, participating in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central European campaigns and serving for three months with the Army of Occupation after the close of the war. Among his awards for meritorious service was the European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged from the service on October 21, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He is the husband of Cortez Lusby Langley.

15.—**Pfc. William C. Langley**, son of Mrs. D. Langley, was born at Dalark, Arkansas, August 31, 1919, and after attending the Gurdon (Arkansas) schools entered the Army on February 2, 1942. He received basic training at Camp Robinson and was later assigned to duty with a medical detachment as a mess sergeant. After three years of service in the United States, he sailed on February 19, 1945, with his unit for the European theater, and took part in the Rhineland and Central European campaigns and served one month with the Army of Occupation. Overseas six months, he was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. Private Langley was honorably discharged on September 8, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He and his wife, Edna Ellis Langley, are the parents of two children.

16.—**S/Sgt. Charles C. Dean, Jr.**, son of Mrs. Mittie Louise Dean, was born May 12, 1922, in Camden, Arkansas. He attended Fairview High School, afterwards being employed as machine operator for George and Sherrard Paper Company. A member of the National Guard since November 6, 1939, he entered the Army Air Forces November 5, 1942, and received basic training at Big Spring, Texas. Attending Airplane and Engine Mechanics' School, B-29 Armament School, and Aircraft Electrical School, he qualified as airplane electrical mechanic and gunner, receiving gunner's wings April 1944. He also received Marksmanship Medal for proficiency in the use of the .45 automatic. After serving in the United States for two years attached to A.A.F. Tech. Schools and 498th Bomb. Gp., Sergeant Dean departed November 4, 1944, for the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations. Overseas nearly a year, he participated in campaigns in Saipan, Mariannas Islands, Eastern Mandates, and the Western Pacific and in the air offensive over Japan, being wounded in action December 3, 1944. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Soldier's Medal, and Asiatic-Pacific Service Ribbon with three Bronze Stars. After being honorably discharged October 27, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to his home in Camden.

17.—**Carpenter's Mate 3/c E. M. Dean**, son of Mrs. Mittie Louise Dean, was born July 20, 1924, in Camden, Arkansas. He attended Fairview High School, afterwards being employed as machine operator for George and Sherrard Paper Company. Entering the Navy October 19, 1943, he received boot training at Camp Perry, Virginia, and attended Gunnery School, specializing in maintenance. After serving in the United States for more than two years, he was honorably discharged February 19, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, and returned to his home in Camden.

18.—**Capt. Auburn P. Smith**, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Smith, was born December 26, 1914. He graduated from Camden High School and Hendrix College. Enlisting in the Army Air Corps August 10, 1942, he was commissioned April 16, 1943, at A.A.F. Officer Candidate School, Miami Beach, Florida, and completed Army Finance School (Officers' Disbursing). Captain Smith served overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations for 18 months, participating in the Iwo Jima campaign, and was awarded Army Commendation Ribbon; Meritorious Service Unit Insignia; Bronze Service Star; Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon; American Theater Ribbon, and World War II Victory Ribbon. After returning to the United States, he served as athletic instructor with the Air Force and as finance officer until March 31, 1946. His home is in Camden, Arkansas.

19.—Cpl. Dewey W. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Smith, was born August 26, 1917. He graduated from Camden High School and entered the Army Medical Department December 5, 1941, qualifying as surgical technician. Departing from the United States March 14, 1942, for India, Corporal Smith served as technician in surgical section of 159th Station Hospital and 181st General Hospital until December 5, 1944. Returning to the States December 12, 1944, he was later assigned to Foster General Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, China-India-Burma Theater Ribbon; Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon; World War II Victory Ribbon, and American Theater Ribbon. After being honorably discharged October 4, 1945, he returned to his home in Camden, Arkansas.

20.—Cpl. Donald Cicero Smith, son of Andrew P. and Anna Neely Smith, was born at Liberty, Arkansas, September 13, 1919. Moving with his parents to Camden, Arkansas, at an early age, he graduated from high school there, and prior to his entrance into the Army on July 14, 1941, was employed by the International Paper Mill and the Camden Post Office. Trained at Camp Callan, California, he was assigned to the Coast and Field Artillery, serving 11 months with his unit in the United States and more than two and a half years in Alaska. Corporal Smith holds the rifle Marksman's Badge, the First Class Gunner's Badge, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, the American Defense Service Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged from military service at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, November 20, 1944.

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1.—Sgt. Raleigh Cleveland Ingram, son of John C. and Leila Ruth Ingram of Camden, Arkansas, was born at Rosston, Arkansas, October 3, 1915. He was a farmer after completing his education in the Cale (Arkansas) public schools. Sergeant Ingram entered military service June 26, 1941, and was sent to Camp Roberts, California, for his basic training. He served three years in this country with the 524th Military Police Bn., and was then transferred to the Infantry. He was sent to the European theater in October, 1944, and took part in two of the hard-fought European campaigns. He was captured by the Germans and remained a prisoner for three months. Overseas seven months, he holds the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, on October 6, 1945. He and his wife, Virginia Anna, have one child.

2.—Sgt. John Ingram, Jr., is the son of John C. and Leila Ruth Ingram of Camden, Arkansas. Born at Rosston, Arkansas, October 30, 1919, he completed his education in the Cale, Arkansas, public schools. He entered military service on October 21, 1941, and was assigned to the Ordnance Department. After serving his basic training at Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, he attended mechanics' School. Sergeant Ingram served three years in the United States and was sent with his unit, the 227th Ordnance Company, to Europe in October, 1944. Overseas 10 months, he earned the American Defense Service Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, the Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on October 17, 1945. He and his wife, the former Heloise Morrow, have one child.

3.—Aviation Machinist's Mate 3/c John Valentine Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Knight of Camden, Arkansas, was born at Bluff City, Arkansas, on June 1, 1920. He attended the Bluff City schools and was a farmer until entering the Navy on May 7, 1943. Mate Knight served his boot training period at San Diego, California, and was then assigned to duty with the Naval Air Corps. After 10 months of duty in the United States, he was sent to the South Pacific theater in June, 1943. He saw more than 21 months of foreign service and took part in the capture of Saipan. He was honorably discharged at Corpus Christi, Texas, on November 4, 1945. His wife is Ina Lee Knight.

4.—S/Sgt. Hollis Perry Ingram, son of John C. and Leila Ruth Ingram of Camden, Arkansas, was born at Rosston, Arkansas, on October 10, 1917. Educated in the Cale public schools, he farmed until entering the regular Army on January 22, 1937. He served his basic Infantry training at Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, and served six years in this country with the famous 1st Infantry Regiment. In March,

1941, he was sent to the South Pacific theater. Overseas a total of 32 months, he took part in the fighting in the Mariannas Islands, the Philippines and at Okinawa. He was wounded in action and holds the Purple Heart and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. Sergeant Ingram was returned to the United States. He will remain in the regular Army.

5.—Pfc. Willie L. Ingram, son of John C. and Leila Ruth Ingram of Camden, Arkansas, was born on April 3, 1927. He attended the Cale public schools and was engaged in farming until entering the Army on June 17, 1945. Private Ingram served his basic training with the Infantry at the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Fannin, Texas. In December, 1945, he was sent to Europe and is now serving with the Army of Occupation of Germany. He and his wife, the former Katherine Kirk, are the parents of one child.

6.—Cpl. Willie F. Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Knight of Route 2, Camden, Arkansas, was born at Bluff City, Arkansas, on January 21, 1922. He attended the Bluff City schools and was engaged in farming prior to entering military service on January 14, 1943. He was sent to Camp Haan, California, and completed his basic training at that post. He served in this country with Battery C, 546th Anti-Aircraft Bn., and was sent to the European theater in April, 1944. Overseas 19 months, he saw action in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns and was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, on December 8, 1945. He and his wife, the former Jerry Chamlee, now live at Camden.

7.—Capt. Joe M. Arnette, son of Joe M. and Susie Hickey Arnette of 805 West 2nd Street, Little Rock, was born at San Antonio, Texas, on December 16, 1916, and moved with his family to Arkansas in 1920. He was educated at Fordyce High School and Ouachita College and was engaged in coaching of sports until entering active duty with the Army on May 20, 1941. Captain Arnette had received his Infantry training in the Reserve Officer's Training Corps at Ouachita College and became a unit commander with the 153rd Infantry of the Arkansas National Guard. In December, 1941, he was sent with his unit to Alaska and remained overseas for 26 months. He was returned to this country in February, 1944, and served with the Army Ground Forces. Captain Arnette was returned to inactive duty on December 23, 1945, at Camp Beale, California. He is the holder of the American Defense Service Ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service Ribbon. His wife is Ilene Moll Arnette.

8.—Pfc. Elton Hagley Ingram is the son of John C. and Leila Ruth Ingram of Camden, Arkansas. He was born at Rosston, Arkansas, on August 13, 1923,



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and educated in the Cale schools. Private Ingram farmed until he entered active military service on March 10, 1943. He was sent to Camp Crowder, Missouri, for his basic Signal Corps training. He served two years in this country with the 224th Signal Company and was sent to the European theater with the 104th Infantry. Overseas six months, he saw action in two campaigns and was seriously wounded in Europe. Holder of the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Purple Heart and the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, as well as the Good Conduct Medal, he was returned to the United States for hospitalization and was honorably discharged at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, on July 27, 1945.

9.—Coxswain James Edward Goodnight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith Kees Goodnight, was born July 31, 1926, in El Dorado, Arkansas. He attended Southside Grade School and El Dorado High School. Entering the Navy March 22, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and served in the United States for eight months before departing November 22, 1944, for Iwo Jima. Overseas more than a year, he participated in the Iwo Jima campaign and spent nine months with the occupation forces at Navy Boat Pool, Iwo Jima. Coxswain Goodnight is still in the service, having reenlisted. His home is in El Dorado.

10.—Coxswain Perry Percy Ingram, son of John C. and Leila Ruth Ingram of Camden, Arkansas, was born at Rosston, Arkansas, on April 11, 1925. He was educated in the Cale schools and was a farmer until entering the Navy on August 26, 1942. Coxswain Ingram received his boot training at San Diego, California, and then attended Gunnery School. After eight months in this country he was sent to the Southwest Pacific theater and spent more than 40 months overseas. He saw action aboard the battleship, the U.S.S. Mississippi. Holder of the Purple Heart, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with eight Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Stars, and the American Theater Ribbon, he was returned to the United States and honorably discharged at Camp Shelton, Virginia, on April 19, 1946.

11.—Pfc. William Forest Owen, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Owen of El Dorado, Arkansas, was born April 8, 1916. He attended El Dorado public schools and is a graduate of El Dorado High School. He entered the Army April 12, 1944, and received his basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. Private Owen was sent to the European theater and received the Combat Badge, two Battle Stars and one Bronze Star. (No further details regarding his service record were furnished.)

12.—Capt. Charles B. Hagins, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hagins, was born on December 3, 1915, at Fordyce, Arkansas. He graduated from Fordyce High School and Ouachita College at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and entered the Infantry May 18, 1941. He later attended Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, qualifying as a company commander. He moved with his command to the Aleutians January 10, 1942, serving in the Aleutian Islands campaign. For meritorious service he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Battle Star. Captain Hagins was honorably discharged at Little Rock, Arkansas, on December 30, 1945, and returned to Fordyce, where he makes his home with his wife, Lucie Catherine.

13.—Lt. Thomas Cleveland Hagins, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hagins, was born June 6, 1913, at Columbus, Georgia, moving to Arkansas in 1914. He attended Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and University of California at Los Angeles, after which he was employed as assistant cashier, Fordyce Bank and Trust Co., Fordyce, Arkansas. Entering the Navy in July 1942, he served at Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, California, and Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, qualifying for aerological and personnel officer. He departed from

the United States in December 1943, aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Saratoga for the Asiatic-Pacific theater, where he served in the Central Pacific campaigns and Indian Ocean campaigns against the Dutch East Indies. Lieutenant Hagins was honorably discharged at Jacksonville, Florida, February 5, 1946.

14.—Comdr. Joseph E. Pietzuch, son of Lydia and Edwin Pietzuch, was born September 9, 1907, in Ellettsville, Indiana, moving to Arkansas in February 1932. He attended Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana, afterwards being engaged as controller and cost accountant for Camden Furniture Company. He was commissioned lieutenant in the Naval Reserve and reported for duty July 3, 1942. Commander Pietzuch served for four years in the United States and is still in service as executive officer at Naval Supply Depot, New Orleans, Louisiana. He is married to the former Miss Frances Pope, and his home is in Camden, Arkansas.

15.—Seaman 2/c Ralfred Dean Snowball, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Snowball, was born at Norris, Montana, May 27, 1908, moving to Arkansas in 1925. He received his education by attending grade schools in Montana, Canada, and Louisiana, and attended Fordyce High School 1927-1928, and Arkansas A. & M. College, Monticello, 1928-1929. Seaman Snowball entered the Naval Reserve June 16, 1944, receiving boot training at San Diego, California. After six months' service in the United States, he was sent to the South Pacific theater on January 6, 1945, participating in Hollandia, New Guinea, and Manicani, P. I., campaigns. For meritorious service he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific and Victory Ribbons. He received an honorable discharge at Camp Wallace, Texas, November 7, 1945, returning to Fordyce, where he lives with his wife, Marjorie, and their children.

16.—1st Lt. Edwin Earl Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Walker, was born July 10, 1920, in Buena Vista, Arkansas. He attended Camden public schools and the University of Arkansas for three years. Entering the Army Air Corps in April, 1942, he received his commission as second lieutenant and qualified as pilot September 1942, at Perrin Field, Sherman, Texas, afterwards serving as a basic flying instructor. He was promoted to first lieutenant in April 1943, and assigned to overseas duty August 4, 1943, serving in the Ferry Command and later being transferred to the Transport Command in the European Theater of Operations. Lieutenant Walker was killed in an airplane accident October 21, 1944, near Haltom, England, and was buried in the Cambridge American Cemetery, Cambridge, England. He is survived by his parents, who live in Camden, Arkansas.

17.—Pvt. Raymond O. Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Ross of Portland, Arkansas, was born April 7, 1919, at Fountain Hill, Arkansas. He attended Fountain Hill and Portland public schools and was employed in a shipyard before entering the Army June 9, 1944. (No further information was furnished.)

18.—Painter 2/c Harold Thomas Goodnight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith Kees Goodnight, was born February 7, 1914, in Monroe, Louisiana, moving to Arkansas in 1919. He attended South Side Grade School, El Dorado High School, and Collinston, Louisiana, High School. Entering the Navy September 22, 1942, he received boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois, and served for two years in the United States before departing January 16, 1945, for the North Atlantic. Overseas for a year, he participated in submarine warfare in the North Atlantic on the U.S.S. Snowden, D.E. No. 246. After being honorably discharged October 4, 1945, at San Pedro, California, he returned to El Dorado, where he lives with his wife, Mabel Marie.

19.—Pfc. John Frederick Dreher, son of John and Charlotta Dreher of El Dorado, Arkansas, was born

on July 11, 1913, at Campbell, Missouri. He attended El Dorado High School and was employed as a pressman and stereotyper until entering military service on December 29, 1942. Sent to Camp Robinson, Arkansas, for basic training, he became an anti-tank cannoneer and was sent to the Southwest Pacific theater in May 1944. Overseas one year, he took part in the fighting in the Pacific, and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Combat Infantryman Badge and the Sharpshooter's Medal for the 57-millimeter and 37-millimeter gun and the rifle. He was honorably

discharged on May 17, 1945, at Northington General Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

20.—Pvt. Hugh Albert Dreher, son of Mrs. Lottie L. Dreher of El Dorado, Arkansas, was born April 2, 1919, at Campbell, Missouri. He moved to Arkansas with his family and attended El Dorado public schools, graduating from high school there. Private Dreher entered the Army Air Corps November 16, 1943. (No further information was furnished regarding the service record of Private Dreher.)



CHARLES E. EVERS

Pvt. Charles Edwin Evers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude F. Evers, was born April 11, 1925, in Calion, Arkansas. He attended Reta Brown Grade School and El Dorado High School, afterwards being employed by Lion Chemical Company. Entering the Army Medical Corps October 7, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas; Camp Grant, Illinois; and Camp Reynolds, Pennsylvania. Private Evers departed June 15, 1944, for England and served overseas for nearly three months in England, France, Belgium, and Germany. He died September 25, 1944, and was awarded the Purple Heart, posthumously. He is survived by his parents, who live in Camden, and his wife, Mrs. Bess Henderson Evers, and one child, who live in El Dorado.



WARREN S. RILEY

Lt. Col. Warren Sumner Riley is the son of Albert H. and Ida Z. Riley of El Dorado, where he was born on August 7, 1904. He was educated at El Dorado High School, Ouachita College and the University of Arkansas Medical School. Entering military service on March 17, 1941, he attended the Medical Field Service School at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, and the Army School of Roentgenology at Memphis, Tennessee, and served as a physician and surgeon, specializing in radiology. Sent to the Panama Canal Zone on January 6, 1942, he remained in that area for more than 27 months and returned to this country. A veteran of almost five years with the Army Medical Corps, he is the holder of the American Theater Ribbon and the American Defense Service Ribbon. Colonel Riley is also holder of the Sharpshooter's Medal for the carbine. He was released from active duty on November 11, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, Wilma S., have one son.



Lt. Tandy Shadrack Medlin, son of Mary Dalton and John Henry Medlin of Buffalo, Missouri, was born at Webb City, Missouri, on August 17, 1909, and moved to Arkansas in 1935. He was educated at Joplin (Missouri) High School, Southwest Baptist College at Bolivar, Missouri, William Jewell College at Liberty, Missouri, and the University of Texas at Austin, Texas. He was manager of the Traveler's Insurance Company at Little Rock until entering the Navy in November, 1942. After completing his training at San Diego and San Francisco, California, he was sent to the Pacific area. Overseas almost 30 months, he served as an officer in the Insurance Section of the Bureau of Personnel. Participating in four operations in the Philippine Islands, the battle for Okinawa and three strikes against the Kurile Islands, he suffered a severe concussion wound and was awarded the Purple Heart, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. He was placed on inactive duty on September 20, 1945, at Seattle, Washington. His wife is the former Josephine Riley.



TANDY S. MEDLIN



OSCAR H. SMITH

Seaman 1/c Oscar Hardy Smith, son of Semmie Grandberry Smith of El Dorado, was born April 4, 1920, at Postelle, Arkansas. He attended El Dorado High School and then completed his education at Ouachita College before entering the Navy on March 9, 1942. After serving boot training at San Diego, California, he was sent to the Southwest Pacific area in July, 1942. Participating in the Guadalcanal, Guam, Saipan, Leyte, Tinian and New Georgia campaigns as well as the battle of Kula Gulf, he served aboard the U.S.S. Helena until that famous ship was sunk in the Kula Gulf in July, 1943, and was then transferred to the U.S.S. Houston, on which ship he served throughout the remainder of his Navy career. Seaman Smith served 32 months overseas and is holder of the Navy Unit Citation and the Presidential Unit Citation. He was returned to this country and was honorably discharged on October 5, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee. His wife is Virginia Evelyn Smith.



1st Lt. Robert W. Smith, son of S. G. Smith, was born at Jackson, Mississippi, on July 18, 1915. He attended El Dorado High School and Ouachita College, then was employed as an athletic instructor until entering military service on February 23, 1942. Receiving his commission at Ft. Benning, Georgia, Lieutenant Smith served two years in this country, then arrived overseas with his unit, the 29th Infantry Division. He participated in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, and Rhineland campaigns during his 22 months overseas. Holder of the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Presidential Citation, and the European Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, he was relieved of active duty on January 17, 1946, and returned to Warren, Arkansas, where he and his wife, the former Helen Tullas, make their home.



ROBERT W. SMITH



CARROLL M. WHARTON

1st/Sgt. Carroll M. Wharton is the son of Joseph Burleson and Pattie Goodwin Wharton of El Dorado, Arkansas, where he was born on June 8, 1905. He attended El Dorado High School, the University of Arkansas and the University of Texas, and was a sales executive for Cluett-Peabody at St. Louis, Missouri, until entering military service on May 28, 1942. He completed his basic training at Camp Grant, Illinois, and then attended the Chemical Warfare School at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland; Infantry NCO School with the 76th Infantry Division at Ft. Meade, Maryland. He was assigned to the Medical Corps and served with the 76th Infantry Division, the 50th Medical Depot Company, 139th Evacuation Hospital, 2nd Army and various training units in this country. In February, 1945, he was sent to the European theater and took part in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and the Austrian campaign. Overseas eight months, he was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, and the Good Conduct Medal. He served two months with the Army of Occupation in Austria and was returned to the United States. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, October 5, 1945.



Lt. Comdr. Joseph Burleson Wharton, Jr., is the son of Pattie Goodwin and Joseph Burleson Wharton of El Dorado, Arkansas, where he was born December 6, 1911. He attended El Dorado High School, Washington and Lee University, and completed his medical training at Tulane University. Entering the Navy on August 4, 1942, he became an orthopedic surgeon and served at the Navy Hospital at San Diego, California, until he was sent to the South Pacific theater in September, 1942. He served two tours of foreign service and saw a total of two years and two months of overseas duty. Commander Wharton saw action at New Georgia, Vella la Vella, Bougainville, Rendova, the Eastern Solomons, Northern Solomons and on Guam. He is the holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with five campaign Stars, the American Theater Ribbon and the Presidential Unit Citation. He was returned to the United States in December, 1945, and was released from active service December 12, 1945, at Los Angeles, California. He and his wife, the former Lola Holt, are the parents of one child.



JOSEPH B. WHARTON, JR.



JAMES S. BUSSELL

S/Sgt. James Sedford Bussell, son of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Bussell, Sr., of El Dorado, was born at Ouachita, Arkansas, March 17, 1918, and was educated at El Dorado High School. He was employed as a surveyor by the Arkansas-Louisiana Natural Gas Company until entering military service March 12, 1943. Upon completion of basic training at Camp Sibert, Alabama, he was sent to the University of Tulsa at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and became a petroleum inspector assigned to the 926th Petroleum Products Laboratory. Arriving with his unit in England in December, 1943, he saw more than two years of foreign service and served successively through the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Sergeant Bussell served three months with the Army of Occupation in Germany and is the holder of the European Theater of Operations Ribbon with five Battle Stars, Rifle Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Medal. He was returned to the United States and was honorably discharged on December 8, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. His wife is Audrey Alma Bussell.



Sgt. David A. Bussell, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Bussell, Sr., of El Dorado, where he was born on February 13, 1923. He was educated at El Dorado High School and then attended the Shreveport Aeronautical Institute at Shreveport, Louisiana. Entering the Army Air Corps on February 22, 1943, he was sent to St. Petersburg, Florida, to serve basic training, and later was sent to the Aircraft Sheet Metal School at Chanute Field, Illinois. He also completed special courses at the U. S. Rubber Company, Detroit, Michigan. As a member of the 678th Bomb Sqdn., 20th Air Force, he was sent to India in April, 1944, and remained there until he was sent to Tinian Island in the South Pacific area in April, 1945. Overseas a total of more than 21 months, he participated in the Sumatra, India-Burma, China, Central Burma and Japanese air campaigns and was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon and Victory Ribbon. He also holds the Sharpshooter's Medal. Sergeant Bussell was returned to this country and was honorably discharged November 21, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. His wife is Nellie Alene Bussell.



DAVID A. BUSSELL, JR.



ROBERT J. WHITRIGHT

Sgt. Robert Jesse Whitright, son of Ella Price and Jesse Harper Whitright, was born August 11, 1919, in Hampton, Arkansas. He received his education by attending El Dorado public schools. Entering the Coast Artillery Infantry January 3, 1940, he received basic training at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts, qualifying as range section noncommissioned officer and expert rifleman. Attached to the 8th Coast Artillery, 6th Inf. Bn., Sergeant Whitright departed October 1, 1940, for Panama, and served overseas for more than three years. After being honorably discharged June 24, 1946, at Ft. McPherson, he returned to his home in El Dorado.



Pfc. John Nolan Whitright, son of Ella Price and Jesse Harper Whitright, was born June 11, 1921, in Fordyce, Arkansas. He attended Yocum School, El Dorado High School, and Coyne's Electrical School, afterwards being employed by Zenith Radio Company in Chicago, Illinois. Entering the Infantry November 20, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Forrest, Tennessee. Attached to Ordnance Co., he departed February 23, 1943, for New Caledonia and served overseas for more than two years. Private Whitright was killed in action June 6, 1945, on Luzon in the Philippines, while with the 37th Infantry Division. He had received the Good Conduct Medal and Combat Infantryman's Badge. He is survived by his parents, who live in El Dorado.



JOHN N. WHITRIGHT



WYNTON R. MOORE

T/Sgt. Wynton R. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Moore of El Dorado, Arkansas, was born at Felsenthal, Arkansas, February 11, 1914. He attended the Huttig (Arkansas) High School and then completed his education at the University of Arkansas and Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas. He resigned his position as an accountant and credit manager to enter the Army Air Corps January 6, 1943. After completing his basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, he attended the School of Clerical Administration at Ft. Logan, Colorado, and became a skilled administrative specialist. A veteran of more than three years of military service, he served with the 399th, and 458th Bomb Groups and the 420th Army Air Force Base Unit at March Field, California. He served with these units as a sergeant-major, and was honorably discharged at Santa Ana Air Base, Santa Ana, California, January 15, 1946.



T/Sgt. Bobbie Patrick Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Moore of El Dorado, Arkansas, was born at Huttig, Arkansas, May 26, 1919. He graduated from El Dorado High School and was employed by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company until entering military service on September 11, 1944. He was assigned to the Transportation Corps and served basic training at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, and Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. In August, 1945, he was sent with his unit, the 770th Railway Operations Battalion, to the Philippines. He served on Torlac and Luzon in the Philippines and was then sent to Korea. Sergeant Moore at last report was serving as acting trainmaster of the Fuson, Korea yards. He and his wife, Sarah Claire Moore, are the parents of one son.



BOBBIE P. MOORE



JACK M. CALLAWAY

Pfc. Jack M. Callaway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Callaway, was born September 28, 1923, in El Dorado, Arkansas. He attended El Dorado High School, Sewanee Military Academy, Gulf Coast Military Academy, and the University of Arkansas. Entering the Army Air Force January 13, 1943, at Little Rock, Arkansas, he was attached to the 69th Bomb Sqdn., and received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas. He also attended service school at Lowrey Field, Colorado, qualifying as airplane armorer and carbine sharpshooter. Private Callaway departed December 19, 1943, for the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations and remained overseas for two years, participating in campaigns of Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Northern Solomons, Southern Philippines, Luzon, and the Western Pacific, and he was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Silver Service Star and one Bronze Service Star, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star. After being honorably discharged December 21, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, he returned to his home in El Dorado.



Col. Claude E. Haswell, the son of Peter T. and Pearl Haswell of Chattanooga, Tennessee, was born in Chattanooga on February 10, 1898. A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, he entered the Army in 1917 and, after basic training at Camp Sevier, South Carolina, saw action at San Mihiel and in the Meuse Argonne in World War I. Colonel Haswell came to Arkansas in 1937, and for three years thereafter was manager of McKinney Plantations, St. Joseph, Louisiana. Called again to active military duty in 1940, he was sent to Infantry School and Signal Corps School, then assigned to combat duty with the Signal Corps. Landing with his command in Scotland in March, 1944, he proceeded to the European theater, taking part in the struggles in Northern France, Ardennes, Central Europe and Germany. He holds expert rating in the use of Model 1903 rifle, .45 caliber pistol, .30 caliber machine gun, infantry howitzer, bayonet and grenades, Legion of Merit Award and the French Croix de Guerre with the Gold Star. Colonel Haswell was honorably discharged October 26, 1945, at Camp Chaffee. He and Mrs. Haswell make El Dorado their home.



CLAUDE E. HASWELL



CLIFFORD B. EVANS

Sgt. Clifford Byron Evans, son of Howard Isaac and Marjorie Gail Evans of El Dorado, Arkansas, was born April 30, 1917, at Verdun, Quebec, Canada, and moved with his parents to Arkansas in 1924. He completed his education at El Dorado High School and Arkansas A. & M. College at Monticello, before entering the Army Air Corps on December 8, 1941. Sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, for basic training, he later attended Air Corps Technical School and Boeing Flying Fortress School and became an airplane crew chief. After eight months in this country he arrived in England in August, 1942, and was assigned to 367th Bomb Sqdn. of the 306th Bomb Group. During his 35 months of overseas duty, he took part in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns as well as the general air offensive over Europe. Holder of the American Defense Service Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon with one Silver Battle Star and one Bronze Battle Star, Unit Citation, Air Force Technician Badge and the Good Conduct Medal, he was transferred to the Headquarters Sqdn., 40th Bombardment Wing and returned to this country in September, 1945. Sergeant Evans was honorably discharged October 6, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, Gwendoline Wiltshire, have one child.



S/Sgt. Howard Allison Evans, son of Howard Isaac and Marjorie Gail Evans of Route 5, El Dorado, was born at Chippawa, Ontario, Canada, October 15, 1922, and moved with his parents to Arkansas in 1924. He attended El Dorado High School and the NYA Trade School at El Dorado, and became a machinist prior to entering military service February 22, 1943. Assigned to the Air Corps, he was sent to Keesler Field, Mississippi, for his basic training and then attended specialist's schools at New Orleans, Louisiana; Isaac Delgado Trade School; Bell Aircraft School at Niagara Falls, New York, and Lockheed Aircraft School at Burbank, California. Sergeant Evans spent three years as a crew chief with the 464th Air Force Base Unit and holds the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon and Marksman Medal for the rifle. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, February 24, 1946.



HOWARD A. EVANS



LLOYD W. EVANS

Sgt. Lloyd Woodrow Evans, son of Howard Isaac and Marjorie Gail Evans of El Dorado, was born at Chippawa, Ontario, Canada, December 13, 1918, and moved with his parents to Arkansas in 1924. He was educated at El Dorado High School and Arkansas A. & M. College at Monticello, Arkansas. Entering military service October 27, 1941, he was sent to Camp Wolters, Texas, for his basic infantry training and later became an assistant squad leader in combat Infantry units. After three years in this country, during which he served on training cadres in Infantry training centers, he was sent to the European Theater of Operations in January, 1945, and remained overseas a total of almost a year. Holder of the Combat Infantryman Badge, European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars for the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon and Victory Ribbon, he was returned to this country after service with the Army of Occupation of Germany, and was honorably discharged December 29, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.



JOHN E. SANDS

1st Lt. John Earl Sands, son of Mrs. Irma Sands, was born August 5, 1920, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He attended El Dorado High School, El Dorado Junior College, Harding College, and Peabody Teachers College, afterwards being employed as ambulance driver and first aid attendant. Entering the Army Air Forces September 2, 1942, he received basic training at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas, and attended service school at Midland, Texas, qualifying as bombardier, aerial gunner, and dead-reckoning navigator. Attached to the 2nd Air Force, he served in the United States for a year and departed September 1, 1943, for the European Theater of Operations. He remained overseas for two years, making 23 missions over enemy territory with the 8th Air Force. Lieutenant Sands was held prisoner of war for 14 months. He was awarded Air Medal with four Bronze Stars and Presidential Group Citation. After being honorably discharged February 26, 1946, at Montgomery, Alabama, he returned to his home in El Dorado, Arkansas.



S/Sgt. Kenneth William Brodie, son of Norrine and William Richard Brodie, was born June 19, 1914, in Canadian, Texas, moving to Arkansas in April, 1940. He attended Canadian public schools, afterwards being engaged as an engineer. Entering the Army Air Corps November 6, 1942, he received basic training at Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas, and attended Technical Training Command School, qualifying as administrative specialist. He served in the United States for more than two years with the 16th Bomb Group and departed in January 1944, for Puerto Rico and Guam. Overseas for a year and a month, he participated in the air battle of Japan and the Eastern Mandates and was awarded campaign ribbons, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged January 6, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, he returned to his home in Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Dora.



KENNETH W. BRODIE



PAT M. SANDS

Pfc. Pat Merlin Sands, son of Mrs. Irma Moseley Sands, was born December 27, 1925, in El Dorado, Arkansas. He attended El Dorado High School, afterwards being employed as grocery store clerk and in a tire repair shop. Entering the Marine Corps March 4, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego and Oceanside, California, qualifying for mortar platoon. Private Sands departed June 1, 1944, for the South Pacific Theater of Operations and remained overseas more than two years. At last report he was still in service with the occupational forces in Japan. His home is in El Dorado.



JAMES A. McWILLIAMS

Lt. (j. g.) James A. McWilliams, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. McWilliams, was born in El Dorado, Arkansas. He attended Virginia Military Institute and Louisiana College. Entering the Navy September 1, 1943, he attended Air Base School at Dallas, Texas; Indoctrination School at Tucson, Arizona; and Communications School at Harvard. Lieutenant McWilliams departed June 26, 1944, for Australia, and remained overseas until April 2, 1946. According to last report received Lieutenant McWilliams was still in the service. His wife, Florence, and their son, live in El Dorado.



Lt. (j. g.) John Samuel Brooks, son of Mrs. J. S. Brooks, Sr., of El Dorado, Arkansas, was born at Texarkana, Arkansas, August 18, 1914. He was educated at El Dorado Junior College and the University of Arkansas, and entered the Naval service May 6, 1943. He completed his Navy training at San Diego, California, and attended the Naval Training Station at Tucson, Arizona, and the Naval Radar School at St. Simon's Island, Georgia. Lieutenant Brooks served as a radar officer and also as base legal officer, legal assistance officer and civil readjustment officer as well. A veteran of 33 months of service with the Navy, he holds the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Ribbon, and was honorably retired to inactive duty at Memphis, Tennessee, February 4, 1946. His wife is Josephine C. Brooks.



JOHN S. BROOKS



CHARLES N. TRIMBLE, JR.

Yeoman 1/c Charles Nelson Trimble, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson Trimble, Sr., of El Dorado, Arkansas, was born at Washington, Arkansas, July 28, 1916. He attended El Dorado High School, El Dorado Junior College, and Green's Business School and entered the Navy April 3, 1942. He completed training at San Diego, California, and attended Yeoman School at Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana. In November, 1942, he was sent to Casablanca in North Africa. Overseas a total of 23 months, he saw much service in the Southwest and Central Pacific areas as a crew member of Destroyer Sqdn. 29. This unit saw 22 separate engagements and sank much Japanese shipping. While a member of this unit, he saw action at the first battle of the Philippine Sea, Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville and in the New Georgia-Vella Lavella, Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Mariannas and Iwo Jima campaigns. He holds the Presidential Unit Citation awarded to his famous unit. Yeoman Trimble was honorably discharged at Shoemaker, California, on February 2, 1946.



WILLIAM F. BALLARD

Lt. William F. Ballard, son of Martha Duke and William Thomas Ballard of El Dorado, was born January 23, 1921, at Urbana, Arkansas. He completed his education at El Dorado High School and was employed by the El Dorado News until enlisting in the Army Air Corps on December 29, 1941. Sent to Columbia, South Carolina, for basic training, he completed his flight training at Scott Field, Illinois, and Eagle Field, California, being commissioned as a pilot on January 3, 1943. He was sent to North Africa in May, 1943, assigned to the 82nd Sqdn., 12th Bomb. Group, and took part in the campaigns in North Africa and Italy. Lieutenant Ballard was killed in action in Italy on September 22, 1943, while on his 32nd combat mission. He was the holder of the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the European Theater Ribbon at the time of his death, and was awarded the Purple Heart, posthumously, and was also recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is survived by his parents.



M/Sgt. Ralph Stedman Cargile, son of Maude and Thomas C. Cargile, was born November 11, 1918, in Little Rock, Arkansas. He attended El Dorado Grade and High Schools, afterwards being employed at the Daily News office in El Dorado. Enlisting in the Army Ordnance, he received basic training at Camp Perry, Ohio, and Camp Maxey, Texas, and attended General Motors Institute, Flint, Michigan, for special training in Diesel motors, and Atlanta, Georgia, Ordnance School, for training in motors and motorcycles. After serving more than two years in the United States with the 138th Ordnance, Sergeant Cargile departed October 30, 1944, for the European Theater of Operations. Overseas more than two years, he participated in Central Europe and Rhineland campaigns and was awarded two Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. After V-J Day, he was engaged in repairing and storing used heavy maintenance equipment. Sergeant Cargile was honorably discharged January 24, 1946, at Jefferson Barracks, and returned to El Dorado, where he lives with his wife, Vivian.



RALPH S. CARGILE



JACK D. HENDERSON

1st Lt. Jack Daniel Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Henderson, was born January 13, 1918, in Oil City, Louisiana, moving to Arkansas in 1925. He attended Smackover High School and Louisiana State University for two years, afterwards being engaged as production foreman and independent oil operator. Entering the Air Corps January 16, 1942, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas, and Bakersfield, California; preflight training at Santa Ana; primary training at Blythe, California; and advanced training at Marfa, Texas. He graduated as second lieutenant and was commissioned pilot, B-17, May 20, 1943. Lieutenant Henderson served in the United States with the 204th Base Unit and departed August 20, 1943, for the European Theater of Operations. Overseas for a year, he participated in the air offensive over western Europe and was awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Released to inactive status August 12, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Smackover, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Jewel Dew.



JOHN T. ELLIOTT

S/Sgt. John Thomas Elliott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kirtley Elliott of El Dorado, where he was born August 10, 1920. After completing his education at El Dorado High School he was connected with the El Dorado Baking Company until entering the Marine Corps on October 23, 1942. He had previously served with the National Guard in 1938 and 1940. Sent to San Diego, California, for boot training, he later attended the Cooks' and Bakers' School and became a baker. After six months in this country he was sent to Guadalcanal in March, 1943, and remained overseas a total of more than 17 months, serving during the consolidation of the Solomon Islands. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star and the Presidential Unit Citation, he was honorably discharged on October 29, 1945, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He and his wife, the former Almeda Crowder, have one child.

Seaman 2/c William Paxton Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kirtley Elliott of El Dorado, was born October 15, 1921, at Leola, Arkansas. He completed his education at El Dorado High School and was employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company, El Dorado Baking Company and the Hall-Chadwell Funeral Home before entering the Navy on August 4, 1942. Sent to San Diego, California, for boot training, he contracted a severe sinus infection and spent most of his Navy career in the Naval Hospital at San Diego. He received a medical discharge October 29, 1942, at San Diego. He and his wife, the former Mary Elizabeth Helms, have one daughter.



WILLIAM P. ELLIOTT



ROBERT W. CROWDER, JR.

Watertender 1/c Robert Walter Crowder, Jr., is the son of Robert Walter Crowder of El Dorado, where he was born January 27, 1924. He was educated at Retta Brown School and El Dorado High School and entered the Navy on December 30, 1941. Sent to Great Lakes, Illinois, for boot training, he specialized as a boiler tender and after only two months in this country he was given sea duty. Overseas a total of nearly four years, he has seen action not only in the Aleutian Islands but at Iwo Jima, Okinawa and the mainland of Japan. Holder of the Navy Good Conduct Medal, the American Theater of Operations Ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, he was returned to this country and was honorably discharged on October 14, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee.

Cpl. Truxton Nick Norris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton E. Morris of El Dorado, was born September 1, 1924, at Strong, Arkansas. He completed his education at El Dorado High School and entered the Marine Corps September 11, 1941. Sent to San Diego, California, for boot training, he became an expert in the use of the rifle, pistol and bayonet, and was sent to Guadalcanal in the South Pacific area in October, 1942. Corporal Norris served throughout the Guadalcanal campaign and they saw action in the most famous battle of Marine Corps history, the taking of Tarawa. He later served during the taking of Saipan and was severely wounded when shot by a sniper. Returning to this country in July 1944, he was awarded the Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, American Defense Service Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged at the Marine Barracks, Naval Ammunition Depot, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 8, 1945.



TRUXTON N. NORRIS



LUTHER SMITH

T/Sgt. Luther Smith, son of C. E. and Ola L. Smith of Fresno, California, was born at Leesville, Louisiana, December 14, 1910, moving to Arkansas in 1937. After attending Leesville and Provence High Schools he was employed by the Texas Oil Company and the H. L. Hunt Drilling Company. He entered the Army June 1, 1943, and was sent to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, for basic training, at the completion of which he was assigned to the Air Forces and detailed to Airplane Mechanic and Gunnery Schools. He remained in service 27 months, six months of this time having been spent in the European Theater of Operations where he took part in the Southern France, Central Germany and the Rhineland campaigns, winning the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Good Conduct Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation with one Oak Leaf Cluster. He was honorably discharged at Shreveport, Louisiana, October 11, 1945. He and his wife, Thelma Theola, are the parents of two children.

T/5 Naamon Orville Frizzell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Frizzell, was born November 11, 1908, in Chidester, Arkansas. He attended Grade School, afterwards being engaged in the timber business. Entering the 8th Air Service September 25, 1942, he received basic training at Major Army Airfield, Greenville, Texas, and was assigned to the 368th Base Sqdn. He attended Chemical Training School in Augusta, Georgia, and departed October 8, 1943, for the European Theater of Operations, with the 766th Chemical Company. Overseas for a year and nine months, he participated in campaigns of Normandy, Rhineland, and Northern France, having reached Cologne at the time the war ended. He was awarded Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal, and three Bronze Stars. After being honorably discharged September 9, 1945, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, he returned to El Dorado, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife and their seven children.



NAAMON O. FRIZZELL



ROBERT M. PONDER

1st Lt. Robert Marchel Ponder, son of Mae Lyle and Julius James Ponder, was born August 24, 1919, in Junction City, Arkansas. He attended Retta Brown and El Dorado High Schools, afterwards being employed by Mac-Millan Petroleum Corporation. Entering the Air Corps September 25, 1943, he received basic training at Rock Island, Illinois, and attended training schools at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and Monroe, Louisiana, qualifying as navigator. At last report he was still in service. His home is in El Dorado, Arkansas.

1st Lt. John Morton Burger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morton Burger of El Dorado, Arkansas, was born December 10, 1920, in Jamaica, New York, moving to Arkansas in 1925. He attended Hugh Goodwin Grade School and El Dorado High School, afterwards being employed as a department store clerk and service station attendant. Entering the Infantry November 6, 1939, he received basic training at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, and attended Officer Candidate School at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, qualifying as company commander. Serving three years in the United States, he departed June 6, 1943, remaining overseas two years. He participated in D-Day invasions of Salerno, Anzio, and Southern France and campaigns of Naples, Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Central Europe, and the Rhineland. He was wounded in action at Anzio. He was awarded Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense, American Theater, Victory, Occupation, and European Theater Ribbons. At last report he was still in service at Ft. Lewis, Washington. His wife, Lola Eva, and their children live in Tacoma, Washington.



JOHN M. BURGER



MERVYN H. GREER

Storekeeper 3/c Mervyn Hardy Greer, son of Mrs. Letha Greer Parker and the late Mervyn Hardy Greer, was born March 29, 1926, in Searcy, Arkansas. He attended Searcy Grade School and Smackover (Arkansas) High School. Entering the Navy June 1, 1944, he received boot training at Camp Wallace, Texas, and San Diego, California, being transferred to Construction Battalion and serving with the 62nd and 133rd Battalions. He attended Communication Personnel School. Departing in September 1944, for Pearl Harbor and Iwo Jima, he remained overseas for a year and a half and participated in the campaign of Iwo Jima. He was awarded Victory Ribbon and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Star. After being honorably discharged June 2, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to his home in El Dorado, Arkansas.

Machinist's Mate 2/c George R. Crosley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Crosley, Sr., was born August 18, 1916, in El Dorado, Arkansas. He attended El Dorado High School, El Dorado Junior College, and Diesel School of Engineering at Memphis, Tennessee. Entering the Navy May 6, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, California, specializing as shop machinist. Attached to Lion Four, Navy, he served more than a year in the United States before departing April 27, 1944, for the Admiralty Islands for nearly two years' overseas duty. Mate Crosley received Unit Commendation and was honorably discharged March 8, 1946, at New Orleans, Louisiana.



GEORGE R. CROSLY, JR.



WALTER L. HUDSON

Aviation Cadet Walter Lee Hudson, son of Walter Young and Lillie Mae Hudson of Route 2, El Dorado, was born at Hope, Arkansas, April 7, 1917. He attended the El Dorado public schools and was manager of parts and accessories at the Griffin Auto Company until entering the Army Air Corps as a flying cadet December 23, 1943. He served his basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and received his pre-flight training at San Antonio, Texas, and San Marcus, Texas. He also completed training at Merced Field and Mather Field, California, Santa Ana, California, and Branch Agricultural College. Cadet Hudson specialized in the work of a flight engineer and served a total of two years in the military service. He was honorably discharged at Amarillo Army Air Field, Amarillo, Texas, November 13, 1945. He and his wife, Edith Frances, have one child.

S/Sgt. Thomas Jefferson Hudson was the son of Walter Young and Lillie Mae Hudson of El Dorado, where he was born February 22, 1920. Educated in the El Dorado schools, he was employed by the Griffin Auto Company and the Quartermaster Depot at Little Rock before entering the Army Air Corps March 15, 1943. He served his basic training at Santa Ana, California, and then received special training at Mara Loma, California; Amarillo, Texas, and the Gunnery School at Las Vegas, Nevada. In March, 1944, he was sent to the European theater by way of Trinidad and was based in Italy. Sergeant Hudson took part in raids on Rumania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Northern Italy, Germany and France. On May 25, 1944, he was killed in action while on a bombing raid on Lyons, France. This gallant soldier is buried at the Military Cemetery at Bira, Italy. He was posthumously awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the Purple Heart, and held the Air Medal for his faithful service to his country. He is survived by his widow, Ethel Mae, and their child.



THOMAS J. HUDSON



J. M. SHACKLEFORD, JR.

Capt. John M. Shackleford, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Shackleford, Sr., of El Dorado, was born June 17, 1921, in Little Rock, Arkansas. He attended El Dorado High School and the University of Arkansas Law School, graduating in May, 1943. He entered the Infantry May 7, 1943, and received basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia, qualifying as personnel staff officer, sharpshooter with M-1 rifle, and expert with carbine. After serving for 10 months in the United States with the 95th Infantry Division, Captain Shackleford departed March 6, 1944, for the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations and remained overseas for nearly two years. He participated in the campaigns of Luzon and New Guinea and spent four and a half months with the Army of Occupation in Japan. He was awarded the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star, Commendation Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Stars, and Spearhead Award for the Luzon invasion. Captain Shackleford was still in service at last report at Camp Beale, California. His wife is Hope H. Shackleford.

Sgt. Robert Burton Smith, son of Lawrence and Anna Francis Smith of El Dorado was born in that city on January 29, 1925. He attended Parker's Chapel High School and the N.Y.A. Trade School before entering the military service on January 19, 1943. He was assigned to the Corps of Engineers and served his basic training at Camp Ellis, Illinois, later attending the Engineer Bridge Building School, where he became a bridge building foreman. He also completed special courses at the Power Shovel Operator's School and Pontoon Bridge School. In March, 1944, Sergeant Smith arrived with his unit, the 1301st Engineer Regiment, in the European theater and took part in the fighting in Northern France, the Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe. Overseas more than 21 months, he is the holder of the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Victory Ribbon, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Ft. Bliss, Texas, on January 9, 1946.



ROBERT B. SMITH



ORVILLE N. WEST

M/Sgt. Orville N. West, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. West of El Dorado, was born on August 13, 1912, at Pine Bluff. He was educated in the El Dorado public schools and enlisted in the regular Army at Dallas, Texas, April 14, 1937. After completing basic training at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, he was assigned to the Medical Corps and has served three years with that branch and six years with the Army Air Corps. Sergeant West was sent to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in July 1940, and from there was sent to the Solomon Islands in November, 1942. He returned to this country in August, 1943. With more than nine years of Army service and more than three years of foreign duty, he is the holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, American Defense Service Ribbon with one Star and the Good Conduct Medal. On October 15, 1945, he re-enlisted as a master sergeant in the Army Air Corps at Alexandria Army Air Field, Alexandria, Louisiana. He and his wife, Dorothy Parris West, have one child.

S/Sgt. Buford F. Gibbons, son of Anna M. and Herbon M. Gibbons, was born December 23, 1921, in Dover, Arkansas. He attended Parkers Chapel High School, afterwards being engaged as grocery clerk, radioman, and steamfitter. Entering the Air Corps August 7, 1942, he received basic training at St. Petersburg, Florida, and attended Radio Operators' and Mechanics' School and Oxygen Generator School. After serving for nearly two years in the United States, Sergeant Gibbons departed April 2, 1944, for Italy, attached to 4119th A.A.F. Base Unit. Overseas for more than a year, he participated in the Rome-Arno campaign and was awarded American Theater Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged December 10, 1945, at Maxwell Field, Alabama, he returned to his home in El Dorado.



BUFORD F. GIBBONS



A. B. STRINGFELLOW

T/5 Armon B. Stringfellow, son of Emma Inez and Frank B. Stringfellow of El Dorado, was born April 28, 1916, at Okolona, Mississippi, and moved with his family to Arkansas in 1916. He attended El Dorado High School and entering military service on March 21, 1941, was sent to Camp Robinson, Arkansas, for basic training. He became a bandsman and in August, 1941, was sent with the 153rd Infantry Band to Alaska. Overseas a total of more than 31 months, he took part in the Aleutian campaign. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, the Good Conduct Medal and the American Defense Service Ribbon with one Star denoting overseas service before this country entered the war, he has also seen service with the 160th Army Ground Force Band. Corporal Stringfellow was honorably discharged August 1, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

Shipfitter 1/c Hershel Lynn Krigbaum is the son of Johnie Herman and Ora Ellen Krigbaum of Success, Arkansas, where he was born on February 28, 1913. He was educated in Clay County, Arkansas, and was connected with the Placid Oil Company at El Dorado until entering the Navy Seabees on September 12, 1942. After completing his training at Camp Peary, Virginia, he became a member of the 73rd Construction Battalion and arrived with that unit in the South Pacific theater in May, 1943. During his 27 months of foreign service he served on New Caledonia, Guadalcanal and the Russell, New Georgia and Peleliu Islands. Taking part in the New Georgia and Peleliu campaigns, he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars and was commended for his action on Peleliu Island. He was honorably discharged on September 16, 1945, at New Orleans, Louisiana. His wife is Gladys Sophronia Krigbaum.



HERSHEL L. KRIGBAUM



LOUISE E. TOLBERT

Sgt. Louise Elizabeth Tolbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Tolbert of El Dorado, Arkansas, was born on July 26, 1920, at Grandfield, Oklahoma, and moved with her parents to Arkansas in 1928. She completed her education at El Dorado High School and Green's Business School in El Dorado and gave up her position as a stenographer to enter the Women's Army Corps on February 22, 1943. After completing basic training at Des Moines, Iowa, she served one year at Eglin Field, Florida, with the 1st Proving Ground Group before going to England in February, 1944. Overseas a total of nearly 19 months, this young woman served her country faithfully as a member of the 1st Air Division, 8th Air Force, where she did stenographic work. Holder of the European Theater Ribbon with six Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal and the WAAC Service Ribbon, she was honorably discharged at Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, September 21, 1945.

Platoon Sgt. Guy Slater Pennington, son of Elonzo Abraham and Martha Leone Pennington of El Dorado, Arkansas, was born on February 27, 1914, at Delark, Arkansas. He attended Arkadelphia High School, then went to Henderson State Teacher's College and was a motor route operator until entering the Marine Corps on December 9, 1942, at Little Rock. Sent to San Diego, California, for boot training, he became an anti-aircraft noncommissioned officer and was sent to Midway Island in the South Pacific theater in February, 1943. Overseas nearly 32 months, he took part in the defense of Midway against Japanese attacks. He holds a sharpshooter's rating with the rifle. Sergeant Pennington was honorably discharged October 2, 1945, at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois. He and his wife, Sarah Alice, are the parents of one son.



GUY S. PENNINGTON



JAMES L. BROWN

Pfc. James Lafayette Brown, son of Henry N. Brown of El Dorado, was born in that city on August 26, 1913. Following his graduation from Union High School, near El Dorado, he was employed by the Lion Oil Company until his induction into service in the spring of 1943. He received basic training at Camp Santa Anita, California, and later attended Clerical School there, remaining in the United States for five months before he was sent overseas with the 814th Ordnance Supply Depot Co., in August, 1943. Private Brown held the Rifle Expert's Medal, which he won while in training at Santa Anita. He was drowned on January 9, 1945, near Riviere, France, and was buried in the Allied Cemetery with full military honors. He is survived by his wife, Bessie Reola Brown, and two children, who live in El Dorado.

S/Sgt. A. C. Boyette, son of Eugene Webb Boyette, was born at Felsenthal, Arkansas, October 12, 1919. He graduated from Huttig (Arkansas) High School and was a student at A. and M. College when he joined the Arkansas National Guard, October 2, 1939. He was called to active service on January 6, 1940, and was sent first to Ft. Bliss, El Paso, Texas, and later attached to Battery B, 206th Coast Artillery (anti-aircraft). Sergeant Boyette was sent in the summer of 1941 to the Aleutian Islands, where he was stationed for two and a half years. He holds the American Defense Ribbon with one Bronze Star, the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Battle Star and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged on July 22, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, Evalina, have one child.



A. C. BOYETTE



CHARLIE M. WEBB

Sgt. Charlie M. Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Webb, was born in Jena, Louisiana, moving to Arkansas in 1918. He received his education by attending Felsenthal public School, after which he was employed as hunting and fishing guide. Entering the Corps of Engineers June 5, 1942, at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, he received basic training at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, and Camp Wolters, Texas. After serving nearly one year in the United States, he was sent to North Africa April 2, 1943, and participated in the campaigns of Naples, Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Sergeant Webb was awarded five Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, and World War II Victory and American Defense Ribbons. Arriving in the United States October 10, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, October 17, 1945, returning to Felsenthal, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Helen.

Coxswain Duane Matthews, son of Oma and Arvin Matthews, was born in Felsenthal, Arkansas. He entered the Navy September 2, 1943, receiving boot training at San Diego, California, and attending Landing Craft School. Coxswain Matthews served aboard the U.S.S. LaSalle during amphibious operations in the Pacific and remained overseas for two and a half years. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 13 Stars, Victory Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star, and the American Theater Ribbon, and was honorably discharged April 6, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee. He lives in Felsenthal.



DUANE MATTHEWS



HADLEY B. DICKSON

Chief Petty Officer Hadley B. Dickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Dickson, was born in 1910 at Newton, Missouri. He attended high school at Cleveland, Oklahoma, and, previous to his induction into service, followed the welding trade. A resident of Arkansas since 1938, he entered the Navy Seabees on December 9, 1942, and was sent to Camp Peary, Virginia, for boot training, after which he attended Welding School. Assigned as petty officer, first class, he became chief petty officer within eight months. With the 61st Seabees he arrived at Guadalcanal in May, 1943, participating subsequently in the initial landing on Leyte. He was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Battle Stars and the Navy Commendation with one Star. He was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, on September 20, 1945. His wife is Sara Marie.

Capt. Wilfred Nabors McKinney, son of Sula Pinson and Henry Crawford McKinney, was born January 2, 1920, in El Dorado, Arkansas. He attended El Dorado High School and graduated from Hendrix College at Conway in 1941. Entering the Armored Force Signal Corps November 6, 1941, he received basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and attended Gunnery School. Captain McKinney served for two years in the United States with the 3rd Armored Division, 112th Sig. Rad. Int. Co., and departed January 16, 1944, for the Asiatic-Pacific theater. Overseas for more than a year and a half, he participated in campaigns of Luzon, Northern Solomons, and New Guinea, spending a month with the Army of Occupation in Japan, and he was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Service Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Service Star, American Theater Ribbon, Victory Ribbon, and American Defense Ribbon. After being honorably discharged February 3, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to El Dorado, where he lives with his wife, Mary Lamb, and their child.



WILFRED N. McKINNEY



JOHN A. O'CONNOR, JR.

Lt. John Albert O'Connor, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Albert O'Connor of El Dorado, Arkansas, was born on April 10, 1913, at New Orleans, Louisiana, and moved to Arkansas in 1936. He was educated at Tulane University in Louisiana, and received his law degree there in 1936. He gave up the practice of law in El Dorado to enter the Navy on May 18, 1942. Commissioned as a Naval administration and personnel officer, he served two and a half years in this country with the Navy and was sent to San Juan, Puerto Rico, in July 1944. Overseas a total of 15 months, he earned the American Theater Ribbon and was returned to inactive duty on October 18, 1945, at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sgt. Francis C. Dumas is the son of Francis Lucius Dumas of El Dorado, Arkansas, where he was born on November 12, 1910. He was educated at the El Dorado High School and entered the Army Air Corps on January 6, 1943. Sergeant Dumas received his basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and then attended Armament and Central Fire Control School. He became a turret mechanic for remote control turrets and served nearly three years with the Army Air Corps. Holder of the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and the Victory Ribbon, he was honorably discharged on November 19, 1945, at Sioux City, Iowa. His wife is Edith Dumas.



FRANCIS C. DUMAS



LEE R. WOODALL, JR.

2nd Lt. Lee Roy Woodall, Jr., was the son of Mrs. Nona B. and Lee Roy Woodall of El Dorado, where he was born on March 2, 1922. He was a graduate of Union High School at El Dorado, and of Arkansas A. & M. College at Magnolia, and was employed by the Blue Bonnet Ordnance Plant at Waco, Texas, until entering the Army Air Corps October 5, 1942. He received his basic training at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas, and later attended Gunnery School at Laredo, Texas. Lieutenant Woodall was graduated and commissioned as an officer on October 7, 1943, at Hondo Army Air Base at Hondo, Texas. On October 10, 1943, he married Miss Ann Graves. He was transferred to the Ardmore Army Air Base at Ardmore, Oklahoma, for combat training and there, on November 5, 1943, he was killed in a plane crash occurring on a routine training flight. He had served for more than a year when he was killed.

Pvt. James Emmett Amason, son of Frank J. and Sarah Rosa Amason of El Dorado, was born on March 31, 1914, at Calion, Arkansas. Educated at Quinn High School and El Dorado Junior College, he was employed by the MacMillian Petroleum Corporation until entering military service on April 20, 1944. Assigned to the Infantry; he received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and arrived in England in October, 1944, as a member of Co. D, 334th Infantry. Private Amason landed in France on November 1, 1944, and immediately took part in the heavy fighting around Geilenkirchen. This gallant soldier was killed in action during an enemy artillery barrage on December 3, 1944, in the vicinity of Leiffarth, Germany. He is buried in the United States Military Cemetery at Margraten, Holland, where so many of our war dead now rest. He is survived by his wife, Leona Martin Amason and his daughter, Carolyn L. Amason, who was three years of age at the time of his death.



JAMES E. AMASON



S. J. ROBICHEAUX, JR.

T/4 Sterling Joseph Robicheaux, Jr., son of Juanita and Sterling Joseph Robicheaux, Sr., was born December 11, 1925, in Brownwood, Texas, moving to Arkansas April 1, 1929. He attended St. Winand's Parochial School in McGehee, Arkansas; Sisters of Charity School, Pine Bluff; and Holy Redeemer and El Dorado High School, El Dorado, afterwards being employed by Colonial Bakery. Entering the Army July 5, 1944, at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, he received basic training at Camp Fannin, Tyler, Texas. He departed December 15, 1944, for the Philippine Islands, and attended Radio School in Northern Luzon, qualifying as radio operator. Sergeant Robicheaux participated in the battle of Northern Luzon and Leyte, and was awarded Infantry Medal, Sharpshooter Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, and Good Conduct Medal. According to last report he was still in service with the Army of Occupation in Japan.

Ens. Charles W. Turner, son of Ivern L. and Charles W. Turner, of El Dorado, Arkansas, was born July 19, 1925, in Harlingen, Texas, moving to Arkansas in 1927. He attended Elm Springs Grade School; Centerton High School at Bentonville, Arkansas; El Dorado High School, and University of Arkansas, where he was a premedical students at the time of his enlistment into V-12. Entering the Navy June 1943, he received boot training at Pre-midshipman's School, Asbury Park, New Jersey, and attended Communications Schools at Monticello, Arkansas, A. & M.; Northwestern University, Chicago; and Harvard, Massachusetts. Ensign Turner served for nearly three years with the 8th and 11th Naval Divisions and served aboard the U.S.S. Tucson as communications officer. Ensign Turner was honorably discharged July 8 1946, and is attending Arkansas School of Medicine in Little Rock. He is on the Navy officers' reserve list.



CHARLES W. TURNER



ROBERT F. LEA

Aviation Electrician's Mate 1/c Robert Felix Lea, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Atchley Lea of Sparkman, Arkansas, was born in Sparkman on September 7, 1912. After graduating from Sparkman High School, he was employed as a pipefitter by the Magnolia Petroleum Company at Beaumont, Texas, until entering the Navy on May 7, 1943. Trained at San Diego, California, he was sent to the Curtis Electric Propeller School at Chicago, Illinois, and became a specialist in the operation of electric propellers. Sent to Ford Island, Hawaii, in July 1944, he remained overseas for 15 months. He was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, October 19, 1945. He and his wife, Orene, have one child.

Quartemaster 3/c Leander Joe White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Edward White, was born September 23, 1926, in El Dorado, Arkansas. He attended Southside School, El Dorado High School, and Eunice High School, after which he was employed by the Western Union Company, El Dorado Baking Company, Safeway Stores, and El Dorado Daily News. Entering the Navy March 22, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tennessee, qualifying as quartermaster. Departing from the United States August 6, 1944, he participated in the Iwo Jima invasion, Okinawa invasion and operations, invasion of Iheya Jima, Philippine liberation, occupation of Japan, and occupation and disarming of the Osumi Gunto group south of Japan. He received various acknowledgments of his more than a years' overseas service, including three months with the Naval Army of Occupation.



LEANDER J. WHITE



JAMES L. SHELBY

Maj. James L. Shelby, son of Martha E. and Joseph T. Gartman, was born December 18, 1916, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He attended Pine Bluff Junior High and El Dorado High Schools, and Virginia Military Institute. He was employed by Pennsylvania Railways in Columbus, Ohio until called to active duty October 1941, as second lieutenant in the Tank Corps and attached to 757th Tank Bn. as reconnaissance officer, commander of Hqtrs. Co., and S-3. Major Shelby attended Tank Maintenance Armored Forces School at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. He departed March 5, 1943, for North Africa and was later sent to Italy. He attended Mine Demolition School in North Africa and Tank Gunnery School in Italy and remained overseas for two years and seven months. He participated in campaigns of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Northern Apennines, and Po Valley and was awarded Croix de Guerre with Vermillion Star, European-African-Middle-Eastern Theater Ribbon with four Bronze Stars, and American Defense Ribbon. After being honorably discharged February 28, 1946, at Ft. Bliss, Texas, he returned to his home, where he lives with his wife, Sara.

1st Lt. Leibert W. Bower, Jr., son of Leibert W. Bower of Camden, Arkansas, was born at Eagle Mills, Arkansas, March 25, 1919, and was educated at Camden High School and Georgia Tech. Entering the Army Air Corps in July, 1942, he completed basic training at Santa Ana, California, and then took cadet flight training at Tulare, California, and Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona. He was commissioned as a pilot and was sent to England in June, 1944. Lieutenant Bower served with the 370th Fighter Group, 485th Squadron of the 9th Air Force until he was captured by the Germans when his plane was shot down over Germany on January 26, 1945. Liberated on April 29, 1945, he is the holder of the Purple Heart for wounds suffered when captured, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon and other French and American citations. He was honorably placed on inactive duty in December, 1945.



LEIBERT W. BOWER, JR.

1.—**Watertender 3/c James Vernon Wallace**, son of C. C. Wallace and Mrs. W. E. Grandon, was born December 13, 1923, in El Dorado, Arkansas. He attended El Dorado Grade Schools and High Schools at Longview, Texas, and Santa Maria, California, afterwards being employed by Colonial Bakery in El Dorado. Entering the Navy October 17, 1942, he received boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois, qualifying as watertender. He served in the United States for more than three years and departed January 14, 1946, for the Pacific Theater of Operations. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon. At last report he was still in service. His home is in El Dorado.

2.—**Motor Machinist's Mate 2/c Buren Lamar Lout**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Earl Lout of Louann, Arkansas, was born September 21, 1926, in Ouachita County, Arkansas. He attended Standard Umsted and Junction High Schools, afterwards being employed as automobile mechanic at Myer Ford Garage in Dallas, Texas, and mechanic at Taylor and Alford Garage in El Dorado, Arkansas. Entering the Navy September 13, 1944, he received boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois, and attended Diesel schools at Gulfport, Mississippi, and Little Creek, Virginia, qualifying as Diesel engine operator. After serving in the United States with an amphibious group, he departed April 2, 1945, for a year of sea duty. He participated in convoy encounters with German submarines in the Atlantic Ocean and after the war in hauling ammunition, poison gas, and bombs out to sea for dumping. Mate Lout was awarded American Theater Ribbon, Atlantic Theater Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged June 30, 1946, at Norman, Oklahoma, he returned to his home in El Dorado, Arkansas.

3.—**Carpenter's Mate 3/c Charles Norman Wilson**, son of Emory Marsells Wilson of El Dorado was born at Haynesville, Louisiana, March 12, 1924, and moved to Arkansas with his family that same year. After attending public schools in El Dorado and in Texas and Louisiana, he entered the Navy on March 2, 1943, and was sent to Farragut, Idaho, for boot training. Upon the completion of training he was assigned to duty with the Naval Air Transport Service and was sent to the Hawaiian Islands in June, 1943. Overseas 20 months, he saw service in Hawaii and in the Fiji and Ellice Islands and holds a letter of commendation for his services and the American and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbons. He was honorably discharged at Shoemaker, California, February 16, 1946.

4.—**Pvt. Reymann E. Grandon**, son of William Earl Grandon of El Dorado was born in Pennsylvania on September 9, 1919, and moved with his family to Arkansas in 1922. Educated in the El Dorado schools, he was engaged in newspaper and construction work until entering military service on July 6, 1943. He completed basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and was assigned to the 103rd Infantry Division. In October, 1944, he was sent with his unit to Europe, and there took part in the fighting in France, Germany, Austria and the Rhineland. Overseas one year, he won the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Victory Ribbon, and the American Theater Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Camp Fannin, Texas, November 15, 1945.

5.—**T/4 Oscar L. Lout**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney E. Lout of Louann, Arkansas, was born at Joaquin, Texas, October 1, 1924, and moved with his family to Arkansas in 1926. He completed his education at Junction City, Arkansas, and was employed by the Texas State Highway Department until entering military service March 2, 1943. Assigned to the Engineers, he was sent to Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, for his basic training and later to the Normoyle Ordnance Depot at San Antonio, Texas. He was

assigned to the 735th Engineer Heavy Shop Co. and was sent to Guadalcanal on January 20, 1944. After 17 months on Guadalcanal, he was sent to the Philippines and then to Japan. Overseas more than two years, he is the holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Meritorious Service Unit Award, Victory Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. He was returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, February 10, 1946.

6.—**Cpl. Carey E. Clark**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carey E. Clark, was born February 17, 1925, in Strong, Arkansas. He graduated from El Dorado High School in 1942. Entering the Army August 10, 1943, he was placed in the Army Special Training Program at Texas A. & M. College. After being honorably discharged June 13, 1944, he joined the Marines August 25, 1944, and received boot training at Parris Island, South Carolina. Corporal Clark attended Combat Intelligence School at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, and Naval Gunfire Observers' School at San Diego, California. He departed July 10, 1945, for Hawaii. After being honorably discharged in July 1946, he returned to El Dorado, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Dorothy Faye.

7.—**Storekeeper 1/c Lewell C. Bridges**, son of Mrs. Henry Lee Bridges, Sr., was born December 21, 1910, at Minden, Louisiana, moving to Arkansas in 1941. He completed Minden High School, after which he was employed seven years as ticket agent for Tri-State Trailways. A member of the National Guard since December 21, 1928, he entered the Navy Seabees October 20, 1943, receiving boot training at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia. After serving 18 months in the United States, he departed April 20, 1945, for the Asiatic-Pacific theater where he remained for over nine months. He participated in the Okinawa campaign and defense and was awarded one Bronze Star, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and American Defense Ribbon. Returning to the States January 21, 1946, he was honorably discharged at St. Louis, January 29, 1946. He and his wife, Helen, live in El Dorado with their children.

8.—**Cpl. Harry M. Grandon**, son of William Earl Grandon of El Dorado, was born in Pennsylvania on October 30, 1914, and moved with his family to Arkansas in 1922. He attended El Dorado High School and Junior College and was a laboratory worker at the Carbide Chemical Plant, Charleston, West Virginia, until entering the Army on November 1, 1943. He served basic training at Camp Sibert, Alabama, and then attended the Chemical Warfare School and the Mechanical Training School. Assigned to the Army Ground Forces, he served as a mail clerk during his two and a half years of military service. Holder of the Good Conduct Medal, the American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon, he was honorably discharged at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, April 2, 1946. His wife is the former Pauline Loftis.

9.—**Maj. Thomas C. Lout**, son of Sidney Earl and Jewell Alberta Lout of Louann, Arkansas, was born at Shelbyville, Texas, February 23, 1921. He moved with his family to Arkansas in 1926 and was graduated from the Standard Umsted High School in 1939. He enlisted in the regular Army on October 23, 1939, at Barksdale Field, Louisiana. He received his Medical Corps basic training at Barksdale Field and later attended the Officer Candidate School at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. He became a medical unit commander and was stationed at Morrison Field, Florida, and Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He was sent to Panama in May, 1941, and returned to the United States in January, 1942. He was sent to North Africa on December 12, 1942, and remained overseas until September, 1945. Overseas a total of 40 months, he saw action in the Rome-Arno and Po Valley campaigns and holds the American De-



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fense Service Ribbon with Star, the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon and Victory Ribbon. He was released from active service at Ft. Dix, New Jersey, March 21, 1946. His wife is Elsa K. Lout.

10.—Yeoman 1/c Herbert Perna Trull, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Perna Trull of El Dorado, was born on April 1, 1922, at Libson, Arkansas. Educated at Mt. Holly High School and Magnolia A. & M. College, he entered the Navy September 12, 1942, and received boot training at Davisville, Rhode Island. After 10 months in this country, he was assigned to sea duty and saw service both in the Aleutian Islands and the New Hebrides Island in the South Pacific area. Overseas 26 months, he was returned to this country and was honorably discharged on November 17, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee. His wife is Christine Elizabeth Trull.

11.—Sgt. Robert M. Hollis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Hollis, was born November 9, 1925, at El Dorado, and graduated from high school there. Inducted into the Army January 13, 1944, he was sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, then to Radio Mechanic School, Madison, Wisconsin, and Aerial Gunnery School, Tyndall Field, Florida. As a member of the 445th Bomber Group, Army Air Corps, he landed in England in March, 1945, and subsequently saw action as a tailgunner on a B-24 in the air offensive over the Ardennes, Central Europe and the Rhineland. Sergeant Hollis holds the .45-caliber Pistol Medal, .81 Sharpshooter Medal, Carbine .176 Expert Medal, the Gunnery Badge, the Good Conduct Medal and the European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with six Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged on October 27, 1945, at San Antonio, Texas.

12.—Cpl. James Malcolm Stevens is the son of Willie E. Stevens of Strong, Arkansas, where he was born on May 21, 1922. He attended Strong High School and was employed as a truck driver until entering the Marine Corps on September 9, 1942. Sent to San Diego, California, for boot training, he became an auto equipment operator and arrived in New Zealand in January, 1943. Overseas a total of more than 22 months, Corporal Stevens was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation after taking part in the heavy fighting on Bougainville and Guam. He was returned to this country and was honorably discharged on October 24, 1945, at Quantico, Virginia.

13.—Cpl. Robert Mayo Stevens is the son of Willie Stevens of Strong, Arkansas. Born in Strong on June 13, 1920, he attended Strong High School and the Napa Junior College before entering the Marine Corps on September 9, 1942. Sent to San Diego, California, for boot training, he became a water supply man and was later sent to New Zealand, arriving there in January, 1943. During Corporal Stevens' more than 19 months overseas he took part in the Bougainville, Guam and Emirau Island battles and won the Purple Heart for wounds suffered on Guam and also the Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit and Navy Citation. He was honorably discharged on October 27, 1945, at the Mare Island Navy Yard, Mare Island, California. His wife is the former Dorothy Moody.

14.—S/Sgt. James Adams Pomeroy, son of the late Ellen and Roy Barnett Pomeroy of El Dorado, was born July 8, 1911, at Chicago, Illinois, and moved with his family to Arkansas in 1933. Educated at Atoka, Oklahoma, and Southeastern State Teachers College at Durant, Oklahoma, he entered military service on August 15, 1942, and was sent to Camp Perry, Ohio, for his Ordnance Department basic training. Sergeant Pomeroy later attended Ordnance Schools at Pontiac, Michigan, and Springfield, Massachusetts, and was sent to the European theater in January, 1944, for a stay of more than 22 months. He served with the 505th Ordnance Company (HM) (TK) throughout the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and was awarded the Meritorious Service Award.

He also holds the Expert's Medal for the rifle and carbine. Sergeant Pomeroy was honorably discharged on November 26, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. His wife is Polly Anna.

15.—Signalman 1/c Ira Delin Nix, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Delin Nix, Sr., was born February 21, 1924, moving to Arkansas in 1936. He attended El Dorado, Arkansas, High School. Entering the Navy February 21, 1941, he received boot training at Norfolk, Virginia, and attended Machinist's Mate School, Class A. He served with Atlantic convoys and in the Pacific, participating in campaigns of the Gilbert Islands, North Africa, Marshall Islands, Admiralties, New Guinea, Philippines, Mariannas, and Okinawa and in the bombardment of Japan. Signalman Nix remained overseas for more than four and a half years and at last report was still in service. His wife, Inez Victoria, lives in El Dorado.

16.—Lt. (j.g.) James Newton Galbraith, son of Ida Hugh and Bert H. Galbraith, was born October 19, 1921, in El Dorado, Arkansas. He attended El Dorado High School and Baylor University (B.B.A. degree) in Waco, Texas. Entering the Navy August 24, 1943, he received boot training at Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School in New York and attended Service Schools at Amphibious Training Bases at Solomons, Maryland, and Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Virginia. Departing April 15, 1944, for the Pacific Theater of Operations, Lieutenant Galbraith served overseas for a year and eight months, participating in the invasion of Okinawa and being awarded American Area Campaign Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and World War II Victory Ribbon. He was killed on March 3, 1946, in an automobile accident, while home on furlough, and is survived by his parents, who live in El Dorado.

17.—Aviation Storekeeper 1/c James Hoyett Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Gregory, Sr., was born May 31, 1920, in El Dorado, Arkansas. He attended El Dorado High School, afterwards being employed by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company in a clerical capacity. Entering the Navy November 6, 1943, he received boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia, and attended Aviation Storekeepers' School at Jacksonville, Florida. After serving nearly two years in the United States, he departed July 20, 1945, for Okinawa, and remained overseas for eight months. He was honorably discharged March 2, 1946, at New Orleans, and returned to El Dorado, where he lives with his wife, Evelyn, and their son.

18.—S/Sgt. George Henry Green, son of Mrs. Madie Elizabeth Green Patterson, was born on November 1, 1917, at Strong, Arkansas. He was educated at El Dorado High School, El Dorado Junior College, and Henderson State Teachers College. He was employed by the Arkansas-Louisiana Gas Company and was a member of the National Guard for three years before entering the armed forces on January 6, 1941. Receiving basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, he qualified as operations noncommissioned officer, rifle sharpshooter, squad leader, and supply sergeant. Attached to Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 206th Coast Artillery (AA), he arrived in Dutch Harbor, Alaska, in August 1941. Sergeant Green served overseas for 30 months, participating in the Aleutian campaign, and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon with one Bronze Star, and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star. He was honorably discharged on July 19, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and lives in El Dorado.

19.—Pfc. Freddie Leroy Kidwell, son of Ruth Ella and Charles Lee Kidwell, was born February 15, 1927, in El Dorado, Arkansas. He attended El Dorado Grade School and graduated from El Dorado High School in 1945, afterwards being employed as a grocery clerk. Entering the Army Air Force June 25, 1945, he received basic training at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and attended Mechanical School, qualifying as aviation mechanic. Private Kidwell de-

parted December 30, 1945, for Europe, serving 10 months with 305th Bomb Group in the Army of Occupation at Lechfield, Germany. He returned to the States October 19, 1946, and was then on terminal leave. His home is in El Dorado, Arkansas.

20.—James Carroll Gibson is the son of Mrs. Diamond E. Murph of Strong, Arkansas. He was born in that city July 19, 1923, and attended Strong High School before enlisting in the Marine Corps on June 16, 1942. After completing boot training at San Diego, California, he was sent to the South Pacific and served throughout the Guadalcanal cam-

paign. He was seriously wounded at the famous battle of Tarawa, and was returned to this country for hospitalization. Recovering, he spent 11 months on guard duty at Red Bank, New Jersey, and was sent overseas a second time in February, 1945. With a total of three years of foreign duty, he saw action at both Guadalcanal and Okinawa, and is the holder of the Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with eight Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged June 16, 1946, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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1.—Cpl. Raymond Leon Kidwell, son of Ruth Ella and Charles Lee Kidwell, was born February 28, 1926, in Crossett, Arkansas. He attended El Dorado Grade School and graduated from El Dorado High School in 1944, afterwards being engaged as mechanic for Root Petroleum Company. Entering the Army August 25, 1944, he received basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and attended Mechanical School, qualifying as ordnance mechanic and expert rifleman. Corporal Kidwell departed April 23, 1945, for Europe, and participated in campaigns in Belgium, Germany, and France. He was awarded the European Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Ribbon, and spent 14 months with the Occupational Army. Corporal Kidwell returned to the States June 18, 1946, and was discharged June 25, 1946, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

2.—Sgt. Kenneth Faulkner, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Faulkner of El Dorado, Arkansas, was born at Monroe, Louisiana, November 14, 1924. He attended El Dorado High School after he moved to Arkansas with his family in 1937. Entering the Army Air Forces on October 27, 1942, he was sent to Moore Field, Texas, for basic training and later attended Radio Operator's School at Truax Field, Wisconsin. In December, 1943, he was sent to Italy as a radio operator with the 450th Bomb Group and remained overseas for 18 months. He took part in the Northern France, Naples-Foggia, Southern France, Normandy, Rome-Arno, Rhineland, Po Valley, and North Apennines campaigns and the air offensive against the Balkans and Europe. Holder of the European Theater Ribbon with 10 Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal and the Distinguished Unit Badge with two Oak Leaf Clusters, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, August 29, 1945. He and his wife, Mary Alice, have one daughter.

3.—Motor Machinist's Mate 2/c Bennie Louis Endel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Louis Endel of El Dorado, Arkansas, was born at Palestine, Texas, August 14, 1923, and moved to Arkansas with his family that year. He attended El Dorado High School and entered the Navy on July 14, 1941. He completed boot training at San Diego, California, and then attended Machinist's School, Diesel School and Submarine School. In February, 1942, he was sent to the South Pacific theater and has since served almost four and a half years of foreign service. He saw action in the Coral Sea battles and the fighting for the Philippines. He was recommended for discharge in 1944 but signed for two more years with the Navy. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Battle Star, he was scheduled to be honorably discharged August 13, 1946.

4.—Pvt. Robert Paul Kidwell is the son of Charles Lee and Ruth Ella Kidwell of El Dorado. Born at El Dorado on February 14, 1925, he graduated from El Dorado High School in 1943, and entered military service July 15, 1943. Upon the completion of basic training at North Camp Hood, Texas, he was selected to attend the Army Specialized Training Program at the University of Oklahoma, Norman,

Oklahoma. Private Kidwell was later transferred to the 928th Field Artillery Battalion at Camp Howze, Texas, and then to the Air Corps. He served with the 3706th Base Unit at Sheppard Field, the 1901st Aviation Engineer Battalion at Geiger Field, Spokane, Washington, and Squadron A, RAAF at Roswell, New Mexico. Holder of the Good Conduct Medal and the American Theater Ribbon, he was honorably discharged at Santa Ana, California, February 11, 1946.

5.—T/5 James A. Pearson, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Faulkner of El Dorado, Arkansas, was born at Little Rock on May 20, 1922. He attended El Dorado High School and the Gulf Coast Military Academy and was employed as a radio technician for the Faulkner Radio Service at El Dorado. He entered military service on January 4, 1944, and was sent to Camp Crowder, Missouri, to serve his Signal Corps basic training. He later attended the Signal Corps schools at Camp Crowder and Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, and became a cryptographer and FM specialist. After one year in this country, he was sent to Jamaica in the Caribbean area and assigned to Company C, Antilles Defense Signal Service Battalion. Holder of the Good Conduct Medal, the American Theater Ribbon and two Meritorious Service Awards, at last report he was still serving at this post in the Caribbean. His wife is Virginia Pearson. They have one daughter.

6.—Machinist's Mate 2/c Praither Evers, son of Lewis Bennon and Laura Evers, was born at Upland, Arkansas, on March 16, 1915. After completing his education at Fairview School in the Smyrna community, he was employed by the Root Refinery until his enlistment in the Navy Seabees on September 20, 1942. Trained at Camp Endicott, Davisville, Rhode Island, he became expert in the use of heavy grading equipment, and after 14 months in the United States, was shipped with the 66th Battalion to the Aleutian Islands for a stay of six months. He was awarded the Honorable Service Button, and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon. Mate Evers was honorably discharged at Ft. Worth, Texas, June 16, 1944, and resides at El Dorado with his wife, Lena Mae.

7.—1st Lt. Cecil J. Courtney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Courtney, Sr., was born March 8, 1922, in New Orleans, Louisiana, moving to Arkansas in January 1928. He attended El Dorado High School; El Dorado Junior College, and Arkansas State College, after which he was employed as a post office clerk at El Dorado. Entering the Air Corps Reserve October 13, 1942, at Grider Field, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, he was called to active duty and appointed aviation cadet November, 1942. He received basic training attached to the Meteorology Training Detachment at the University of Chicago; was commissioned second lieutenant September 6, 1943, receiving further training at Newport Air Base, Newport, Arkansas, and Air Traffic Control School, Flushing, Long Island, New York. He served at the Oceanic Air Traffic Control Center in San Francisco and Hickam Field, Hawaii, being promoted to first lieutenant March 2, 1945. Lieutenant Courtney qualified as flight control officer and



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meteorologist and served overseas for more than a year. On March 8, 1946, he was relieved of active duty at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, being placed on terminal leave with Reserve Corps status as first lieutenant (A.C.).

8.—1st Lt. Shelton Harrison Goodwin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Shelton H. Goodwin, Sr., was born October 4, 1922, in El Dorado, Arkansas. He attended Hendrix College and University of Arkansas. Entering the Marine Corps November 27, 1942, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Officer Candidate School, qualifying as platoon leader. He departed December 20, 1943, for a year's overseas service, participating in the battle of Saipan. He was wounded in action and also served at Okinawa and at Nagasaki, Japan, for three months with the Army of Occupation. Lieutenant Goodwin received the Purple Heart, Campaigns Ribbons, and Presidential Unit Citation. After being honorably discharged February 6, 1946, at Newport, Arkansas, he returned to El Dorado where he lives with his wife, Hazel, and their child.

9.—Seaman 1/c Elsie Lum Sage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blakeman Lum of El Dorado, Arkansas, was born February 1, 1924, in Huntington Beach, California, moving to Arkansas in January, 1940. Entering the Waves (V-10), Naval Reserve, February 1, 1944, she received boot training at Hunter College, Bronx, New York, and attended International Business Machines School, qualifying as tabulating operator. Seaman Sage served for two years in the United States attached to Naval Air supply organization, San Diego, California, and was awarded American Theater Ribbon and Victory Ribbon. She was honorably discharged February 9, 1946, at Camp Elliot, California. She is married to Huston Monroe Sage.

10.—Cpl. James Herbert Ogden, son of Dessa Lee Ogden of Route 2, El Dorado, was born on September 19, 1913, in Union County, Arkansas. He attended Pleasant Grove High School and entered military service June 17, 1942. After receiving basic training in the Artillery Training Center at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, he was assigned to the 61st Field Artillery and arrived in Australia in July, 1943. Overseas a total of 27 months, he took part in the New Guinea, Admiralty Islands and Philippine campaigns and earned the Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged October 1, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, Hazel Maye, have one child.

11.—Metalsmith 3/c Jeff Lain, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lain, was born June 12, 1911, in Warren, Arkansas. He attended Warren High School, afterwards being employed as welder for Lion Oil Refining Company and welder inspector on "Big Inch" pipeline. Entering the Navy March 11, 1945, he received boot training at San Diego, California, qualifying in welding. He departed June 20, 1945, for the South Pacific Theater of Operations and remained overseas for six months. He was awarded American Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged January 18, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to Ruston, Louisiana, where he lives with his wife, Paulyne, and their child.

12.—Chief Pharmacist's Mate Fred Lamont Powell is the son of Benjamin and Louella Powell of Junction City, Arkansas, where he was born on November 25, 1915. After completing his education at Junction City High School he was engaged in farming until enlisting in the regular Navy on March 14, 1939. Sent to Norfolk, Virginia, for boot training, he later attended the Hospital Corps School at Portsmouth, Virginia, and became a pharmacist's mate. During the war period Chief Powell saw action both in the Atlantic area and in Okinawa and Japan. He has a total of nearly three and one-half years of foreign service and

has served in South America and the Caribbean area in peacetime. He is the holder of the American Defense Service Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, and at last report was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Julius A. Raven at Green Cove Springs, Florida. He is a member of the regular Navy and plans to make the Navy his career. His wife is the former Mary Relda Ogden.

13.—S/Sgt. Jesse Samuel Alphin, son of Mrs. Stacy Alphin of El Dorado, was born at Lawson, Arkansas, March 13, 1913. Educated in the Lawson schools, he was engaged in oil field work until entering military service on March 7, 1942. Trained at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, he attended Cooks' and Bakers' School and served as a cook and mess sergeant until he was sent to LeHavre, France, in December, 1944. Overseas 10 months, Sergeant Alphin served with the famous 36th "Texas" Infantry Division in the fighting in Southern France, Germany and Austria. He remained in the European theater with the Army of Occupation of Germany until September, 1945, and was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, November 9, 1945. He and his wife, the former Bettie Fay Green, are the parents of two daughters.

14.—Pfc. John R. McDuffie, son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. McDuffie, was born at Hamburg, Arkansas, December 31, 1924. He received his education by attending Portland High School and University of Utah, and entered the Armed Forces May 7, 1943. Receiving basic training at Camp Hood, Texas, he attended Air Corps Cadet and Parachute Schools, qualifying for parachute demolition. He served two years in the Field Artillery, Air Corps, Parachute Infantry training centers, departing for the European theater November 1, 1944, where he participated in action against the enemy in Central Europe and the Rhineland. Among other awards, he received the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and after spending eight months with the Army of Occupation, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, January 18, 1946. He lives in Cullendale, Arkansas.

15.—Capt. Orville W. McDuffie, son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. McDuffie, was born at Hamburg, Arkansas, May 5, 1917, received his education at Portland (Arkansas) High School and Arkansas A. & M. College, and entered the Army in January 6, 1941, after several years of previous service in the Arkansas National Guard. Later he attended the School for Personnel Service, Lexington, Virginia. During the war he was assigned to duty with the C.A.C., the Field Artillery and the Infantry, serving in the capacity of company commander. On December 18, 1941, he departed with his unit for the Aleutian Islands and served in that area for 27 months. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, the Bronze Star Medal and other awards, Captain McDuffie was retired from active duty on February 6, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, Marie Cooke McDuffie, are the parents of one child.

16.—Seaman 2/c Stanley Thompson Arrington is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Arrington of Stephens, Arkansas, where he was born September 4, 1924. He attended Troy High School and was employed by the Bag-Pak Company until entering the Navy on January 21, 1944. Seaman Arrington served his basic training at San Diego, California, and was given sea duty aboard the U.S.S. Iowa on April 13, 1944. He was sent with this ship to the Southwest Pacific theater and saw action in most of the major Pacific campaigns. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with eight Battle Stars and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Stars, he was returned to this country and was honorably discharged at New Orleans, Louisiana, March 21, 1946.

17.—1st Lt. James Caraway Lilly, son of Mrs. Minnie E. Lilly of Camden, was born August 5, 1913, at Osceola, Arkansas. He completed his education at Jonesboro High School, and Arkansas State Teachers

College of Jonesboro, Arkansas, and was employed by the parent company of the Grapette Company at Camden. He first enlisted in the National Guard in September, 1932, and in this war period entered the Army January 8, 1943. After completing his training at Camp Callan, California, he was sent to the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Georgia. After two years stationed at the Infantry School he was sent to the Pacific area in August, 1945, and served four months on Leyte in the Philippine Islands. Holder of the American Defense Service Ribbon and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, he is qualified in the use of all infantry weapons. Lieutenant Lilly was released from active duty on January 31, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, Mary Lou, have two children.

18.—T/3 LaVerne Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Sanders, was born at Stephens, Arkansas, September 11, 1921, received her education at Stephens High School, and enlisted in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps on December 7, 1942. Following basic training at Ft. Des Moines, she qualified for clerical duty, and on June 4, 1944, sailed for Brisbane, Australia, for service in that area. She served meritoriously overseas for more than 14 months, receiving the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal and the W.A.A.C. Service Ribbon. Sergeant Sanders was honorably discharged from service on September 11, 1945, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

19.—S/Sgt. James E. Justiss, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Byrd, was born November 20, 1911, in Eagle

Mills, Arkansas. He attended Ouachita College, Magnolia A. & M. College, and Vandercook School of Music, after which he was engaged as high school band director at Harrison, Arkansas, and band director of Magnolia High School and A. & M. College. Entering the Air Force (Army Airways Communications) July 13, 1942, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and attended Radio Maintenance School at Truax Field, Wisconsin, qualifying in transmitter maintenance. Attached to A.A.C.S., he departed March 7, 1943, for Prestwick, Scotland, and during his two and a half years overseas participated in the air assault on Europe preceding and during invasion. Sergeant Justiss was awarded two Battle Stars and was honorably discharged November 17, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. His home is in Camden.

20.—Ship's Cook 1/c William B. McDuffie, son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. McDuffie, was born at Hamburg, Arkansas, on January 31, 1923. Following the completion of his education at Portland (Arkansas) High School, he entered the Navy on February 25, 1943, received his boot training at the Naval Training Station at San Diego, California, and later attended Cooks' and Bakers' School at San Francisco, qualifying for duty as a ship's cook. He was assigned to the Submarine Service with Submarine Division 62, going to sea to engage in combat patrol on February 6, 1944. On April 27, 1944, this gallant Arkansas seaman was reported missing in action, presumably giving his life to uphold the highest traditions of the service. Among the awards he received was the Submarine Patrol Medal.



ROBERT S. LIGON

1st Lt. Robert Stark Ligon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Claude Ligon, was born October 23, 1921, at Little Rock. He received his education by attending Henderson State Teachers College at Arkadelphia. Enlisting in the Marine Corps June 26, 1942, he received boot training at Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas. Later he attended Service School at Oakland, California, and Primary School, Livermore, California, qualifying for naval aviator. After training in the United States for two years, he was sent to the Asiatic-Pacific theater and participated in air offensive over enemy-held Marshall Islands. Lieutenant Ligon qualified for pilot, B-25 (Mitchell bomber) and among other awards, received the Air Medal. After a year's service overseas, he was honorably discharged at Marine Corps Air Facility, Newport, Arkansas, November 21, 1945. He lives in Arkadelphia with his wife, Betty, and their child.



2nd Lt. Howard Cargile Ligon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Claude Ligon, was born at Hope, Arkansas, October 12, 1924. He received his education by attending El Dorado High School, Arkadelphia High School, and Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia. Enlisting in the Marine Corps October 30, 1942, he received basic training at Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, and later attended Service Schools at Athens, Georgia, and Dallas, Texas, qualifying for naval aviator. Serving two and a half years attached to Marine Corps Reserve, he was sent to the Philippine Islands on April 21, 1945, and participated in action at Mindanao, P. I. Lieutenant Ligon received Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Star. He served overseas five months and was honorably discharged at Cherry Point, North Carolina, December 19, 1945. He and his wife, Betty, live in Arkadelphia.



HOWARD C. LIGON



GEORGE S. GRANT

Maj. George Shell Grant, son of Dr. and Mrs. James Richard Grant of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, was born at Fayetteville, Arkansas, on December 7, 1915. He graduated from Arkadelphia High School and was graduated from Ouachita Baptist College as an honor graduate in 1937. Major Grant was football coach at Piggott and Fordyce, Arkansas, until entering military service in January, 1941. He had received his R.O.T.C. training at Ouachita College and served with the Infantry until volunteering for the Paratroops in July, 1942. Major Grant completed his parachute training at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and served with the Kansas City R.O.T.C. at Kansas City, Missouri, before he was sent with the 506th Parachute Infantry to England in September, 1943. A battalion executive officer and S-4 in the Paratroops, he took part in the invasion of France and was fatally wounded on the day of the invasion, June 6, 1944. This gallant officer was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for the wounds that caused his death. He is survived by his widow, Melba Smith Grant, and their two children, George Shell Grant, Jr., and Judith Lorraine.



2nd Lt. William David Millsapps, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Millsapps, was born November 24, 1921, in Caddo Gap, Arkansas. He attended Arkadelphia High School and Ouachita College. A member of the National Guard since April 17, 1939, he entered the Infantry December 23, 1940, and transferred to the Air Corps in 1943. He received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and qualified as pilot, four-engine aircraft. Lieutenant Millsapps departed January 6, 1942, for Alaska and the Aleutian Islands and remained overseas for a year and six months. He was awarded American Defense Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon. After being honorably discharged October 28, 1945, at Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, Arizona, he returned to Arkadelphia, where he lives with his wife, Sue Lee, and their child.



WILLIAM D. MILLSAPPS



BERLIN B. MILLSAPPS

Maj. Berlin B. Millsapps, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Millsapps of Arkadelphia, was born March 15, 1907, in Caddo Gap, Arkansas. He attended Mt. Ida Academy, Ouachita College, and University of Arkansas, afterwards teaching high school mathematics for eight years and serving with the C.C.C. for two years. Major Millsapps received a reserve commission in 1929 and was called to active duty February 7, 1942. Commissioned in the Infantry, he served 18 months in the 701st Military Police Bn. before transferring to the Air Corps. He attended Provost Marshal School for two months, specializing in administration. Departing April 6, 1943, for the Hawaiian Islands and the Marianas, Major Millsapps remained overseas more than two years, participating in Western Pacific campaigns, and was awarded the Bronze Star. He will remain in the service. He is married to the former Madge E. Tolleson and has three children.



PAUL K. SLOAN

1st Lt. Paul K. Sloan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sloan, was born at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, on January 13, 1923. After graduating from Arkadelphia High School, he attended Henderson State Teachers College one year before entering the Army Air Corps on April 10, 1942. Following basic training at the Santa Ana, California, Air Base, he attended specialized schools at Santa Ana, Eagle Field, California; Yuma, Arizona, Army Air Field and Smoky Hill, Kansas, Army Air Field, qualifying as a pilot of B-17 and B-29 bombers. As a member of the 877th Squadron, 499th Bombardment Group, Lieutenant Sloan saw extensive action in the South Pacific area during his nine months overseas, participating in the Mandate Island and Western Pacific campaigns and the general air offensive against Japan. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the Distinguished Flying Cross with Cluster, the Air Medal with four Clusters, and Sharpshooter's Medals (pistol and rifle). He was reverted to inactive status on October 9, 1945, at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. His wife is Shirley M. Sloan.



2nd Lt. Lloyd B. Bardwell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd B. Bardwell, Sr., was born February 12, 1920, in Amity, Arkansas. He attended Arkadelphia High School and Henderson State Teachers College. Entering the Army Air Force February 2, 1943, he received basic training at Santa Ana, California, and attended service schools at Tulare, California; Tucson, Arizona; and LaJunta, Colorado. Lieutenant Bardwell served for more than a year in the United States and departed June 9, 1944, for Biak, remaining overseas for three months and being awarded the Air Medal. He crashed at sea September 2, 1944, northeast of the Celebes Islands, and his death was confirmed March 18, 1946. Lieutenant Bardwell was pilot of a B-25 bomber. He is survived by his parents and his wife, Marjorie Smith Bardwell, of Arkadelphia, Arkansas.



LLOYD B. BARDWELL, JR.



WILLIAM H. YOUNG, JR.

1st Lt. William H. Young, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Young of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, was born at Arkadelphia on October 9, 1920. After graduating from Arkadelphia High School and Henderson State Teachers College, he entered military service on July 7, 1942. He received his primary training at Dos Palos, California; basic training at LeMoore, California, and completed his advanced training for his commission at Douglas, Arizona. On January 18, 1945, he arrived in the European theater and during his eight months of foreign service flew 35 missions over Germany with the 8th Air Force. Among his decorations is listed the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters. Lieutenant Young was reverted to inactive status at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on May 30, 1945.



JOHN M. HALL

2nd Lt. John Milton Hall, son of Mrs. R. Charles Hall and the late Mr. Hall, was born June 15, 1921, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He attended Arkadelphia High School and Ouachita Baptist College. Entering the Infantry June 1, 1943, he received R.O.T.C. training at Ouachita College and attended Officer Candidate School and Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, qualifying as platoon leader. He served for nearly a year in the United States with the 331st Infantry, 83rd Division, and departed April 14, 1944, for England and France. Overseas for three months, Lieutenant Hall participated in the Normandy campaigns and was killed in action July 4, 1944. He had received the European Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, American Theater Ribbon, and Combat, Infantryman's Medal and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart. He is survived by his mother; his wife, Ellen Johnson Hall, and their daughter, Rebecca Jordan, who live in Arkadelphia.

Lt. Col. Harry Jordon Hall, son of Mrs. R. Charles Hall and the late Mr. Hall, was born July 10, 1915, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He graduated from Arkadelphia High School and Ouachita Baptist College, receiving reserve commission in R.O.T.C., after which he was employed as sales representative of Roberts-Johnson and Rand Shoe Company. He entered active duty June 11, 1941, at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and was assigned to the Adjutant General's Department of the 1st Cavalry Division until February 15, 1942, when he was assigned to Southern Land Frontier Hdqtrs. He was promoted to captain June 2, 1942, and to major December 2, 1942, and graduated from Command and General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, in August 1943, being reassigned to Ft. Bliss. Promoted to lieutenant colonel, December 1943, he was transferred to Ft. McIntosh, Laredo, Texas, Headquarters Southern Land Frontier, Sector of Eastern Defense Command. Colonel Hall served as executive officer of headquarters at Ft. McIntosh until July 1945, when he was transferred to Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. He was honorably discharged October 16, 1945, and returned to Arkadelphia.



HARRY J. HALL



GEORGE M. BOON

Capt. George M. Boon, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Boon of Arkadelphia, was born at Arkadelphia on October 16, 1918. He attended Henderson State Teachers College and the University of Texas. He entered the National Guard on December 23, 1940, and entered active service with his unit early in 1941. He trained at Camp Robinson with the 153rd Infantry, and departed for Seward, Alaska, on August 29, 1941. After 26 months of service in the Aleutian Islands area, he returned to the United States, going to Ft. Benning, Georgia, to attend an Officers' Advanced Course, and later being assigned to the 4th Infantry and Sch. Troops, Ft. Benning. Captain Boon was relieved of active duty on December 18, 1945, at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. He and his wife, Marjorie Burt Boon, are the parents of one child.

Capt. Allen W. McClanahan, son of Mrs. Myrtle M. Reulet of Hot Springs was born at Rector, Arkansas, December 28, 1920. He attended Hot Springs High School and Henderson State Teachers College and was engaged in theater and newspaper work until entering military service June 9, 1942. Captain McClanahan held a reserve commission which he had received in the Reserve Officer's Training Corps. He served with the 12th Armored Division and was transferred to the Air Corps, where he attended pilot's schools and became a pilot and engineering officer. He completed additional training at Officer's Orientation School, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and was sent to Nadzab, New Guinea, in May 1945. Overseas eight months, he saw action in the Southern Philippines, Luzon, Ryukyus and Japanese air commands and was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars. After serving four months with the Army of Occupation of Japan, he was returned to this country and was relieved of active duty at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, March 26, 1946. He and his wife, Dorothy, have one daughter.



ALLEN W. McCLANAHAN



JAMIEL H. MATTAR

Pfc. Jamiel H. Mattar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hanna Mattar, was born at Souieda, Syria, February 3, 1925. He attended elementary schools in his native Syria and upon coming to this country, completed his education at Arkadelphia High School. Entering military service October 1, 1943, he was sent to Camp Robinson for basic training, and later to Military Police School at Camp Custer, Michigan. After 15 months in this country, Private Mattar arrived in France as a member of the 42nd (Rainbow) Division and saw much action with that famous organization. On March 17, 1945, while fighting in the Hardt Mountain area in France, this American heroically sacrificed his life for his adopted country by deliberately drawing the enemy fire to enable his squad to make a successful maneuver to annihilate the German contingent. For this act he was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart, posthumously, in addition to the European Theater Ribbon. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hanna Mattar of Syria, and an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mattar of Arkadelphia.

Maj. Samuel Grigsby Porterfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Porterfield of Shreveport, Louisiana, was born in Oakdale, Louisiana, moving to Arkansas in 1930. He attended Glenwood High School and Ouachita College. Entering the Air Corps October 8, 1940, he received basic training at Randolph Field, Texas, and attended Brooks Advanced Flying School and Bryan Instrument School, qualifying as staff flight operations officer and expert with pistol, rifle, submachine gun, and carbine. After serving for four years with the Western Flying Command, Major Porterfield departed in May 1945, for Okinawa. Overseas for six months, he participated in the Ryukyus campaign and spent three months with the Army of Occupation, being awarded American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, and the Victory Ribbon. According to last report, he was still in service at March Field, California, and will remain in the regular Army. His wife is the former Mary Frances Pate and they have one son. His home is in Arkadelphia.



SAMUEL G. PORTERFIELD



WILLIAM H. MASSEY

Machinist's Mate 2/c William H. Massey, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Massey of Arkadelphia, was born at Varden, Arkansas, March 24, 1921. He attended the Curtis, Emmett and Arkadelphia schools and was a farmer and storekeeper until entering the Navy Seabees on July 9, 1943. He received his training in this country at Camp Peary, Virginia; Camp Parks and Camp Hueneme, California, and then attended Machine Gun School. In January 1944, he was sent to New Guinea and served throughout the New Guinea campaign with his unit, the 529th C.B.M.U. Overseas a total of 23 months, he was returned to this country and was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, December 24, 1945. He and his wife, Opal Pauline, are the parents of one son.

1st Sgt. John Edwards Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Ray, was born at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, December 14, 1917. He attended Arkadelphia High School and Ouachita Baptist College. A member of the National Guard from April 15, 1936, he was called into the regular Army (Infantry) December 23, 1940, and received basic training at Camp Robinson. Attached to the 153rd Infantry, he was sent to the Aleutian Islands April 12, 1942, where he served for two years. Among other decorations received was the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon. Sergeant Ray was honorably discharged at Camp Hood, Texas, October 2, 1945.



JOHN E. RAY



FLAVE J. CARPENTER

1st Lt. Flave J. Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Carpenter, was born at Arkadelphia, June 4, 1918. After completing his education at Arkadelphia High School, Henderson State Teachers College and Ouachita College, he entered military service with the Arkansas National Guard, December 23, 1940. Following basic training at Camp Robinson, he attended Parachute School at Ft. Benning, Georgia. On June 1, 1941, he departed for the Aleutian Islands with Company H, 153rd Infantry. Later, as a member of Company I, 517th Parachute Infantry, he saw action in the Italian campaigns, and Southern France, followed by participation in campaigns of Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. He was wounded August 15, 1944, and is the recipient of the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars, Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon with one Battle Star, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, American Defense Service Award, Silver Star Medal and the Order of the Purple Heart. He was reverted to inactive status at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, September 2, 1945. His wife is Salene N. Carpenter.

Lt. Col. John T. Berry, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. James, was born August 31, 1916, in Bokoshe, Oklahoma, moving to Arkansas in 1929. He attended Bearden High School and graduated from Ouachita College in 1940, where he received R.O.T.C. training. Entering the Infantry November 1940, he attended Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, qualifying as parachutist. Colonel Berry served with the 504th Parachute Bn., 82nd Airborne Division, and departed May 1, 1942, for England. In December 1943, he was sent to Ireland. Overseas for nearly three years, he participated in the campaigns of Algeria, Tunisia, Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Germany and the battles of the Bulge and Holland. He spent three months with the Army of Occupation in Berlin and was wounded in action, being awarded the Purple Heart, two Presidential Unit Citations, Bronze Star, and Dutch Bronze Lion. Colonel Berry is still in service in the regular Army. His wife, Carolyn Jane, and their daughter, live in Bearden, Arkansas.



JOHN T. BERRY



CHARLES W. DEWS

T/4 Charles Weber Dews, son of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Dews, was born at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, January 14, 1922, and received his education at Arkadelphia High School and Henderson State Teachers College. He was mustered into service with his National Guard Unit on December 23, 1940, and received basic training at Camp Robinson as a member of the 153rd Infantry. On April 14, 1942, he departed with his regiment for the Aleutian Islands, serving there until his return to the United States on June 23, 1943. After being stationed in this country for 10 months, he was sent to the Italian theater in April 1944, and served on that front for 15 months, taking part in the Rome-Arno, North Apennines and Po Valley campaigns. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, a division citation, a marksman's medal (carbine) and a Good Conduct Medal, he was honorably discharged July 26, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

Lt. James Couch Hobgood, son of Mrs. Maybelle Hobgood of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, was born at Gurdon, Arkansas, November 11, 1914. He attended Arkadelphia High School and Ouachita College and was engaged in the insurance business before entering military service on October 25, 1941. Colonel Hobgood had received basic military training in the Reserve Officer's Training Corps. He attended the Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and served two and a half years in this country at the Quartermaster Training Center, Ft. Warren, Wyoming. In January, 1944, he was sent to the European theater where he served as a composite battalion commander with quartermaster units. Overseas 17 months, he took part in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe and Ardennes campaigns and won the Bronze Star. He was returned to this country and was released from active service at Camp Lee, Virginia, December 11, 1945. He and his wife, the former Ernestine McMillan, are the parents of two children.



JAMES C. HOBGOOD



JOHN W. SIMMONS

Capt. John W. Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm M. Simmons, was born February 19, 1919, at Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Arkadelphia High School and Henderson State Teachers College. Enlisting in the Infantry July 1, 1940, he received basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and at the Infantry and Parachute Schools, qualified for infantry unit commander (parachute) in February 1943. He also received Expert Medals for proficiency with the rifle and carbine. Attached to 5th Armored Division, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, he departed from the United States January 9, 1944, for England, and participated in the Normandy invasion spearhead. He has been awarded the American Defense, American Theater, European Theater of Operations, Presidential Citation and Victory Ribbons. Captain Simmons is remaining in the service.

1st Lt. Robert Dotson Huie, son of Olive Elizabeth Rowley and Will Locke Huie, was born February 5, 1910, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He attended Arkadelphia High School and Henderson State Teachers College, afterwards being engaged in business. Entering the Infantry June 12, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas. He attended Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and was commissioned January 18, 1943. After serving for 16 months with B.I.R.T.C., Camp Robinson, and the 75th Infantry Division, Ft. Leonard Wood, he departed September 13, 1943, for Africa. Overseas more than two years, Lieutenant Huie participated in campaigns of Naples-Foggia, Southern France, and Rhineland. He was wounded in action near Cevveta, Italy, in 1943, and was awarded the Purple Heart, Victory Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with three Stars, American Theater Ribbon, and Combat Infantry Badge. After being honorably discharged March 2, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Murfreesboro, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Doris Edivine, and their child.



ROBERT D. HUIE



WILLIAM T. GREEN

T/4 William Thomas Green, son of Daisy Dale and William T. Green, was born November 1, 1920, in Manning, Arkansas. He attended Henderson State Teachers College and Draughon's Business College, afterwards being engaged as a junior accountant. Entering the Infantry July 18, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Howze, Texas, qualifying as bandsman and as expert with M-1 rifle and carbine. Attached to the 84th Infantry Division, he served for two years in the United States before departing September 19, 1944, for Europe. Overseas for more than a year, he participated in campaigns of Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe, spending five months with the Army of Occupation, and was awarded Meritorious Service Unit Plaque. After being honorably discharged December 18, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to Arkadelphia, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Rosalea, and their child.

Sgt. Claude E. Johnson, son of Mrs. Emma C. Johnson of the Floyd community, Romance, Arkansas, was born at Floyd, Arkansas, March 5, 1908, and attended Floyd High School and Beebe (Arkansas) Junior Agricultural College prior to entering military service at Camp Robinson July 14, 1942. Following assignment to the Army Air Corps, he was sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, for basic training and later attended Airplane Mechanic School, Sheppard Field; Airplane Instrument School, Chanute Field, Illinois; Turbo Supercharger School and Chemical Warfare School. After 16 months' service in the United States, he arrived in Bombay, India, with his unit, the 397th Service Sqdn., on Christmas Day, 1943. From February 19, 1944, to September 20, 1945, he served with the 14th Air Force as a part of the 54th Service Sqdn., which was organized to relieve the American Volunteer Group. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal, Sergeant Johnson received his honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, November 12, 1945.



CLAUDE E. JOHNSON



PAUL H. CROW

Pfc. Paul Harding Crow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Franklin Crow, was born at Pryor, Oklahoma, February 13, 1921, and was educated in the Arkadelphia (Arkansas) Public Schools. He worked as a dry cleaner and presser until his entrance into the Army on July 18, 1942, and after basic training at Ft. Riley, Kansas, he was assigned to duty with the Engineering Corps as a heavy truck driver. He arrived in Iran with his service command unit on May 26, 1943, and saw service in that theater for more than 24 months, receiving the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and a driver's medal. He was honorably discharged at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, September 16, 1945. His wife is Emma J. McGuire Crow.



J. A. McGUIRE

S/Sgt. J. A. McGuire, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Arville McGuire of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, was born at Maddox, Arkansas, March 15, 1923. After completing his education at Arkadelphia High School, he was a telegrapher for the Western Union Telegraph Co. in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Missouri. Sergeant McGuire entered military service May 17, 1944, and received basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri. Assigned to the Signal Corps, he attended the Low-speed Operator and the High-speed Radio Operator Schools at Camp Crowder and became a high-speed manual radio operator. A veteran of two years' service, he served with the 3324th Signal Intelligence and Monitoring Co. and Co. A, 90th Signal Operation Bn. Holder of the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, and the Victory Ribbon, he was honorably discharged in June, 1946.



JAMES G. MEIER

Sgt. James Garrett Meier, son of Mrs. Roma Garrett Meier, was born February 8, 1914, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. After receiving his education he owned a concession business in St. Louis for five years and also worked as grocery manager and oil company representative. Entering the Air Corps May 8, 1942, he received basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and attended Teletype Maintenance and Communications School at Chanute Field, Illinois. He qualified as teletype mechanic and cryptographic technician and served as chief of teletype and cryptography department, 317th Troop Carrier Group. Sergeant Meier departed December 31, 1942, for Townsville, Australia, and remained overseas for two and a half years. He attended Cryptography Training School in Australia and participated in campaigns of Bismarck Archipelago, Luzon, Southern Philippines, New Guinea, and Papua, being awarded Asiatic-Pacific Service Ribbon with one Silver Service Star, Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon with one Oak Leaf Cluster. After being honorably discharged September 15, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Arkadelphia, where he lives with his wife, Doris Geneva.

Pvt. Vaughn Miller Meier, son of Roma Garrett and Chester Arthur Meier and grandson of the late J. B. Garrett of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, was born September 2, 1925, in Arkadelphia. He attended Hamilton School in St. Louis, Missouri; Arcade Grade School, where he was senior patrol leader of the Boy Scouts, and San Juan High School in Sacramento, California, graduating as president of the senior class. Entering the Army December 7, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi, and was given an honorable discharge to accept an appointment to Annapolis. He received preparatory training at Williamsburg, Virginia, before entering Annapolis and resigned to accept an appointment to West Point. He entered Cornell University for preparatory Army training. He was injured at West Point and received an honorable discharge in October 1945, after total service of a year and 10 months. He lives in Arkadelphia.



VAUGHN M. MEIER



WILTON T. FINCHER

Lt. (s. g.) Wilton Travis Fincher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard W. Fincher of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, was born at Amity, Arkansas, December 11, 1911. He attended Arkadelphia High School and Henderson State Teachers College. Lieutenant Fincher entered the Navy as a lieutenant (junior grade) on October 21, 1942. He completed his Naval training at the Naval Air Station, Glenview, Illinois, and became a naval aviator. After two and a half years in this country attached to the Naval Air Training Command, he was sent to the North Pacific theater in May, 1945. He remained in that area until he was returned to the United States in September, 1945, and was released from active duty on November 3, 1945. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. He and his wife, Bernice, are the parents of one son.

Maj. William Edger Nowlin is the son of Edger and Pearl Adams Nowlin of Arkadelphia, where he was born on October 18, 1908. Educated at Arkadelphia High School, Ouachita College and the University of Texas, he gave up his business as a wholesale and retail furniture dealer to enter the Army Air Corps in May, 1942. Sent to Miami Beach, Florida, for basic training, he was selected for Officer Training School and later attended the Adjutant General School. After three years with the Training Command in this country as a personnel staff officer, he was sent to the Philippine Islands in June, 1945, and served during the Luzon campaign. Overseas a total of five months, he holds the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and Victory Ribbon. He was placed on inactive duty on March 19, 1946, at San Antonio, Texas. He and his wife, the former Lillian Garland, have two sons.



WILLIAM E. NOWLIN



ROBERT B. THOMASSON

Cpl. Robert B. Thomasson, son of Mrs. Fannie Thomasson and the late R. L. Thomasson, was born on July 3, 1905, at Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He graduated from Arkadelphia High School and Henderson State Teachers College. For several years prior to his entrance into the Army on October 12, 1942, he served as school supervisor for Clark County. Following basic training at Camp Roberts, California, he landed at New Caledonia on April 22, 1943, with his unit, the 86th Infantry Bn., and saw more than 30 months' service in the New Guinea, Southern Philippine and Asiatic-Pacific area. For meritorious service, he received the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Battle Star, the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. Corporal Thomasson was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, September 27, 1945.

Quartermaster Cecil Watson Cupp, Jr., son of Hazel Clements and Cecil Watson Cupp, Sr., was born November 19, 1926, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He attended Arkadelphia High School and Henderson State Teachers College. Entering the Navy June 23, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Quartermaster School at Naval Training Center, San Diego. He departed March 9, 1945, for the Western Pacific Theater of Operations and during his year of overseas service participated in the Okinawa campaign and carrier raids on Japan. After being honorably discharged April 12, 1946, at New Orleans, Louisiana, he returned to his home in Arkadelphia.



CECIL W. CUPP, JR.



JAMES F. TURNER

1st. Lt. James Flanagan Turner, son of Laura Eva Flanagan and Cleve C. Turner, was born December 3, 1915, in Trout, Louisiana, moving to Arkansas in March 1916. He attended Arkadelphia High School, Ouachita Baptist College, and Henderson State Teachers College, afterwards being employed as a wholesale grocery salesman. Entering the Parachute Infantry July 7, 1941, he received basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and attended the Infantry School at Ft. Benning and the Parachute School at Camp Blanding, Florida, qualifying as parachute infantry and platoon leader. After serving for three years as instructor at the parachute school, Lieutenant Turner departed March 13, 1944, for Italy, and served overseas for more than nine months. He participated in campaigns of Anzio Beach and Bischwiller sector in Southern France and was awarded European Theater Ribbon with four Bronze Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, and American Defense Ribbon. Lieutenant Turner was killed in action January 21, 1945, in the Bischwiller sector and was buried at Epinal, France. He is survived by his parents, who live in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

T/Sgt. Humphreys Talbot Turner, son of Laura Eva and Cleve C. Turner, was born April 17, 1922, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He attended Arkadelphia High School and Louisiana State University. A member of Co. H, 153rd Infantry, he entered the Infantry December 23, 1940, and received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. He attended the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, qualifying as platoon sergeant, heavy weapons company, rifle expert, and machine gun expert. Attached to Co. B, 126th Infantry Training Bn., he departed August 15, 1941, for Alaska, and remained overseas for two years and eight months, participating in the Aleutian campaign. Sergeant Turner was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with one Star, American Defense Service Ribbon with one Bronze Star, and Good Conduct Ribbon with Clasp. After being honorably discharged September 20, 1945, at Camp Robinson, he returned to his home in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.



HUMPHREYS T. TURNER



JAMES E. SHAW

Lt. James Edward Shaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Shaw, was born March 3, 1918, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He attended Arkadelphia High School and Ouachita College, afterwards being employed as insurance investigator. A member of the National Guard from April 1936, to April 1939, he entered the Coast Guard February 14, 1942, and received boot training at Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut. He attended Fire Control School, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D. C., and Advanced Officers' Training School at St. Augustine, Florida, qualifying as deck officer. Lieutenant Shaw served for two years in the United States and on convoy escort duty and patrol duty to and from the United States for two years and two months, also participating in operations in the Pacific theater. After being released to inactive duty September 21, 1946, at Seattle, Washington, he returned to Arkadelphia, where he lives with his wife, Leila, and their son.

1st Lt. Ambrose C. Shaw is the son of Ambrose N. Shaw of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, where he was born on April 18, 1921. He was educated at Arkadelphia High School and Ouachita College before entering the Army Air Corps July 7, 1942. He served basic training at Santa Ana, California, and later completed his training as a pilot at King City, Chico and Muroc, California; Douglas, Arizona; Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Memphis, Tennessee. After almost two years in this country, he arrived with his unit, the 493rd Bomb Group in England and remained overseas for almost 10 months' service. Lieutenant Shaw took part in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes and Rhineland campaigns and won the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters. He was released from active duty on October 23, 1945. His wife is the former Ann Shepherd.



AMBROSE C. SHAW



DEWEY E. OVERTON

Pfc. Dewey Elmon Overton, son of Lula Jane Pope and James Arter Overton, was born January 26, 1926, in Cotton Plant, Arkansas. He attended England Grade Schools, North Little Rock and Arkadelphia High Schools, and Ouachita Baptist College at Arkadelphia. Entering the Marine Corps March 24, 1944, he received boot training at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, California, and served in the United States for six months with the 5th Marine Division. Departing in August 1944, for Hawaii, he remained overseas for seven months, participating in the Iwo Jima campaign. Private Overton was wounded in action and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged July 10, 1946, at San Diego, California. His home is in Mena, Arkansas.

1st Lt. Herman Carroll Orr, son of Mrs. C. C. Orr of Arkadelphia was born at Donaldson, Arkansas, July 21, 1921. He was educated in the Arkadelphia Public Schools and then at Ouachita Baptist College and entered military service August 26, 1942, at Arkadelphia. Sent to Ft. Benning, Georgia, for basic training, he was selected to attend the Infantry Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning and was commissioned as an infantry officer. Arriving on the Italian front in February, 1944, Lieutenant Orr served as a unit commander throughout the Rome-Arno and Southern France campaigns. After serving nine months overseas he was severely wounded and was returned to this country. Holder of the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, European Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon, he also has two Battle Stars for the fighting in which he participated, and is qualified with all basic infantry weapons. He was placed on inactive status on March 10, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. His wife is Floy Dew Orr.



HERMAN C. ORR



WILLIAM S. CLARK

S/Sgt. William Stuart Clark, son of Emma Jett and the late Charles M. Clark, Sr., was born November 7, 1921, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He attended Henderson State Teachers College. A member of the National Guard since September 21, 1939, he entered active service December 23, 1940, and received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. Sergeant Clark served in the United States with Co. H, 153rd Infantry Regiment, and departed January 11, 1942, for the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations, remaining overseas for two years and two months and participating in the campaign of the Aleutian Islands. He was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Service Ribbon with one Bronze Service Star, American Defense Service Ribbon, and the Good Conduct Medal. After being honorably discharged September 4, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to his home in Arkadelphia. He is now a student at the Louisiana State University.

Lt. (j.g.) Charles Morgan Clark, son of Emma Jett Clark and the late Charles M. Clark, Sr., was born November 18, 1914, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He attended Arkadelphia High School, Henderson State Teachers College, and Louisiana State University, afterwards being engaged as a public school teacher. Entering the Naval Reserve August 28, 1943, he received indoctrination training at Ft. Schuyler, New York, and attended Harbor Defense School at Fisher's Island, New York, and Amphibious School at Coronado, California, qualifying in harbor defense and amphibious small craft. After serving for a year and a half in the United States, he departed January 17, 1945, for Iroquois Point, Oahu, T. H., and remained overseas for a year. Lieutenant Clark participated in the Okinawa campaign. Returning to the United States January 23, 1946, he was released from active duty at New Orleans, Louisiana. He lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with his wife, Margaret, and their two children.



CHARLES M. CLARK



DORSEY R. FULLER

Capt. Dorsey R. Fuller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Fuller, was born October 20, 1921, in Hope, Arkansas. He graduated from Hope High School in 1939, and attended Henderson State Teachers College at Arkadelphia, afterwards being engaged in defense work. Entering the Coast Artillery Corps September 15, 1942, at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, he received basic training at Camp Hulen, Texas, attended Officer Candidate School, and was commissioned second lieutenant at Camp Davis, North Carolina, June 3, 1943. He also qualified as communications officer and expert with rifle, machine gun, and carbine. After serving in the United States for two and a half years with 40th A.A.A. Group and 59th A.A.A. Brigade, he departed April 6, 1945, for Manila, P. I. Overseas for a year, Captain Fuller participated in the Luzon campaign and was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star, Victory and American Theater Ribbons. After being honorably discharged April 17, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Camden, where he lives with his wife, Virginia, and their child.

S/Sgt. Othea Jackson Shaver is the son of Ruby Nettie Shaver of Bierne, Arkansas, where he was born on October 8, 1922. After graduating from High School, he was employed as a shipping clerk for the Gurdon Lumber Company until entering the Army Air Corps on January 8, 1943. After completing his basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, he was sent to Armorer and Gunnery School and in December 1943, was sent to England. Overseas a total of 18 months, he saw action in the fighting in Normandy, Southern France, Rhineland and Central Europe and won the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Presidential Unit Citation and the European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars. He was returned to this country in May, 1945, and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on September 15, 1945. His wife is Kathleen Shaver.



OTHEA J. SHAVER



HARRY D. CLARK, JR.

2nd Lt. Harry Dale Clark, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Clark, was born September 4, 1918, in Gurdon, Arkansas. He attended North Little Rock High School and graduated from Henderson State Teachers College. Entering the Paratroops June 1943, he received basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and attended Paratroopers' School. Lieutenant Clark served in the United States for 18 months. He was injured in line of duty and received a medical discharge in November 1944. His wife is the former Miss Emily Newberry.

Capt. William L. Newberry, son of Mrs. Mildred Newberry, was born November 16, 1918, at Memphis, Tennessee, moving to Arkansas in 1919. He attended Henderson State Teachers College and University of Arkansas and entered the Army Air Corps in January 1942. After receiving basic training at Lowry Field, Colorado, he attended the service school where he specialized in armament. After serving in the United States for 27 months he was sent to the Italian theater for 19 months. For meritorious service he received, among other decorations, two Presidential Unit Citation Ribbons. Captain Newberry received an honorable discharge at Jefferson Barracks, December 14, 1945.



WILLIAM L. NEWBERRY



TAYLOR L. McROY

Shipsfitter 3/c Taylor Lawson McRoy, son of Ruben Edwin and Lula Bell McRoy, was born at Delight, Arkansas, December 16, 1918. He received his education by attending Hempstead County Public Schools. He entered the Navy on December 16, 1943, receiving boot training at San Diego, California, where he attended Service School for Welding on Treasure Island and qualified for shipfitter. Leaving the United States on February 26, 1944, for the South Pacific, he participated in Saipan, Palau, Cebu, Luzon, Manila, Formosa, and Okinawa campaigns and was killed in action on May 4, 1945. He was posthumously awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with seven Battle Stars, and Purple Heart. He is survived by his wife, Vester Fay, and their two children, who reside in Hope, and his parents.



ABNER D. HERVEY

1st Lt. Abner Duke Hervey, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Orton, was born at Texarkana, February 24, 1918. After graduating from Hope High School, he was employed as manager of the Capitol Hotel until entering the Army, Field Artillery, March 13, 1941. He received basic training at Ft. Sill for Field Artillery and then transferred to the Army Air Corps and qualified for pilot of B-24 Liberator bomber by attendance at Santa Ana, California, Cadet Training School, receiving pilot wings on June 22, 1943. Lieutenant Hervey departed from the United States December 1, 1943, for Foggia Air Base, Italy, and completed 35 combat missions before being killed in action on April 25, 1944, near Marradi, Italy. He was awarded the Air Medal and four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart, and Presidential Citation. His wife, Opal, resides at Hope, Arkansas.



S/Sgt. John A. Hervey, step-son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Orton of Hope, was born at Fulton, Arkansas, June 22, 1919. After graduating from Hope High School, he was employed at the Railway Express Agency at Hope until entering military service on February 2, 1942. Assigned to the Medical Corps, he completed his basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and then attended the School for Medical Technicians at Denver, Colorado, where he became a surgical technician. He arrived in the Southwest Pacific theater in July, 1942, with his unit, the 24th Portable Surgical Hospital and remained overseas for three years. Sergeant Hervey saw action in the Papuan campaign, the New Guinea campaign and the landing at Nassau Bay and the Luzon campaign in the Philippines. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars and one Arrowhead, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star, Distinguished Unit Citation with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Medical Badge and the Good Conduct Medal. Sergeant Hervey was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee October 13, 1945. His wife is the former Shirley Halperin of Hot Springs.



JOHN A. HERVEY



JAMES E. LESTER

Lt. (j.g.) James Edward Lester, son of Mary and Chester DuBose Lester, was born at Hope, Arkansas, on November 18, 1921. He received his education by attending Hope High School and Hendrix College at Conway, Arkansas. Entering the Navy on April 5, 1943, he received boot training at Midshipman's School at Columbia University, New York, and attended Sub-Chaser School at Miami, Florida, and Gunnery School at Pearl Harbor, specializing in gunnery. Lieutenant Lester served 30 months on destroyer escort as commanding officer of the U.S.S. Jacob Jones. He received an honorable discharge on December 21, 1945, at Jacksonville, Florida, and returned to Hope, where he lives with his wife, Mary, and their son.



1st Lt. William Rolen Orton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Rolen Orton of Texarkana, was born at Fulton, Arkansas, May 4, 1922. He attended Hope High School at Hope, Arkansas; Gulf Coast Military Academy, and completed his education at the University of Arkansas. He entered military service on July 3, 1943, and was selected to attend the Infantry Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Lieutenant Orton served one and a half years in this country and was sent to the European theater in April, 1944. During his more than 15 months overseas he took part in the Normandy, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns while serving with Co. L, 12th Infantry Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division. Wounded in France on July 11, 1944, he was awarded the Purple Heart and also holds the Bronze Star Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation. He served two months with the Army of Occupation of Germany and was placed on inactive duty at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, February 9, 1946.



WILLIAM R. ORTON, JR.



HENRY K. McHARG, III

Capt. Henry K. McHarg, III, was born on August 8, 1913, at Atlantic City, New Jersey, and moved to Arkansas in 1942. A graduate of the University of Arizona, he entered the Engineering Corps on March 8, 1941. He received basic training at R.O.T.C. and Holabird Motor Transport Service School, qualifying as expert carbine and rifleman. Attached to 7010th Engineer staff, he departed for England February 28, 1944, participating in assault of arrowhead, Utah beach, Normandy, France, and for meritorious service was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and unit Croix de Guerre. Captain McHarg, after serving almost two years overseas, received an honorable discharge December 31, 1946, at Ft. Meade, Maryland, and now resides at Hope with his wife, Sara Ann, and their child.



Lt. (s. g.) George W. Robison is the son of Mrs. Claude W. Garner of Hope, Arkansas. Born at Hope April 10, 1915, he was educated in the Hope Public Schools; at Castle Heights Military Academy, and the University of Texas. Lieutenant Robison entered the Navy on February 22, 1943. He completed his primary Naval training at Quonset Point, Rhode Island, and served one year in this country before he was sent to the Aleutian Islands in February, 1944. Overseas in the Aleutian and Alaskan areas for a total of 18 months, he was returned to the United States and was released from active Naval service on November 27, 1945, at Jacksonville, Florida. He and his wife, Marilyn, are the parents of one child.



GEORGE W. ROBISON



JAMES T. LUCK

Musician 2/c James Thomas Luck, son of Fred Alfred and Tory Lee Ingram Luck of Hope, Arkansas, was born at Rosston, Arkansas, November 4, 1921. He attended Hope High School and Hendrix College and enlisted in the regular Navy on June 1, 1942. He served boot training at Norfolk, Virginia, and then attended the Navy School of Music at Washington, D. C. In August, 1943, he was sent to Casablanca, North Africa, as a member of the crew of the U.S.S. Washington. Overseas 22 months, he served in both the European and Pacific theaters, and saw action in the Marshall Islands, Bonin Islands, Formosa, and China Sea campaigns as well as the two battles of the Philippine Sea and the air sweeps of Tokyo Bay and the Kurile Islands. Holder of the European Theater Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with nine Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal, his enlistment will expire on June 1, 1948.



Ens. Wilburn Ray Caudle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton H. Caudle of Hope, Arkansas, was born at Bodcaw, Arkansas, August 2, 1919. He attended Hope High School, Magnolia A. & M. College and Draughon's Business College. Enlisting in the National Guard in September 1939, he was discharged in 1940, and in the emergency he enlisted in the Navy on September 19, 1941. Ensign Caudle served his flight training at Athens, Georgia, and Dallas, Texas, and was commissioned as a Navy pilot. In April 1944, he was sent to the South Pacific theater and served on patrol duty in that area until he was killed in a plane accident on September 29, 1944. This gallant young officer is survived by his widow, Louise Eley Caudle, and his parents.



WILBURN R. CAUDLE



JAMES G. MARTINDALE

Maj. James G. Martindale, son of the late Dr. George H. Martindale, and Mrs. Martindale, was born in Hope, Arkansas. He graduated from the University of Arkansas and the University of Arkansas School of Medicine, being an established physician and surgeon at Hope before entering military service. He served as medical examiner for Selective Service in Hempstead County, for which he was decorated with the Selective Service Congressional Medal. As first aid chairman of the Hempstead County chapter of the American Red Cross, he organized and trained a large class of instructors in first aid and also instigated the organization of a nurse's aide unit in Hope. He entered the Army Medical Corps December 28, 1942, and was attached to the Army Air Forces. After graduating from the Army Air Forces School for Medical Officers at Miami Beach, Florida, he served a year as chief of surgery at the Dyersburg Army Air Base, Dyersburg, Tennessee. He spent 15 months with the 8th Air Force in England, where he served as surgeon of the 426th Air Service Group, with intermittent assignments in surgery at the 49th Station Hospital and the 163rd General Hospital, also in England. He was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with three Stripes and six Battle Stars and Presidential Unit Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster. After being honorably discharged at Drew Field, Florida, December 31, 1945, Dr. Martindale resumed his practice at Hope. He is married to the former Miss Nell Rose Bush, and is the father of Lt. Jud Bush Martindale.



Lt. Jud Bush Martindale, son of Nell Bush and Dr. James G. Martindale, was born January 14, 1924, in Prescott, Arkansas. He graduated from Hope High School, received three years of pre-medical training at Hendrix College, and was in his sophomore year at the University of Arkansas School of Medicine when he entered military service. Receiving basic training at Camp Barkeley, Texas, he received training with the 630th Medical Clearing Co. and graduated from A.S.F. Medical Field Service School at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Commissioned second lieutenant, Medical Administration Corps, he served at Letterman General Hospital and made trips across the United States with a hospital train unit of the Presidio of San Francisco, evacuating the wounded from the Pacific theater and transferring battle casualties from the European theater to general hospitals. He served as instructor in basic training at Ft. Lewis, Washington. Volunteering for service with an airborne unit in preparation for the invasion of Japan, he was awarded Paratrooper Insignia and Wings upon completion of the required jumps at Ft. Scott, California. After V-J Day, his unit was inactivated and he returned to his former assignment. Lieutenant Martindale was also awarded the Good Conduct Medal. He is still in service at Brooks Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, where he is commanding officer of Co. A, 3rd Training Bn. His home is in Hope, Arkansas.



JUD B. MARTINDALE



JULIAN E. SPILLERS

2nd Lt. Julian E. Spillers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Spillers, was born at Hope, Arkansas, September 22, 1917. He attended Hope High School and was later employed as bookkeeper for the First National Bank, Ritchie Grocery Co., and Nunn-McDowell Motor Co. He served in the National Guard from February 1938, to January 1940, and entered the Army Air Forces on March 7, 1942. Receiving basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Santa Ana, California, he attended AAF Navigation School at Ellington Field, Texas, and San Marcos, Texas, qualifying for aerial navigator and received Navigator-Air Medal, January 29, 1944. Leaving the United States November 3, 1943, for England where he was attached to 389th Bomb. Group (B-24), he saw extensive service in air operations over enemy territory. He was shot down over Frankfurt, January 29, 1944, and was a prisoner of war until liberated by the Russians on May 1, 1945. Lieutenant Spillers was awarded the Air Medal, among other decorations. He received an honorable discharge at Miami Beach, Florida, October 8, 1945, and now resides at Hope with his wife, Helen Virginia, and child.

1st Lt. Clifford Earl Whatley, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Whatley, was born January 26, 1919, in Smackover, Arkansas. He graduated from Hope High School and attended the University of Arkansas for three years, afterwards being employed as a storekeeper at the Southwestern Proving Ground in Hope. Entering the Air Corps in March 1942, he was called to active duty June 11, 1942, and received basic training at Randolph Field, Texas. He was commissioned at Brooks Field, Texas, on March 23, 1943, and qualified as pilot, twin-engine. Attached to the 321st Squadron, 5th Air Force, 90th Bomb Group (Jolly Rogers), Lieutenant Whatley departed December 1, 1943, for Australia. Overseas for eight months, he was stationed on New Guinea and was killed in action when his plane, The Duchess, a B-24, went down 10 miles off the coast of Noemfoor on July 31, 1944, with only three survivors. Lieutenant Whatley was posthumously awarded the Air Medal and Purple Heart. He is survived by his parents; his wife, Marilyn Behrens Whatley, and one daughter, Virginia Ruth, who live in Hope, Arkansas.



CLIFFORD E. WHATLEY



ARTHUR H. BARR

M/Sgt. Arthur Hoge Barr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey B. Barr, Sr., was born May 25, 1921, in D'Lo, Mississippi, moving to Arkansas in 1930. He attended Hope High School, Arkansas College, and University of Missouri. Entering the Army Medical Department at Camp Robinson July 17, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Barkeley, Texas, qualifying as administrative noncommissioned officer. He served for two years in the United States with the 66th Medical Regt., 342nd Medical Regt., and Hq. Det. 185th Medical Bn. Departing August 23, 1944, for Europe, he remained overseas for a year and a half and participated in campaigns of the Rhine-land and Central Europe, spending three months with the Army of Occupation. He was awarded European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with two Campaign Stars, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, and Victory Medal. After being honorably discharged February 3, 1946, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to Hope, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Martha.

1st Lt. Harvey Betts Barr, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey B. Barr, Sr., was born September 9, 1918, in D'Lo, Mississippi, moving to Arkansas in 1930. He attended Hope High School and Arkansas College, afterwards being engaged as a teacher. Entering the Air Corps March 24, 1942, he received basic training at Kelly Field, Texas, and attended Preflight School, Gunnery School, and Navigation School, qualifying as aerial gunner January 1943, and aerial navigator June 1943. Departing in September 1943, for the European Theater of Operations, Lieutenant Barr served overseas for more than seven months and participated in the air battle over Europe. While serving as navigator on a B-17, he was shot down in action over Cognac, France, on December 31, 1943. Escaping into a neutral country, he made his way back to England and returned to the United States. He was awarded the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and Unit Citation. After being honorably discharged February 19, 1946, at Camp Beale, California, he returned to Hope, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Virginia, and their child.



HARVEY B. BARR, JR.



OLIVER F. GILLIAM

Chief Petty Officer Oliver Franklin Gilliam, son of Mrs. Dona Ellen Gilliam, was born at Mena, Arkansas, June 28, 1919. He received his education by attending the Grade and High School in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He entered the Navy May 20, 1941, and received boot training at Norfolk, Virginia, qualifying for chief commissary steward. He made numerous sailings from the United States and participated in landing assaults against the enemy in French Morocco; Scoglitti, Sicily, Salerno, Italy, and St. Tropez, France. He received an honorable discharge at Memphis, Tennessee, on October 14, 1945, returning to Hope, where he lives with his wife, Elizabeth.

Cpl. Raymond Fred Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard E. Jones, was born December 24, 1907, in Hope, Arkansas. He attended Magnolia A. & M., Henderson State Teachers College, and Chillicothe Business College, afterwards being engaged in bookkeeping at the Citizen's National Bank in Hope. A member of the National Guard since August 1928, he entered the Infantry April 19, 1944, and received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. He attended Cooks' and Bakers' School and qualified as rifle sharpshooter and machine gun and carbine expert. Corporal Jones served in the United States for 22 months with Co. A, 116th I.T.B., 78th Regt., and was honorably discharged March 4, 1946, at Camp Chaffee. He lives in Hope, Arkansas, with his wife, Martha, and their child.



RAYMOND F. JONES



WINGFIELD D. STROUD

Sgt. Wingfield D. Stroud, son of Mrs. Beulah Stroud, was born at Hope, Arkansas, March 4, 1915. He received his education by attending Hope High School and Henderson State Teachers College. He entered the Infantry on July 17, 1942, receiving basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, where he qualified as expert rifleman .30-caliber and M-1, and received Combat Infantryman's Badge. He departed from the United States for the North African-Italian theater, participating in the Rome-Arno, Rhineland, and Central Europe campaigns. For meritorious service in these theaters, he received the Good Conduct Medal and three Bronze Service Bars. Sergeant Stroud received an honorable discharge at Ft. Leonard Wood, October 27, 1945, returning to Hope where he now resides.

Pvt. James Barton Saunders, son of Barton McRae Saunders of Route 2, Emmett, Arkansas, was born at Sutton, Arkansas, November 3, 1917. He attended Landberg High School and Magnolia A. & M. College. Private Saunders enlisted in the Army and was inducted at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, July 14, 1941. He received basic training at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, and additional training at Hamlet, North Carolina. He left the United States for overseas service from Staten Island, New York on November 2, 1942, and arrived in French Morocco November 19, 1942. He participated in action against the enemy in the Allied attack on French Morocco at Casablanca November 19; invasion of Sicily, August 6, 1943, and in the invasion of Italy near Agrapoli on September 9, 1943. Private Saunders was killed in action March 19, 1944, eight miles north of Anzio, Italy, while serving with Co. B, 36th Engineers. He was authorized to wear the Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon and European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Stars.



JAMES B. SAUNDERS



WILLIAM L. WRAY

Specialist (Athletic) 3/c William L. Wray is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wray of Hope, Arkansas, where he was born on July 1, 1911. He completed his education at Arkansas State Teachers College at Conway and was a retail building material dealer until entering the Navy on April 17, 1944. After serving boot training at San Diego, California, he was sent to Bainbridge, Maryland, for special training. He became an athletic instructor and served in the United States until he was sent to Okinawa in August, 1945. Overseas four months, he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, January 2, 1946. He and his wife, Mattie, have two children.

Capt. Jim McKenzie, son of Mary and Ury McKenzie, was born at Morrilton, Arkansas, February 4, 1909. He received his education at Hot Springs High School, University of Arkansas, and Tulane College of Medicine, and entered the Medical Corps May 18, 1942. Attending School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, he qualified for flight surgeon and, after serving one year in the United States, was sent to England with the 13th Bomb. Wing in May 1943. For over two years, Captain McKenzie participated in the offensive over Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, and Ardennes and for meritorious service was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation with one Leaf, six Bronze Stars, four Overseas Bars, and European Theater of Operations Ribbon. He received an honorable discharge at Drew Field, Tampa, Florida, December 10, 1945, and now resides at Hope with his wife, Mary Wood, and their children.



JIM McKENZIE



GLEN M. WILLIAMS

Capt. Glen Mitchell Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jett Williams, was born September 8, 1921, at Hope, Arkansas. He attended Hope Public Schools, Arkansas State Teachers College, George Washington University, and Kansas City University, afterwards being employed as clerk and administrative assistant by FHA and FCA. Entering the Quartermaster Corps January 12, 1943, he received basic training at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, and attended Officer Candidate School at Camp Lee, Virginia; Cooks' and Bakers' School at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and Administration and Personnel School at Ft. Warren. After serving in the United States for a year and a half, Captain Williams departed May 12, 1944, for Liverpool, England, and remained overseas for a year and nine months. He participated in campaigns of Northern France, Central Europe, Rhineland, and Ardennes, and was awarded American Theater Ribbon, Meritorious Service Award, European Theater Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged March 21, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Hope, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Mary Cornelia.

Sgt. Jett Williams, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jett Williams, Sr., was born April 16, 1918, in Hope, Arkansas. He attended Hope High School and Texas Military College. Entering the Army April 2, 1943, he received basic training at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, and attended Engineers' School, University of Kentucky, qualifying as topographic draftsman and rifle sharpshooter. Sergeant Williams served in the United States more than two years with the 706th E.P.D. Co., C.E., and departed May 16, 1945, for Hawaii, remaining overseas for 11 months. He spent six months with the Army of Occupation in Japan, and was awarded American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Victory Ribbon, and Occupation Ribbon. After being honorably discharged May 1, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, he returned to his home in Hope, Arkansas.



JETT WILLIAMS, JR.



JAMES W. BRANCH

Lt. Col. James W. Branch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Branch of Little Rock, where he was born March 26, 1909. He attended Little Rock High School, the University of Arkansas, Northwestern University and the University of Arkansas Medical School. Colonel Branch entered the Army Medical Corps February 3, 1941, and completed his primary military training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky and Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. He then became an Army surgeon and served three years in this country with the Army Service Forces. In February 1944, he arrived in England and remained in the European theater for 18 months. He took part in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and won the Silver Star for bravery, the Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, French Croix de Guerre, Commendation from major general and Purple Heart. He was returned to this country in July 1945. Colonel Branch was released from active service at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, November 22, 1945. He and his wife, the former Nell Wilkes, are the parents of three children.

Gunner's Mate 2/c Luther Nelson Garner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther N. Garner, Sr., was born at Hope, Arkansas, December 20, 1922. He graduated from the Hope High School and Texas A. & M. Entering the Navy November 17, 1942, he received basic training at Naval Training Station, San Diego, California. Attending Fleet Service School, he qualified for gunner's mate and received Expert Rifleman's Medal on September 6, 1943. Mate Garner saw extensive service in the South Pacific and for meritorious service was awarded two major Battle Stars. After over a year's service overseas, he received an honorable discharge at Memphis, Tennessee, November 6, 1945, and now resides at Hope.



LUTHER N. GARNER, JR.



MILTON C. EASON

Capt. Milton C. Eason, son of Mrs. S. D. Eason, was born at Hope, Arkansas, August 1, 1906. He received his education at Hope High School, after which he was employed as general merchandise salesman. He entered the Army December 23, 1940, receiving basic training at the Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Georgia, after which he departed for Alaska September 22, 1941, attached to the 153rd Infantry. After over three years' service in Alaska, he returned to the United States and entered Provost Marshall's School at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, where he received medals for his proficiency in the use of the rifle, carbine and pistol. He was promoted to captain and made unit commander MP 9110. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and received an honorable discharge at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, November 3, 1945. He now resides in Hope with his wife, Pearl.

2nd Lt. Percy E. Ramsey, son of William M. and Martha A. Ramsey, was born at Zephyr, Texas, January 31, 1917, and moved to Arkansas in 1918. He received his education by attending Oglesby Grade School, Guernsey High School, Hope High School, Arkansas University, and Henderson State Teachers College. He joined the National Guard in 1937 and entered the Army Air Corps in September 1940, receiving basic training at Sikeston, Missouri, and further training at Randolph Field, Texas, and Brooks Field, Texas. He departed from the United States June 6, 1941, for the South Pacific and was taken prisoner when Bataan fell to the Japanese. Lieutenant Ramsey was being moved from Prison Camp No. 8 on the Philippines to Japan when the prison ship was sunk by a torpedo about 200 miles off the coast of China. Prior to being taken prisoner, he had incurred two minor wounds and had been awarded the Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster. His parents now live at Hope, Arkansas.



PERCY E. RAMSEY



MERRILL E. McCLOUGHAN

Aviation Radioman 3/c Merrill E. McCloughan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Marion McCloughan, was born December 5, 1925, in Muskogee, Oklahoma, moving to Arkansas in 1927. After attending high school he entered the Navy May 19, 1943, receiving boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois. He received radio and radar, gunnery, and operational training, qualifying as radioman-gunner. Departing April 26, 1945, for Okinawa, he remained overseas for a year and participated in the Okinawa campaign. He was awarded American Theater Ribbon, and Letter of Commendation. After being honorably discharged May 7, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to his home in Hope, Arkansas.

Maj. Royce S. Weisenberger, son of Stella J. and the late C. J. Weisenberger of Hope, Arkansas, was born at Keota, Iowa, December 11, 1907, and moved with his parents to Arkansas in 1919. He completed his education at the University of Arkansas and became a lawyer and legislator. Entering the National Guard, he became a member of the Officer's Reserve Corps in 1937, and was called to active duty in May, 1942. Major Weisenberger attended Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Georgia, and Military Government School, Ft. Custer, Michigan. He was assigned to 6th Armored Division and arrived in the European theater in February, 1944. Overseas more than 20 months, he saw action in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe campaigns and was the first Arkansas officer to enter Berlin, arriving May 9, 1945. Wounded at the crossing of the Saar River, he was awarded the Purple Heart and also holds the Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Croix de Guerre, Victory and Army of Occupation Ribbons. He was placed on inactive duty December 17, 1945. He and his wife, Dorothy, have two children.



ROYCE S. WEISENBERGER



J. J. HONEYCUTT, JR.

Sgt. Jewell J. Honeycutt, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Honeycutt, Sr., was born at Hope, Arkansas, July 23, 1923. He received his education at Hope High School, graduating June 1941. He attended Arkansas State Trade School, Little Rock, January to April, 1942 (aircraft sheet metal course), after which he was employed by Consolidated Aircraft Corp., San Diego, California. He entered the Army Air Corps February 24, 1943, receiving basic training at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas, and Combination Welding School, Chanute Field, Illinois, qualifying in aircraft sheet metal workmanship. He received medal for marksmanship in the use of the pistol. He departed October 21, 1943, with the 89th Dep. Rep. Sq. 31 Air Dep. Group for England and, after almost two years' service overseas was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Sergeant Honeycutt received an honorable discharge at Kelly Field, San Antonio, November 21, 1945, and now resides at Hope with his wife, Dorothy Marie.

Sgt. Thomas D. Honeycutt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jewel J. Honeycutt of Hope, Arkansas, where he was born March 11, 1925. Educated in the Hope High School, he entered the Marine Corps on June 1, 1943. Sergeant Honeycutt served his boot training period at San Diego, California, and then attended the Torpedo School at Great Lakes, Illinois, and San Diego. In August, 1944, he was sent to Saipan in the Marianas Islands and remained in the Pacific theater for a total of 17 months. Serving with the 3rd Fleet, he saw action at Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and in the bombardment of Japan. Holder of the Presidential Unit Citation and the Navy Unit Citation, he was honorably discharged at Miramar, San Diego, California, on February 8, 1946. Sergeant Honeycutt is now a student at Hendrix College at Conway, Arkansas.



THOMAS D. HONEYCUTT



RAY C. CRANK

Pfc. Ray C. Crank, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Crank of Hope, Arkansas, was born at Rosston, Arkansas, March 1, 1913. He attended Rosston High School and was employed as manager of the Wellworth 5 & 10c Store at Texarkana, Arkansas, prior to entering military service March 1, 1943. Assigned to the Air Corps, he was sent to Miami Beach, Florida, for basic training and later attended the Administrative Clerk's School at Ft. Logan, Colorado. Private Crank became expert at all phases of Army administration and was sent to the South Pacific theater in January 1944, with his unit, the 1721st Signal Service Bn. (aviation). Overseas almost two years, he served throughout the Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, and Southern Philippines campaigns and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater and Victory Ribbons, and Marksman Medal for the carbine. Private Crank was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on January 3, 1946. His wife is the former Mary Allie Dillard.

Sgt. Pink Weldon Taylor, son of Pink William and India Reed Taylor, was born October 15, 1922, at Rosston, Arkansas. He received his education at Hope High School and A. & M. College at Magnolia, after which he was employed as transportation clerk by Missouri Pacific Railroad Co. Entering the Army Air Forces February 3, 1943, he received basic training at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and by attending Service Schools at Amarillo Field and Chanute Field, Illinois, qualified for aircraft electrician. Attached to the 500th Bomb Group he departed from the United States August 13, 1944, for Saipan, and participated in the Western Pacific, Eastern Mandates campaigns and air offensive over Japan. For meritorious service he was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Service Stars and Presidential Unit Citation. Sergeant Taylor received an honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, December 30, 1945, and now resides at Hope with his wife, Annie Laura.



PINK W. TAYLOR



HARRY T. McLEMORE

Chief Motor Machinist Mate Harry Trieber McLemore, son of Mrs. Maybelle Buchanan McLemore, was born at Little Rock, January 25, 1914. After graduating from the Hope High School he was employed by the State Highway Department, Southwestern Proving Ground, and Pine Bluff Arsenal. He entered the Navy Seabees November 11, 1942, and received boot training at Camp Bradford, Virginia. Serving in the United States for 26 months, he was sent to Calicoan, P. I., and participated in the invasion of the Philippines. For meritorious service he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Memphis, November 14, 1945, returning to Hope where he now resides with his wife, Louise.

Ens. Mark Marion Buchanan, son of Mrs. Marion Buchanan, was born at Hope, Arkansas, September 18, 1923. He received his education at Hope High School and University of Arkansas. He entered the Naval Air Corps December 12, 1942, and qualified for Naval aviator by attending Navy Flight Prep. School at University of Texas; CAA-WTS at Schreiner Institute at Kerrville, Texas; Navy Pre-Flight School at University of Georgia; primary training, Naval Air Station at Glenview, Illinois; advanced training at Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi, Texas; operational training at Naval Air Station, Deland, Florida, graduating in top 10 bracket of aviators at Corpus Christi, and receiving his commission as ensign and wings September 12, 1945. He has received the American Theater Ribbon and Air-Rescue Squadron Ribbon and remains in the regular Navy.



MARK M. BUCHANAN



TRUMAN ARRINGTON

S/Sgt. Truman Arrington, son of Mrs. Mary Etta Arrington of Route 2, Hope, Arkansas, was born at Patmos, Arkansas, April 5, 1921. He attended Washington (Arkansas) High School, then engaged in farming prior to entering the Army Air Corps on October 27, 1942. He was sent to Moore Field, Mission, Texas, for basic training, and later to Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin, for special training in radio mechanics. After a year and a half in the United States he was sent with his unit, the 483rd Bomber Group, to the Italian front. Overseas 19 months, he participated in the general air offensive, not only in the Rome-Arno and Po Valley theaters, but also in the Southern France, Balkans, Northern France, North Apennines, Normandy and the Rhineland sectors. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and Presidential Unit Citation with an Oak Leaf Cluster. He was honorably discharged on October 10, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. His wife is Alta Lorena Arrington.

Flight Officer William W. Bright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Bright, was born at Tokio, Arkansas, May 8, 1917. He attended Hope Public Schools after which he was engaged in farming. He entered the Army Air Corps June 17, 1941, and received basic training at Barksdale Field, Louisiana. Attending Academy of Aeronautics, Jackson Heights, New York, and Flight Engineer School, Lowry Field, Colorado, he qualified for mechanic and flight engineer and was attached to Sqdn. T., Gulfport, Mississippi. After serving more than four years, Flight Officer Bright received an honorable discharge at Gulfport Army Air Field, October 24, 1945, and returned to Hope.



WILLIAM W. BRIGHT



WILLIS G. SMITH

Lt. Comdr. Willis Garrett Smith, son of Dr. and Mrs. Don Smith, was born at Hope, Arkansas, December 11, 1916. He received his education by attending State Teachers College at Conway and Henderson State Teachers College at Arkadelphia. Enlisting in the Navy, he received boot training at Harvard University June 16 to September 16, 1941. He was aboard the U.S.S. Lassen en route to Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese attack. After serving on the Lassen for one year in the South Pacific, he was transferred to the destroyer Balch. Commander Smith participated in the campaigns of Guadalcanal, Attu, and Bougainville, and also served on the South Pacific staff at Island Noumea, P. I., and was sent to Washington, D. C.; Fallbrook, California, and Manicani, P. I., ship repair base. Among other decorations, he received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Stars and was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, December 18, 1946, returning to Hope, Arkansas.

Chief Petty Officer Robert C. Ellen, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Ellen, Sr., was born September 17, 1921, in Hope, Arkansas. He graduated from Hope High School and attended Arkansas State Teachers College, afterwards being employed at Southwest Proving Ground. Enlisting May 1, 1942, in the Maritime Service, he received basic training at St. Petersburg, Florida, and attended Laundry School in Washington, D. C., serving as head of laundry maintenance department during his 26 months in the Maritime Service. Entering the Navy, he was sent to San Diego, California, for a year's service. He expects to be discharged in May, 1946. His wife, Marian, and their two children, live in Hope, Arkansas.



ROBERT C. ELLEN, JR.



CECIL A. STRINGFELLOW

Shipfitter 2/c Cecil Allison Stringfellow, son of James Sie and Grace S. Stringfellow, was born at Guernsey, Arkansas, December 20, 1917. He received his education at the Hope Public Schools, and after graduation, was employed as body and fender workman by the Hempstead Motor Co. until entering the Navy Seabees October 1, 1942. He received boot training at Norfolk, Virginia, and Gulfport, Mississippi. By attendance at service school he qualified as welder. Leaving the United States December 13, 1942, he was sent to New Caledonia and later to the Admiralty Islands. After serving over two years overseas he was awarded the Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and Asiatic-Pacific Theater and American Defense Ribbons. Receiving an honorable discharge at San Pedro, California, November 17, 1945, he returned to Hope where he lives with his wife, Allene, and their child.

Lt. Merl Corley Tedder, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Luther Tedder, was born September 20, 1914, in Plainview, Arkansas. He attended Hope High School, afterwards being engaged as manager of an automobile parts store. Entering the Navy January 23, 1943, he received flight training at Dallas, Texas, qualifying as Naval aviator. After serving in the United States for more than two years, Lieutenant Tedder departed April 26, 1945, for Pearl Harbor, and remained overseas for more than eight months. He was honorably discharged March 2, 1946, at Camp Wallace, Texas, and returned to his home in Hope, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Cathryn Elizabeth.



MERL C. TEDDER



LAWRENCE J. CAGLE

Fireman 1/c Lawrence Joseph Cagle, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cagle, was born October 26, 1918, in Little Rock, Arkansas. He attended Little Rock Public Schools, afterwards being employed by the Arkansas State Highway Department. Entering the Navy April 15, 1942, he received boot training at Norfolk, Virginia, where he qualified as expert rifleman. In November 1942, he departed for Sitka, Alaska, and in June 1943, was sent to Attu, returning to the United States after a year and four months' service. He was awarded American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, and Good Conduct Medal. After being honorably discharged June 4, 1945, at Naval Hospital, Banning, California, he returned to Hope, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Pauline Tedder Cagle.

Pfc. Coy Stone, son of Oscar and Lizzie Stone, was born at McCaskill, Arkansas, May 3, 1910. He received his education in the Friendship Public Schools, and was engaged in farming and truck driving until entering the Army Transportation Corps December 28, 1943. Receiving basic training at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, he received medal for proficiency as rifle expert and was assigned to 732nd Railway Operating Bn. Private Stone saw service in the Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe campaigns, and for meritorious service was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon and Victory Ribbon. After serving overseas for over a year, he received an honorable discharge at Jefferson Barracks, November 24, 1945, returning to Hope, where he lives with his wife, Ruby, and their children.



COY STONE



HENRY Z. HOLLY

Capt. Henry Z. Holly, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Holly, was born at Magnolia, Arkansas. He received his education at Hope High School and University of Arkansas. He was a member of the National Guard from September 5, 1935, to September 1, 1937, and entered the regular Army Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft July 1, 1941. Receiving basic training at R.O.T.C. at University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, he also attended A.A. Service School at Camp Davis, North Carolina. Assigned to 9th Infantry, 2nd Infantry Division, 473rd AAA AW Bn. (SP), he landed in England April 16, 1944, and participated in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Germany campaigns and spent four months with the Army of Occupation. For meritorious service Captain Holly was awarded the American Defense, American Theater and ETO Ribbons with four Stars. He received an honorable discharge at Jefferson Barracks, February 22, 1946, returning to Hope where he resides with his wife, Bobby, and their two children.

Pfc. Joe Howard McCulley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Adam McCulley of Hope, Arkansas, where he was born October 24, 1920. He attended Hope High School and was an optician for the Mills and Thompson Optometrists until entering military service on September 6, 1944. Private McCulley served his Infantry basic training at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, and became a rifleman and bandsman. After only five months in this country, he was sent to the Panama Canal Zone in February 1945, and remained there for a total of more than 13 months. Holder of the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon and the Marksman Medal, he was returned to this country and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on March 25, 1946. He and his wife, the former Gussie Mae Thomason, have one daughter.



JOE H. McCULLEY



JAMES G. JOHNSON

Pvt. James G. Johnson, son of Raymond and Anna Bell Johnson, was born at Fulton, Arkansas, February 18, 1924. He received his education at Fulton, High School and was later employed as clerk. Entering the Infantry March 9, 1943, he received basic training at Ft. McClellan, Alabama. After six months' service in the United States, he received Medal for Marksmanship and departed for North Africa and Italy in August 1943. Participating in the fighting in Italy, he was wounded but continued in action until killed. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star. His parents reside at Fulton, Arkansas.

Pfc. Raymond Johnson, Jr., was the son of Raymond and Annabell Johnson of Fulton, Arkansas, where he was born on May 15, 1919. Educated at Fulton High School, he was employed as a truck driver until entering military service on May 19, 1942. He was assigned to the Infantry and received his basic training at Camp Wallace, Texas, before arriving in the European Theater of Operations in February, 1945. This brave soldier was killed in action during the heavy fighting at the Rhine River crossing in Germany. His wife is Mary Virginia Johnson.



RAYMOND JOHNSON, JR.



GEORGE W. HARTSFIELD

T/4 George W. Hartsfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Hartsfield, was born at Hope, Arkansas, March 23, 1916. He received his education by attending Hope High School, after which he was engaged in farming and construction work. Entering the Coast Artillery on June 23, 1941, he received basic training at Camp Haan, California, and by attending Artillery Mechanics' School qualified as artillery mechanic. Attached to Battery A, 413th A.A.A. Gun Bn., he landed in Europe on November 20, 1943, and participated in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Germany campaigns. He also spent four months with the Army of Occupation. He was wounded in action in Normandy on June 6, 1944, and among other decorations, received the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, September 30, 1945, returning to Hope, where he lives with his wife, Uma, and their child.

Sgt. Hervey Ayers Holt, son of Milton R. and Fannie H. Holt, was born at Hope, Arkansas, March 19, 1910. He attended Hope High School and Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and was later employed as bookkeeper by the B. R. Hamm Motor Co. of Hope until entering the Infantry October 16, 1942. He received basic training at Ft. Lewis, Washington, qualifying as clerk and typist, and was distribution sergeant for division headquarters in the adjutant general's office. He saw over 18 months' service in the South Pacific and for meritorious service received the Good Conduct Medal and Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations Ribbon. Sergeant Holt received an honorable discharge at Harmon General Hospital, Temple, Texas, April 26, 1945, and now resides at Hope with his wife, Jeanette.



HERVEY A. HOLT



HUGH CARROLL KEITH

1st Lt. Hugh Carroll Keith, son of Bert and Marian Keith, was born at Bussey, Arkansas, on April 30, 1916. He graduated from the Hope High School in 1934, and attended A. & M. College at Magnolia one and one-half years, University of Arkansas one year, and Henderson State Teachers College one-half year. He entered the Army Air Corps in March 1941, receiving basic training at Randolph Field. By attending Service Schools at Luke Field, Randolph Field and Kelly Field, he qualified as pilot and instructor. In command of the 35th Training Squadron, he was killed in a plane crash while on routine flight at Foster Field, Texas, after serving 19 months.

Chief Petty Officer Paul Morgan Keith, son of Bert and Marian Keith, was born at Magnolia, Arkansas, November 8, 1909. He graduated from Hope High School in 1926 and attended Hendrix College at Conway for three years, after which he was employed by the Arkansas State Highway Department for eight years and the Corps of Engineers for five years. Entering the Navy (Seabees) in July 1943, he received boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia. He attended Service School for Gunnery and Mosquito Control and specialized in civil engineering. He was sent to the Hawaiian and Johnston Islands on March 15, 1944, and, after serving 19 months overseas, was honorably discharged at Memphis, October 24, 1945, returning to Little Rock, where he now lives with his wife, Dorothy.



PAUL M. KEITH



SAMUEL P. REVIS

Carpenter's Mate 1/c Samuel Phillips Revis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Revis, was born August 9, 1909, at Benton, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Benton Public Schools, after which he was employed by Midwest Construction Company. Entering the Navy August 21, 1942, he received boot training at Davisville, Rhode Island, qualifying for pontoon assembly. After six months' training in the United States, he departed February 3, 1943, attached to 46th and 58th (Seabee) Bn. the Pacific area, where he saw service at Guadalcanal, Finschhafen, New Guinea, Admiralty Islands, and Okinawa. After serving over two years overseas, he returned to the United States October 16, 1945, and was honorably discharged at Memphis, October 26, 1945, returning to Hope where he lives with his wife, Mae Bell.

Maj. K. McRae Lemley, son of Judge and Mrs. Harry J. Lemley, was born November 26, 1918, at Hope, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Hope High School; A. & M. College, Magnolia, Arkansas; Marion Institute, Marion, Alabama, and United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. He has been with the Field Artillery, regular Army, since graduating from the academy. Major Lemley later attended Field Artillery School, Engineer School, and Command and General Staff School, specializing for Field Artillery unit commander. Attached to 18th Field Artillery Bn., 685th Field Artillery Bn., he departed from the United States February 2, 1944, for the European theater, where he participated in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central European campaigns. Major Lemley has been awarded the Croix de Guerre and the Bronze Star Medal and, after serving four months with the Army of Occupation, returned to the United States September 9, 1945. He was attached to Military Intelligence Service, G-2, Washington, D. C., according to last report received. He and his wife, Sarah, are the parents of one child.



K. McRAE LEMLEY



HARRY J. LEMLEY, JR.

Col. Harry J. Lemley, Jr., son of Judge and Mrs. Harry J. Lemley, was born at Hope, Arkansas, February 1, 1914. He received his education by attending Hope High School; Marion Institute, Marion, Alabama, and the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, graduating from the academy in 1935. He has served in the Field Artillery, Regular Army, since graduation, attached to Corps Headquarters. Departing from the United States in August 1943, with the 18th Field Artillery Brigade and VI Corps Artillery, Colonel Lemley saw action in the battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe and has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Croix de Guerre de l'ordre du Corps d'Armee. He was assistant director, Armed Forces Division, Office of Military Government, Berlin, Germany, with the Army of Occupation since May 8, 1945, according to last report received. He and his wife, Margaret, are the parents of one child.

S/Sgt. Rimmel H. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Young of Hope, Arkansas, was born on October 19, 1916, at Prescott, Arkansas, and attended the University of Missouri, after which he was manager of a Malco Theater. Entering the Army Air Corps in May, 1942, he received basic training at Keesler Field, Mississippi, later attending Service School at Truax Field, Wisconsin. After serving meritoriously for almost three years, he was honorably discharged on February 10, 1945, at San Francisco, California.



REMMEL H. YOUNG



FRED H. COOK, JR.

Pfc. Fred Hughean Cook, Jr., son of Ruth White and Fred H. Cook, Sr., was born at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, July 2, 1923, moving to Arkansas in 1937. After completing his education by attending Arkansas College at Batesville, he assisted in a laundry and dry cleaner's business until entering the Army Air Corps July 1, 1943. After receiving basic training at Kearns Field, Utah, he attended Service Schools at Clovis, New Mexico, and Fairmont, Nebraska, qualifying for mechanical drawing, secret service, and mapping airplane flights. Private Cook left Newport News, Virginia, on April 3, 1944, with his unit, en route to Algiers, aboard the U.S.S. Paul Hamilton, and was killed in action August 20, 1944, when this ship was bombed from a torpedo plane. The Presidential Citation and Purple Heart have been received by his parents, who now reside at 521 S. Hervey Street, Hope, Arkansas.

Sgt. Joseph C. Booker, son of Lillie Hutto and James Lester Booker, was born June 21, 1918, at Malvern, Arkansas. After attending Henderson State Teachers College he was employed as sales clerk. He entered the Infantry December 23, 1940, receiving basic training at Camp Robinson. He attended Officer Training School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, where he qualified for manager of post exchange and received sharpshooter and expert medal for his proficiency in the use of Browning automatic rifle, light and heavy machine gun, .45-caliber automatic pistol and M-1 rifle. He departed from the United States September 22, 1941, and served almost two years with 153rd Infantry in Alaska. He received an honorable discharge at Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia, September 25, 1945.



JOSEPH C. BOOKER



GEORGE V. KEITH

Gunner's Mate 2/c George Vincent Keith, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wise Keith, was born December 15, 1918, in Columbia County, Arkansas. He attended Hope High School, Oklahoma Military Academy, and Henderson State Teacher's College, afterwards being engaged as barber, welder, and mechanic. Entering the Naval Reserve May 9, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Gunnery School at Seattle, Washington, qualifying in Gunnery. He served for nearly two years in the United States, attached to Anti-Aircraft, and was honorably discharged February 18, 1946, at Bremerton, Washington. He lives in Hope, Arkansas, with his wife, Lelia Ellen.

S/Sgt. Phillip Irving Keith, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Keith, was born in Columbia County, Arkansas, September 25, 1920, and after securing a high school education worked for four years as a barber prior to entering the Army (Infantry) on December 23, 1940. Qualified by previous service in the Arkansas National Guard and by basic training at Camp Robinson, he departed on September 22, 1941, for Alaska with his unit, Company A, 153rd Infantry. He served as a communications sergeant on this front for more than 30 months, before returning to the United States for honorable discharge on October 28, 1944, at Veterans Hospital, Alexandria, Louisiana. His wife is Joyce Beasley Keith.



PHILLIP I. KEITH



NORRIS P. O'NEAL

Capt. Norris P. O'Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan P. O'Neal of Hope, Arkansas, was born April 4, 1908, in Gurdon, Arkansas. He attended the University of Arkansas and the University of Illinois, afterwards being engaged as a civil engineer. Entering the Infantry July 2, 1941, he received basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood as Reserve Officer and specialized in transportation. Attached to Co. G, 63rd Infantry, Captain O'Neal departed October 27, 1941, for the Philippine Islands and participated in the Philippine defense. He was captured by the Japanese at Bataan on April 9, 1942, and died January 13, 1945, on a prison ship in Formosa Harbor while en route to Japan.

Sgt. Frederick Paul O'Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest P. O'Neal, was born February 13, 1923, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, moving to Arkansas in 1928. He attended Hope High School and the University of Arkansas. Entering the Army Air Corps March 2, 1943, he received basic training at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri, specializing as clerk-typist. Attached to the 1787th Ordnance Supply and Maintenance Company, he departed December 5, 1943, for England, and remained overseas for a year and eight months, also serving with the 651st Air Material Sqdn., 451st Air Service Group. Sergeant O'Neal was awarded American Theater Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged November 19, 1945, at Drew Field, Tampa, Florida, he returned to his home in Hope, Arkansas.



FREDERICK P. O'NEAL



WILLIAM E. TOLLESON

Pfc. William Ellis Tolleson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Paul Tolleson of Hope, Arkansas, was born at Wright City, Oklahoma, February 23, 1925, and came to Arkansas in December, 1933. He attended Hope High School and Magnolia A. & M. College before entering military service on July 16, 1943. He completed basic training at Camp Maxey, Texas, and was then sent to the Army Specialized Training Program at Texas A. & M. College, where he remained until he was transferred to the 103rd Infantry Division. In October, 1944, he was sent to the European theater with this unit and saw action in three campaigns in Europe, participating in the fighting from November 1944, until the capture of Innsbruck on May 4, 1945. He is the holder of the Combat Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct Medal and the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, and was serving with the Army of Occupation of Germany, according to last report received.

Lt. Col. Lex C. Helms, Jr. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lex C. Helms of Hope, Arkansas, where he was born April 15, 1910. He attended Hope High School, University of Arkansas and North Carolina State College and was associated with International Harvester Co. until entering active military service on July 15, 1941. Colonel Helms was a reserve officer, having received his commission in the Reserve Corps at North Carolina State College. He served in this country with the 6th and 90th Infantry Divisions and was sent to Panama in May, 1943. The following month he was sent to the European theater, where he later saw action in the Rome-Arno and Northern Apennines campaigns in Italy. Overseas 30 months, he also served in North Africa, Sicily and Scotland. Holder of the American Defense Service Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars and the Victory Ribbon, he was placed on inactive duty and transferred to the Officer's Reserve Corps on February 22, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, June Narine, have one child.



LEX C. HELMS, JR.



RAYMOND E. BRIGHT

Aviation Metalsmith 2/c Raymond Earl Bright, son of Mrs. Mary Bright, was born at Hope, Arkansas, April 24, 1923. Following the completion of his education at Hope High School, he entered the Navy on January 16, 1942. Completing boot training at San Diego, California, he later attended Aviation Metalsmith's School in Chicago. During the 29 months he served outside the United States, he saw extensive service throughout the vast reaches of the South Pacific, including Pearl Harbor, Enewetok, Ulitha, Manila and Okinawa. Among his decorations for meritorious service is the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with Battle Stars denoting his engagements. He was honorably discharged from the Navy on December 22, 1945, at the Naval Separation Center, Memphis.

2nd Lt. Thomas Vasco Bright, son of Mrs. Mary Bright of 615 South Pine Street, Hope, Arkansas, was born at Nashville, Arkansas. He attended Hope High School and completed his education at Oklahoma A. & M. College at Stillwater, Oklahoma. Lieutenant Bright was a student there at the time he entered military service on October 1, 1940. He received basic training at Ontario, California, and later became an aviation cadet. He was assigned to pilot training and was graduated and commissioned as a pilot at Phoenix, Arizona. He became an instructor in the Army Air Forces and served in that capacity until he was killed in line of duty. This gallant officer had served one year with the Air Corps at the time of his death.



THOMAS V. BRIGHT



FOSTER M. CITY

S/Sgt. Foster Monroe City, son of George Wilton and Mary Monroe City, was born September 20, 1910, at Washington, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Washington and Hope High Schools. A member of the Arkansas National Guard since 1928, he entered the Army Air Force February 3, 1943, receiving basic training at St. Petersburg and Clearwater, Florida. By attending A.A.F. Airplane Mechanics' School, Gulfport, Mississippi; Aerial Gunnery School, Las Vegas, Nevada, and A.A.F. Hydraulic School, Chanute Field, Illinois, he qualified for aerial gunner. After 11 months' service in the United States, he departed for Europe January 18, 1944, participating in Normandy, air offensive over Europe, Northern France and Rhineland campaigns. Sergeant City was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon and four Bronze Stars, Air Medal with two Silver Oak Leaf Clusters and two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, and Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, August 31, 1945, and lives in Washington, Arkansas, with his wife, Ruth.

Cpl. Tom David Ridgdill, son of William D. and Ida Keith Ridgdill, was born October 17, 1910, at Hope, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Hope High School, after which he was employed as manager of Edison Brothers Stores, Inc., for 12 years. Entering the 742nd Amph. Tank Bn., December 31, 1943, he received basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, specializing as armored driver, medium tank, and canteen supervisor. After over two years' service, Corporal Ridgdill was honorably discharged February 7, 1946, at Camp Beale, California. He was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, American Campaign Ribbon, and Good Conduct Medal. He and his wife, Alice, live in Washington, Arkansas, with their daughter.



TOM D. RIDGDILL

1.—Yeoman 1/c James Turner Harbin, son of Edna Turner and Jesse Melvin Harbin of Hope, Arkansas, was born at Warren, Arkansas. He attended Hope High School and completed his education at Hendrix College, receiving his A.B. degree. Yeoman Harbin entered the Navy on February 8, 1942, and served boot training at the Naval Training Station, San Diego, California. He became a specialist in administrative work and served at the Navy Yard, Washington, D. C. He was later sent to the Operations Department of the Navy Department at Washington, D. C. Holder of the Navy Good Conduct Medal, the Victory Ribbon and the American Theater Ribbon and a veteran of more than four years of service, he was honorably discharged at Bainbridge, Maryland, March 17, 1946.

2.—1st Lt. Thomas F. McLarty, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. McLarty, Sr, was born November 2, 1919, in Hope, Arkansas. He attended Hope High School and Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Georgia, afterwards being employed as a Ford dealer. Entering the Infantry October 7, 1941, he received basic training at Camp Callan, California, and attended Officer Training School at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He qualified as supply officer, company commander, combat infantryman, and expert with M-1 rifle, heavy and light machine guns, carbine, and pistol. He served from January 15 to November 15, 1943, with the 56th Coast Artillery in Peru, South America, as an enlisted man and from June 6, 1944, to July 30, 1945, as an officer with the 96th Infantry Division in Leyte, P. I., and during the battle of Okinawa, landing with assault troops in both campaigns. He remained overseas for more than two years and was wounded in action October 27, 1944, at Leyte; April 5, 1945, at Okinawa; and April 27, 1945, at Okinawa, being awarded the Purple Heart with two Clusters and Bronze Star with one Cluster. After being honorably discharged December 5, 1945, at Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to Hope, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Helen.

3.—T/5 Adley Roy Kimbell, son of Mrs. Lela Pearl Brotherton, was born October 11, 1923, in Waldo, Arkansas. He attended Hope High School, afterwards being employed by Southwestern Proving Grounds. Entering the Armored Force and Cavalry, Infantry Division, March 2, 1943, he received basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, qualifying as armored car driver, carbine expert, and Thompson sub-machine gun marksman. Attached to the 20th Armored Division, he departed February 27, 1944, for the European Theater of Operations, remaining overseas for a year and 10 months. He participated in campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe and was awarded four Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Campaign Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged January 21, 1946, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to his home in Hope, Arkansas.

4.—Pfc. Adrian P. Townsend, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Townsend, was born at Chicota, Texas, December 19, 1924, and after receiving his education, was employed as a service station attendant prior to entering the Army Field Artillery on April 12, 1943. Sent to Camp Roberts, California, for basic training, he later attended Field Artillery Mechanics' and Caterpillar Schools, qualifying for duty as a mechanic, and was assigned to Battery B, 217th Field Artillery Battalion. On September 5, 1944, he sailed with his unit for the European theater, and during his 11 months of foreign service participated in the Rhineland, Northern France and Central European campaigns, and served almost a month with the Army of Occupation. After his awards for meritorious service were the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars and the Expert Medal for proficiency with the carbine M-1. Private Townsend was honorably discharged from

the service on November 28, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

5.—T/5 Luther S. Miller, son of John N. Miller, was born at Prescott, Arkansas, June 18, 1910, received his education at the Midway (Arkansas) Grade School, and was employed as a farmer and truck driver prior to entering the Army on November 16, 1942. Following basic training at Camp Rucker, Alabama, he was assigned to duty as an auto parts clerk with the 256th Ordnance MM Co. After 14 months of service in the United States, he sailed on December 23, 1943, with his unit for the European theater, and during the 21 months he was engaged there, saw action in the Normandy, Rhineland, Central Europe, Northern France and Ardennes campaigns, and served four months with the Army of Occupation. He was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, and awards denoting proficiency as a driver and with machine gun, rifle, carbine and .50-caliber machine gun. Corporal Miller was honorably discharged from service on October 5, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He and his wife, Mrs. Coye Vandiver Miller, are the parents of one child.

6.—T/Sgt. Arlest Roy Trout, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Robert Trout, was born at Hope, Arkansas, March 12, 1923. After attending Hope High School, he was employed as sales clerk in a grocery store. He entered the Army Ordnance January 8, 1943, and received basic training at Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyoming. Attending Ordnance Automotive School at Mt. Rainier, Tacoma, Washington, he qualified for ordnance supply N.C.O. and received Marksmanship Medals for his proficiency in the use May 23, 1943, and, after over two years' service of the Springfield .03 rifle and carbine caliber .30. Sergeant Trout was sent to the South Pacific on in that theater, was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service Ribbon, and World War II Victory Ribbon. He received an honorable discharge at Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland, December 5, 1945, and now resides at Hope with his wife, Rosa Lee.

7.—S/Sgt. James G. Hendrix, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Hendrix, was born December 25, 1922, in Hope, Arkansas. He graduated from Hope High School and attended Louisiana State University for two years. Entering the Infantry May 14, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Maxey, Texas, specializing in noncommissioned officer duty and qualifying as expert infantryman, July 15, 1944. After serving nearly two years with Co. D, 259th Infantry, he departed March 22, 1945, for Saipan in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations. After serving overseas for more than 10 months, he was honorably discharged February 24, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and returned to his home in Hope.

8.—1st/Sgt. John David Hendrix, son of Ora May and Robert Lee Hendrix, was born January 27, 1911, at Hope, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Hope High School, after which he was employed as assistant manager of the White House Women's Shoe Department, Beaumont, Texas. Entering the Army Medical Corps May 14, 1942, he received basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, qualifying in medical course for service on hospital ship. After training in the United States for one year, he served aboard a hospital ship between the United States and Italy, Africa, England, and France. Sergeant Hendrix received rifle Marksmanship Medal in August, 1942, Good Conduct Medal, and two Battle Stars for participating in battles off Casablanca and Marseilles. Returning to the United States October 1, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Ft. Sam Houston November 4, 1945, returning to Hope where he lives with his wife, Rosemary.

9.—S/Sgt. Jack L. Hendrix, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Hendrix, was born December 25, 1922,



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in Hope, Arkansas. He graduated from Hope High School and attended Louisiana State University for two years. Entering the Infantry May 14, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Maxey, Texas, specializing in noncommissioned officer duty. After serving nearly two years in the United States with Co. D, 259th Infantry, he departed March 22, 1945, for Saipan in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations. After serving overseas for more than 10 months, he was honorably discharged February 24, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and returned to his home in Hope.

10.—Sgt. Horace Hilton Warren, son of Clara True and Vernon Robert Warren, was born in Cale, Arkansas. He attended Prescott school, afterwards being employed by a grocery store, Boswell's Men's Furnishing Store, and First State Bank, as assistant teller. Entering the Air Corps November 2, 1942, he received basic training at Brooks Field, Texas, qualifying as administrative noncommissioned officer. Sergeant Warren served for three years in the United States and was awarded Marksmanship Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, and American Theater Ribbon. He was honorably discharged February 11, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, and returned to his home in Prescott, Arkansas.

11.—T/5 Everette Vernon Warren, son of Clara True and Vernon Robert Warren, was born in Cale, Arkansas. He attended Prescott School, afterwards being employed as butcher and clerk. Entering the Construction Engineers May 8, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Abbott, Oregon, and Ft. Lewis, Washington, and attended Motor Pool School at Ft. Lewis, qualifying as heavy truck driver and marksman. He served for a year in the United States and departed May 1, 1945, for Manila and Japan. At last report he was still in service with the Army of Occupation. His home is in Prescott, Arkansas.

12.—Capt. Dolan B. Cargile, son of James T. and Mae Cargile, was born September 24, 1915, at Hattiesville, Arkansas. He attended Hope High School, A. & M. College at Magnolia, and Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge. After serving two years with the National Guard at A. & M. College, he entered the Army Air Corps June 13, 1941, receiving basic training at Camp Wallace, Texas. He later attended Flight Training Schools where he qualified for pilot, squadron commander. He departed from the United States March 26, 1944, for New Guinea, and participated in the campaigns of New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, Western Pacific, Luzon, Southern Philippines, Northern Philippines, Okinawa, and Japan. Captain Cargile was awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with five Bronze Stars, American Theater Ribbon, Victory Medal, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star. He served three months with the Army of Occupation in Japan. Returning to the States February 6, 1946, he was honorably discharged April 29, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

13.—1st Lt. Nolan B. Cargile, son of J. T. and Mae Cargile, was born September 24, 1915, at Hattiesville, Arkansas. He attended Hope High School, Louisiana State Normal, Oklahoma Military Academy, and Tulsa University. Entering the Army Air Corps in October 1940, he received basic training at Ontario, California. After completing flight training in the United States, he departed May 19, 1942, for England. Lieutenant Cargile served in the European Theater of Operations over seven months, and in the first all-American combat raid over Germany he was killed in action. He was posthumously awarded the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and Purple Heart. He is survived by his parents and his daughter, Carolyn.

14.—Sgt. Elbert N. May, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. May of Odessa, Texas, was born at Bodcaw, Arkansas, January 6, 1918. He attended Hope High School and Oklahoma Military Academy, and was employed in oil field work and as a policeman on the

Hope police force before entering the Army on June 19, 1942. Sergeant May served his basic training at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and Ft. Custer, Michigan, and then attended the Investigator's School at Ft. Omaha, Nebraska. He specialized in police work while in the military service and served two years in this country as a member of a 7th Service Command Military Police Detachment. In May, 1944, he was sent to New Guinea in the Southwest Pacific and remained overseas for 19 months. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star, American Theater Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal, he was honorably discharged at Ft. Bliss, Texas, on December 28, 1945. He and his wife, Thelma, have one child.

15.—Gunner's Mate 1/c Mack May, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. May of Odessa, Texas, was born at Bodcaw, Arkansas, October 16, 1923. He attended Hope High School and the Arkansas State Teachers College before entering the Navy on November 17, 1942. Mate May served his boot training at San Diego, California, and then attended the Fleet Service School at San Diego. After 10 months of shore duty in this country he was sent to the South Pacific and remained overseas for 29 months. He saw action in the Marshall Islands, Caroline Islands, the first and second battles of the Philippines, the Philippine Islands campaigns. Okinawa campaign, the campaigns against the southern Japanese islands and in the fleet which later occupied Japan. He spent four months with the Army of Occupation of Japan and was honorably discharged at Norman, Oklahoma, January 15, 1946. He is now a student at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

16.—Pvt. Ernest Richard Hasley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hasley, was born on July 5, 1921, at Clarksville, Arkansas, and received his education in the Piney Grove and Emmet (Arkansas) schools prior to entering the Army on October 26, 1944. Qualified by three years' previous service in the Arkansas National Guard and basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, he served meritoriously until receiving an honorable medical discharge for arthritis at Ft. Bliss on January 15, 1945. During his period of service, Private Hasley qualified as a sharpshooter. He and his wife, Cleo, are the parents of two children.

17.—1st/Sgt. Jacy E. Hasley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hasley, was born at Knoxville, Arkansas, February 23, 1918, attended Piney Grove and Emmet (Arkansas) High Schools. He entered the Arkansas National Guard and received basic training at Camp Robinson. He later attended Chemical Warfare and T.Q.M. Schools, qualifying for service as chief clerk. In August, 1941, he began the first of his two overseas tours of duty by accompanying his unit, the 153rd Infantry, to Alaska. Later he returned to the United States and then was sent to Hawaii with the 96th Infantry. While in this theater, he participated in the landing on Leyte on October 20, 1944, and was wounded six days later. For meritorious service, he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with Battle Stars denoting his engagements, the Good Conduct Medal, the Order of the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and Expert Marksman's Medals for machine gun, hand grenade, bayonet and .45 caliber pistol. He was honorably discharged from the service on July 2, 1945, at Brooke General Hospital, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

18.—Pfc. Marcus Faulkner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Faulkner, was born August 26, 1925, in Hempstead County, Arkansas. He attended Hope and Washington Public Schools, afterwards being engaged in farming. Entering the Army Ground Forces May 12, 1941, he received basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, and qualified as rifle expert. He served for more than three years in the United States with the Infantry, and departed January 28, 1945, for Germany. Overseas for six months, he participated in European campaigns in Germany

and Austria. Private Faulkner was still in the service, according to last report received. His wife, Thelma, and their child, live in Hope, Arkansas.

19.—Motor Machinist's Mate 3/c George B. Stroud, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. M. Stroud, was born October 1, 1912, in Hope, Arkansas. He attended Hope Public School. Entering the Navy April 17, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and departed December 2, 1944, for the South Pacific Theater of Operations. Overseas for more than a year, he participated in campaigns of Iwo Jima and Okinawa and was awarded two Battle Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, and one Admiral's Citation. He was honorably discharged January 8, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, and returned to Hope, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Pauline Verie, and their children.

20.—Pvt. William Stroud Faulkner, son of Mrs. Eva Faulkner, was born at Hope, Arkansas, April 11, 1924. He received his education at Hope and Washington Public Schools and assisted with farm work until entering the Infantry August 15, 1940. Receiving basic training at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, he attended Parachute School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and qualified for light machine gunner and rifle expert. He served in the Aleutian Islands July 23, 1941, until March 7, 1944, and in the European theater from February 6, 1945, until September 6, 1945. For meritorious service, he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific, American Defense, and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbons with two Bronze Stars. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, September 19, 1945, and resides in Hope.

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1.—S/Sgt. Dale LaGrone Williams, son of Mrs. L. S. Williams, was born at Springhill, Arkansas, October 17, 1916. He received his education at Hope Public Schools, graduating from high school in 1935, after which he was employed as retail clerk in a furniture and hardware store. Entering the Corps of Engineers February 3, 1943, he received basic training at Camp White, Oregon, where he qualified for supply sergeant NCO 821 and received medal for marksmanship with M-1 rifle. Attached to 300th Engineer Combat Bn., he departed for England November 22, 1943, and participated in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central European campaigns. For meritorious service Sergeant Williams was awarded with five Bronze Stars and Bronze Star Medal, together with Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon. He served five months with the Army of Occupation and was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, November 11, 1945. He now resides at Hope with his wife, Polly.

2.—S/Sgt. McDowell Turner, son of John Carroll and Evelyn Turner, was born at Hope, Arkansas, on September 13, 1918. He received his education by attending Hope High School and Henderson State Teachers College. He entered the Army Engineer Corps on February 2, 1942, receiving basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, where he qualified as supply sergeant and received Marksmanship Medal on February 25, 1944. Attached to 1307th Engineer Battalion, he departed from the United States on March 16, 1944, for the South Pacific, where he served for 21 months on New Guinea and Luzon Islands. For meritorious service, Sergeant Turner received World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and two Bronze Service Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and one Bronze Star, and Meritorious Service Unit Award. Returning to the United States December 16, 1945, he received an honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, December 26, 1945. He now resides in Hope with his wife, Mary Nell.

3.—Pfc. James Roland Shepherd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shepherd, was born at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, October 4, 1919. He received his education by attending Amity, Arkansas High School and Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, afterwards dealing in automobiles. A former member of the Arkansas National Guard, he entered the Army Field Artillery Corps November 3, 1943, receiving basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Later by attending Field Artillery Communication School, he qualified for communications and as truck driver. After serving seven months, he was sent to Europe June 3, 1944, and participated in the Rhineland and Central European campaigns. Private Shepherd was awarded two Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. Returning to the States October 13, 1945, he was honorably dis-

charged at Jefferson Barracks, October 20, 1945. He and his wife, Jeanne, live in Arkadelphia with their children.

4.—Cpl. Raymond Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Claud Taylor, was born September 19, 1925, in Hope, Arkansas. He attended Oglesby Grade School and Hope High School. Entering the Army Air Corps February 5, 1944, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and attended Radio Mechanics' School at Truax Field and Scott Field, qualifying as radio mechanic and marksman with pistol and carbine. Corporal Taylor served for more than a year in the United States with the Air Corps Ground School and departed June 5, 1945, for Peleliu. He remained overseas for 11 months and was awarded Good Conduct Medal and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged May 12, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Hope, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Beverly Yvonne, and their child.

5.—Sgt. Wallace Dee Beene, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Beene of Hope, Arkansas, was born at Little Rock on January 9, 1925. After graduating from Hope High School in 1942, he was employed by the Boeing Aircraft Company and the Associated Shipbuilders, both of Seattle, Washington. Entering the Army Air Corps in September, 1943, he completed basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and attended Mechanics' School at Amarillo, Texas, and Drew Field, Florida. Sergeant Beene became an aerial engineer and was sent to the Philippine Islands in June 1945. Overseas eight months, he took part in the Philippine, Ryukyus, Western Pacific, China and Japanese air campaigns and was awarded the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, March 13, 1946.

6.—Pvt. John David Frith, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Walter Frith, was born January 6, 1913, at Emmet, Arkansas. He received his education at Brookwood Grammar School and Hope High School. He entered the Medical Det., Army Air Corps, February 10, 1942, and received basic training at Camp Robinson. Attached to Medical Detachment, Air Corps, he was sent to Egypt September 21, 1942, where he served until his return to the United States on May 30, 1945. He received an honorable discharge at Greensboro, North Carolina, on October 26, 1945, and now resides with his wife, Arlene, at Hope.

7.—S/Sgt. Leslie B. Coffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Coffman of Hope, Arkansas, was born November 5, 1912. Entering the Army Air Force August 23, 1943, at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, he received basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and was later stationed at San Antonio, Texas; Perrin Field, Sherman, Texas; and Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. He was transferred to Army Service Forces



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and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and Sharpshooter's Medal for his proficiency in the use of the .30-caliber carbine. Sergeant Coffman, at last report, was still in service as group counselor, S.S.N., at Separation Centers Headquarters, Counseling Section, Ft. Bragg. His wife, Kathleen, lives in Oklahoma City.

8.—**Machinist Mate 1/c Marion Ray Turner**, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wiley Turner, was born at Cove, Arkansas, August 17, 1915. He received his education at Hope High School, after which he was employed by the Hope Automobile Company as salesman. He entered the Coast Guard April 21, 1942, and received boot training at Miami, Florida. By attendance at Service School he qualified in fire fighting and received the Marksmanship Medal for his skill in the use of caliber .30 rifle. He landed in Liverpool, England, on March 10, 1944, and saw service in the invasion of Southern France and later at Okinawa. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the American Defense, European-African-Middle-Eastern and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbons. He received an honorable discharge at St. Louis, November 7, 1945, and now resides at Cove with his wife, Geneva, and their child.

9.—**Ship's Cook 1/c Robert E. Turner**, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Turner, was born at Cove, Arkansas, August 17, 1913. He entered the Navy September 18, 1943, receiving boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia, and attended Cooks' and Bakers' School. He also qualified as marksman. Serving with the 146th N.C.B., he participated in campaigns in France and Okinawa. He received an honorable discharge at New Orleans, November 17, 1945, and returned to Cove where he now resides with his wife, Mary Catherine, and their children.

10.—**Fireman 1/c Leonard Carlton Turner**, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wiley Turner, was born at Cove, Arkansas, December 18, 1908, where he received his education. He entered the Coast Guard September 18, 1942, and received basic training at Miami, Florida. He sustained a wound while in service and was honorably discharged at Port Everglades, Florida, after serving 26 months. He now resides at Hope with his wife, Ruth, and their child.

11.—**Machinist's Mate 1/c John Coulter Lipscomb**, son of Mary Coulter and David Hunt Lipscomb, was born at Gurdon, Arkansas, September 25, 1904. He received his education at Hope High School, after which he operated a service station and was employed as a mechanic. Previously a member of the National Guard, he entered the Navy Seabees December 9, 1942, and took his boot training at Camp Endicott, Davisville, Rhode Island, where he received the Marksmanship Medal. Mate Lipscomb saw service in the Aleutian Islands and the Philippine Islands, and, among other acknowledgments of active service, he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific and American Theater Ribbons. He was honorably discharged at Norman, Oklahoma, October 2, 1945, and now resides at Hope with his wife, Ruth, and their child.

12.—**Shipfitter 1/c John Thomas Crosby, Jr.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Crosby, Sr., was born August 26, 1921, in Hope, Arkansas. He graduated from Hope High School and attended Arkansas Polytechnic College at Russellville, afterwards being engaged as boilermaker in Little Rock. Entering the Navy June 18, 1942, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Naval Metal-smith School, qualifying as shipfitter. Departing in April 1943, for the Aleutian Islands, he remained overseas for three and a half years and participated in the invasion of Kiska, Gilbert Islands, Marshall Islands, New Guinea, and the Mariannas Islands. He was injured in action and was awarded American Theater Ribbon and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. After being honorably discharged October 16, 1945, at Memphis, he returned to Little Rock, where he lives with his wife, Helen.

13.—**Sgt. Alvin F. Reynolds**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Reynolds, was born July 2, 1913, in Fordyce, Arkansas. He attended Fordyce schools. Entering the Army Air Corps March 16, 1942, he received basic training at Victorville Army Air Base in California and attended Boeing Aircraft School, qualifying as electrical specialist. Sergeant Reynolds served for two years in the United States with the 52nd Air Engineering Squadron and departed July 3, 1944, for Saipan. Overseas for more than a year, he participated in the Western Pacific Mandated Islands campaign and the air offensive against Japan and was awarded two Battle Stars and expert rifleman's medal. After being honorably discharged November 23, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, he returned to Little Rock, where he lives with his wife, June.

14.—**T/5 Harry O. Kyler, Jr.**, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Kyler, Sr., of Hope, Arkansas. Born at Ashdown, Arkansas, on November 14, 1926, he attended Hope High School and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and was a machinist's helper until entering military service on March 6, 1945. Corporal Kyler was assigned to the Infantry and received basic infantry training at Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas. He became a clerk and was promoted to technician, fifth grade, in February, 1946. At last report he was serving at Camp Robinson.

15.—**Ship's Cook William Marion Reaves, Jr.**, son of Mrs. William M. Reaves, Sr., and the late Mr. Reaves, was born November 13, 1907, in Malvern, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Hope Public Schools. Entering the Navy Seabees August 17, 1943, he received boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia. After serving in the United States at Camp Thomas, Rhode Island, and Port Hueneme, California, for more than a year with the 32nd Special Battalion, he departed February 28, 1945, for the Philippine Islands and served overseas for five months. Cook Reaves was awarded the American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, and Philippine Liberation Ribbons. He contracted an illness while in service and was honorably discharged March 1, 1946, at Navy Hospital, San Bernardino, California. He lives in Hope, Arkansas, with his wife, Viola.

16.—**Pfc. James Douglas Jacks**, son of Mrs. Annie Penelope Erwin, was born at Hope, Arkansas, January 18, 1912, and received his education at Hope High School, after which he was employed as manager of Babcock Brothers Auto Supply Co. prior to entering the Army (Infantry) on January 28, 1944. After receiving his basic training at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, he was attached to Company L, 415th Infantry, 104th Division. He left the United States with his unit for the European theater on September 18, 1944, where he was engaged in the campaigns through Holland and Germany, receiving wounds in the right hand, leg and hip and being captured and held as a prisoner of war in Germany for five months. Pfc. Jacks was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with Battle Stars, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Purple Heart and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, on November 23, 1945. His wife is Mary Lee Jacks.

17.—**Cpl. John William Zepka**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Zepka, was born at Corry, Pennsylvania, May 21, 1918, and after securing his education, was employed as a meat cutter and an inspector in a supply plant prior to entering military service on April 20, 1942. Following basic training at Camp Robinson, he qualified as a medical NCO, and after 21 months of service in this country was sent overseas on January 30, 1944. He served meritoriously in the European theater for more than 20 months, and was awarded the European Theater Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged from the service at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, October 23, 1945. He and his wife, Ola Mae, are the parents of one son.

18.—Lt. Buford John Poe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alford Charles Poe, was born January 27, 1913, in Waldron, Arkansas. He attended Waldron High School and the University of Arkansas for four years. Entering the Submarine Force July 1, 1944, he received boot training at Hollywood, Florida, and attended Naval Communications School at Harvard University. Departing in January 1945, for the Pacific Theater of Operations, Lieutenant Poe remained overseas for a year and was awarded American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, and World War II Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged April 8, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to Hope, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Rutha, and their children.

19.—Sgt. Curtis C. Buchanan, son of Ocia and William Thad Buchanan of Prescott, Arkansas, was born at Prescott on November 11, 1914. Educated in the Pleasant Hill schools, he was engaged in road building work for the Forest Service until entering active service with the 153rd Infantry of the Arkansas National Guard, on December 23, 1940. After completing basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, he was sent to Alaska in December, 1941, and

served with the Infantry and Engineers in the Alaskan and Aleutian areas for more than 30 months. Holder of the American Defense Service Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, September 25, 1945. He and his wife, Margaret, have one child.

20.—S/Sgt. Lewis E. Buchanan is the son of Ocia and William Thad Buchanan of Prescott, Arkansas, where he was born on August 6, 1912. He entered active service with the Arkansas National Guard on December 23, 1940, and was trained at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. Sent to the Aleutian Islands with the 153rd Infantry in December, 1941, he remained overseas in the Pacific theater for 32 months, serving in the Aleutian Islands and then in the campaign for Leyte in the Philippines. Sergeant Buchanan was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal and the American Defense Service Ribbon, and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on August 11, 1945. His wife is Wilma Ruth.

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1.—Capt. Winfred Lee Chambers was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chambers of Nashville, Arkansas, where he was born on October 26, 1919. He attended Nashville High School and Arkansas Tech at Russellville, and was employed as a grocery clerk until entering the Army Air Corps in 1940. He received his flight training at Randolph and Kelly Field, Texas after completing his basic training at Muskogee, Oklahoma. He served in this country as an instructor until being sent to England in June, 1942. Captain Chambers gained nationwide acclaim as one of the first six Americans to fly over Europe. He then served as an instructor in the use of the English fighter plane, the famous Spitfire. He was killed in a plane crash in the British Isles on October 1, 1942. This gallant soldier was buried in the British Isles. He is survived by his parents and one brother and one sister.

2.—1st Lt. James Wendell Chambers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chambers of Nashville, Arkansas, where he was born on October 29, 1917. He attended Nashville High School and Washington University at St. Louis, Missouri. He was a Y.M.C.A. secretary at St. Louis before entering military service on October 7, 1941. He completed basic training at Camp Roberts, California, and then attended the Signal Corps School at Ft Monmouth, New Jersey. He was commissioned in the Signal Corps and specialized in the teletype and in field wire usage. A veteran of almost four and a half years of military service, he served with the Signal Training School at Camp Crowder, Missouri, and is the holder of the American Defense Service Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon. He was released from active duty at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, March 13, 1946. He and his wife, Catherine, have one son.

3.—1st Lt. Richard D. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jewell V. Moore, was born at Hope, Arkansas, on November 17, 1917, and received his education at Henderson State Teachers College and Chillicothe (Missouri) Business College. He entered the Coast Artillery Air Corps on June 21, 1941, receiving basic training at Camp Callen, California, and received a medal for sharpshooting in June, 1942. He departed from the United States with his unit in December 1944, for the European theater and during the 10 months he was overseas, he participated in the campaigns of Central Europe. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the European Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star. Sergeant Moore was honorably discharged at Andrews Field, Missouri,

on October 26, 1945. He is married and he and his wife, Lucille, are the parents of one child.

4.—M/Sgt. Joe D. Smithson, son of Albert Ross and Alma Edith Smithson, was born at Nashville, Arkansas, June 27, 1919, graduated from Nashville High School in 1937, and afterward was employed as a salesman in a drug store at Kilgore, Texas, for two and a half years prior to entering the Army. He enlisted in the Chemical Warfare Service on March 6, 1941, receiving basic training at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, and after qualifying for administrative noncommissioned officer's duties, was attached to the 3rd Chemical Depot Co. Sergeant Smithson departed from the United States on May 26, 1942, for the Asiatic-Pacific theater, seeing 40 months' service in Bougainville, Luzon, the Solomons and Philippine Islands. In recognition of his service in these theaters he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Battle Star. He returned to the United States and received an honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, October 4, 1945.

5.—Pvt. Edgar Neal Smithson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Smithson of Route 5, Nashville, Arkansas. Born at Nashville on April 14, 1913, he attended the Nashville High School and was engaged in farming and grocery work until entering military service on February 2, 1945. Private Smithson had served with the National Guard from 1934 to 1936. He was assigned to the Infantry and served basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas. Upon the completion of his basic training he was assigned to the 20th Armored Division and served with this unit the remainder of his time in the service. Holder of the Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the American Theater Ribbon, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on February 1, 1946. He and his wife, Mary Kathleen, have three children.

6.—Chief Yeoman John William Bearden, son of Vaona and Hugh B. Bearden, was born May 19, 1919, in Hope, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Hope High School. Entering the Coast Guard September 11, 1940, he received boot training at Coast Guard Depot, Curtis Bay, Maryland. With the exception of two months, he served for five and a half years at sea on the Coast Guard cutter Cypress. He was awarded American Area Campaign Ribbon, European Campaign Ribbon, Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Ribbon with Star, and World War II Victory Ribbon. He was still in service at last report. His wife, Carolyn, and their children live in Hope, Arkansas.



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7.—Cpl. Jewel V. Moore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jewel V. Moore of Hope, Arkansas, where he was born on November 7, 1926. He attended Hope High School until entering the Marine Corps on February 21, 1944. Upon the completion of boot training at El Toro, California, he attended special schools in mechanics at Camp Miramar, California, and was assigned to the Transportation Division. In February, 1945, he was sent to New Caledonia, and served there and on Bougainville Island until he was sent to China after the end of the war in the Pacific. According to last report Corporal Moore was stationed at Tsingtao, China, with the Marine Detachment. He has been awarded the Honor Badge of Efficiency while in this country and holds the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon.

8.—Sgt. Leonard O. Bearden, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Bearden, was born at Hope, Arkansas, December 25, 1918. He received his education at Hope High School. Entering the Coast Artillery October 8, 1941, he received basic training at Camp Callan, California, and qualified for chief of section 8-inch howitzer and received a medal for his proficiency in the use of the M-1 rifle. Attached to the 267th C.A. Bn. and 435th F.A. Bn., he was sent to the Aleutians where he served for almost two years. For meritorious service he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, and World War II Victory Ribbon. He received an honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, November 11, 1945.

9.—Pvt. Madison Winston Wilson, son of the late H. B. Wilson, and Mrs. Ruby Wilson, was born at Washington, Arkansas, November 27, 1911, and attended Washington High School. Afterwards he was employed as manager of the telephone company in Washington, Arkansas; document clerk, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.; Capitol Police, Washington, D. C.; and postal clerk, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. He entered the Army on September 10, 1942, receiving basic training at Camp Robinson and later qualifying for duty with the military police and as a telegraph and telephone lineman. Assigned to the military police, he departed from the United States with his unit on July 24, 1944, for the European theater and served overseas for a total of seven months, seeing service in the campaigns of Northern and Western France. He was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, medals denoting proficiency with rifle, machine gun and hand grenade and Combat Infantryman's Award. He was honorably discharged at LaGarde General Hospital, New Orleans, on May 22, 1945. He and his wife, Agnes, are the parents of one child.

10.—Seaman 1/c Henry Gray Bearden, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Bearden, was born at Washington, Arkansas, on May 28, 1924. After completing his high school education, he entered the Navy October 21, 1942, receiving boot training at San Diego, California. He attended Gunnery School and qualified as gunner. Leaving the United States December 15, 1942, for the Asiatic-Pacific theater, he participated in actions off Attu, Aleutian Islands; New Guinea, Marshall Islands, Peleiu Islands, and Okinawa. He was wounded in action off the coast of Australia in 1943 and was honorably discharged from the service at Alameda, California, October 19, 1945.

11.—1st Lt. Tilman Bearden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Buchanan Bearden, was born at Hope, Arkansas, March 15, 1917. He received his education by attending Hope High School, after which he was employed as radio technician and motion picture projectionist. Entering the Army Air Corps April 7, 1942, he received basic training at Santa Ana, California, Preflight School and at Marana, Arizona; primary training, Thunderbird, Phoenix, Arizona; and advanced training, Marfa, Texas. He qualified for pilot and specialized as twin-engine B-26 instructor and military training instructor. After serving on the West Coast and with the Central

Flying Training Command, he was sent to the Mediterranean theater September 10, 1943, where he participated in the battle of Italy, invasion of France, and air battle over Central Europe. For meritorious service, Lieutenant Bearden received the Air Medal with 18 Oak Leaf Clusters and Croix de Guerre Avec Palme. He was honorably discharged July 9, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, reverting to inactive status. He and his wife, Mary Jo, live in Hope, Arkansas, with their children.

12.—T/Sgt. James Aubrey Collier, Jr., son of Lillie Eudora Henry and Jesse Aubrey Collier, was born February 16, 1922, in Hempstead County, Arkansas. He attended Hope High School, afterwards being employed by the Magnolia Company as photographic room man. Entering the Air Service January 12, 1943, he received basic training at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, and attended Truck Driving and Mechanical School, qualifying as construction technician. Sergeant Collier departed May 2, 1943, for the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations and remained overseas for two years and four months. He was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged November 9, 1945, at San Antonio, Texas, he returned to Hope, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Lois.

13.—T/5 Harrell H. Collier, son of Lillie Eudora Henry and Jessie Aubrey Collier, was born February 21, 1920, in Hope, Arkansas. He attended Hope High School, afterwards being employed at the 303 Service Station and Sutton & Collier Livestock Comm. Company. Entering the Armored Infantry Division December 4, 1941, he received basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, qualifying as truck driver, heavy. He departed October 24, 1942, for the European Theater of Operations, remaining overseas for two years and seven months and participating in the campaigns of Algeria-French Morocco, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, and Ardennes. He was wounded in action and was awarded Combat Infantryman's Badge, Belgian Citation, American Defense Service Ribbon, American Theater Campaign Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with seven Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart, Victory Ribbon, one Service Stripe, five Overseas Service Stripes, and Distinguished Unit Badge. He served with the 2nd Armored Division. After being honorably discharged December 22, 1945, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, he returned to his home in Hope, Arkansas.

14.—Capt. William L. Bundy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon F. Bundy of Hope, Arkansas, where he was born on April 4, 1913. He attended Hope High School and Hendrix College and was manager of the Dr. Pepper Bottling Company at Hot Springs until entering the Army on March 14, 1942. Assigned to the Ordnance Department, he completed his training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and served with the 4th Air Force in this country until he was sent to the China-Burma-India theater in June, 1944. Overseas a total of 18 months, he took part in the India-Burma, China Defense, Central Burma and China offensive campaigns as a member of the 10th Air Force. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon, he was released from active duty on February 13, 1946. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have one child.

15.—S/Sgt. Thomas Newt Bundy was born at Hugo, Oklahoma, on October 31, 1910, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bundy. He attended Hope High School and was superintendent of transportation at Bellows Field, Hawaii until entering military service on August 3, 1943. He had previously seen service with the National Guard. Sent to Camp Abbott, Oregon, for his basic training, he later went to Heavy Equipment Operator's School and was assigned to the 1729th Engineer Battalion. After nine months in this country he arrived with his unit in New Caledonia in the South Pacific theater and remained overseas for a total of 19 months. Taking part in

the Luzon campaign, he earned the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, December 17, 1945. His wife is the former Jacque Burrows.

16.—Cpl. Paul S. Erwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James William Erwin, was born October 2, 1921, in Hope, Arkansas. He attended Hope High School, afterwards being employed by the John P. Cox Drug Store and J. L. Green Cleaners. Entering the Army Air Corps July 17, 1942, he received basic training at Clearwater, Florida, and attended Radio School at Madison Field, Wisconsin, qualifying as radio mechanic, and receiving A.A.F. Technician's Badge. Corporal Erwin departed February 10, 1943, with the 2nd Air Force for the Canal Zone and was later sent to Puerto Rico. Overseas for a year and a half, he was awarded American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged November 27, 1945, at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, he returned to Hope, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Lillie Mae.

17.—1st Lt. William A. Delony, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arch P. Delony of 208 South Laurel Street, Hope, Arkansas, was born in Hempstead County on July 11, 1914, graduated from Washington (Arkansas) High School, and was engaged in the mercantile business prior to entering the Army on December 23, 1940. Qualified by six years' service in the Arkansas National Guard and basic training at Camp Robinson, he later attended Officer Candidate School, Ft. Benning, Georgia, and received his commission. Attached to the 153rd Infantry, 80th Infantry Division, he saw 10 months' service in the Aleutian Islands, later being sent to the Southwest Pacific theater. This gallant American was engaged in some of the fiercest fighting of the war, including the Bougainville and Philippine campaigns, and was killed in action on Cebu Island, the Philippines, on May 13, 1945. In recognition of his valorous service, Lieutenant Delony was awarded the Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Good Conduct Medal and the Purple Heart (awarded posthumously). He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Kathleen Collier Delony, and a daughter.

18.—First Lt. Robert William Reynolds, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Reynolds, was born in

Little Rock on April 29, 1923, receiving his education at Conway High School and Arkansas State Teachers College, and entered the Army Air Corps on September 1, 1942. Following basic training at Maxwell Field, Alabama, he later rose to the rank of first lieutenant, qualified as a pilot and served as an instructor for three years. Among his decorations for meritorious service were the American Theater Ribbon and the Expert's award for proficiency in aerial gunnery. Lieutenant Reynolds was relieved of active military duty on October 14, 1945 at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, Helen Cummings Reynolds, are the parents of one son.

19.—Sgt. Bob B. Bundy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon F. Bundy of Hope, Arkansas, where he was born on March 11, 1924. He attended Hope High School and was employed in the motion picture business prior to entering the Army on March 2, 1943. He completed his Infantry basic training at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, and later became a machine gun sergeant. Arriving in North Africa in September 1943, he spent 22 months on foreign service and took part in the Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno campaigns in Italy and the Southern France, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Wounded twice, he is the holder of the Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Presidential Unit Citation, European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on August 30, 1945. His wife is Nell Jean Bundy.

20.—T/Sgt. William Dexter Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Bailey of Hope, Arkansas, was born at Holly Springs, Arkansas, May 20, 1918. He was educated at Hope High School and was assistant manager of a tire and appliance store at Hope until entering military service on October 2, 1942. He completed basic Infantry training at Camp Adair, Oregon, and after two years in this country was sent to the European theater with his unit, Co. F, 272nd Infantry, 69th Division. Overseas 11 months, he served as a platoon sergeant in the Rhineland and Central Germany campaigns and was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the European Theater Ribbon. He also holds the Expert Medal for the rifle and grenade. Sergeant Bailey was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, October 23, 1945. He and his wife, Leonice, have one child.



JAMES C. SMITH

Capt. James C. Smith, the son of William E. and Ellen J. Smith of Texarkana, was born January 17, 1913, at Texarkana. After completing his education at Texarkana High School and Ouachita College at Arkadelphia, he was assistant manager of the Stamps Auto Company of Stamps, Arkansas, until entering military service on July 11, 1942. Trained at Camp Perry, Ohio, Captain Smith was staff and supply officer with the 503rd Ordnance H.M. Tank Company, which participated in the fighting in Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland and Central Europe. Overseas over two years, he counts among his honors the European Theater Ribbon with Battle Stars denoting his engagements, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque and Expert Marksmanship Medals (sub-machine gun, rifle and carbine). He was placed on inactive status March 9, 1946.



2nd Lt. Alvah Seth Williams, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Seth Williams of Stamps, Arkansas, was born at Hope, Arkansas, on February 25, 1922. After completing his education at Stamps High School and Henderson State Teachers College, he enlisted in the Marine Corps on July 31, 1942, and was sent to Parris Island, South Carolina, for boot training. He was later commissioned at the Marine Corps Officer Candidate School at Quantico, Virginia, and attended Scouts and Raiders School at Ft. Pierce, Florida. Arriving in Hawaii in August, 1944, as a platoon leader with the 27th Marines, 5th Marine Division, he saw action at the battle of Iwo Jima with his unit, during his 10 months overseas. Returning to this country, he was released from active duty on August 20, 1945. His wife is the former Elizabeth Galloway. They have one child.



ALVAH S. WILLIAMS, JR.



BURON A. ALLEN, JR.

Sgt. Buron A. Allen, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Buron A. Allen, Sr., was born at Stamps, Arkansas, October 8, 1917. He received his education by attending Byrd High School, Shreveport, Louisiana; Magnolia A. & M. College, Magnolia, Arkansas; and Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, after which he was employed by Dunn and Bradstreet at Dallas, Texas, and was principal of Dyess High School at Dyess, Arkansas. Entering the Army Air Forces June 3, 1943, he received basic training at Amarillo Army Air Field, Amarillo, Texas, specializing as instructor, information and education. After serving in the United States for 16 months, Sergeant Buron was sent to India and saw service in China, Central Burma, and India-Burma offensives. In addition to other decorations he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and three Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon and American Theater Ribbon. He received an honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, December 13, 1945, returning to Stamps where he lives with his wife, Mary Hilma, and their daughter.

Capt. Charles Frank Pitts, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pitts, was born April 12, 1918, in Harrisburg, Arkansas. He attended Harrisburg High School and Ouachita Baptist College, after which he served as a minister. Entering the Infantry September 1941, he received basic training at Ft. Riley, Kansas, and attended Armored Force School at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and Chaplain's School at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, qualifying as chaplain. Serving with the 9th Tank Destroyer Group and the 6th Armored Division, Captain Pitts departed May 1, 1944, for the European Theater of Operations. Overseas a year and a half, he participated in the campaigns of Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Germany, and spent four and a half months with the Army of Occupation. After being honorably discharged November 27, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to Stamps, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Dorothy, and their child.



CHARLES F. PITTS



LEON L. BUNDY

Pfc. Leon Lile Bundy, son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Bundy, was born March 31, 1922, in Springhill, Arkansas. He attended Stamps High School, afterwards being employed as a clerk-typist. Entering the Air Corps February 18, 1943, he received basic training in Atlantic City, New Jersey, specializing as fire fighter and qualifying as carbine sharpshooter. After serving nearly a year in the United States in the Air Corps and the Corps of Engineers, Private Bundy departed November 15, 1943, for England. Overseas nearly two years, he was awarded the European Theater Ribbon, three Overseas Service Bars, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged December 1, 1945, at Seymour Johnson Field, North Carolina, he returned to his home in Stamps, Arkansas.

Lt. Charles Arthur Beasley, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arthur Beasley of Garland, Arkansas, where he was born on March 13, 1918. He attended Ouachita College and the University of Arkansas Law School and was engaged in the practice of law prior to entering the Navy on November 13, 1942. He received his Navy training at the Columbia Midshipman's School and qualified for service as a line officer. Lieutenant Beasley saw widespread action, participating in the Sicily and Salerno invasions in the Italian theater, as well as the battles of Saipan, Guam, Lingayen Gulf and Okinawa in the South Pacific area, and the occupation of Japan. He was placed on inactive duty at Memphis, Tennessee, November 21, 1945. He and his wife, Mary Frances, have one child.



CHARLES A. BEASLEY, JR.



ROY Z. KIMBELL

T/Sgt. Roy Z. Kimbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Kimbell, was born July 6, 1918, at Waldo, Arkansas. Graduating from Waldo High School and Draughon's School of Business of Little Rock, he was employed as bookkeeper and timekeeper until entering the Army, Adjutant General's Department, December 14, 1942. He received basic training at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, later attending Radio School at Ft. McClellan and qualifying for administrative noncommissioned officer. After over five months' service in the United States, he was sent to Australia on May 6, 1943, and participated in New Guinea and Southern Philippine campaigns, for which he was awarded Battle Stars. Sergeant Kimbell was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, January 2, 1946. He lives in Waldo, Arkansas, with his wife, Betty Lou.

S/Sgt. Fletcher Fay Seymour, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Seymour, was born on April 30, 1913, at Lockesburg, Arkansas. He is a graduate of Hope High School and Henderson State Teachers College and was a teacher at Burdette, Arkansas, and an inspector of construction at the Mansville, Louisiana airport prior to entering the Army on February 8, 1943. Completing basic training at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and special training at Chillicothe, Missouri, he arrived in England in October, 1943, as an administrative specialist with the 469th Sub-depot of the Army Air Corps. Overseas a total of 21 months, he was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, the World War II Ribbon, and medals denoting proficiency with the carbine, .30 caliber MM gun, M-1 rifle and other weapons. He was honorably discharged on November 8, 1945, at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. His wife is Francille R. Seymour.



FLETCHER F. SEYMOUR



JOHN R. KEITH

T/Sgt. John Richard Keith, son of Watson Richard Keith and the late Maud Black Keith of Patmos, Arkansas, was born at Bussey, Arkansas, on February 13, 1920. He completed his education at Stamps High School, Stamps, Arkansas, and enlisted in the Army Air Corps on August 1, 1940. After serving basic training at Chanute Field, Illinois, he attended Technical School there, and became a transportation sergeant. After serving four years in this country at Air Corps Technical Schools, he was sent to France in November, 1944, and served with the Air Transport Command for one year overseas. Sergeant Keith saw action in the Southern France and Central Europe campaigns and is the holder of the American Defense Service Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon and the American Theater Ribbon. A veteran of more than five years of military service, he was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, December 13, 1945.

T/5 Homer D. Henderson, son of Ruth and Robert S. Henderson, was born April 21, 1911, in Rison, Arkansas. He attended Woodlawn School, afterwards being employed under civil service. Entering the Infantry April 3, 1944, he received basic training at Ft. Riley, Kansas, where he received Sharpshooter's Medal. Attached to the 354th Infantry, Co. E, 89th Division, he departed January 10, 1945, for France, and during his more than a year overseas participated in campaigns of Saar Valley and the Rhineland. He also served for six months with the Army of Occupation and was awarded the European Theater Ribbon, two Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and the Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged February 13, 1946, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to Ashdown, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Marie, and their children.



HOMER D. HENDERSON



ERWIN P. YOUNG, JR.

Ens. Erwin P. Young, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin P. Young, Sr., was born August 16, 1922, in Junction City, Arkansas. He graduated from Hope High School and attended Hendrix College at Conway, Arkansas, for two years. Entering the Naval Academy in July 1942, Ensign Young qualified as naval officer of the line. He departed from the United States in August 1945, for Pearl Harbor, and served overseas for four months. His home is in Hope, Arkansas.

Aviation Radioman 2/c Kinard W. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin P. Young, Sr., was born April 27, 1926, in Hope, Arkansas. He graduated from Hope High School and attended Marion Institute at Marion Alabama, for one year. Entering the Navy in April 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Radio-Radar School at Memphis, Tennessee; Gunnery School at Purcell, Oklahoma; and Combat Crew Training School at Jacksonville, Florida, qualifying as radio operator-gunner. After serving in the United States for a year and nine months, he departed in January 1946, for South America and at last report was still in service. His home is in Hope, Arkansas.



KINARD W. YOUNG



BRYANT L. WILLIAMS, JR.

Pfc. Bryant L. Williams, Jr., is the son of Bryant L. Williams of Stamps, Arkansas, where he was born on January 10, 1924. He attended Stamps High School and Magnolia (Arkansas) A. & M. College prior to entering military service on July 2, 1943, receiving his basic training (Infantry) at Camp Wolters, Texas, and arrived in England in January 1944. He attended the American School Center in that country and was assigned to Headquarters Company, 121st Infantry, 8th Division. Overseas 18 months, he took part in the Rhineland and Central Germany campaigns and was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Good Conduct Medal and the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged from the service on March 10, 1946.

Seaman 1/c Ellis Bradford, son of Mrs. Sarah Annas Bradford, was born at Delight, Arkansas, July 29, 1910. After completing his education at the Emmet (Arkansas) schools, he was employed by the Aluminum Ore Company at Bauxite, Arkansas, prior to entering the Navy on April 17, 1944. He received boot training San Diego, California, and later sailed for the South Pacific area. After 15 months of meritorious overseas service, he was returned to this country for honorable discharge on December 7, 1945, at Nashville, Tennessee. Among his awards are listed the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and the American Theaters Ribbons. He and his wife, Mildred Ione, have two children.



ELLIS BRADFORD



RAMON F. WILSON

Pfc. Ramon F. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Wilson, was born July 5, 1923, at Nashville, Arkansas. He received his education by attending the Nashville High School and Henderson State Teachers College. Entering the Marine Corps in March 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, qualifying as rifleman. After one year's service in the United States, he was sent to the Pacific theater, attached to the 5th Marine Division, on November 19, 1944. He was in action at Iwo Jima and for meritorious service was awarded the American Defense and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbons and the Presidential Unit Citation. Private Wilson, after serving six months overseas, was honorably discharged at Mare Island Navy Yard, California, August 30, 1945, and now resides at Nashville.



1st Lt. Ralph C. Wilson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Wilson of Nashville, Arkansas, where he was born on August 23, 1921. He was educated at Nashville High School, Riverside Military Academy at Gainesville, Georgia, and the University of Arkansas. Entering the Army Air Corps in February, 1942, he completed his training at Ellington Field, Texas, and was commissioned as a navigator. In July, 1943, he was sent to England where he was assigned to the famous 8th Air Force. Overseas six months, he completed his tour of missions over Europe in the B-17 "Spot Remover," and was awarded the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross and two Presidential Unit Citations. Lieutenant Wilson is remaining in the Air Force at his own request and is now serving with the Legal Department of the Air Forces at Lake Charles, Louisiana. He and his wife, the former Rosemary Girnus, have two children.



RALPH C. WILSON



JAY V. TOLAND, JR.

T/Sgt. Jay Van Toland, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Toland, was born at Nashville, Arkansas, September 3, 1921. He received his education by attending the Nashville Grade and High Schools and the University of Arkansas. He enlisted in the Ordnance Department, Army, August 8, 1942. Receiving basic training at Camp Perry, Ohio, and attending Ordnance Service School at Akron, Ohio, he qualified for chief clerk, Ordnance Department. Attached to 505th Ordnance H.M. Co. TK, he departed from the United States January 9, 1944, for England. After 21 months' service overseas, including six months with the Army of Occupation, and participating in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central European campaigns, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Sergeant Toland received an honorable discharge at Jefferson Barracks, October 23, 1945, and now resides at Nashville.



Lt. (j. g.) Frederick F. Ferguson, son of Wallace Carter and Ernest Ware Ferguson, was born February 13, 1946, in Nashville, Arkansas. He attended Nashville Public Schools, University of Arkansas, and University of Arkansas School of Medicine. Entering the Naval Reserve April 1942, he was called to active duty July 1, 1943, and served in the United States for 20 months as medical officer. Departing February 22, 1945, for duty on the U.S.S. Suagus, L.S.V. No. 4, Lieutenant Ferguson remained overseas for more than a year and served in the naval force that participated in the initial occupation of Japan. He was awarded American Area Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Japanese Occupation Ribbon, and World War II Victory Ribbon. After being released to inactive duty May 2, 1946, in Los Angeles, California, he returned to Nashville, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Janis, and their children.



FREDERICK F. FERGUSON



GRANVILLE J. FLOYD, JR.

Chief Pharmacist's Mate Granville Jasper Floyd, Jr., (Dick), son of Granville Jasper Floyd, Sr., and Edna Story Floyd, was born November 12, 1920, at Nashville, Arkansas. He attended Nashville Grade and High Schools after which he was employed as drug store salesman. He enlisted in the Navy August 1, 1940, for six years. He received boot training at Naval Training Station, San Diego, later attending Hospital Corps School at San Diego and Independent Duty School at Portsmouth, Virginia. He specialized in general duties in the Hospital Corps, including clinical laboratory and medical administrative work. He was sent to Naval Operating Base, Argentia, Newfoundland, August 1941. Returning to the United States, he departed aboard the U.S.S. Repose on May 26, 1945, for the Asiatic-Pacific theater. He spent four months with the Repose, acting as temporary base hospital at Shanghai, China, which is his present duty station. He was awarded the American Theater, Pre-Pearl Harbor, Asiatic-Pacific campaign, Four-Year Good Conduct, and World War II Victory Ribbons. His wife is the former Dorothea Rhodes. His enlistment expires July 31, 1946.



1st/Sgt. Don W. Chamblin, son of Samuel W. and Mary D. Chamblin, was born at Highland, Arkansas, April 7, 1921. He graduated from Nashville High School and attended A. & M. College at Magnolia. He entered service with the Arkansas National Guard on September 19, 1939, and the regular Army December 23, 1940, receiving basic training at Camp Robinson. Attached to Co. D, 153rd Infantry, 104th Division, he was sent to Noma, Alaska, September 22, 1941, serving in that theater for over two years and returning to the United States July 15, 1943. Sergeant Chamblin was then sent to the European-African-Middle Eastern theater, attached to the 70th Division, on September 10, 1944, where he participated in the Rhineland and Central European campaigns, serving successively with the 44th Division and aviation cadets. He was taken prisoner by German troops in Drusenheim, France, on January 20, 1945, and, after marching 150 miles as POW from Nurnberg, Germany, was liberated in Moosburg, Germany, by the 7th Army Unit, 14th Armored Division, on April 29, 1945. Sergeant Chamblin received the Combat Infantryman's Badge in November 1944, and the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Ribbon and Bronze Star, European-African-Middle Eastern Service Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, and Distinguished Unit Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster. He received an honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, August 24, 1945, and resides with his wife, Margie, and their daughter.



DON W. CHAMBLIN



JOHN R. IRVIN

Electrician's Mate 2/c John Robert Irvin, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Campbell Irvin, was born at Nashville, Arkansas, October 20, 1920. He received his education by attending Nashville Grade and High School. After graduating, he enlisted in the Navy January 16, 1939, receiving boot training at Naval Training School, Norfolk, Virginia, and qualifying for electrician. Mate Irvin died on June 30, 1943, as a result of enemy action. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and is survived by his parents, who live in Nashville, Arkansas.



1st Lt. Rufus Edwin Beene, son of Charles Edwin and Ida Waters Beene, was born at Lockesburg, Arkansas, November 20, 1915. He graduated from Nashville High School and attended Watson's Business College at Nashville and Radio School at Chanhute, Illinois. Entering the Army Air Corps October 28, 1936, he received basic training at Randolph Field, Texas. He received his wings at Lake Charles, Louisiana, and further training in Dallas, Texas; Reno, Nevada; Wilmington, Delaware, and Miami, Florida. After serving in the United States Lieutenant Beene was sent to India in January 1940, and was engaged in flying troops and supplies into China, when he was killed in a plane crash November 13, 1944. Among the decorations he received were the Silver Star and the Air Medal. The Air Medal award was made upon completion of 150 hours of operational flight of transport aircraft. The citation accompanying the award reads: "Flying at night as well as by day, at high altitudes over impossible, mountainous terrain through areas characterized by extremely treacherous weather conditions necessitating long periods of operation on instruments, requiring courageous and superior performances of his duties to overcome, he accomplished his mission with distinction." His parents reside in Nashville, Arkansas.



RUFUS E. BEENE



WINFRED H. BALL

Pfc. Winfred Hayden Ball, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Ball, was born July 9, 1918. He attended Henderson State Teachers College. Entering the Army May 3, 1944, he received basic training at Ft. Riley, Kansas, qualifying as Infantry rifleman and receiving Expert Combat Infantryman's Badge. Attached to the 86th Infantry Division, he departed February 20, 1945, for France, and on August 19, 1945, for the Philippine Islands. Overseas for nine months, Private Ball participated in the Rhine crossing, Hitler's redoubt, Danube crossing, and Ruhr battle, spearheading part of Patton's 3rd Army drive. After being honorably discharged January 26, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Nashville, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Amy, and their children.

Master Aviation Machinist 2/c James Baker Hill, son of John William and Nobie Baker Hill, was born at Nashville, Arkansas, July 24, 1911. He received his education at Nashville High School and Hendrix College, and was owner of the Stag Distributing Company, real estate dealer, and agent for Arkansas Fuel Oil Company. He entered the Navy November 11, 1943, and received boot training at San Diego, California. Attached to Commander Service Force, Pacific, he landed in Pearl Harbor December 8, 1944, and after serving seven months in that theater was honorably discharged at New Orleans, July 16, 1945. He now lives at Nashville with his wife, Faustine, and their children.



JAMES B. HILL



JOEL K. PEEK

T/Sgt. Joel Keith Peek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel H. Peek, was born at Fordyce, Arkansas, September 21, 1920, and received his education by attending Nashville High School, graduating in 1938, and the University of Arkansas (1942). Sergeant Peek enlisted in the Army Air Corps February 5, 1942, and received basic training at S.A.C.C., San Antonio, Texas. He attended Radio Service School at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Flexible Gunnery School at Yuma, Arizona, qualifying for radio operator-mechanic-gunner. Attached to 44th Bomb. Group, 67th Bomb. Sqdn., he served 10 months in the European theater and for meritorious service was awarded the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and the European Theater Ribbon with five Bronze Battle Stars. Sergeant Peek received an honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, June 6, 1945, and now resides at Fordyce with his wife, Mary Lynn, and their child.

T/4 William E. Schirmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Schirmer, was born January 3, 1908, at Brownstown, Arkansas. He attended Nashville High School, after which he operated a garage and used car business. Inducted into the Armed Forces January 13, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Robinson. Attached to 8th Service Command, Reception Center supply, he served at Camp Robinson until September 1944, when he moved with the Reception Center to Camp Chaffee. Sergeant Schirmer was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, October 16, 1945. He and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Nashville, with their children.



WILLIAM E. SCHIRMER

Fireman 1/c John M. Davis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Davis of Route 3, Nashville, Arkansas. Born at Murfreesboro, Arkansas, January 24, 1924, he attended Murfreesboro High School and was employed as a mechanic until entering the Navy on March 22, 1944. Sent to San Diego, California, for boot training, he later attended Basic Engineering and Internal Combustion Engine Schools and became a fireman and engineer aboard Navy landing craft. Arriving in the South Pacific theater in November 1944, he took part in the operations in that theater for almost 15 months and served in the Philippines and Japan. After three months with the Army of Occupation of Japan, he was returned to this country and was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, January 31, 1946. He and his wife, Lavetta, have one child.



JOHN M. DAVIS



LESTER H. DUNCAN

T/Sgt. Lester H. Duncan, son of Thomas and Viola Duncan of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, was born at Roy, Arkansas, January 8, 1915. Educated at the Murfreesboro schools, he was employed as a clerk by the Hendricks Drug Company until enlisting in the Army Air Corps on October 11, 1939. He received his basic training at March Field, California, and then attended the Army Air Force Operations and Clerk's School, becoming a finance clerk. After serving two years in this country with the famous 19th Bombardment Group and the 41st Bombardment Group, he was sent to the China-Burma-India theater in January 1942, and served overseas for almost three and a half years. For his long foreign service he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the American Defense Service Ribbon. A veteran of more than six years of Army service, he was honorably discharged at Ft. Dix, New Jersey, August 18, 1945. His wife is Nadine C. Duncan.

T/Sgt. Charles Leo Duncan, son of Thomas and Viola Duncan of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, was born at Nashville, Arkansas, July 1, 1919. He attended Murfreesboro High School and business college at Salt Lake City, Utah, and was employed as a mail clerk until enlisting in the Army on September 11, 1940. Upon completion of basic training at Ft. Douglas, Utah, he became a quartermaster supply technician and served two and a half years with the 2nd Aviation Supply Company in this country before he was sent to the Asiatic-Pacific theater in January 1942. He spent 26 months in that theater and took part in the East Indies, Papuan and New Guinea campaigns. Holder of the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, he was honorably discharged at Ft. McArthur, California, July 15, 1945.



CHARLES L. DUNCAN



DOY H. DUNCAN

Lt. (j. g.) Doy Hollis Duncan, son of Thomas and Viola Duncan of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, was born in that city on July 26, 1921. He attended Murfreesboro High School, Monticello A. & M. College at Monticello, Arkansas, and Magnolia A. & M. at Magnolia before entering the Naval Air Corps July 9, 1942. He completed basic training at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and then received flight training at the Naval Air Stations at Memphis, Tennessee, and Corpus Christi, Texas. Commissioned as a naval pilot he was sent to the Pacific theater in July, 1944, and saw seven months of foreign service, taking part in the campaign for Palau and also the fighting on Leyte, Mindoro and Luzon in the Philippines as well as the second naval battle of the Philippines. Holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, he was placed on inactive duty at Terminal Island, San Pedro, California, October 3, 1945.



PAUL L. FUNDERBURK

Sgt. Paul Lendon Funderburk, son of Presley Monroe Funderburk, was born at Nashville, Arkansas, August 13, 1919. He attended York's Chapel and Chapel Hill Public Schools and enlisted in the Army in 1939. After basic training at Ft. Lewis, Washington, and special instruction at Cooks' and Bakers' School he became a cook, serving 19 months with the Quartermaster Corps and four years with the Army Air Corps. Arriving in Trinidad in the spring of 1941, he was attached to the 408th Fighter Sqdn., and remained for more than two and a half years. Sergeant Funderburk holds the American Defense Ribbon with one Battle Star, the Carbine Marksman's Medal and the American Theater Ribbon. He was honorably discharged July 19, 1945. He and his wife, Emma Loree, have one child.

Pfc. Boyce Lockard Cearley, son of Mattie Mae and Elmore Cearley, was born February 8, 1912, in Grapevine, Arkansas. He attended Grapevine High School and Judkins Commercial College at Pine Bluff. Entering the Infantry and 8th Air Force April 5, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and attended Military Correspondence School, qualifying as supply clerk and combat infantryman. Private Cearley departed October 12, 1944, for the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater of Operations and remained overseas for more than nine months, participating in campaigns of Rhineland and Central Europe. He was wounded in action November 18, 1944, and was awarded European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Service Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart, and World War II Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged November 8, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to his home in Nashville, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Delphine, and their two sons.



BOYCE L. CEARLEY



FLOYD E. SHANNON

S/Sgt. Floyd Edward Shannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Edward Shannon, was born at Center Point, Arkansas, July 7, 1922. He received his education at Center Point High School and was employed as truck driver until enlisting in the Field Artillery, November 5, 1942. Receiving basic training at Camp McQuaide, California, he qualified for chief of howitzer sections and received a medal as expert with the carbine October 2, 1943. Attached to 793rd F.A. Bn., he left the United States for England on April 4, 1944, and participated in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central European campaigns. He also spent four months with the Army of Occupation. For meritorious service he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the Bronze Star Medal. Sergeant Shannon received an honorable discharge at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, September 29, 1945, and now resides at Nashville, Arkansas.

Pfc. Alger L. Allen, son of Mrs. Leota Neece Allen of Nashville, Arkansas, was born at Nashville on July 15, 1916. He attended Nashville High School and was engaged in the advertising business until entering military service on October 1, 1942. Assigned to the Army Air Forces, he received his basic training at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and then attended Radio School at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Private Allen became an X-ray technician, and served three years with the Medical Department of the Army Air Forces. He was honorably discharged at Ft. Douglas, Utah, January 24, 1946. His wife is the former Joan Munn.



ALGER L. ALLEN



SAMUEL P. WILSON

1st Lt. Samuel Phil Wilson, son of Hiram Campbell and Elizabeth Watkins Wilson of Nashville, Arkansas, was born at Highland, Arkansas, December 4, 1923. After graduating from Nashville High School in 1941, he became bookkeeper for the First National Bank there. He enlisted as aviation cadet December 10, 1942, and was inducted into service the following April. Trained at the University of Minnesota, Ellington Field, Texas, and San Marcos, Texas, Lieutenant Wilson was assigned as navigator with the Army Air Forces and eventually participated in the general air offensive over Italy, France, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary, Poland, Yugoslavia, Roumania and Germany, accomplishing a total of 50 missions and 294 hours of combat flying. After his return to the United States he served as an instructor at Selman Field, Louisiana, until being placed on inactive status in the Officers Reserve Corps, on September 11, 1945, entering University of Arkansas the following day to complete his education. Lieutenant Wilson holds the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with three Battle Stars.

Chief Shipfitter Alonzo Brice Carruth is the son of Mrs. Effie Montrose Carruth of Nashville, Arkansas, where he was born on August 24, 1911. He attended Nashville High School and was employed as a theater projectionist and then by the Municipal Water Works until entering the Navy Seabees on August 26, 1943. He had first seen military service with the National Guard in 1927. Chief Carruth completed boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia, and then attended Seamanship, Cable Splicing and Pontoon Schools. He also saw service at Camp Endicott, and in November 1944, was sent to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Overseas a total of more than a year, he served in Hawaii and on Guam with the 128th Naval Construction Bn. and won the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon. He was returned to this country and was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, December 11, 1945. He and his wife, Lillian Mary, have one son.



ALONZO B. CARRUTH



HUGH B. CARRUTH

Maj. Hugh B. Carruth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bernard Carruth, Sr., was born at Nashville, Arkansas, November 10, 1907. He received his education by attending Henderson State Teachers College and the University of Arkansas, after which he was employed as electrical engineer by Commonwealth Edison Co., Chicago, and later was city engineer at Nashville, Arkansas. He enlisted in the Corps of Engineers April 17, 1941, receiving basic training at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. He attended the 5th Instructor Course, Engineer School, Ft. Belvoir, and Division Officers' Training Course School at Ft. Belvoir, qualifying for 1331, 2162nd Combat Engineer Bn. Attached to the 245th Engineer Combat Bn., he departed from the United States October 30, 1944, for the European theater and was awarded Special Commendation for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Germany and Austria. Among other decorations he also received the Bronze Star. He was honorably discharged at St. Louis, Missouri, February 11, 1946, and resides at Nashville with his wife, Lois Dana, and their children.

S/Sgt. George Wilson Carruth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bernard Carruth, Sr., was born at Nashville, Arkansas, April 14, 1918. He received his education by attending Nashville Grade and High Schools, after which he was employed in a cafe. Entering the Army Air Forces October 29, 1941, Sergeant Carruth received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and later attended Airplane Mechanics School at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and Aerial Gunnery School at Tyndall Field, Florida, qualifying for flight maintenance gunner and aerial gunnery instructor. He departed from the United States, first, on July 8, 1942, and, second, on May 3, 1943, for the Asiatic-Pacific theater and the Aleutian Islands, participating in air offensive over Japan and serving in the Aleutian Islands. He was awarded American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, Good Conduct and Air Medals, and one Overseas Bar. Sergeant Carruth received an honorable discharge at Separation Center Base, Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, October 26, 1945, returning to Nashville, where he lives with his wife, Dorothy Jean.



GEORGE W. CARRUTH



CLELL H. McCLURE

Lt. Clell Hutson McClure, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Regar McClure, was born at Nashville, Arkansas, May 14, 1914. He received his education at Ouachita College and, after graduation, taught school and served as coach of football, basketball and track teams. He was inducted into the Army June 25, 1941, and received basic training at Camp Callan, California. On March 23, 1942, he entered Officer Candidate School and received his commission as second lieutenant June 12, 1942, at Ft. Monroe, Virginia. After serving in Panama 13 months, he returned to the States and joined the 734th AAA Bn., Ft. Bliss, Texas, later transferring to the Santa Maria Army Base, California. He attended Radar Guns AAA School, and was sent to the South Pacific area November 10, 1944. He took part in the battles of New Guinea and Luzon and was awarded Ribbons of American Defense, American Theater, Philippine Liberation with one Bronze Star, and Asiatic-Pacific with two Bronze Stars. Lieutenant McClure was honorably discharged December 14, 1945, at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and returned to Nashville, where he lives with his wife, Eugenia, and one child.

T/Sgt. Marion W. Johnson, son of Mrs. I. R. Johnson, was born at Clio, Arkansas, April 13, 1912. He graduated from the Pine Bluff High School, after which he was employed as manager of a retail lumber and building material company, and as an architectural draftsman until entering the Armed Forces on June 9, 1942. Serving in the Infantry and Air Corps, he received basic training at Camp Rucker, Alabama, specializing as Q.M. supply technician, and qualifying for expert rifleman. Serving over three years, he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, September 14, 1945, and returned to Nashville, where he lives with his wife, Clara, and their son.



MARION W. JOHNSON



FLOYD D. BACON

S/Sgt. Floyd D. Bacon, son of Mrs. Florence Bacon, was born November 19, 1920, at Nashville, Arkansas. He received his education by attending the Nashville High School, after which he was employed as truckdriver for the Stueart Grocery Co. He entered the Army Air Corps on June 8, 1942, receiving basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and, by attending Aerial Gunnery School in England, qualified for engineer-gunner. He also received medals for carbine expert and .45 caliber pistol sharpshooter. Leaving the United States December 14, 1943, for the European theater, Sergeant Bacon participated in the air offensive over Northern France and Central Europe. For meritorious service he was awarded the European Theater of Operations Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Good Conduct Medal. He received an honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, September 19, 1945, returning to Nashville, where he lives with his wife, Stella Ann.

T/5 James Paul Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Johnson, was born November 4, 1925, in Nashville, Arkansas. He attended the University of Arkansas, afterwards being employed as a clerk. Entering the Ordnance Department January 10, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas, and attended Small Arms School, qualifying as small arms mechanic. Attached to the 88th Ord. A.M. Co., he departed November 22, 1944, for England, France, Luxembourg, and Germany, and remained overseas for eight months. He participated in campaigns of Rhineland and Central Europe, spending three months with the Army of Occupation, and was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, European-African-Eastern Theater Ribbon, and two Bronze Service Stars. After being honorably discharged April 19, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to his home in Nashville, Arkansas.



JAMES P. JOHNSON



MEREDITH P. DAVIDSON

Capt. Meredith Preston Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Davidson of Nashville, Arkansas, was born May 28, 1920, in Mineral Springs, Arkansas. He graduated from Nashville High School and Henderson State Teachers College, receiving his commission and entered the Army June 1, 1942, taking special training at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Attached to 43rd Inf. Div., 103rd Inf. Regt., he departed October 1, 1942, for the Pacific theater and remained overseas for three years. He participated in campaigns of Guadalcanal, Northern Solomons, Bismarck Archipelago, and Luzon, Philippine Islands, being wounded during the battle for Munda airport, New Georgia, July 1943. Captain Davidson was awarded the Purple Heart, Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, American Theater, Victory and Occupation Ribbons, and Combat Infantryman's Badge. He spent eight months as officer in charge of Hollywood USO troupes touring the Pacific. He was in military intelligence service, War Department, Washington, D. C., according to last report received.

T/Sgt. Richard Vincent Beauchamp, son of Mrs. W. A. Beauchamp, was born at Nashville, Arkansas, October 18, 1922. He graduated from Nashville High School and attended University of Arkansas and George Washington University. He was employed by the Navy Department in Washington prior to entering the Army Air Forces January 27, 1943. Receiving basic training at St. Petersburg, Florida, he attended Central Signal Corps School, qualifying for radio-gunner, B-17, and received Sharpshooter's Medal for his proficiency in the use of the carbine .30 caliber. Attached to the 15th Air Force, Sergeant Beauchamp departed from the United States October 14, 1944, for the European-African-Middle Eastern theater, participating in air combat over the Balkans, Rhineland, North Ardennes, and Po Valley. For meritorious service he was awarded four Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. Returning to the United States August 23, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, October 7, 1945, and now resides at Nashville.



RICHARD V. BEAUCHAMP



JOSEPH T. MOODY

Cpl. Joseph Thomas Moody, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Moody, was born March 31, 1925, at Nashville, Arkansas. He completed his education by attending Nashville High School and Texas A. & M. College and entered the Infantry August 10, 1943. He received basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, specializing as light machine gunner and clerk, general. After eight months' training, he was sent to Europe April 25, 1944, where he participated in the Rome-Arno and North Apennines campaigns. Corporal Moody received the Combat Infantry Badge, December 7, 1944, and was awarded two Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and Meritorious Unit Insignia. Returning to the United States January 23, 1946, he was honorably discharged at St. Louis, Missouri, January 28, 1946, and lives in Nashville, Arkansas.

Capt. Rufus Eugene Hallmark, son of Robert Frank and Laura Mearl Hallmark, was born March 9, 1918, at Nashville, Arkansas. He received his education at Nashville High School and Ouachita College, after which he was employed by the Coca-Cola Bottling Co., and as a postal clerk at Nashville. He volunteered for service February 7, 1941, receiving basic training at Camp Robinson and later accompanied the 153rd Infantry to Alaska in 1941. After eight months' service he returned to the United States to attend Officer Candidate School, Ft. Benning, Georgia, and received his commission August 5, 1942. He was attached to the 339th Infantry, 85th Division, and later attended Cannon School. With his unit, he sailed for the Italian theater early in 1944, and saw extensive action in the Rome-Arno, North Apennines and Po Valley campaigns during the 18 months he served in that area. Holder of the Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman's Badge, American Defense, American Theater, and European Theater Ribbons with three Battle Stars, Captain Hallmark returned to the States and was placed on inactive status at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, September 31, 1945.



RUFUS E. HALLMARK



BOYD A. TACKETT

Cpl. Boyd Anderson Tackett, son of John and Myrtle Tackett of Nashville, Arkansas, was born at Black Springs, Arkansas, May 9, 1911. He attended Glenwood High School, Arkansas Tech, Ouachita College, and completed his education at the University of Arkansas Law School. A lawyer since 1935, he was a member of the Arkansas Legislature from 1937 until 1940, and was a prosecuting attorney until entering military service November 4, 1943. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, Corporal Tackett later attended the Judge Advocate General's School and served with the Signal Corps and the Claims Department throughout his one year of military service. He was honorably discharged at Ft. Sam Houston on November 4, 1944. He and his wife, the former Norma Armstrong, have two children.

S/Sgt. Milton Z. Chesshir, son of Mrs. Lillie Chessir of Route 5, Nashville, Arkansas, was born at Center Point, Arkansas, December 16, 1919, and attended grade school at Blue Bayou and York's Chapel and high school at Dierks, all in Arkansas. At the time of his induction into Army service on February 1, 1944, he was engaged in farming near Nashville. After completing basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, he accompanied his Infantry unit to the European theater in August, 1944, and was engaged in the fighting on that front. On January 5, 1945, this gallant American was killed in action after five months of overseas duty. For valiant service, Sergeant Chesshir was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with Battle Stars denoting the engagements in which he participated, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Rifleman's Medal and the Purple Heart, which was awarded posthumously. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Chesshir, of Route 5, Nashville, Arkansas.



MILTON Z. CHESSHIR



BARNARD S. CLARDY

Ship's Cook 3/c Barnard S. Clardy, son of Mrs. Nannie Clardy, was born June 19, 1926, in Nashville, Arkansas. He attended York's Chapel, Center Point, and Nashville schools, afterwards being engaged as a general farmer and an aviation metalsmith. Entering the Navy March 9, 1944, he received boot training at Farragut, Idaho, qualifying as cook. He served for four months in the United States and departed May 12, 1944, for the Pacific islands and remained overseas for a year and 10 months. He participated in the capture of the Marianas Islands. After being honorably discharged May 15, 1946, at Norman, Oklahoma, he returned to his home in Nashville, Arkansas.

T/5 James L. Clardy, son of Mrs. Nannie Clardy, was born August 25, 1923, in Nashville, Arkansas. He attended York's Chapel, Center Point, and Nashville schools, afterwards being engaged as a machinist and general farmer. Entering the Army Ground Forces (A.A.A., AW Bn.) January 19, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Haan, California, and attended Mechanics' School, qualifying in truck driving and receiving Driver's Medal and Expert's Medal. He served with the 463rd (A.A.A.) AW Bn. and departed November 5, 1943, for the European Theater of Operations, remaining overseas for a year and two months. He participated in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, and Rhineland, and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal. After being honorably discharged November 18, 1945, at Dodd Field, San Antonio, Texas, he returned to Nashville, where he lives with his wife, Mary Jo.



JAMES L. CLARDY



ONEAL DAVIDSON

S/Sgt. Oneal Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Davidson, was born at Center Point, Arkansas, November 9, 1919. He received his education by attending Longview and Center Point Public Schools, afterwards being engaged in farming and trucking. Entering the Army Air Corps on October 7, 1941, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and by attending Casey Jones School, Newark, New Jersey; B-25 School, Inglewood, California; and B-29 School at Seattle, Washington, he qualified for airplane mechanic. After over four years' service he received an honorable discharge at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, on November 29, 1945. He lives in Nashville, Arkansas, with his wife, Marjorie.

Pfc. Joe R. Propps, son of Mattie M. and Clarence C. Propps, was born in Nashville, Arkansas. He attended Nashville High School, afterwards being employed as a motion picture projectionist. Entering the Infantry June 2, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, qualifying as combat infantryman and motion picture projectionist. Attached to Co. D, 126th Bn., he departed December 19, 1944, for Leyte, Philippine Islands. Overseas more than a year, he participated in Southern Philippine and Ryukyus campaigns, being wounded in action and spending five months with the Army of Occupation in Hokkaido, Japan. Private Propps was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Service Stars and Bronze Arrowhead, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and the Purple Heart. After being honorably discharged April 6, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, he returned to his home in Nashville.



JOE R. PROPPS



CLARENCE C. PROPPS, JR.

S/Sgt. Clarence C. Propps, Jr., son of Clarence C. and Mattie M. Propps, was born at Nashville, Arkansas, May 3, 1921. He received his education by attending Nashville public schools. Sergeant Propps entered the Army Air Force September 20, 1940, leaving the States November of that year for Puerto Rico, where he received his basic training and qualified as Army supply NCO. Returning to the States in December He saw service in the Battle of the Bulge and received citations for meritorious service performed in that sector. Returning to the States he was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, June 22, 1945, and lives in Nashville.

1st Lt. Lawrence Clay Honeycutt, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence C. Honeycutt, Sr., was born May 15, 1922, in Nashville, Arkansas. He attended Nashville Public Schools. Enlisting in the Army Air Corps August 5, 1942, he was a senior in Hendrix College at Conway, Arkansas, when called to active service January 1943. He was commissioned and received Wings at Twin-engine Pilot School, George Field, Illinois, qualifying as pilot, B-29 Super-fortress. Assigned to Lockbourne Field for heavy bomber training, he was sent to Alamogorda, New Mexico, and later to Grand Island, Nebraska. Departing June 28, 1945, for Guam, Lieutenant Honeycutt was pilot of a B-29 of the 502nd Group, 315th Bombing Wing, and completed eight missions over Japan, including all-night bombing attacks, and was awarded the Air Medal. He was killed in a crash on Saipan in the Marianas Islands August 27, 1945, during a mercy mission of carrying food, clothing, and medical supplies to American prisoners of war. Lieutenant Honeycutt is survived by his parents, who live in Nashville, Arkansas.



L. C. HONEYCUTT, JR.



WILLIAM C. TYNDALL

1st Lt. William C. Tyndall, son of William E. and Rachel Christine Tyndall, was born at White Cliffs, Arkansas, February 7, 1922. He received his education by attending Nashville High School and A. & M. College at Magnolia, Arkansas. He entered service with the National Guard, 153rd Infantry, December 17, 1939, and was inducted into the regular Army on December 23, 1940, with the 153rd Inf., Ark. Co. D, later transferring to the Air Corps. He received basic training at Ellington Field, Texas, and, after attending Aircraft Armorer and Flying School qualified for pilot. After serving in the United States for four years, Lieutenant Tyndall was sent to India and Burma, where he participated in the Burma campaign for which he was awarded the C-B-I Campaign Ribbon, Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal, and American Defense Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, July 24, 1945, and now resides at Nashville, Arkansas.

Seaman 1/c Robert Walker Tyndall, son of Rachel and William E. Tyndall, was born July 19, 1927, in Nashville, Arkansas. He attended Nashville High School and the University of Arkansas. Entering the Navy July 16, 1945, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and departed in December 1945, for Manila. Seaman Tyndall spent seven months in the Philippines and was honorably discharged July 16, 1946, in Memphis, Tennessee.



ROBERT W. TYNDALL



JOHN B. ROBERSON

Cpl. John Bell Roberson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Roberson, was born September 21, 1921, in Nashville, Arkansas. He attended the University of Arkansas. Entering the Air Corps February 13, 1943, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and attended Cryptographic School at Chanute Field, Illinois, qualifying as cryptographic technician and group operations clerk. Corporal Roberson served for nearly two years in the United States with the 29th Bomb Group (VH) and departed in December 1944, for Guam and the Marianas Islands. Overseas for a year, he participated in the Western Pacific campaign and the aerial offensive against Japan. He was honorably discharged December 24, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and returned to his home in Nashville, Arkansas.

S/Sgt. James R. Steel, son of Mrs. George R. Steel, was born January 16, 1920, in Ashdown, Arkansas. He attended Henderson State Teachers College and George Washington University Law School, afterwards being engaged as a clerical employee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Entering the Medical Department October 9, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Lee, Virginia, qualifying as administrative noncommissioned officer. Sergeant Steel served for a year in the United States attached to 227th General Hospital and departed January 18, 1945, for LeHavre, France. Remaining overseas for a year and three months, he participated in the battle of the Rhineland. After being honorably discharged March 31, 1946, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to Nashville, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Daisy, and their daughter.



JAMES R. STEEL



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1.—T/4 William H. Cassady, son of Richard Cassady of Nashville, Arkansas, was born at Nashville on November 22, 1915, and completed his education at Nashville High School. He was engaged in farming until he entered military service on February 2, 1942. Sergeant Cassady served his basic training period at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and became a medical technician. He was stationed for two years at the Station Hospital at Camp Robinson and in April 1944, he was sent to Ascension Island in the South Atlantic, where he remained for more than 17 months. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on November 26, 1945, and reenlisted that same day for three years with the Regular Army in the European Theater of Operations.

2.—T/4 Calvin Eugene Cassady is the son of Calvin J. Cassady of Nashville, Arkansas. Born at Nashville on July 17, 1920, he attended the Nashville High School and was employed as a saw filer until entering military service on November 7, 1942. Assigned to the Air Force Ordnance Department, he received his basic training at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and became a supply clerk. In May 1943, he was sent to the Asiatic-Pacific theater with his unit, the 1749th Ordnance Company. Overseas a total of 31 months, he saw action in the Bismarck Archipelago, Northern Solomons and New Guinea campaigns and won the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Ft. Bliss, Texas, on December 23, 1945. His wife is Rose Marie Cassady.

3.—Capt. Richard H. Cassady is the son of Richard L. Cassady of Nashville, Arkansas, where he was born on October 24, 1922. He attended Nashville High School and entered the Army Air Corps on January 1, 1942. He completed his basic training at Sheppard Field and Wichita Falls, Texas, and served as a mechanic until he was selected to attend cadet schools, where he later became a fighter pilot. In October 1943, Captain Cassady was sent to the European theater where he remained for 17 months with the 9th Air Force. He took part in the fighting during the air offensive against Europe, the invasions of France and the Low Countries and the fighting of the Seigfried Line and the Battle of the Bulge. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal with 14 Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Unit Citation and the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in France in July, 1944, and the Sharpshooter's Medal for the pistol, rifle and sub-machine gun. He was honorably discharged November 8, 1945, at Barksdale Field, Louisiana. He and his wife, Daisy, now make their home in Nashville.

4.—T/5 Charlie R. Cassady is the son of Calvin J. Cassady of Nashville, Arkansas, where he was born October 29, 1924. Educated at Nashville High School, he was engaged in farming until entering the Army on May 4, 1943. After completing his basic training at Camp Callan, California, he attended Communication School and became a switchboard operator. In November 1944, he was sent to the European theater with his unit, the 788th Field Artillery Battalion, and saw action with this unit in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Overseas 16 months, he was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars and is qualified to wear the Sharpshooter's Medal. Corporal Cassady served almost a year with the Army of Occupation of Germany and was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, April 1, 1946.

5.—Signalman 3/c Wesley Julian Cassady, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Julian Cassady, was born at Nashville, Arkansas, March 30, 1925. He received his education by attending the Rock Hill Grade School and Nashville High School, and was employed as

farmer until entering the Navy on June 19, 1942. Receiving boot training at San Diego, he attended Signalman's School in Chicago and qualified for signalman. After six and a half months' service in the United States, he saw service in American, European, and Asiatic-Pacific waters for which he received, among other decorations, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, American Defense and European Theater of Operations Ribbons. Serving more than two years overseas, Signalman Cassady received an honorable discharge at Memphis, Tennessee, September 26, 1945.

6.—Pfc. Ramon H. Cassady, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Julian Cassady, was born at Nashville, Arkansas, January 30, 1922. He received his education by attending the Rock Hill Grade School and Nashville Grade School, after which he was engaged in farming. Private Cassady enlisted in the Army Air Force in October 1942, receiving basic training at Ft. Riley, Kansas, and qualifying for military police. Attached to the 1059th Military Police Bn., he departed from the United States in June 1943, for England, and served over two years in the European Theater of Operations. He was awarded the 8th Air Force Unit Citation and was honorably discharged at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, October 30, 1945.

7.—Pfc. Robert Lee Cassady, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Cassady, was born June 27, 1921, at Hopper, Arkansas. He attended Nashville High School, Corinth School, York's Chapel School, Okay-Saratoga School, Henderson State Teachers College, and University of Florida. Entering the Chemical Warfare Service January 19, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Sibert, Alabama, and later attended University of Florida, specializing for Chemical Engineer. After serving 18 months in the States, he departed June 27, 1944, for England, and participated in the campaign of Northern France. Private Cassady served 18 months overseas and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater of Operations, European Theater of Operations, Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations, and Philippine Liberation, and Victory Ribbons. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, January 26, 1946, returning to Murfreesboro, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Margaret.

8.—Pfc. Elvin Hill Cassady, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Julian Cassady, was born at Nashville, Arkansas, September 12, 1920. He received his education by attending the Rock Hill Grade School and Nashville High School, after which he was engaged in farming. Enlisting in the Infantry on August 13, 1941, he received basic training at Camp Cook, California. After three years' service in the United States, he was sent to England on February 28, 1944, with the 5th Armored Division and saw action with this organization from Normandy into Germany. He was killed by mortar fire in Germany on April 22, 1945. Private Cassady was posthumously awarded Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and the Purple Heart. His wife, Juanita, resides at Nashville, Arkansas.

9.—Radioman 3/c Sam Gilbert Cassady, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Julian Cassady, was born at Nashville, Arkansas, February 6, 1918. Receiving his education by attending Rock Hill Grade School and Nashville High School, he was engaged in farming until enlisting in the Navy on February 6, 1939. He received boot training at Norfolk, Virginia, qualifying for radioman. Serving with the Asiatic Fleet for over a year in American waters, Radioman Cassady departed for the Pacific theater in April 1940, and participated in the battles of Nakassar Straits and Java Sea. He was killed in action on February 27, 1942.



WILLIAM W. GARDNER

Pharmacist's Mate 1/c William W. Gardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Gardner, was born October 15, 1924, in Nashville, Arkansas. He attended Center Point Grade School and Nashville High School, afterwards being engaged in construction work. Entering the Navy July 23, 1942, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Hospital Corps School and Landing Craft School. He departed August 12, 1943, for the South Pacific and Asiatic-Pacific theaters and remained overseas more than two years, participating in campaigns of the Gilberts, Saipan, Marshalls, Anguar, Leyte, Mindoro, Okinawa, and Sulu Sea (surface and air engagements). He was wounded in action at Saipan and received the Purple Heart and Unit Citation. After being honorably discharged January 6, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he reenlisted in the Navy January 17, 1946.

Sgt. Hozzie Smith is the son of John Wesley and Winnie Smith of Nashville, Arkansas, where he was born August 17, 1919. He was educated in the Longview and Center Point schools and enlisted in the Army on October 1, 1940. Sergeant Smith served his basic training at Ft. Ord, California, and became an Infantry squad leader. In October 1942, he was sent to North Africa. Overseas 15 months, he served with the 15th Infantry throughout the hard-fought battles in North Africa, Sicily and Southern Italy. He was severely wounded and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman Badge. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on February 6, 1946. His wife is Wilma Lucille Smith.



HOZZIE SMITH



AUSTIN N. HALE

Sgt. Austin Neal Hale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Perrin Hale of Nashville, Arkansas, was born at Dierks, Arkansas, August 23, 1923. He received his education in the Center Point (Arkansas) public schools, after which he was employed in construction work. He entered the Army Air Corps on February 23, 1943, receiving basic training at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and later by attending service schools at Madison, Wisconsin, and Boca Raton, Florida, he qualified as radar mechanic. Attached to the Western Training Command, he left the United States on June 1, 1944, for the European theater, and saw action in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central European campaigns. Sergeant Hale received the American Theater and European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbons and Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, on November 1, 1945.

Sgt. James W. Woodruff, son of Lana and James Ace Woodruff, was born December 12, 1921, in Nashville, Arkansas. He attended Nashville High School and Whitehaven School of Aeronautics. Entering the Marine Corps July 6, 1942, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and received Expert Rifleman's Medal, Pistol Sharpshooter's Medal, Machine Gun Expert's Medal, Swimming Medal, and Bayonet Medal. Attached to Replacement Battalion, Sergeant Woodruff departed in January 1943, for two and a half years of overseas service. He participated in campaigns of Bougainville, Guam, Marianas Islands, and Okinawa, Ryukyus Island, being wounded in action June 4, 1945. He was awarded American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Navy Unit Citation, Presidential Unit Citation, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged April 27, 1946, at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, he returned to Nashville, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Minnie Bell, and their child.



JAMES W. WOODRUFF



MALCOLM N. De CAMP

Aviation Cadet Malcolm Neil De Camp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jean L. De Camp of Texarkana, was born at Beloit, Wisconsin, April 14, 1922. He was a graduate of Texarkana High School and attended Texarkana Junior College and University of Arkansas. Enlisting in the Air Corps Reserve in September 1942, he was called to active duty in February 1943, while a junior at the University. Receiving basic training at Enid Army Flying School, Enid, Oklahoma, he later attended schools at Oklahoma A. & M. College; Sheppard Field, San Antonio, and Corsicana, Texas, after which he returned to Enid Field. Cadet De Camp was one of three cadets killed in a mid-air collision of two training planes near their base at Enid on January 28, 1944, while he and his pilot observer were on a routine instrument check ride. General H. H. Arnold, commanding officer of the Air Forces, sent his mother his silver wings in honor of his memory. Cadet De Camp's memory was further perpetuated by a donation to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children at Dallas by L. P. Reiss of the Southwestern Gas and Electric Company. The Texarkana unit of the American Legion Auxiliary placed a copy of the book "I Wanted Wings," in the library of the State Sanatorium at Booneville in his memory. His mother was presented with a Gold Star Mother's pin and a memorial engraved certificate by Kappa Sigma Fraternity, which was Cadet De Camp's fraternity at the University of Arkansas. Cadet De Camp was a member of the Order of DeMolay and of the "25" Club at Texarkana Junior College, as well as a member of the First Methodist Church and the first captain of the Texarkana Squadron, Sons of the American Legion. His parents received the American Legion Gold Star Citation which stated: "By virtue of an act of the National Executive Committee of the American Legion, approved May 1, 1942, this Gold Star Citation, emblem of devotion to duty is awarded to the next of surviving kin of Malcolm Neil De Camp, who died while a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America in the war period beginning December 7, 1941. This death occurred so that others might live." Cadet De Camp is survived by his parents and three sisters, Mrs. C. H. Parrott of Hope, Arkansas, and Helen Patricia and Alys Jo of Texarkana.



DANIEL M. JEFFUS, JR.

Ens. Daniel Myron Jeffus, Jr., son of Daniel Myron and Mary Edith Jeffus, was born October 2, 1923, at Texarkana, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Texarkana, Arkansas, High School and Arkansas A. & M. College, Magnolia, Arkansas. Entering the Navy Air Corps November 5, 1942, he received boot training at Louisiana State Normal College, Natchitoches, Louisiana, later attending Flight reparatory School, Natchitoches; CPT-WTS, Arkansas Tech, Russellville, Arkansas; Pre-flight, Del Monte, California; Primary, Hutchinson, Kansas; Intermediate, Corpus Christi, Texas; Advanced, Pensacola, Florida; and Operations, Jacksonville, Florida. He qualified for pilot, bombing, fighting. After serving two and a half years he was sent to Hawaii August 4, 1945, for four months' overseas service. Ensign Jeffus was awarded the American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Theater and Victory Ribbons and received an honorable discharge at Naval Personnel Separation Center, Memphis, November 15, 1945. He lives in Texarkana.

Capt. Edison D. Jeffus, son of Daniel Myron and Mary Edith Jeffus, was born January 12, 1922, at Texarkana, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Texarkana High School and Arkansas A. & M. College, Magnolia, Arkansas. Entering the Army Air Corps August 1, 1942, he received basic training at St. Petersburg, Florida, and later attended Weather Observer's School, MacDill Field, Florida, and Meteorology A, A.A.F.T.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, qualifying for weather officer. After serving in the United States 14 months, Captain Jeffus was sent to England October 6, 1943, and participated in the air offensive over Europe, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. He was awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation and, after serving over two years overseas, returned to the States November 7, 1945, and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, January 17, 1946. He lives in Texarkana.



EDISON D. JEFFUS



JACK W. ALLEN

Capt. Jack Warren Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Guy Allen of Texarkana, was born at De Ridder, Louisiana, March 11, 1925. After completing his education at Texarkana High School, he was employed as a salesman at Morse and Ferguson's store until entering the Air Corps on February 10, 1943. He received his training at Kelly Field, Texas, and arrived with his unit in New Guinea in September 1944. Overseas 14 months, this young officer served as operations officer for his squadron throughout the New Guinea, Philippines and Ryukyus campaigns and the air offensive against Japan. Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, he was relieved from active duty on December 29, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

Sgt. George S. Brewer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Brewer, was born November 13, 1913. Entering the Army November 20, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Robinson and was assigned to the Public Relations Office where he edited the camp paper. Departing March 14, 1944, for the European theater, he served with the P.R.O. for 1st, 3rd, and 9th Armies. Arriving in Normandy July 15, 1944, Sergeant Brewer wrote newspaper releases and radio scripts; followed 12th Army Group to Paris and Theims; covered supply and engineer operations for Rhine crossing at Wesel, Germany; and wrote news releases on the building of first railroad bridge across the Rhine River at Wesel to supply 9th Army and 1st British Army. He transferred to Paris with P.R.O., Hq., Communications Zone, and later to Battery D, 129th A.A.A. Gun Bn., for return to the United States. He received combat participation credits for the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Central Europe, and the Rhineland, and was honorably discharged December 11, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. His home is in Texarkana.



GEORGE S. BREWER



EDGAR R. SMITH

1st Lt. Edgar R. Smith, son of William E. Smith, was born at Texarkana on October 2, 1917. After completing his education at Texarkana High School and Ouachita College, he entered the Army Air Corps in June, 1942. Sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, for basic training, he later attended Flight School at Sioux City, Iowa, where he was commissioned as a pilot. After three years in this country, he arrived in the European theater in January 1945, and took part in the Ardennes, Central Germany, and the Rhineland campaigns. He also served five months with the Army of Occupation in Germany. Holder of the Sharpshooter's Medal, Mosley Medal of Honor, Air Medal with three Battle Stars, he was placed on inactive status on December 3, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. Lieutenant Smith and his wife, Irene, are the parents of one child.

1st Lt. Milford Bertrand Hopkins was the son of Mrs. Annetta C. Hopkins and the late Charles Hopkins of Dallas, Texas. He was born at Wirt, Oklahoma on January 29, 1917, and moved to Arkansas in March, 1941. He was graduated from East Texas State Teachers Demonstration School and received his B.S. degree in 1939. Entering the Air Force in December 1942, he trained at the Meteorology School of New York University and at Navigation School, San Marcos, Texas. In April 1944, he was sent to England where he took part in reconnaissance flights over enemy territory. This brave flyer was killed in action on November 22, 1944, and is buried at the Cambridge American Military Cemetery, Cambridge, England. His wife has received his Purple Heart Medal; and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters which he was posthumously awarded, was presented to his son, Charles Rey Hopkins, at Barksdale Field, Louisiana. His wife is the former Vera Ellen Kilpatrick.



MILFORD B. HOPKINS



W. J. CALLAWAY

S/Sgt. W. J. Callaway, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Richard Callaway, was born October 22, 1919, at Idabel, Oklahoma, moving to Arkansas in 1928. He received his education by attending schools in Kullituklo, Oklahoma; Arden, Arkansas; Richmond, Arkansas, and North Heights High School in Texarkana, Arkansas. Enlisting in the Army October 1938, he received basic training at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and later attended Cooks' and Bakers' School and Radio Service School, qualifying for squad leader and communication sergeant. Sergeant Callaway was stationed at Ft. Sam Houston four years, taking part in all Louisiana maneuvers and receiving airborne troop training and commando training. Departing from the United States September 27, 1943, for Northern Ireland, he participated in the Normandy invasion and was killed in action June 18, 1944. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Rifle Marksmanship Badge, Purple Heart (posthumously), Good Conduct Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon, and Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon. His wife, Mrs. Ruby Callaway, lives at Texarkana.

Cpl. Leo Bryant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thad A. Bryant, was born at Texarkana, and after graduating from Texarkana High School in 1927, he worked for the United States Forestry Service and owned a newsstand. Entering the Army Air Corps on June 19, 1942, he was sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, for basic training and later to Mechanics School, Douglas Aircraft, Long Beach, California. He arrived in England in May 1943, with the 384th Bomber Group and saw 27 months of overseas service, participating in the general air offensive and the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central European campaigns. Holder of the European Theater Ribbon with six Battle Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge and the Good Conduct Medal, he was honorably discharged on October 5, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.



LEO BRYANT



JOE A. BIRTS, JR.

Machinist's Mate 3/c Joe Allen Birts, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Birts, Sr., of 2201 Pecan Street, Texarkana, was born at Texarkana on November 19, 1921. He attended Texarkana High School and was employed by the Southwestern Gas and Electric Company until entering the Navy on July 31, 1942. Mate Birts served boot training at San Diego, California, and then attended Machinist School. In January 1943, he was sent to New Caledonia. In two tours of foreign service, he has seen action at Bougainville, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. Overseas a total of almost 30 months, he has served on Saipan and in Japan, and holds the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon, and the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged on January 5, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee.

Coxswain James Preston Birts is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Birts, Sr., of 2201 Pecan Street, Texarkana. Born at Texarkana on July 17, 1924, he was educated at Texarkana High School and entered the Naval service on August 4, 1943. Coxswain Birts served boot training at San Diego, California, and then attended the landing craft school. In July, 1944, he was sent to the Southwest Pacific theater and remained overseas 20 months. He took part in the invasion of Peleliu and Anguar in the Palau Islands and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon, and the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged March 20, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee.



JAMES P. BIRTS



JAMES L. BAREFIELD

2nd Lt. James Louis Barefield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Marshall Barefield, was born at Texarkana, Arkansas, July 24, 1925. He received his education by attending Texarkana Public Schools and University of Arkansas. Entering the Army Air Forces May 22, 1943, he received basic training at Miami Beach, Florida, later attending Pilot Training Schools and qualifying for pilot, single-engine plane. After serving 29 months with Central and Eastern Training Commands, Lieutenant Barefield was honorably discharged October 28, 1945, at Maxwell Field, Alabama. He lives in Texarkana.

Seaman 1/c Bobby Jean Birts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Birts, was born January 21, 1927, in Texarkana, Arkansas. He graduated from Texarkana High School. Entering the Navy January 20, 1945, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and served for more than a year and a half in the United States in ship's service. Seaman Birts was honorably discharged July 30, 1946, at Terminal Island, San Pedro, California. His home is Texarkana, where he lives with his wife, Ruby Elizabeth.



BOBBIE J. BIRTS

1.—S/Sgt. George C. Davis, son of Mrs. Mollie E. Davis, was born November 7, 1920, in Newport, Arkansas. He attended Newport Elementary School and Brinkley High School. Entering the Army Air Force July 7, 1942, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and attended Radio Operator and Radio Mechanic School at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, qualifying as I.F.F. mechanic and air crew radio operator. After serving in the United States for a year and eight months with the 333rd Bomb Group (H), Sergeant Davis departed March 8, 1944, for Brendisi, Italy, and remained overseas for a year and eight months with the 484th Bomb Group (P). He participated in campaigns of Rome-Arno, Po Valley, Northern Apennines, Southern France, Northern France, and Rhineland, and the air combat over the Balkans. After being honorably discharged November 6, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to his home in Brinkley, Arkansas.

2.—Sgt. R. S. Martin, Jr., son of Mrs. Inez Donally, was born August 27, 1923, in Camden, Arkansas. He attended Texarkana (Arkansas) Junior and Senior High Schools and the University of Arkansas. Entering the Marine Corps March 1, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Radio School and Assault Training School, specializing in Infantry radio communications. After serving in the United States for 10 months with the 4th Marine Division, Sergeant Martin departed January 13, 1944, for a year and nine months of overseas combat duty. He participated in campaigns of Roi-Namur in the Marshall Islands, Saipan, Tinian in the Marianas, and Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands and was stricken with combat fatigue. He was awarded a Presidential Citation and was honorably discharged November 20, 1945, in Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California. He lives in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

3.—Chief Motor Machinist's Mate Edward Duffie Crane, son of Mary Elizabeth and Mack Duffie Crane, was born October 22, 1920, in Fouke, Arkansas. He attended Fouke Schools in Texarkana, afterwards being employed by Hunter Transfer Company. Entering the Navy June 13, 1938, he received boot training at Norfolk, Virginia, qualifying as machinist. After serving at Basic Training and Sub School, he departed December 1938, for the Pacific Theater of Operations and remained overseas for more than six years. Mate Crane participated in campaigns of New Britain, New Guinea, Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Fiji Islands, Tokyo Bay, Pearl Harbor, Okinawa, and Marshall Islands and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon and Overseas Ribbons. According to last report he was still in the service. His home is in Texarkana, Arkansas.

4.—S/Sgt. T. J. Crane, son of Mary Elizabeth and Mack Duffie Crane, was born at Fouke, Arkansas, August 25, 1923. He received his education by attending Fouke Public Schools and Texarkana Junior High School. Enlisting in the Medical Corps in August 1940, he received basic training at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas, and by attending Medical and Paratroopers' Service School qualified for medic paratrooper (aid man). After serving three and a half years with medical detachment in the United States, he was sent to England on January 29, 1944, and participated in the Normandy invasion, being wounded in action. Sergeant Crane was killed in battle at Ste. Mere Eglise, France. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Presidential Citation, and Citation from the Governor of Texas.

5.—M/Sgt. Jack William Martin, son of Mrs. Inez Martin, was born May 1, 1922, in Teague, Texas, moving to Arkansas in 1923. He attended Arkansas High School and was later engaged as clerk, typist, and ice manufacturer. Entering the Infantry October 5, 1942, he received basic training at Ft. Lewis, Washington, qualifying as supply noncommissioned

officer. Sergeant Martin served for eight months in the United States and departed June 19, 1943, for the Hawaiian Islands. He remained overseas for two and a half years and participated in the campaigns of the Marshall Islands, Leyte, and Okinawa, and the occupation of Korea, spending four months with the Army of Occupation. After being honorably discharged December 13, 1945, at Camp Fannin, Texas, he returned to his home in Texarkana, Arkansas.

6.—1st Lt. Richard L. Poulos, son of Mrs. J. C. Cuckler, was born May 8, 1917, in Texarkana, Texas. He graduated from Arkansas High School, afterwards being employed by the Neon Sign & Electric Company. A member of the National Guard since May 2, 1935, he entered the Army January 6, 1941, with the 142nd F.A. Regt. Attached to Field Artillery as liaison pilot, he attended Officer Candidate School at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and received liaison pilot training at Denton, Texas, and instrument and night flying training at San Antonio, Texas. Lieutenant Poulos qualified as F.A. observation pilot and served in the United States for more than four years with the 142nd F.A. Regt. at Camp Bowie, Texas, and Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and with the 414th F.A. Bn., 20th Armored Division, at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, and Camp Cooke, California. He departed February 6, 1945, for Germany and remained overseas for six months, participating in the Munich-Salzburg drive and spending two months with the Army of Occupation. He is now stationed at Camp Hood, Texas, with the 2nd Armored Division. His wife, Dorothy Laverne, lives in Texarkana, Arkansas.

7.—S/Sgt. Thomas Henry Warwick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Warwick, was born at Dallas City, Illinois, on September 23, 1923, moving to Arkansas in 1929. He received his education by attending Texarkana High School, after which he was employed by Southwestern Gas and Electric Company, Texarkana, as clerk. Entering the Army Air Force on October 26, 1942, he received basic training at Foster Field, Victoria, Texas, and by attending Service Schools at Sheppard Field and Chanute Field qualified for aircraft mechanic and airplane propeller specialist. Sergeant Warwick departed from the United States on December 2, 1943, for Alaska, returning March 20, 1945. He received Marksmanship Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, on December 6, 1945, he returned to Texarkana.

8.—1st Lt. Sam E. Cunningham, son of Mrs. Ruby Cunningham and the late J. R. Cunningham of Pine Bluff, was born at Malden, Missouri, on April 12, 1910. He attended Arkansas High School at Texarkana, later being employed by the State National Bank at Texarkana, and at the time he entered the service on April 25, 1941, he was an independent oil operator. Assigned to the Corps of Engineers, he received basic training as a petroleum engineer at Camp Barkeley, Texas. Arriving overseas with his unit, the 1003rd Engineer Service Bn. (pipeline), he served as a battalion supply officer for the Army pipeline from Marseilles, France, to Mannheim, Germany and participated in the Southern France, Central Europe and Rhineland campaigns. During his three years in this country as a member of the 1379th Engineer Petroleum Distribution Company and 1009th Engineer Oil Field Battalion, Lieutenant Cunningham earned an expert's rating with the M-1 rifle, sub-machine gun, carbine and the .45-caliber pistol; and for his 11 months' overseas service he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the American Defense Ribbon, the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. He was placed on inactive status on October 30, 1945, at Ft. Bliss, Texas. He and his wife, Ruth, are the parents of one child.



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9.—**T/Sgt. John Y. Cunningham**, son of Mrs. Ruby Y. Cunningham and the late J. Y. Cunningham of Texarkana, Arkansas, was born at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, February 2, 1920. After graduating from Texarkana High School, he studied physical education for one year before entering military service January 2, 1941. After receiving basic training at Kelly Field, Texas, he attended Mechanic School at Chanute Field, Illinois, and Wright Engine School at Paterson, New Jersey. He qualified as an aircraft mechanic-gunner and was rated as a marksman with the .50 caliber machine gun and the pistol. First sent overseas in July 1942, he saw action in far-flung theaters, serving in the Aleutian Islands, New Guinea, the Philippines and the Western Pacific. A veteran of 25 months overseas, he was awarded the Air Medal with the Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, the American Theater Ribbon, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Silver Star and a Unit Commendation. He received an honorable discharge on July 10, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. His wife is Marjorie Cunningham.

10.—**Cpl. Hugh Edwin Martin**, son of Mrs. Inez Martin and the late R. S. Martin, was born March 2, 1925, in Smackover, Arkansas, moving to Texarkana March 18, 1933. He attended Texarkana High School. A member of the National Guard since October 20, 1942, he entered the Corps of Engineers May 20, 1943, and received basic training at March Field, California. Departing August 20, 1943, for England, Corporal Martin remained overseas for two years and eight months. He was engaged in patrol duty and work on airfields and participated in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, and the Ardennes, spending six months with the Army of Occupation in Munich, Germany. After being honorably discharged December 15, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to his home in Texarkana.

11.—**Sgt. Lawrence Ray Goodwin** is the son of Mrs. Emily Flowers Goodwin of Texarkana, where he was born October 9, 1923. He was educated at Texarkana High School and was employed by the Buhrman-Pharr Hardware Company until entering the Air Corps October 26, 1942. He served his basic training period at Foster Field, Texas, and then attended the Aircraft Mechanic's School at Gulfport, Mississippi; Curtis-Wright Technical School at Buffalo, New York; Pan-American Airways Transition School at Miami, Florida, and Operational School at Reno, Nevada. Sergeant Goodwin became a crew chief and served almost two years in this country with the Air Transport Command. In September 1944, he was sent to Cairo, Egypt, and later saw service in India with the Transport Command. Overseas 17 months, he holds the Technician's Badge and the Sharpshooter's Medal for the carbine and pistol. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on March 5, 1946.

12.—**S/Sgt. Tevis Gants Burns**, son of Mrs. Hattie Burns, was born February 9, 1923, in Texarkana, Texas, moving to Arkansas in 1923. He attended North Heights School. Entering the Army Air Corps July 13, 1942, he received basic training at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and attended Radio School, qualifying as radio operator and rifle marksman. Departing from the United States October 8, 1943, Sergeant Burns served overseas for two years and participated in the air offensive over Europe and the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Central Europe, Rhineland, and Ardennes. He was awarded six Bronze Stars, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, and Good Conduct Medal. After being honorably discharged October 22, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, he returned to his home in Texarkana.

13.—**T/4 Raymond Collom Burns**, son of Mrs. Hattie Burns, was born March 12, 1921, in Texarkana, Texas, moving to Arkansas in 1923. He attended North Heights School. Entering the Army April 28, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Sutton, North Carolina, and attended Savana Ordnance School, qualifying as assistant section chief, ordnance, and squad leader, infantry. After serving

in the United States for a year and a half with Co. O, 302nd Ord. and 820th Ord. Co., he departed October 5, 1943, for Liverpool, England. Overseas for two years, he participated in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, and Central Europe, being wounded in action and spending four months with the Army of Occupation. He was awarded Infantry Combat Badge, European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and American Theater Ribbon. He was honorably discharged October 27, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and returned to his home in Texarkana, Arkansas.

14.—**Quartermaster 3/c John Carroll Parsons**, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Otis Parsons, was born November 25, 1924, in Texarkana, Arkansas. He attended Junior and Senior High Schools in Texarkana; the University of Texas, and the University of Utah. Entering the Navy June 1, 1943, he received boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois, and attended Quartermaster School. After serving for a year and a half in the United States, he departed December 1, 1944, for the North and South Pacific theaters, remaining overseas for nine months. He participated in campaigns of Iwo Jima and Okinawa and was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory Ribbon, two Battle Stars, and Good Conduct Medal. After being honorably discharged June 8, 1946, at Clearfield, Utah, he returned to his home in Texarkana.

15.—**S/Sgt. Joe A. Olmstead, Jr.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Olmstead, was born October 24, 1921, in Hope, Arkansas. He attended Hope High School and Magnolia A. & M. College, Magnolia, Arkansas. Entering the Army Air Force September 28, 1942, he received basic training at Kelly Field, Texas, qualifying as A.A.F. supply technician. After serving for seven months in the United States with the 15th Air Depot Group, Sergeant Olmstead departed May 14, 1943, for Brisbane, Australia, and later was sent to New Guinea, Morotai, and Leyte in the Philippines. He remained overseas for two years and eight months participating in the Papuan and Philippine campaigns. After being honorably discharged January 2, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to San Antonio, Texas, where he lives with his wife, Burnelle.

16.—**Pvt. Sam Davis Chambers**, son of rGanville and Lillie Chambers, was born at Nashville, Arkansas, on February 22, 1907. He received his education by attending rural schools, after which he was employed as a barber. Entering the Infantry on February 3, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Croft, South Carolina. Private Chambers departed from the United States with his unit on August 11, 1944, for the European theater and participated in the campaigns of the Rhineland, Central Europe, and Germany, where he was wounded in action and suffered frozen feet. He was evacuated to England and, after being hospitalized for three months, was transferred to limited service and attached to the Air Corps. In addition to other decorations, he was awarded the Purple Heart and European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on December 3, 1945. He and his wife, Audie live in Nashville, Arkansas, with their children.

17.—**Pfc. Albert O. Chambers** is the son of Lillie and Granvel Chambers of Nashville, Arkansas, where he was born on August 18, 1914. After completing his education he entered the military service on February 3, 1942, and was sent to Camp Livingston, Louisiana, for his basic Infantry training. He served in this country until being sent to the European theater in March, 1945, where he joined the famous 18th Infantry of the 1st Infantry Division. Private Chambers took part in the Central Europe campaign and holds the European Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star and the Army of Occupation Ribbon for five months that he spent with the Army of Occupation in Germany. After one year of overseas service, he was returned to this country and was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, March 16, 1946.

18.—Sgt. Helen M. Gates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gates, was born at Brookston, Texas, July 5, 1922, moving to Arkansas in 1922. She received her education at Hope High School and was employed as stenographer at the Lone Star Ordnance Plant, Texarkana, until entering the Women's Army Corps on May 10, 1943. Receiving basic training at Monticello, Arkansas, she qualified as a lithographic plate maker and served 19 months in the Pentagon Building, Washington, D. C. Sergeant Gates received an honorable discharge at Ft. Sam Houston, on January 23, 1945, and returned to Hope where she resides with her husband, J. E. Dooley, and their child.

19.—Cpl. James Roy Gates, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Roy Gates, Sr., was born July 4, 1925, in Memphis, Tennessee, moving to Arkansas in 1925. He attended Hope, Arkansas, High School. Entering the Marine Corps October 5, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego and attended M.C.B. Radio School, qualifying as radio operator. Attached to

the 18th A.A.A. Bn., he departed in June 1944, for the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations and remained overseas for nearly two years, participating in the Marianas Islands campaign and being awarded three Unit Letters of Commendation. He was honorably discharged June 7, 1946, at Great Lakes, Illinois, and returned to his home in Hope, Arkansas.

20.—Pvt. Clyde Chambers, son of Granville and Lillie Chambers, was born November 5, 1909, at Nashville, Arkansas. He received his education by attending rural schools and was engaged in farming until entering the Infantry on March 22, 1941. He received basic training at Camp Roberts, California, and later was stationed at Camp Adair, Oregon, and Ft. Lewis, Washington. During his period of service he operated .30 caliber machine guns and 81 MM mortars. After being hospitalized for almost two months at Ft. Lewis, Private Chambers was given an honorable discharge on August 23, 1943, after 29 months of meritorious service.

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1.—2nd Lt. David Earl Newbold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Watson Newbold of Texarkana, Arkansas, was born at Little Rock, Arkansas, on March 21, 1917. He attended Little Rock High School, Columbia (Tennessee) Military Academy, Davidson (North Carolina) College and graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1941, serving as president of the senior class and receiving the bachelor of laws degree. He then practiced law in Texarkana until entering military service on July 17, 1942. Sent to the New Orleans Army Air Base, he later attended Intelligence School at Chicago, Illinois, and subsequently received his commission as an officer in the Transportation Corps at New Orleans on August 2, 1944. Lieutenant Newbold was stricken with spinal meningitis while performing his duties at the New Orleans Port of Embarkation and died at the Port of Embarkation Station Hospital, on October 28, 1944. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Wilson Newbold, and their daughter.

2.—Lt. (j. g.) Hayden Watson Newbold, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Watson Newbold of Texarkana, was born at Little Rock, Arkansas, on May 16, 1915. He attended Little Rock High School, Columbia Military Academy, University of Arkansas, and the United States Naval Academy. He received his degree in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas in 1940, and was employed as a civil engineer with the Arkansas Highway Department and the Kansas City Southern Railway prior to entering the Navy on January 8, 1943. Having already received training at the Naval Academy, he was sent to Submarine School at New London, Connecticut, for advanced instruction. Assigned to submarine duty, Lieutenant Newbold served on four submarines in the South Pacific area, the S-23, Cachalot, Ray and the Queenfish. Overseas 26 months, he is entitled to wear the submarine dolphins and holds the Submarine Combat Pin and the Presidential Citation (won while serving on the submarine Queenfish). He was retired to inactive status on November 10, 1945, at New Orleans, Louisiana. He and his wife, Jean, are the parents of one son.

3.—Flight Officer Thomas Albert Anderson, son of Grace and John William Anderson, was born August 3, 1924, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He attended Arkadelphia High School and Ouachita College, where he was a member of R.O.T.C. Entering the Air Corps December 9, 1942, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and pilot training at San Antonio, Texas, graduating as pilot at Lubbock. He also qualified as pistol and carbine marksman, receiving Marksmanship Medal, and as link trainer instructor. Flight Officer Anderson served for three years in the United States with the Air Corps and was honorably discharged October 26, 1945, at Barksdale Field, Shreveport, Louisiana. He lives in Arkadelphia.

4.—Radarman 3/c Harold Eugene Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis, was born on January 11, 1925, at Thompson, Texas, was educated at Ashdown (Arkansas) High School, and was employed as a lumber truck driver prior to his entrance into the Navy on June 8, 1943. Following boot training at San Diego, California, he went to sea on August 8, 1943, and sailed for the South Pacific. During the 28 months he spent in foreign service, he served on the U.S.S. Denver during the time he saw action at Treasure Island, Bougainville and the battle of Empress Augusta Bay; and was aboard the U.S.S. Cleveland when engaged in the Caroline Islands, the Marianas, Saipan, Guam, Tinian, Peleliu, the Philippines, Mindanao, Borneo, Okinawa and in the East China Sea. In addition to these numerous engagements throughout the wide expanse of the South Pacific, Mate Davis was also stationed at Yokahama for two months after the surrender of the Japanese. He was honorably discharged from the service on December 11, 1945, at Nashville, Tennessee.

5.—Boatswain's Mate 2/c Joe William Campbell, son of Ruth M. and William A. Campbell, was born April 14, 1925, in Amity, Arkansas. He attended Amity, Arkadelphia, Fulton, and Springhill, Louisiana, schools. Entering the Navy October 28, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended service school at Memphis, Tennessee. Mate Campbell departed May 25, 1945, for Okinawa and remained overseas for 10 months. After being honorably discharged March 30, 1946, at New Orleans, Louisiana, he returned to his home in Arkadelphia.

6.—T/Sgt. Donald E. Jester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. Jester, was born October 3, 1919, in Ashdown, Arkansas. He graduated from Ashdown High School in 1938, afterwards being engaged as painter and decorator. Entering the Air Corps July 15, 1941, he received basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and attended Radio School, Scott Field, Illinois, and Gunnery School, Duncan Field, Florida, qualifying as radio operator and receiving Expert Rifleman's Medal. After serving for a year and three months in the United States, Sergeant Jester departed October 4, 1942, for England, and served overseas for five months. He was reported missing in action March 8, 1943. Sergeant Jester was awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart. His parents live in Ashdown.

7.—1st Lt. John William Anderson, Jr., son of Grace and John William Anderson, Sr., was born July 4, 1923, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He attended Arkadelphia High School and Ouachita College, where he was a member of the R.O.T.C. Entering the Air Corps November 30, 1942, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and pilot training at San Antonio, Texas, graduating from Ellington Field, Texas. He qualified as pilot and pistol and carbino



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marksman. After serving for two years in the United States, Lieutenant Anderson departed November 14, 1944, for Italy, and remained overseas for seven months. He participated in the campaigns of Po Valley, Germany, Apennines, and the Balkans, and was awarded European Theater Ribbon, five Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon, Victory Ribbon, Air Medal, and Oak Leaf Cluster. His wife is the former Julia Bilgrey, and his home is in Arkadelphia.

8.—Pfc. Loyd Edward Davis, son of Jack and Lena Davis, was born at Ashdown, Arkansas, on January 3, 1923. He graduated from Ashdown High School and was employed as a truck driver prior to entering the Army Signal Corps January 18, 1943. Receiving basic training at St. Petersburg, Florida, he later attended Signal School at Birmingham, Alabama. After serving in the United States for 10 months, Private Davis departed for England in November 1943, and was killed in a motor vehicle accident in Winchester, England, on March 13, 1944. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice, and his parents, who live at Ashdown.

9.—Cpl. Will Tom Jester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jester of Ashdown, Arkansas, was born on September 24, 1916, at Arden, Arkansas. He was educated at Ashdown High School and was a painter and decorator until entering military service on April 4, 1944. Corporal Jester received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and after only five months in this country, was sent to France in September, 1944. Overseas 18 months, he served with the Infantry throughout the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, and the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars. He also holds the Expert Infantryman Badge and the Marksman's Medal. He was honorably discharged on March 11, 1946, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He and his wife, Carrie, have one child.

10.—T/4 Porter L. Jackson, son of Mrs. W. A. Campbell, was born May 3, 1923, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He attended Arkadelphia High School, afterwards being engaged as stage builder and in the ship-building industry. Entering the Army Engineers March 24, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Bowie, Texas, qualifying as photographic and laboratory technician and receiving Sharpshooter's Medal for carbine. Attached to the 679th Engineer (Topo.) Co., he departed December 9, 1944, for the European Theater of Operations and remained overseas for 17 months. He participated in the battle of the Rhineland and Central Europe, spending eight months with the Army of Occupation, and was awarded European-African-Eastern Theater Ribbon, Victory Ribbon for World War II, Good Conduct Medal, Occupation Ribbon, American Defense Ribbon, and three Overseas Bars. After being honorably discharged May 21, 1946, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to his home in Arkadelphia.

11.—Cpl. Joseph R. Jester, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. Jester, Sr., was born June 14, 1913, in Ashdown, Arkansas. He attended Ashdown Grade and High Schools, afterwards being engaged as painter and decorator. Having been a member of the National Guard for six months, he entered the Army Air Corps October 29, 1942, and received basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He attended Aerial Gunnery School at Tyndall Field, Florida, receiving aerial gunner's badge and qualifying as guard patrolman, expert with M-1 rifle, and sharpshooter with carbine. Corporal Jester served for two and a half years in the United States with Squadron A, 235th A.A.F. Base Unit, Biggs Field, Texas. After being honorably discharged May 11, 1945, at Biggs Field, he returned to Ashdown, where he lives with his wife, Bernice, and their children.

12.—Capt. Arch Paul Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arch P. Cooper, was born July 10, 1908, in Antoine, Arkansas. He attended Arkadelphia High School, Henderson-Brown College at Arkadelphia, and the University of Arkansas. Entering the Air Corps April 4, 1942, Captain Cooper departed June 4, 1942,

for England, and remained overseas for more than three years. His group was the first American group to go into air operation against the enemy in the European theater. Captain Cooper served as supply officer, transportation officer, and mess officer of the 309th Fighter Sqdn. and as group supply officer, Commanding Officer Headquarters Detachment, and staff supply and evacuation officer of the 31st Fighter Group, serving in England, Africa, Sicily, and Italy. He participated in the battles of Algeria, Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, North Apennines Po Valley, Northern France, and Rhineland; the air invasion of Southern France; air combat of the Balkans; and the air offensive of Europe. He was awarded Bronze Star Medal, 12 Battle Stars, Presidential Unit Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster, and Bronze Arrowhead. After being honorably discharged April 2, 1946, at Drew Field, Tampa, Florida, he returned to Arkadelphia, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Edna Earle, and their children.

13.—S/Sgt. Jack Arnold Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Percival Cooper, was born April 9, 1916, in Antoine, Arkansas. He attended Arkadelphia High School, Henderson State Teachers College, and Texas University, afterwards being employed by Carey Salt Company. Entering the Air Corps October 1, 1941, he received basic training at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and attended Technicians' School at Chanute Field, Illinois, qualifying as welding instructor. Sergeant Cooper served with the 13th Tech. School Sqdn., and departed December 1, 1944, for Kunming, China. Overseas for 11 months, he participated in campaigns in China and Burma and the Asiatic Theater of Operations and was awarded Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Medal, and Asiatic Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars. After being honorably discharged November 8, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, he returned to his home in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

14.—1st Lt. Bob Bratton Haynes, son of J. W. Wyche of Texarkana, was born at Waldo, Arkansas, September 21, 1921. After graduating from Texarkana High School, he attended the University of Arkansas from 1939 until entering the Army Air Corps on January 29, 1943. Sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, for training, he was commissioned as a pilot of heavy bombers. Lieutenant Haynes landed in England in October 1944, and saw seven months' overseas duty, flying a total of 27 combat missions. He participated in the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and was awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars. He was placed on inactive status at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, August 15, 1945. He and his wife, Betty, have one child.

15.—Ens. Thomas D. Nixon, son of Mrs. Fannie A. Wyche of Texarkana, was born at Delight, Arkansas, December 17, 1914, and after finishing Texarkana High School, received his degree in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas, where he was active in R.O.T.C. work and held a commission as a first lieutenant in the National Guard. A process engineer for the Remington Arms Company, he entered the Navy Seabees on October 15, 1943, and was sent to Camp Peary, Virginia, and Ft. Pierce, Florida, for boot training, where he specialized in the dangerous work of underwater demolition. Arriving in the Southwest Pacific in March, 1944, he took part in the hard fighting on Saipan and was then sent to Guam. Ensign Nixon was killed in action on Guam on July 21, 1944, while performing his duties with the demolition unit. This gallant young officer received the Silver Star Medal and the Order of the Purple Heart (awarded posthumously). He is survived by his wife, Frances Rector Nixon.

16.—1st/Sgt. Warren Hastings Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Percival Cooper, was born September 8, 1910, in Antoine, Arkansas. He attended Arkadelphia High School, Henderson State Teachers College, and Texas University, afterwards being employed by San Antonio Light Company and Carey

Salt Company. Entering the Signal Corps June 3, 1942, he received basic training at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and attended Signal Corps School at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, qualifying as teletype operator. Sergeant Cooper served with Hq. 302nd Sig. Oper. Bn., and departed February 26, 1944, for Walsall, England, remaining overseas for a year and nine months. He participated in campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, and Central Europe, spending four months with the Army of Occupation, and was awarded European Theater Ribbon with four Bronze Battle Stars, Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and American Theater Ribbon. After being honorably discharged November 15, 1945, at Ft. Sam Houston, he returned to his home in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

17.—Capt. Dorothy Elizabeth Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Percieval Cooper, was born November 27, 1913, in Antoine, Arkansas. She attended Arkadelphia High School, Henderson State Teachers College, and the University of Colorado. Entering the W.A.C. August 2, 1942, she received basic training at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, qualifying as unit commander. Captain Cooper served with the W.A.C. Overseas Replacement Depot for more than three years. After being honorably discharged December 10, 1945, at Washington, D. C., she returned to her home in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

18.—Pfc. Shelby Ray Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Jackson of Texarkana, was born at Dierks, Arkansas, April 6, 1921. After completing his education at Texarkana High School, he was employed as a butcher boy by the A&P Supermarket at Texarkana, prior to entering the Marines on September 26, 1942. Sent to San Diego, California, for boot training, he later attended Radio School at Camp Pendleton, California. Arriving in the

South Pacific in June, 1943, he served with Headquarters and Service Battery, 3rd Bn., 10th Marines, during the battle at Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands, and later saw action on Saipan, where he was killed in action while defending his unit's position during a fierce Japanese attack. This brave young soldier was honor man in his platoon, receiving the Honor Medal, Sharpshooter's Medal, Presidential Unit Citation and the Order of the Purple Heart (awarded posthumously). He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Joanne Bentley Jackson, and a young son.

19.—Cpl. Willy Jasper Jobe, son of Viola Agnes and C. B. Jobe, was born January 8, 1918, near Cale, Arkansas. He attended Cale High School and Conway Public School. A member of the National Guard, he entered the Air Corps September 10, 1940, and received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. Serving overseas for 37 months, he participated in the air offensive over Japan and the Aleutian Islands and Ryukyus campaigns and was awarded American Theater Ribbon, American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged November 6, 1945, at A.A.F. Separation Base, Barksdale Field, Louisiana, he returned to Prescott, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Martha, and their son.

20.—Pfc. Finis E. Jobe, son of Mrs. C. B. Jobe, was born August 14, 1925, near Cale, Arkansas. He attended Conway Public Schools and graduated from Cale High School. Entering the Infantry January 10, 1944, he served for nine months in the United States before departing for a year and seven months of overseas duty. Private Jobe was still in service, according to last report. His home is in Prescott, Arkansas.



DALE F. McKINNEY

Watertender 1/c Dale Franklin McKinney, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. I. McKinney, was born at Patmos, Arkansas, February 15, 1919, and after receiving his education in the Prescott (Arkansas) public schools, enlisted in the Navy on April 8, 1938. Following boot training at San Diego, California, he saw extensive sea duty in many parts of the world, participating in the Midway, Coral Sea, Marshall Islands, Gilbert Islands, Santa Cruz, Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Bougainville and Munda Bay engagements, being wounded at Guadalcanal on November 30, 1943. He was awarded the American Defense Service Ribbon with Star, the European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with seven Battle Stars and the Order of the Purple Heart. Watertender McKinney was honorably discharged at Philadelphia on August 13, 1945. He is the husband of Helen Shepherd McKinney.

Lt. Carl Cletus Cheney, son of Mrs. Lucy E. Cheney and the late C. T. Cheney of Prescott, Arkansas, was born at Hazen, Arkansas on January 23, 1920, received his education at Prescott High School and was a merchant and rolling store operator prior to his entrance into the Army Air Corps on June 5, 1942. Following basic training at Randolph Field, Texas, he later attended service schools at Hicks Field (Ft. Worth, Texas); Enid (Oklahoma) Army Air Field; Foster Field, Victoria, Texas, and Thomasville, Georgia. In February 1944, Lieutenant Cheney was sent to Stanley Field, Hawaii, where he performed guard duty and flew a number of combat missions. On March 26, 1945, while gallantly defending the Mustang Fighter Base and his own Mustang P-51, "The Old Stawmping Shoe," on Iwo Jima against a Japanese commando raid, Lieutenant Cheney was killed by grenade, shrapnel and rifle fire. The following day this heroic Arkansan was lowered to final rest in the soil of Iwo Jima by the 4th Marines.



CARL C. CHENEY



LUTHER L. MARLAR

Sgt. Luther Lile Marlar, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Marlar, was born at Emmet, Arkansas, March 21, 1922, received his education in the Hope (Arkansas) schools and was engaged in seismograph work prior to entering the Army Quartermaster Corps. Following basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he qualified as a supply technician, and on August 21, 1943, sailed with his unit for Africa. Assigned to the 32nd Medical Supply Platoon, he served for 28 months overseas, participating in the Rome-Arno campaign. He was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star and a Sharpshooter's Badge. Sergeant Marlar was honorably discharged from the service on December 7, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He is the husband of Wanda Cheney Marlar.

Cpl. Joseph W. Morris, son of Mrs. C. B. Andrews, was born at Prescott, Arkansas, April 8, 1920. After completing his education in the Prescott schools, he was employed by the Republic Mining and Manufacturing Co. prior to entering military service on September 16, 1942. Sent to Ft. George Wright, Spokane, Washington, for basic training, he later attended Ordnance School and qualified as an ordnance technician, serving two years in the United States before being sent to the European Theater, February 7, 1945. He participated in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns with the 10th Armored Division of the 3rd Army from Metz, France, through Germany to Austria. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, M-1 Rifle Badge, carbine Sharpshooter's Badge, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Allied Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged from the service November 14, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He is the husband of Vyrl Martin Morris.



JOSEPH W. MORRIS



HORILD D. DILLARD

Pfc. Horild D. Dillard, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dillard, was born at Rosston, Arkansas, March 9, 1918. A graduate of Rosston High School, he was connected with the Berry Asphalt Company of Waterloo, Arkansas, when he entered the Army November 2, 1942. He trained at Camp Roberts, California; Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi, and Camp Carson, Colorado. After a year and seven months' service with Co. K, 5th Infantry Regt., 71st Division, in the United States, he departed for the European theater June 22, 1944. In France, he transferred to the 117th Infantry, 30th Division, or "Old Hickory" Division. Private Dillard, as a gunner in the mortar section, took part in the battle of St. Lo, France; fought on through that country, and was with the first American troops to enter Belgium and Holland and to break through the Siegfried Line into Germany. Wounded in action on July 25, 1944, he rejoined his company, which was called to defend the breakthrough the Germans made in Belgium, and was killed on Christmas Day, 1944. He is survived by his parents and his widow, Selena Caldwell Dillard.

Capt. Caney J. Brooks, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Caney J. Brooks, was born at Prescott, Arkansas, January 17, 1913. He entered the National Guard on October 3, 1940, and upon entering the active military service with the National Guard, he was sent to Camp Bowie, Texas, and later served at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Arriving with his unit, the 144th Infantry, in the European theater in February 1943, Captain Brooks served as a unit commander in the fighting in Tunisia and later in the Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno campaigns on the Italian front. Overseas more than 30 months, he is the holder of the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars. He was placed on inactive duty at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, on January 15, 1946. His wife is the former Anita Garrett.



CANEY J. BROOKS, JR.



JOHN S. BROOKS

1st Lt. John Samuel Brooks, son of Caney Joseph and Sadie Henderson Brooks of Route 1, Prescott, Arkansas, was born in that city January 15, 1915, and graduated from high school there. He was employed by Ozan Lumber Co. of Prescott and by Texas Power and Light Co. of Dallas, Texas, prior to his entrance into Army service on November 25, 1940, with the National Guard. He received basic training at Camp Bowie, Texas, and later attended service school at Ft. Benning, Georgia. After more than three years' duty in this country, he landed in the Mediterranean theater in the spring of 1943 with the 36th Infantry Division, and during the following 14 months, participated in the Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno campaigns, being wounded in action at Salerno and San Pietro. Lieutenant Brooks wears the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He was retired from active military duty on November 6, 1945, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Lieutenant Brooks and his wife, Mary Rita Crawford Brooks, have two children.

Machinist's Mate 2/c Roy Thomas Elder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Elder, was born July 18, 1918, in Nashville, Arkansas. He attended Nashville Grade and High Schools. Entering the Navy September 20, 1936, he received boot training at San Diego, California. He left San Diego on December 1, 1941, for Pearl Harbor, T. H., and was killed January 23, 1942, when the oil tanker, U.S.S. Neches, on which he had served for five and a half years, was sunk by a torpedo from a Japanese submarine near Pearl Harbor. He is survived by his wife, Lourie Dowling Elder, and one child.



ROY T. ELDER



CECIL A. FEATHERSTON

Pfc. Cecil A. Featherston, son of Octavia and Alfred Featherston, was born February 7, 1924, in Antoine, Arkansas. He attended Delight and Murfreesboro High Schools and Henderson State Teachers College at Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Entering the Marine Corps November 26, 1942, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Jungle Warfare and Demolitions Schools, qualifying for parachute troops and military police. He also qualified as parachute rigger and jumper, and expert with rifle, pistol, machine gun, and demolitions. After serving in the United States attached to provost marshal's staff, he departed February 7, 1943, for Bougainville. Overseas a year, Private Featherston participated in the occupation of Vella LaVella, battle of Empress Augusta Bay, in Bougainville, and the consolidation of the Northern Solomons, being wounded in action November 29, 1943, at Bougainville. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Presidential Unit Citation. After being honorably discharged November 26, 1945, at Camp Joseph H. Pendleton, Ocean-side, California, he returned to Murfreesboro, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Claudia Marie.



Pfc. Billy Joe Hedrick, son of Oscar and Nell Hedrick of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, was born at Nashville, Arkansas, April 20, 1924. He completed his education in the Nashville schools and was employed as a meat cutter until entering the Army on April 21, 1944. Private Hedrick received his basic Infantry training at Camp Hood, Texas, and became a member of Company F, 334th Infantry, 84th Infantry Division. He was sent with that unit to the European theater in October 1944, and after service in England was sent to the battle zone in Europe, where he saw action in the fighting during the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. He holds the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Returning to this country after eight months of foreign service, he was honorably discharged at Ft. Ord, California, on December 6, 1945. He and his wife, Doris Marie, are the parents of one child.



BILLY J. HEDRICK



HURSCHEL ALLEN

S/Sgt. Hurschel Allen is the son of Acie Allen of Glenwood, Arkansas, where he was born February 19, 1919. He attended the Caddo Gap Schools and was a service station operator until entering the Army Air Forces on January 5, 1943. Sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, for basic training, he later received special training at Gunnery and Mechanics' Schools. Sergeant Allen served two years in this country and was sent to Italy in February 1944, with his unit, the 464th Heavy Bomb Group. He saw eight months of foreign service, and saw combat action in the Rome-Arno, Normandy, Northern France, Southern France, and Balkan air campaigns, as well as the air offensive over Europe. He earned the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Sergeant Allen was honorably discharged on September 7, 1945, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He and his wife, Pauline, and child, live in Glenwood.

Seaman 2/c Coy William Grant, son of Winnie and Robert Grant of Glenwood, Arkansas, was born in Montgomery County, Arkansas. He completed his education in the Caddo Gap Public Schools and was engaged in the livestock business until entering the Navy on June 14, 1944. Seaman Grant was sent to the Naval Training Station at Farragut, Idaho, to serve his boot training period, and remained there throughout his one year in the Naval service. He was honorably discharged May 30, 1945, at Farragut, Idaho. He and his wife, Myrtle, are the parents of three children.



COY W. GRANT



PRESTON L. BAKER

S/Sgt. Preston L. Baker, son of Mrs. Sarah Beulah Baker, was born May 18, 1919, at Rosoboro, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Glenwood High School, after which he was employed as cleaner and pipe layer. Entering the Combat Engineers October 3, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Adair, Oregon, qualifying for platoon sergeant. After serving in the United States almost three years, he departed June 6, 1945, for Okinawa. He served overseas eight months, including seven months with the Army of Occupation. Sergeant Baker qualified as expert rifleman March 8, 1944, and received the Good Conduct, Asiatic-Pacific, World War II Victory, and American Theater Ribbons. Returning to the United States February 8, 1946, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, February 17, 1946.

Lt. (j.g.) Elbridge Kelley Mac McWha was the son of William E. and Amanda G. McWha of Glenwood, Arkansas. Born at Kirby, Arkansas, March 18, 1919, he attended Glenwood and Kirby High Schools, Arkansas A. & M. College at Magnolia and University of North Dakota, and was engaged in farming before entering the Navy in July 1941. He had served with the Arkansas National Guard from 1937 to 1939. In November 1941, he became a naval aviation cadet and completed training at Corpus Christi, Texas. After being commissioned he saw service at Miami, Florida, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Alameda, California. In May 1943, he was sent to the Southwest Pacific where he flew two-engine transport planes for the Naval Transport Service. After one year he was sent back to this country and assigned to Air Transport Sqdn. 2. On June 16, 1944, Lieutenant McWha was training pilots when his plane exploded from unknown causes and fell into San Francisco Bay at San Francisco, California. The body of this gallant flier was recovered 11 days later and he is buried at Glenwood.



ELBRIDGE K. M. McWha



JAMES H. GRANT

Sgt. James H. Grant, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Grant of Route 2, Amity, Arkansas, was born at Bonnerdale, Arkansas, July 29, 1916. He was employed as a truck driver after attending a mechanic's school and entered military service on December 11, 1943. Sergeant Grant completed basic training at Camp Lee, Virginia, and attended Noncommissioned Officers' School. He served 17 months in this country and then was sent to China in May, 1945. Overseas a total of 10 months, he served with the Quartermaster Corps and earned the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, China Memorial Medal, China Defense Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas on March 15, 1946. He and his wife, Velma Mae, have two children.

Sgt. Carl H. Fuller is the son of William and Florence Fuller of Glenwood, Arkansas, where he was born on May 10, 1920. After graduating from high school he attended a business college and was employed as a bookkeeper and bank teller until entering the Army Air Corps on June 20, 1942. Upon the completion of basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, he was sent to the Bombsight Maintenance School at Lowry Field, Colorado, and became a bombsight and automatic pilot specialist. Sergeant Fuller was sent to the South Pacific theater in August 1944, and remained overseas for more than 15 months, participating in the Eastern Mandates and Western Pacific air campaigns and the air offensive against Japan. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Ribbon, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, December 2, 1945. His wife is Jewell Edna Fuller.



CARL H. FULLER



WINFRED O. REID

Capt. Winfred O. Reid, son of Frank and Pearl Reid of Delight, Arkansas, was born March 24, 1921. He was educated at Delight High School, Little Rock Junior College and Henderson State Teachers College, and entered the Marine Corps November 21, 1941. Captain Reid completed training at New Orleans, Louisiana; Pensacola, and Miami, Florida, and was commissioned as a fighter pilot. He was sent to the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific theater in February, 1943. Captain Reid saw action in the New Georgia, Vella Lavella, Bougainville and Treasury Island campaigns and also at Rabaul and New Ireland. He flew 88 combat missions and has two Japanese planes and four supply barges to his credit. After service in Australia, he was returned to this country. Arriving in the Pacific theater a second time, he served on Guam and in Japan. Overseas a total of 16 months, he holds the Presidential Unit Citation, two Air Medals, American Defense Service Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars and American Theater Ribbon. Captain Reid will remain in the Marine Corps. He and his wife, Jean, are the parents of one child.

Pharmacist's Mate 3/c John Dickerson Duncan, son of Dr. and Mrs. Melvin Dewey Duncan of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, was born on January 9, 1923, at Center Point, Arkansas. He attended Murfreesboro High School, Henderson State Teachers College and the University of Arkansas, before entering the Navy on July 22, 1943. He served boot training at San Diego, California, and then attended the Hospital Corps School, becoming a hospital technician. After serving almost a year in this country at the Naval Hospital at Norman, Oklahoma, he was sent to the Aleutian Islands as a member of the crew of the U.S.S. Dane. Overseas 20 months, he served on Adak and Attu Islands in the Aleutians and then on Okinawa in the Central Pacific theater. He was returned to this country and was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, March 11, 1946.



JOHN D. DUNCAN



JOE H. GARNER

T/3 Joe H. Garner, son of Grace Bell Garner of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, was born at Antoine, Arkansas, February 2, 1919. He completed his education at Norman High School and Draughon's Business College at Little Rock, and was employed at the Jacksonville Ordnance Plant at the time he enlisted in the Army on March 13, 1942. Sent to Camp Crowder, Missouri, for his basic training, he was assigned as a clerk-typist in the Signal Corps and after two years in this country was sent to London, England, in May, 1944. Overseas a total of 19 months, Sergeant Garner served with the Headquarters Intelligence Division of the Signal Corps during the Normandy and Northern France campaigns and was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal and the Certificate of Merit. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, December 26, 1945.

Lt. (s. g.) Robert B. Carroll, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bascom Carroll, Sr., was born October 4, 1918, at Murfreesboro, Arkansas. He attended Murfreesboro High School, Hendrix College, University of Arkansas, and University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado. Entering the Navy November 16, 1942, he received boot training at Bloomsburg State Teachers College, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, and by attending Flight Training Schools qualified for Naval aviator, primary flight instructor, intermediate flight instructor, and instrument flight instructor. After serving three years in the United States, he served six months in the Corpus Christi South American patrol. In addition to other decorations, he received the American Theater, World War II Victory, and Good Conduct Ribbons. Lieutenant Carroll was returned to inactive duty at Corpus Christi, January 4, 1946. He and his wife, Sue, live in Murfreesboro, Arkansas, with their children.



ROBERT B. CARROLL, JR.



J. D. CLEVINGER, JR.

1st/Sgt. Jewell D. Clevenger, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jewell D. Clevenger, Sr., was born May 13, 1923, in Delight, Arkansas. He attended Delight High School, Magnolia A. & M. College, and the University of Kansas City in Missouri. Entering the Army July 12, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Barkeley, Abilene, Texas, qualifying as pharmacist. Sergeant Clevenger served with the Medical Corps and departed February 26, 1945, for Assam, India, remaining overseas for a year and three months. He was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, and World War II Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged June 5, 1946, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, he returned to his home in Delight, Arkansas.

Chief Pharmacist's Mate Harry Herbert Branch is the son of Mrs. J. H. Gould of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, where he was born on December 7, 1917. Educated in the Murfreesboro High School, he enlisted in the Navy on July 10, 1940, and was sent to San Diego, California, for his boot training, later attending the Hospital Corps School at San Diego. Chief Branch is a veteran of 44 months of foreign service and has served in the Atlantic and the British West Indies. He was on sea duty in the South Pacific theater from March 1943, until January 1945, and saw action in the Marshall Islands and on Saipan, Tinian and Guam. Holder of three commendations for meritorious service in the South Pacific, he plans to make the Regular Navy his career and is remaining in the service. His wife is Elaine H. Branch.



HARRY H. BRANCH



LEMUEL G. WARD

Machinist's Mate 1/c Lemuel G. Ward, son of Ruth E. and Grady H. Ward, was born February 28, 1921, in Nashville, Arkansas. He attended Murfreesboro Grade and High School. Entering the Navy (Construction Battalion) September 4, 1943; he received boot training at Camp Perry, Virginia, and attended Pneumatic Equipment School at Camp Endicott, Rhode Island, qualifying as machinist, heavy equipment, and expert rifle-man (carbine). After serving in the United States for a year and a half with the 106th Naval Construction Bn., he departed March 9, 1945, for the Ryukyus Islands and during his nine months overseas participated in the invasion and occupation of the Ryukyus. After being honorably discharged January 4, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to Murfreesboro, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Mary, and their son.

T/5 Hiram T. Ward, son of Ruth E. and Grady H. Ward, was born November 26, 1925, in Murfreesboro, Arkansas. He attended Murfreesboro High School and Ouachita College at Arkadelphia. Entering the Army Medical Corps April 5, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri, qualifying as medical laboratory technician. After serving in the United States for a year and a half with the 8th Service Command, he departed in September 1945, for Korea, and served with the Army of Occupation for nearly six months. After being honorably discharged April 14, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to his home in Murfreesboro.



HIRAM T. WARD



BROOKS A. TOLLESON

Pfc. Brooks Ayers Tolleson, son of Cynthia Jane Tolleson of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, was born at Nashville, Arkansas, November 24, 1914. He was educated in the Howard County schools and was engaged in farming until entering the Army on March 25, 1944. Trained as an infantryman at Camp Hood, Texas, he was sent to the European theater in October 1944, and saw action in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Captured by the Germans, Private Tolleson spent six months in German prison camps and was returned to this country in June, 1945. Overseas a total of nine months, he was awarded the European Theater Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal as well as the Combat Infantryman Badge. He was honorably discharged at Camp Beale, California, October 20, 1945. He and his wife, Katherine, have three children.

Shipfitter 1/c Otis Wilson Gilleylen is the son of Mrs. J. H. Taylor of Delight, Arkansas, where he was born on September 17, 1916. Educated in the Delight public schools, he was engaged as a welder by the Carrier Corporation until entering the Navy Seabees on November 10, 1942. Sent to Davisville, Rhode Island, for boot training, he later completed the chemical warfare course at Treasure Island, California, and became a welder. Shipfitter Gilleylen has seen two tours of foreign duty, the first in the Aleutian Islands and then in Hawaii and Guam in the Marianas Islands of the South Pacific theater. Overseas a total of more than 28 months, he served with the 52nd Naval Construction Bn. He was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, on October 31, 1945. His wife is Johnnye Elizabeth Gilleylen.



OTIS W. GILLEYLEN



WALTER B. WOMACK

S/Sgt. Walter Bernard Womack, son of Mrs. Effie Womack, was born at Murfreesboro, Arkansas, November 4, 1914. He received his education by attending Murfreesboro Public Schools, after which he was employed by Arkansas Highway Department. He entered the Medical Corps on June 18, 1941, receiving training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri; Ft. Crook, Nebraska; Camp Ellis, Illinois, and Ft. Dix, New Jersey, qualifying for medical noncommissioned officer. Attached to 86th Field Hospital, he departed from the United States on January 22, 1945, for Korea, serving for almost 12 months. He received the American Defense Service Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Service Star, World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and American Theater Ribbon. Sergeant Womack was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, January 5, 1946, and returned to Murfreesboro.

Seaman Arlos Eugene Riddle, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Riddle, was born October 23, 1924, in Murfreesboro. He received his education by attending Murfreesboro Public Schools. Entering the Navy June 19, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, California. He served in the Pacific Theater of Operations for two years and six months, engaging in eight major battles and being present in Tokyo Bay when peace documents were signed. He was honorably discharged December 13, 1945.



ARLOS E. RIDDLE



OLVY J. JOHNSON

Seaman 1/c Olvy Jerome Johnson, son of Olvey and Elsie Johnson of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, was born at Pike City, Arkansas, August 10, 1925. Educated in the Murfreesboro schools, he was employed as a mechanic until entering the Navy on October 9, 1943. He received his boot training at San Diego, California, and in December 1943, was sent to the Pacific theater where he served for 27 months. Seaman Johnson was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with seven Battle Stars, the American Theater Ribbon and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon and was returned to this country in February 1946. He was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, March 3, 1946.

S/Sgt. John Pershing Burke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Parham Burke, was born at Glenwood, Arkansas, August 6, 1919. He received his education by attending Glenwood High School and graduating from Arkansas State Teachers College, after which he was employed as personnel clerk. Entering the Armed Forces November 16, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Robinson, qualifying for administrative noncommissioned officer. After serving almost two years attached to Hq. Co., 22nd Replacement Depot, he departed September 6, 1944, for the Asiatic-Pacific theater, participating in action on New Guinea and Luzon. Sergeant Burke qualified for rifle Marksmanship Medal April 28, 1944, and was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and two Bronze Service Stars, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon and one Bronze Star. Returning to the United States on January 1, 1946, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, January 7, 1946.



JOHN P. BURKE



GEORGE S. DILLARD

Cpl. George Saxon Dillard is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Elmore Dillard of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, where he was born on October 7, 1917. He attended Murfreesboro High School and was employed by the Sinclair Oil Company at Monroe, Louisiana. He served four and a half years with the Regular Army, serving with the Cavalry at Ft. Riley, Kansas, and the Air Corps at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, and was then honorably discharged. On September 29, 1942, he again enlisted in the Army and was sent to Hondo, Texas, for his basic Air Corps training. He attended the Engine School and became an airplane mechanic. A veteran of more than seven years of military service, he served during this war as a member of the 2518th Army Air Force Base Unit and was honorably discharged November 17, 1945, at Barksdale Field, Shreveport, Louisiana. He and his wife, the former Dorothy Chaney, are the parents of one son.

Lt. Comdr. Walter Claybourne Dillard is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Elmore of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, where he was born on April 1, 1916. He was educated at Murfreesboro High School and Henderson State Teachers College at Conway, and entered the Regular Navy in June 1938, as a flight cadet. After training at the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Florida, he was commissioned as a Naval aviator in September 1939, and was assigned to duty with Observation Sqdn. 5 aboard the U.S.S. New York. In May 1942, he became executive officer of Scouting Sqdn. 10 at San Juan, Puerto Rico, and later saw service with a training squadron at Pensacola, Florida, and in the assembly and repair department at Norfolk, Virginia, where he was stationed, according to last report received. Commander Dillard is a Regular Navy Officer and will remain in the service. He and his wife, the former Helen Terrell, have two children.



WALTER C. DILLARD



ROY L. WISDOM

Sgt. Roy L. Wisdom, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Oscar Wisdom, was born July 6, 1910, in Mineral Springs, Arkansas. He attended Sweet Home School, afterwards being employed by Murfreesboro Lumber Co. for five years. Entering the Army October 17, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Adair, Oregon, and attended noncommissioned officers' schools in Washington, Oregon, and California, qualifying as squad leader. Departing from the United States July 26, 1944, with the 96th Division, Co. L, 381st Infantry, for the South Pacific, Sergeant Wisdom participated in the battle of Leyte, Philippine liberation, and battle of Okinawa, being seriously injured in action. He was awarded Expert Rifleman's Badge, Infantryman's Combat Badge with three Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and Bronze Star. After being honorably discharged September 18, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Murfreesboro, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Mavis, and their child.

Cpl. Leon Warren, son of Elbert Leonidas Warren of Nashville, Arkansas, was born at Highland, Arkansas, June 1, 1924, and completed his education in the Murfreesboro High School. He was employed by the Consolidated Aircraft Company at San Diego, California, until entering the Army Air Force in December, 1942. Corporal Warren served basic training at Kelley Field, Texas, and then was sent to the Aeronautical Engineering School at Columbus, Ohio, and became an engineer for B-29 aircraft. A veteran of almost three years in the Air Force, he holds the Good Conduct Medal and the American Theater Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Maxwell Field, Alabama, November 21, 1945. He and his wife, Fernelle, are the parents of one child.



LEON WARREN



REMBERT OWENS

T/5 Rembert Owens, son of Mrs. O. B. and the late O. B. Owens of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, was born at Murfreesboro on July 24, 1908, and completed his education at Murfreesboro High School. Entering the military service at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, January 4, 1945, he received basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and after six months in the United States was sent to Hawaii with his unit, the 219th Ordnance Tank Maintenance Company. Overseas six months, he is the holder of the Victory Ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon. Corporal Owens was returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, December 1, 1945. He and his wife, Lucille, are the parents of four children.

Sgt. Robert Harold Cummings is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Davis Cummings of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, where he was born on October 21, 1923. He attended Murfreesboro High School and Arkansas A. & M. College at Magnolia, and was employed as a sales clerk until entering the Army April 14, 1943. Assigned to the Infantry, he completed basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and after serving in this country with the 230th Infantry Training Bn. at Camp Wolters, he was sent to the European theater in November 1944. Overseas 15 months, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon and the Combat Infantryman Badge for his part in the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. After eight months with the Army of Occupation of Germany he was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, January 24, 1946.



ROBERT H. CUMMINGS



JAMES H. CUMMINGS

S/Sgt. James Herbert Cummings is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Davis Cummings of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, where he was born October 21, 1923. He attended Murfreesboro High School and completed his education at Arkansas A. & M. College at Magnolia, Arkansas, before entering the Army on April 14, 1943. Sergeant Cummings served his basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and served one and a half years in this country with the 230th Infantry Training Bn. at Camp Wolters before arriving in the European theater in November 1944. Overseas almost 15 months, he took part in the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Germany campaigns and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon and the Combat Infantryman Badge. He also holds the Expert Rifleman's Medal. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, January 24, 1946.

Cpl. John A. Eagle, Jr., son of John A. Eagle, Sr., and Mrs. Carolyn Eagle Lewis, was born October 25, 1925, in Little Rock, Arkansas. He received his education by attending schools in Lonoke, Hazen, Little Rock, and Murfreesboro. Entering the Marine Corps, aviation detachment, at Little Rock, May 15, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and gunnery training at El Centro, California. He also attended Naval Air Gunners' School at Miami, Florida, and qualified as marksman and radio gunner. Departing March 27, 1944, for the Pacific theater, Corporal Eagle served overseas for more than a year and participated in the consolidation of the Northern Solomons; the Philippine liberation, being based at Efate in New Hebrides; and in the campaigns of Emireau, Bismarck Archipelago, and Zamboanga in the Philippines. He was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses, six Air Medals, and Presidential Unit Citation. After being honorably discharged November 23, 1945, at Marine Barracks, Naval Air Station, Miami, Florida, he returned to his home in Murfreesboro.



JOHN A. EAGLE, JR.

1.—**T/4 Edgar W. McWha** is the son of James and Lala McWha of Amity, Arkansas, where he was born November 5, 1923. He attended Amity High School and was a clerk in a wholesale grocery warehouse until entering military service March 15, 1943. Assigned to the Signal Corps, he received his basic training at Camp Roberts, California, and became a telephone repairman. After five months with the 55th Field Artillery Training Bn., he was sent to Hawaii and remained overseas for 26 months. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Ribbon for his service in the Pacific. He was honorably discharged at Camp Fannin, Texas, November 13, 1945. He and his wife, the former Veda Mae Sorrell, have one child.

2.—**Pfc. Roy B. Alexander** is the son of Mrs. Mary Alexander of Delight, Arkansas, where he was born June 9, 1918. He was educated in the Delight Public Schools and entered military service June 26, 1941. After serving basic training period at Camp Roberts, California, he became a rifleman and was sent to the Aleutian Islands. Private Alexander has seen service in both the Aleutian Islands campaign and the Northern France campaign in Europe and has a total of three years and three months of foreign service. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star and the European Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, he was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, October 17, 1945.

3.—**S/Sgt. Cletis L. Vaughn** is the son of George and Lucy Vaughn of Glenwood, Arkansas. Born there on February 5, 1922, he attended Glenwood High School and was employed in lumber mills and mercury mines until entering military service on October 19, 1943. Upon completion of his Infantry basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas, he was sent to England in May 1944, and remained in the European theater for 19 months. Sergeant Vaughn took part in the Normandy, Northern France and Rhineland campaigns as an Infantry squad leader and was awarded the European Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Certificate of Merit and the Victory Ribbon. He was transferred to the military police in June 1945, and served with the Army of Occupation of Germany until he was honorably discharged December 20, 1945. He and his wife, Mildred Rose, have one daughter.

4.—**Cpl. Quincy Howard Lewis** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Hiram Lewis of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, where he was born on September 9, 1910. He completed his education at Murfreesboro High School and Draughton's Business College, and was a book-keeper for Arkansas Quicksilver Mines and also served as treasurer of Pike County until entering military service on September 4, 1943. Corporal Lewis trained at Camp Grant, Illinois, and was assigned to the Medical Corps, receiving special training at Lawson General Hospital at Atlanta, Georgia. In September 1944, he was sent to France and served 14 months in the European theater with the Medical Department. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, December 1, 1945. His wife is the former Edna Marie Steuart.

5.—**T/5 Augustus G. Ingram, Jr.**, son of Augustus G. Ingram, Sr., of Prescott, Arkansas, was born at Laneburg, Arkansas, March 23, 1915. After completing his education in the Laneburg schools, he engaged in sawmill and engineering work prior to entering military service March 17, 1944. He was sent to North Camp Hood, Texas, for basic training, and after seven months of service in this country, he sailed for the European theater on October 22, 1944. As a member of a tank destroyer unit, he participated in the Ardennes, Rhineland, and the Central European campaigns. Among his awards for meritorious service were the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. After serving with the Army of Occu-

pation from May 8 to December 13, 1945, he returned to the United States and was honorably discharged December 31, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He and his wife, Evelyn, are the parents of two children.

6.—**Cpl. Billy Joe Fitzgerald**, son of Emma Fitzgerald of Glenwood, Arkansas, was born at Amity, Arkansas. He was educated in the Glenwood and Amity public schools and entered military service on December 11, 1940. Corporal Fitzgerald received his quartermaster basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and after two years of service in this country arrived in North Africa with the 2nd Armored Division in December 1942. He saw a total of 31 months of foreign service and was wounded in action and awarded the Purple Heart. He saw action in the Tunisian, Sicilian, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, North Apennines, Po Valley, Southern France and Central Europe campaigns. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, July 22, 1945. His wife is Elizabeth Irene.

7.—**S/Sgt. William Garland Cox**, son of Mrs. Nola Cox, was born April 11, 1923, in Murfreesboro, Arkansas. He attended Murfreesboro High School, afterwards being engaged as a farmer and miner. Entering the Army March 3, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri, qualifying as engineer (construction). Attached to the 285th Engineers, Sergeant Cox departed October 21, 1944, for Germany, and remained overseas for a year and five months. He participated in Ardennes and Rhineland campaigns, spending five months with the Army of Occupation, and was awarded one Bronze Star. After being honorably discharged March 25, 1946, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to Murfreesboro, where he lives with his wife, Lorene.

8.—**Shipsfitter 1/c Jadie Brooks McDougald**, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McDougald, was born March 20, 1916, in Hempstead County, Arkansas. He attended Blevins Consolidated School and Prescott High School, after which he was employed as a body and fender worker in Washington, D. C., and as a civilian welder on the Bermuda base. Enlisting in the Navy May 1943, he received boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia. He later attended advanced training school at Naval Construction Training Center, Davisville, Rhode Island; was assigned to Station Force as instructor in welding at Camp Endicott, and served at Camp Thomas, Rhode Island, and Port Hueneme, California. After completing his training in the United States, he departed in January 1945, for the Philippine Islands, where he served for 11 months. Returning to the States, he was honorably discharged at Bainbridge, Maryland, December 1, 1945. He and his wife, Rita, live in Prescott, Arkansas, with their child.

9.—**S/Sgt. Charles L. Haynsworth** is the son of Charles and Gussie Haynsworth of Glenwood, Arkansas, where he was born September 29, 1919. He attended the Glenwood High School and was a grocery clerk until entering military service on November 27, 1941. Assigned to the Army Air Force, he completed basic training at Biloxi and Keesler Field, Mississippi, and after two years in this country with the 722nd Classification Sqdn., he was sent to England in January 1944, and remained overseas a total of more than 19 months. Sergeant Haynsworth was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, November 4, 1945. His wife is Margaret E. Haynsworth.

10.—**2nd Lt. William L. (Bill) McDougald**, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McDougald of Prescott, Arkansas, was born there on May 29, 1920. He graduated from Blevins High School and Arkansas A. & M. College at Magnolia, entering the Army December 23, 1940. Qualified by previous service in the Arkansas National Guard, he received basic training at Camp Robinson and subsequently departed with his unit, Company B, 153rd Infantry, for Alaska, where he served for 22 months. Following this, he



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spent six months at Ft. Lewis, Washington, training inductees, later entering training for Pacific combat at Camp White, Oregon, with the 96th Infantry Division. Transferred to the West Coast for amphibious training at Camp Beale and San Luis Obispo, California, he sailed for the South Pacific war zone July 20, 1944, where he was soon engaged in the fighting on Leyte, in the Philippine Islands. For gallantry in action there, he was commissioned a second lieutenant on the battlefield on March 6, 1945, and later took part in the battle to conquer Okinawa. On April 12, 1945, in an assault on Kakazu Ridge, Lieutenant McDougald, with complete disregard for his personal safety and an earlier wound, exposed himself to intense enemy fire while setting up a heavy machine gun, and was mortally wounded, dying later in the day in the 31st Field Hospital. This heroic Arkansas officer was buried in the United States Armed Forces Temporary Cemetery No. 1 on Okinawa. For devoted service to his country, he received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Battle Stars, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Silver Star and the Order of the Purple Heart, which were awarded posthumously. Lieutenant McDougald is survived by his wife, Emma Gene McDougald, and a son, William Ralph McDougald, who live at Prescott. In a touching ceremony, Col. John P. Wheeler, commanding officer of the Army Ground Service Forces Redistribution Station, Hot Springs, presented Mrs. McDougald with the Silver Star Medal, awarded posthumously to her heroic husband.

11.—Clyde J. Vaughn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orbie Vaughn of Nevada City, California, formerly of Glenwood, Arkansas, was born October 21, 1923. He received his education in Glenwood and Waldron public schools and was employed at Vaughn Lumber Co., Glenwood, Arkansas, before entering the Infantry April 21, 1942. He received basic training at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, and from there was shipped to New York. (No further details regarding the service record of Clyde Vaughan were furnished.)

12.—Seaman 1/c Otis H. Cantrell, son of Charlie and Armelda Cantrell of Glenwood, Arkansas, was born at Rosboro, Arkansas, July 23, 1918. He attended Rosboro High School and the Sprayberry Radio Academy at Washington, D. C., and was employed as an inspector of levee construction until entering the Navy on April 3, 1944. He was trained at the Naval Training Station at San Diego, California, and specialized in electrical work. Seaman Cantrell served at San Diego throughout his nine months of naval service and was honorably discharged there on December 22, 1944. He and his wife, Ola Lavern, are the parents of one child.

13.—Fireman 1/c Floyd Oliver is the son of Mary Elizabeth Oliver of Amity, Arkansas, where he was born October 14, 1910. After completing his education he was engaged in farming and then was a truck driver and clerk until entering the Navy on April 3, 1944. Fireman Oliver completed boot training at San Diego, California, and in June 1944, was sent to Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands. Remaining overseas a total of 16 months, he was returned to this country and was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, October 29, 1945. He and his wife, Ethel Lizzie, are the parents of four children.

14.—Cpl. Kenneth A. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey L. Young, was born at Gurdon, Arkansas, November 27, 1921. He received his education by attending Gurdon High School, after which he was employed by the Missouri Pacific Railway Co. as a brakeman. Entering the Corps of Engineers on August 20, 1942, he received basic training at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, and by attending service school at Ft. Sam Houston, qualified as railway signal operator. After serving in the United States 22 months, he was sent to India on April 22, 1944, spending three months as noncommissioned officer

and 31 months as railway operator. Corporal Young received rifle Marksmanship Medal on November 19, 1942, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Campaign Ribbon, and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon. He received an honorable discharge at Jefferson Barracks, January 7, 1946, and returned to Gurdon.

15.—Pvt. James Dorman Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey L. Young, was born at Gurdon, Arkansas, March 16, 1920. He received his education by attending Gurdon High School and Ouachita College, after which he was employed by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Co. as a conductor. He entered the Infantry June 12, 1944, and received basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas. After serving over three months he was honorably discharged at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, September 25, 1944. He and his wife, Louise, live in Gurdon with their child.

16.—1st Lt. John Harvey Meeks was born March 4, 1908, at Antoine, Arkansas. He attended Arkadelphia High School and Henderson State Teachers College, after which he was employed by the Southern Kraft Corporation and Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana. Entering the Army Air Corps March 17, 1942, he received basic training at Stockton Field, Stockton, California, and attended Officer Candidate School, Miami Beach, Florida, and A.S.C. Administrative School, Warner Robbins, Georgia. He received carbine Marksman's Medal, and Expert Medal with the Thompson sub-machine gun. After serving three years in the United States attached to Air Service Command, he departed March 18, 1945, for Harmon Field, Guam, where he remained until February 26, 1946. He was separated from the service at Camp Chaffee, April 7, 1946.

17.—Capt. Wade C. Meeks was born January 20, 1917, at Antoine, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Arkadelphia High School, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and Tennessee Tech. He was employed by Midstates Theater, Inc., at Cookeville, Tennessee, until enlisting in the Army Air Corps, December 9, 1941. Receiving basic training at Keesler Field, Mississippi, he later attended Officer Candidate School at Miami Beach, Florida. Captain Meeks served 18 months in the United States attached to 4th Air Force and departed September 5, 1943, for Boringuen Field, Puerto Rico, where he remained for over 32 months, returning to the United States January 3, 1946. He was separated from active service January 17, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

18.—Flight Officer Millikan Jones, son of Margaret Millikan Jones of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, was born at Malvern, Arkansas, March 13, 1925. He attended Arkadelphia High School and entered the Army Air Forces April 15, 1943. He became a flying cadet and served his primary flight training at Ft. Stockton, Texas; his basic flight training at Garden City, Texas, and his advanced training at Altus, Oklahoma. He was commissioned as pilot of B-24 aircraft and served as a primary instructor at the Glider Pilot School, Sheppard Field, Texas. A veteran of two and a half years of Army service, he was released from active duty at Buckley Field, Colorado, September 21, 1945.

19.—T/Sgt. Robert Gordon Jones, son of Margaret Millikan Jones of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, was born at Corning, Arkansas, April 15, 1924. He attended Arkadelphia High School and entered the Army Air Corps June 4, 1942. Sergeant Jones completed his basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and attended Gunnery School at Tyndall Field, Florida, and Radio School at Salt Lake City, Utah. In April 1943, he was sent to the 8th Air Force in England, and was captured by the Germans when his plane was shot down over Germany. Sergeant Jones remained a German prisoner for a total of 22 months. Overseas a total of 27 months, he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in action and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. He was honorably discharged at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, October 28, 1945. His wife is the former Margaret Green.

20.—2nd Lt. William Bryan Jones is the son of Margaret M. Jones of Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Born at Malvern, Arkansas, March 17, 1920, he was educated at Pine Bluff High School and Henderson State Teachers College and was employed as a shoe salesman until entering military service on February 12, 1941. He completed his Infantry basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and in August 1941, he was sent to Alaska. He remained in the Alaskan theater for 19 months and was re-

turned to the United States. Lieutenant Jones then received his commission at the Officer Candidate School, Ft. Benning, Georgia, and was sent to France in June 1944. Overseas a total of 28 months, he served as an Infantry unit commander in the European theater and won the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars. He was released from active service at Camp Butner, North Carolina, July 22, 1945.

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1.—Cpl. Virgil Fagan Coleman, son of Mrs. Joe Coleman, was born at Nashville, Arkansas, January 24, 1923. Graduating from Mineral Springs High School, he engaged in farming until entering the Army Air Force on January 19, 1943. He received basic training at Miami Beach, Florida, and attended Ordnance School, Aberdeen, Maryland. After training in the United States almost two years, he was sent to the Asiatic-Pacific theater November 7, 1944, participating in Western Pacific, Southern Philippines, and Luzon campaigns. Corporal Coleman spent over two months with the Army of Occupation. He qualified for carbine expert January 1, 1944, and for meritorious service was awarded three Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Presidential Unit Citation, and Good Conduct Medal. Returning to the United States January 14, 1946, he was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, January 19, 1946. He and his wife, Eleanor, live in Nashville, Arkansas.

2.—Seaman 2/c Ernest N. Coleman, son of Jasper Franklin and Mattie Barnett Coleman, was born at Nashville, Arkansas, on June 24, 1908. After attending Nashville Public Schools, he was employed as automobile mechanic and defense plant worker. Receiving boot training at Farragut, Idaho, after entering the Navy on May 3, 1944, Seaman Coleman left the United States on September 22, 1944, for the South Pacific where he participated in 14 campaigns and five battles. He received an honorable discharge at Memphis, Tennessee, on October 17, 1945, and returned to Nashville, where he lives with his wife, Betty, and their children.

3.—T/Sgt. Van A. Hope, son of Ethel and Grady Hope, was born September 17, 1917, in Bokhoma, Oklahoma, moving to Arkansas in November 1923. He attended DeQueen High School and A. & M. College. Entering the Army April 25, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Sibert, Alabama, ranking second highest in marksmanship. Sergeant Hope was still in the service, according to last report, and was a patient at Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Georgia, according to last report received. His home is in DeQueen, Arkansas, and his wife is Mary A. Hope.

4.—1st/Sgt. Neily B. Coleman, son of Mrs. Amanda Coleman, was born at Nashville, Arkansas, December 12, 1920. He attended public school at Kirby and Mineral Springs (Arkansas), then enrolled at Magnolia A. & M. College, entering the Arkansas National Guard in 1939, while a student there. Called to active service on December 23, 1940, he received basic training at Camp Robinson and was sent with Co. D, 153rd Infantry, in the fall of 1941, to the Aleutian Islands, where he remained two years and a half. Sergeant Coleman holds the American Defense Ribbon with one Battle Star, the Good Conduct Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Battle Star. He was honorably discharged on August 11, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. His wife is the former Ellen P. Holland.

5.—Sgt. Jack A. Coleman, son of Mrs. Mandy Coleman, was born in Nashville, Arkansas, December 25, 1906. Prior to his entrance into the Army October 15, 1942, he was engaged in the automobile business. He received basic training at Blackland Army Air Field, Waco, Texas, and later attended Waterproofing and Transportation Service Schools, quali-

fying as an automotive equipment operator. After more than a year at Army air bases in this country, Sergeant Coleman landed with the 8th Air Force in England and remained overseas more than a year and a half. He was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal, and was honorably discharged at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, on September 23, 1945. He lives in Nashville, Arkansas, with his wife, Opal.

6.—T/Sgt. Neil E. Byers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Byers, was born March 5, 1920, at Nashville, Arkansas. After receiving his education by attending Nashville High School, he entered the Army Air Force January 1, 1942, and was given basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas. Sergeant Byers attended Airplane Mechanic and Aerial Gunners' School at Tyndall, Florida, and Airplane Specialist School, Santa Monica, California. Attached to 85th Bomb Group, he departed from the United States October 15, 1943, for England, and participated in the air offensive over Europe. While on combat mission he was shot down over Denmark February 22, 1944, and was held prisoner of war by the Germans until liberated by the British May 4, 1945. He received the Air Medal and Cluster, European Theater of Operations Ribbon with one Battle Star, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and Citation. Returning to the United States July 30, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Ft. Sam Houston October 31, 1945. He lives in Nashville, Arkansas.

7.—S/Sgt. Elmer (Jack) H. Byers, Jr., son of Elmer H. and Lenora Byers of Nashville, was born October 26, 1922, at Bingen, Arkansas. He attended Bingen Grade and Nashville High Schools, after which he was employed as farmer and carpenter's helper. Entering the Army Air Forces August 4, 1943, he received basic training at Amarillo, Texas, and afterwards attended Armament and Gunnery Service Schools. Attached to 4th Air Force, he departed November 13, 1944, for New Guinea and participated in the campaigns of Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Luzon, P. I., and China. He received Marksmanship Medals for use of pistol, carbine, and Thompson sub-machine gun and was awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars, and American Defense, Good Conduct, Philippine Liberation, and Victory Ribbons. He was honorably discharged at Kelly Field, Texas, October 31, 1945, returning to Nashville, where he lives with his wife, Elizabeth.

8.—Major William J. Coleman, son of Amanda Coleman, was born July 9, 1910, in Nashville, Arkansas. He attended Nashville High School and graduated from the University of Arkansas with L.L.B. degree, afterwards being engaged as regional director of Bureau of Agricultural Economics in Little Rock. Entering the Quartermaster Corps March 14, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and attended Quartermaster Officer Candidate School at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, and the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Georgia. After serving for two and a half years in the United States with Hq. Qm. Group, A.S.F.U.T.C., Major Coleman departed September 15, 1944, for Honolulu, Hawaii, and Okinawa. Overseas nearly two years, he participated in Western Pacific campaigns. Major Coleman was stationed at Honolulu, and expected to be released from active duty September 1, 1946, ac-



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cording to last report received. His wife, Katherine, lives in Nashville, Arkansas.

9.—Sgt. Harold J. Ligon, son of Wanda Mary and Lon J. Ligon, was born March 31, 1926, in Glenwood, Arkansas. He attended Glenwood High School. Entering the Army June 6, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. Sergeant Ligon qualified as information specialist and served with the Infantry for more than a year and with the recruiting service for nine months. He departed November 20, 1944, for the European Theater of Operations and remained overseas for seven months, spending one month with the Army of Occupation. He participated in the battles of Rhineland and Central Germany and was awarded one Overseas Service Bar, Victory Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, European Theater of Operations Ribbon with two Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Unit Award Medal, Army Occupation Ribbon, and Combat Infantryman's Badge. After being honorably discharged June 15, 1946, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, he returned to his home in Glenwood, Arkansas.

10.—Pfc. George Robert (Bob) Coleman, son of Mrs. Joe Coleman, was born in Howard County, Arkansas, December 8, 1917. A graduate of Mineral Springs High School, he engaged in farming and the grocery business until entering the Infantry on December 2, 1943. He received basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas, and was stationed in the United States for about a year, and then sent with his unit to the European Theater of Operations on August 15, 1944. Overseas 15 months, Private Coleman participated in the Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, and Ardennes campaigns. For his meritorious service, he was awarded European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with four Bronze Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Purple Heart for wounds received in Germany on April 18, 1945. After being stationed with the Army of Occupation for five months, Private Coleman was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, December 8, 1945. He lives in Nashville, Arkansas.

11.—Pfc. Fred L. Duren is the son of Thomas and Ida Duren of Amity, Arkansas, where he was born February 8, 1910. He was educated at Amity High School and was employed at the Naval Gun Factory, Washington, D. C., until entering military service on May 15, 1943. Assigned to the Anti-Aircraft Artillery, he completed basic training at Camp Stewart, Georgia, and won the Expert's Medal for the rifle, machine gun, bazooka and in the duties of a cannoneer. In May 1944, he arrived with his unit, the 843rd Anti-Aircraft Bn. in Bombay, India, and remained in the China-Burma-India theater for 16 months. He took part in the Burma and India-Burma campaigns and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, October 30, 1945. He and his wife, Theda, have one child.

12.—Pharmacist's Mate 3/c Charles Presley McVay, son of Ura Edith and Earl Thorne McVay, was born February 24, 1927, in DeQueen, Arkansas. He attended DeQueen High School. Entering the Naval Reserve in January 1945, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Corpsman's School. At last report he expected to be discharged in August, 1946. His home is in DeQueen.

13.—Storekeeper 1/c Earl Thorne McVay, son of Mrs. Lulu B. McVay, was born January 6, 1905, in Grannis, Arkansas. He attended Grannis Grade School and was afterwards employed by the Kansas City Southern Railroad and Ritchie Grocery Company. Entering the Navy (Seabees) September 24, 1943, he received boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia, and departed February 14, 1945, for Guam. After more than two years' service, including nine months overseas, he was honorably discharged November 24, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee, and returned to DeQueen, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Ura Edith, and their children.

14.—Sgt. James Harold Sewell, son of Oma B. and Robert K. Sewell, was born December 14, 1918, in Russellville, Arkansas. He graduated from DeQueen High School, afterwards being employed by Dierks Lumber and Coal Company and Southwestern Gas and Electric Company of DeQueen and by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Little Rock. Entering the Army Air Corps April 24, 1944, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and attended Armament School at Lowry Field, Colorado, and Gunnery School at Harlingen, Texas, qualifying as carbine marksman and pistol sharpshooter and receiving gunnery and crew member wings. Sergeant Sewell served for two years in the United States with the 2nd and 4th Air Force crew training units and was honorably discharged May 12, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He lives in Russellville with his wife, Elizabeth, and their children.

15.—T/Sgt. William Kenneth Sewell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Sewell of DeQueen, Arkansas, was born March 3, 1922, at Russellville, Arkansas. He completed his education at Henderson State Teachers College and University of Arkansas, and entered the Army Air Corps February 19, 1943. Sent to Miami Beach, Florida, for basic training, he later attended Radio School at Scott Field, Illinois, and Gunnery School at Las Vegas, Nevada, and arrived in Italy in May 1944. On July 15, 1944, while on his 33rd combat mission his plane was shot down over Ploesti, Rumania, and he was captured by the Germans. On May 2, 1945, he was liberated by British troops. Overseas 14 months, Sergeant Sewell participated in the Rome-Arno and Balkans air campaigns and the general air offensive of Europe, and was awarded the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Presidential Unit Citation. He was honorably discharged October 18, 1945, at San Antonio, Texas.

16.—S/Sgt. William Earl McLeod, son of Mrs. J. N. McLeod, was born November 25, 1916, in DeQueen, Arkansas. He attended DeQueen High School and Arkansas Trade School. Entering the Army Air Corps September 8, 1942, he received basic training at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and attended A.A.F. School at Keesler Field and C-47 School at Long Beach, California, qualifying as airplane maintenance technician and flight engineer. After serving for a year in the United States with the 54th Troop Carrier Sqdn., Sergeant McLeod departed August 15, 1943, for the Asiatic-Pacific theater and remained overseas for a year and seven months. He participated in campaigns of Northern Solomons; Bismarck Archipelago; Southern Philippines; Eastern Mandates, and New Guinea and was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Service Ribbon with one Silver Service Star, Air Medal, Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Bronze Star, and Good Conduct Medal. After being honorably discharged July 6, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, he returned to DeQueen, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Ernestine Ann.

17.—Yeoman 2/c Ernestine Ann Adams McLeod, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Elbert Adams, was born April 2, 1922, in Dallas, Texas, moving to Arkansas in 1936. She attended DeQueen High School and Arkansas State Teachers College. Entering the Waves February 23, 1943, she received training at Naval Training Station in Cedar Falls, Iowa, qualifying as stenographer. She served for a year and nine months with Mine Force, Naval Local Defense Forces, 12th Naval District, and was honorably discharged November 25, 1944, at Treasure Island, California. She lives in DeQueen, Arkansas, with her husband, William Earl McLeon.

18.—Hospital Aide 1/c Charles Wayne Watson, son of Nola Dell and Joe Harding Watson, was born November 18, 1926, in Nashville, Arkansas. He attended Nashville School and Southeastern Teachers College at Durant, Oklahoma. Entering the Navy Medical Corps February 2, 1945, he received boot training at San Diego, California. He was still in service at Camp Wallace, Texas, according to last report received. His home is in Nashville.

19.—Pfc. Joe Parker Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hardy Watson, was born in Center Point, Arkansas. He attended Center Point High School and Southeastern Teachers College at Durant, Oklahoma, afterwards being engaged as a school teacher. Entering the Medical Corps September 24, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Barkeley, Abilene, Texas, and attended Letterman General Hospital School at San Francisco, qualifying as surgical technician. After serving for nine months in the United States attached to Replacement Depot, he departed June 8, 1944, for New Caledonia. Overseas for a year and a half, he served at Guadalcanal and Bougainville, joining the American Infantry Division assigned to the 121st Clearing Hospital, where he worked as surgical technician and in the admitting office. He also served at Leyte, Cebu, and Yokohama, Japan, spending three months with the Army of Occupation. Private Watson was awarded two Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and Citation of 121st Medical Battalion. After being honorably dis-

charged December 12, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Nashville, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Mary Lou, and their child.

20.—Cpl. Thomas D. Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Watson, was born December 28, 1923, in Center Point, Arkansas. He attended Nashville High School and Southeastern State College at Durant, Oklahoma. Entering the Infantry February 23, 1943, he received basic training at Camp McCain, Mississippi, and qualified as clerk-typist. Attached to the 345th Infantry, 87th Infantry Division, Corporal Watson departed October 14, 1944, for the European Theater of Operations and remained overseas for nine months. He participated in the battles of Ardennes, Central Europe, and Rhineland and was awarded European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and Combat Infantry Badge. After being honorably discharged December 8, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to his home in Nashville, Arkansas.



HERBERT L. DURHAM

T/5 Herbert Lyndon Durham, son of Pearl Irene and Herbert Moss Durham of Horatio, Arkansas, was born on February 15, 1915, at DeQueen, Arkansas. He was educated in the Horatio Public Schools and was employed as a tailor until entering military service on May 12, 1942. Sent to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, for basic training, he became a member of the 85th Infantry Division, and after two years of service in the United States was sent to North Africa in December 1944. Corporal Durham was then sent to the Italian front and served in the fighting in that locality. After being overseas only four months this gallant soldier was killed in action in Italy. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart. He is survived by his widow, Sally Juanita Durham.



REUEL W. FENTON

Pfc. Reuel Wesley Fenton, son of Betty Belle and John Reuel Fenton, was born December 20, 1920, in DeQueen, Arkansas. He attended DeQueen Public Schools, afterwards being engaged as street car motorman for the Dallas Railway Company, Dallas, Texas, and as electrician in shipyards in Los Angeles, California. Entering the Infantry, anti-tank and signal company, September 20, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Hood, Texas. Private Fenton served for four and a half months in the United States before departing for overseas duty. He participated in the Okinawa campaign. According to last report received he was still in service. His wife, Juanita, lives in DeQueen with their daughter.



S/Sgt. William L. Hokanson, son of Ida and Anton Hokanson of DeQueen, Arkansas, was born May 30, 1922, at Texas City, Texas, and his family moved to Arkansas in 1944. He completed his education at Texas City High School, Texas A. & M. College and the University of Arkansas. Entering military service on September 16, 1942, he was sent to Camp Roberts, California, for basic training and later attended Army Specialized Training Program. Assigned to 393rd Infantry, 99th Division, he arrived overseas in October 1944 and was immediately sent into action, and took part in the hardest fighting of the Ardennes breakthrough and later fought in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Overseas a total of 13 months, Sergeant Hokanson was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman Badge, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Ribbon. After four months with the Army of Occupation of Germany, he was honorably discharged November 30, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. His wife is the former Patsy Peek.



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LUTHER T. BOURNS

Pfc. Luther Tribble Bourns is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony E. Bourns of DeQueen, where he was born February 6, 1907. Educated in the DeQueen schools, he was employed as a mechanic and truck driver until entering the Army on April 25, 1944, at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. He served his Field Artillery basic training at Camp Gordon, Georgia, and after 10 months in this country was sent to the European Theater of Operations in January 1945. During his nine months of foreign service Private Bourns was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the European Theater Ribbon for his participation in the Central Europe campaign. He was honorably discharged on November 3, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He and his wife, Cordelia Smith, are the parents of two daughters and one son.



NOAH HANCOCK, JR.

Chief Turret Capt. Noah Hancock, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Hancock, Sr., was born May 25, 1924, in Camden, Arkansas. He attended DeQueen Central, Junior, and Senior High Schools. Entering the Navy June 10, 1941, he received boot training at San Diego, California. He departed August 15, 1941, for Pearl Harbor, and remained overseas for four years and eight months. He participated in campaigns of the Marshall and Gilbert Islands, Salaema, Lae; the Aleutians; Peleliu, Truk, Satawan, Pompee; Saipan, Tinian and Guam; Lepete and Samar; battle of Suviago Straits; Luzon and Okinawa. He was awarded American Defense Ribbon with one Star; Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with 13 Stars; American Theater Ribbon; Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Stars; Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Ribbon. According to last report received he was still in the service. His home is in DeQueen, Arkansas.

Pfc. Jack Milford Hancock, son of Noah Hancock of DeQueen and Zelma Lewis of Pep, Texas, was born April 24, 1923, at DeQueen, Arkansas. After completing his education at Adamson High School and Woodrow Wilson High Schools at Dallas, Texas, and DeQueen High School, he enlisted in the Regular Army July 22, 1940. Completing basic training at Ft. Lewis, Washington, he was sent to the South Pacific theater in November 1940, and remained there until returning to this country to enter the Aviation Cadet Program in August, 1943. He was transferred to the Infantry and assigned to the 254th Infantry. Arriving in the European theater in November 1944, he saw action in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal with Clasp, American Defense and American Theater Ribbons and the Purple Heart for wounds received in action. He was honorably discharged July 25, 1945, at Ft. Lewis, Washington. His wife is Virginia Louise.



JACK M. HANCOCK



RALPH L. FLEMING

S/Sgt. Ralph L. Fleming, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Robert Fleming of DeQueen, Arkansas, was born at Wayne, Oklahoma, December 5, 1921, and came to Arkansas in 1938. He attended Smithville High School at Smithville, Oklahoma, and was employed by the Queen Oil Company and the Knight Dry Goods Co. until entering military service January 1, 1943. Sergeant Fleming received his Air Corps basic training at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas, and later was sent to Glider Maintenance and Clerical Schools. He became an administrative specialist and saw three years' service with the 810th Army Air Force Base Unit. Holder of the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon and the Sharpshooter's Medal for the rifle and carbine, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, February 9, 1946. He and his wife, Jessie, are the parents of one child.

Pfc. Hollis Adams Smith, son of William and Rose Smith of Foreman, Arkansas, was born September 8, 1914, at New Hope, Arkansas. Educated at Foreman High School and Draughon's Business College, he was owner and manager of an automotive agency until entering military service April 28, 1944. He was sent to Camp Robinson, Arkansas, for basic infantry training and arrived overseas on the Italian front in November 1944. During his nine months overseas he took part in the Rome-Arno, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and earned the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Ribbon. He also holds the rifle Marksman Medal. Private Smith was honorably discharged November 15, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He and his wife, Julia Sue, have two children.

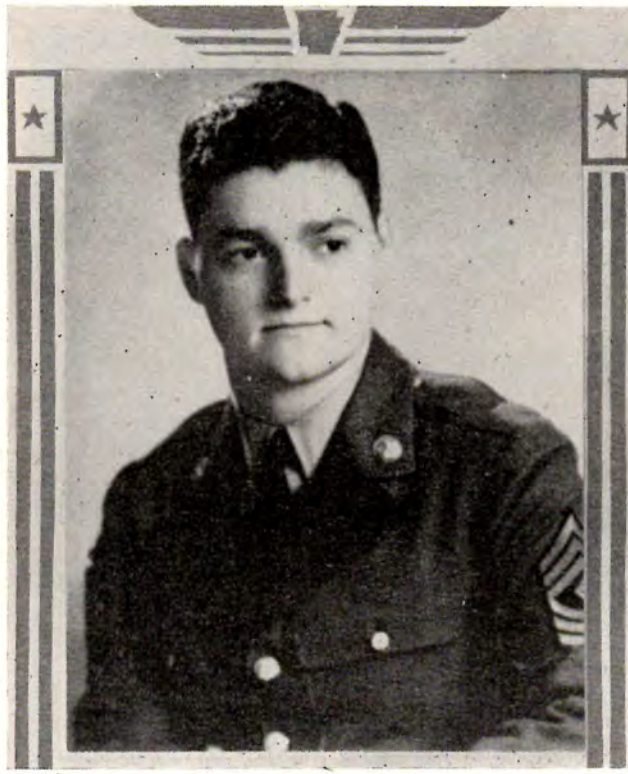


HOLLIS A. SMITH



JAMES H. HARMON, JR.

Aviation Cadet James H. Harmon, Jr., son of Mrs. and Mrs. James H. Harmon, Sr., was born July 3, 1925, at Ft. Smith, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Ft. Smith Senior High School and was employed as junior weather observer prior to entering the Army Air Corps January 9, 1944. He received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and later attended Pre-flight School, Santa Ana, California; AAF Navigation School, San Marcos, Texas, and Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, qualifying for aerial gunner. Cadet Harmon received carbine Marksmanship Medal, American Theater Defense Ribbon, and Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged October 29, 1945, at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, returning to Fort Smith.



JOSEPH W. HOLLEY

Cpl. Joseph Wilson Holley, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Holley of Fort Smith, was born August 4, 1923, in Bentonville, Arkansas. He graduated from St. Annes Academy, Fort Smith, and attended University of Arkansas College of Electrical Engineering. Entering the Infantry July 18, 1944, he received his basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. Corporal Holley transferred to the Army Air Corps April 11, 1945, and attended Remote Control Turret School at Lowry Field, Colorado, where he qualified as a remote control turret mechanic and armorer. He was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon and Victory Ribbon, and was honorably discharged June 28, 1946, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.



EUGENE F. HENNIG

1st Lt. Eugene Frederick Hennig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Emanuel Hennig, was born March 19, 1920, at Fort Smith. He received his education at First Lutheran School, Fort Smith; Senior High School, Fort Smith, and University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, from which he graduated June 8, 1942, with a B.S. degree in engineering. Entering the Army Air Corps June 24, 1942, his basic training was received at R.O.T.C. at University of Arkansas, where he received his commission in the Air Corps May 27, 1942. He received silver pilot wings at Lubbock Army Flying School, Lubbock, Texas, June 26, 1943, qualifying for first pilot of C-47 transport plane. After serving one year and eight months in the United States he departed for England, flying his own plane, arriving in England in March, 1944. Lieutenant Hennig participated in the invasion of Normandy, June 6, 1944, on which date he was killed in action near Carenton, France. His plane was shot down by enemy anti-aircraft fire, and all member of the crew were killed. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Air Medal with Citation, posthumously. He is survived by his parents, who live in Fort Smith.



T/Sgt. Edlin King Harbour, son of Arah V. and Thad H. Harbour, was born March 4, 1920, at Fort Smith, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Fort Smith Senior High School. Enlisting in the Army Air Corps February 3, 1941, he received basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He attended Air Corps Technical School at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois, receiving diploma as airplane mechanic September 12, 1941, and then attended Bombsight Maintenance School at Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado, receiving diploma February 28, 1942. Sergeant Harbour served at Fresno and Alameda, California, and Wilmington, North Carolina, then transferring to Wendover Field, Utah. While on routine flight January 26, 1944, the plane crashed, killing all crew members. He is survived by his wife, Imogene Rhodes Harbour, and his parents, who live in Fort Smith.



ELDIN K. HARBOUR



WILLIE W. NANCE

Pfc. Willie Ware Nance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence O. Nance of Fort Smith, was born at Jenny Lind, Arkansas, September 26, 1915. He attended elementary school at Jenny Lind and the Greenwood High School at Greenwood. He was employed by the E. H. Noel Coal Company before entering the service November 9, 1943. Private Nance was sent to Camp Fannin, Texas, for basic training and was trained as an infantryman. He won the rifle Marksmanship Medal while there. Sent to the Hawaiian Islands and on into the South Pacific, he remained overseas for one year before he was killed in action during the battle for Okinawa. This gallant soldier died April 20, 1945, and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart. He is survived by his wife, the former Lucille Haley.



Brig. Gen. William Orlando Darby was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy W. Darby of Fort, Smith, where he was born February 8, 1911. He graduated from Fort Smith High School and the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. He was sent to the British Isles in January 1942, where he served with the 34th Division. General Darby formed the 1st Ranger Bn., in England and led this unit throughout the many hard-fought battles of the North African campaign. It was under his leadership that the Rangers spearheaded the Sicilian invasion. General Darby fought several hand-to-hand battles with Germans and Italians. After two of his three Ranger battalions were destroyed he was placed in command of the 179th Inf. of the 45th Div., until returning to this country in April 1944. After serving 11 months at Washington, he went back to Italy as division commander of the 10th Mountain Div. The general was killed in action by artillery fire only eight days after assuming this command and two days before all German forces in Italy surrendered. He had been wounded three times and held 10 high military decorations, including the Distinguished Service Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Silver Star, French Croix de Guerre, Distinguished Service Order from the British government, Legion of Merit, Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the rarely awarded Order of Kutuzov from the Russian government. He had been selected by Future Magazine as one of the 10 most outstanding American young men for 1943.



WILLIAM O. DARBY



ARTHUR A. CHIDESTER

Lt. Col. Arthur Adolph Chidester, son of Lydia H. and Arthur Price Chidester, was born September 1, 1913, at Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Parker Grade School, Fort Smith Junior and Senior High Schools, and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Entering the Marine Corps October 6, 1935, he received basic training at the University of Arkansas; Basic School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. He qualified as expert rifleman and expert pistol marksman. Departing from the United States July 15, 1943, for two and a half years' overseas service, Colonel Chidester served at Kiska, Aleutian Islands, and Shanghai, China, and participated in the campaigns of Kwajalein, Marshall Islands; Emireau, Admiralties; Guam, Marianas; Palau, Carolines; Leyte and Luzon, Philippines; and Okinawa, Ryukyus Islands. He served with the Army of Occupation in Tokyo, Hokkaido, and Aomori, Japan. Among other decorations and acknowledgments of active duty, Colonel Chidester received the Legion of Merit. According to last report received he is still in service.



1st Lt. Randall David Chidester, son of Lydia H. and Arthur Price Chidester, was born January 26, 1918, at Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Parker Grade School, Fort Smith Junior and Senior High Schools, and University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, graduating in June 1940, as a reserve officer. Entering the Army April 22, 1941, at Camp Robinson, he participated in the Tennessee maneuvers and was later stationed at Ft. Lawton, Washington, before sailing for Yakutat, Alaska, August 22, 1941. Returning to the United States in April 1944, he was stationed at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and Ft. Meade, Maryland, before being sent to England in June 1944, and to France as a replacement July 17, 1944. Lieutenant Chidester served as platoon leader of the weapons platoon and with his company participated in the attack near Lambezellac, France, during the 13th Infantry's campaign against Brest. Lieutenant Chidester was wounded in action at Lambezellac on September 8, 1944, and died on September 9. He was buried in Grave 124, row 5, plot J, U. S. Military Cemetery, St. James, France. He was awarded the American Defense Ribbon with Star, Overseas Service Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with Star, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory Ribbon, and the Purple Heart, posthumously. Lieutenant Chidester is survived by his parents, who live in Fort Smith.



RANDALL D. CHIDESTER



WENDEL A. FLEMING

Pfc. Wendel Allen Fleming, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Allen Fleming of Dyer, Arkansas, was born at Dyer on December 15, 1922. He was educated at Tulsa, Oklahoma, High School, and entered the Marine Corps April 9, 1942. Upon the completion of boot training at San Diego, California, he became expert in the use of special weapons, and in June 1943, was sent to Australia. He attended a weapons school at Ballart, Australia, and then saw action in New Guinea, New Britain, and on Peleliu during his two years overseas. Wounded on Peleliu, he was awarded the Purple Heart, Navy Citation, Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged on April 9, 1946, at Key West, Florida. He and his wife, Wanda Beth, now make their home at 3801 Rogers Avenue, Fort Smith.

Pfc. Abe Kenneth Ogden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe H. Ogden of Harrison, Arkansas, was born December 4, 1917. He attended Clarksville High School and later attended Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, Arkansas, and University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. He taught vocational agriculture at Scotland, Arkansas. Private Ogden entered the Army Air Corps December 27, 1942, and received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas. He was sent to Scott Field where he completed his basic training in August 1943. Private Ogden was then sent to Mathew Field, Sacramento, California as tower operator. His wife is Vera Mae Ogden of Fort Smith, Arkansas. No further details regarding the service record of Private Ogden were furnished.



ABE K. OGDEN



WILLIAM L. ROAM, JR.

1st Lt. William L. Roam, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Roam, Sr., of Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he was born September 23, 1921. He attended the Fort Smith public schools and enlisted in the Regular Army on October 17, 1939. A veteran of service with both the Infantry and Engineers, he completed his basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and later attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Lieutenant Roam became an expert in mapping work and served four years in the United States with the Corps of Engineers before he was sent to England in January, 1944. Overseas almost two years, he took part in the Central Europe campaign and then returned to this country. He was released from active service at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, March 6, 1946. His wife is the former Pearl Louise Govern of Portland, Oregon.

S/Sgt. Robert L. Roam is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Roam of Fort Smith, where he was born on December 29, 1923. Educated in the Fort Smith public schools, he entered the Army Air Corps August 23, 1943, and received his basic training at Greensboro, North Carolina. He then attended the Armament School, Gunnery School and took CTD training. Sergeant Roam became a B-17 gunner and was sent to England in February 1945. Overseas one year, he took part in the Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and was awarded the Air Medal. He was returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, March 17, 1946.



ROBERT L. ROAM



HAROLD L. WHITE

Cpl. Harold Lee White, son of John B. and Bessie M. White, was born at Fort Smith, July 21, 1920. He received his education by attending Parker and Rogers Junior and Senior High Schools, afterwards being employed by the Union Pacific Railroad Company. Enlisting in the Marine Corps December 10, 1941, he received boot training at Camp Endicott, San Diego, California. Corporal White trained seven months in the United States and was sent to the South Pacific attached to the 22nd Marine Infantry in July 1942. After serving two years in the Asiatic-Pacific area, he was killed in action at Guam, July 24, 1944. Corporal White was awarded the Purple Heart, posthumously. His parents reside in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Flight Officer Clyde Russell Horne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Horne of 1002 Second Northwest, Canton, Ohio, was born at Paris, Arkansas, October 28, 1921. He attended Paris High School and Arkansas Polytechnical College at Russellville and was employed as a flight instructor at the Helena Aero Tech, Helena, Arkansas. Entering the Army Air Corps on October 26, 1944, he attended the Basic Instrument School at Greenwood, Mississippi, and became the pilot of two-engined aircraft. In March 1945, he was sent to India and took part in the Burma-China campaign. Overseas nine months, he was awarded the Air Medal and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged at San Antonio, Texas, February 21, 1946. He and his wife, Imogene, have one child.



CLYDE R. HORNE



AMASA H. WATSON, JR.

Airborne Electronics Technician Mate 3/c Amasa Howell Watson, Jr., son of Harvey Marie and Amasa Howell Watson, Sr., was born September 24, 1926, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Grade and High School in Fort Smith and the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Entering the Navy December 28, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended service schools at Hugh Manley, Chicago, Illinois; Gulfport, Mississippi; and Corpus Christi, Texas, specializing in radio and radar. According to last report received, he expected to be discharged in July, 1946. His home is in Fort Smith.

T/4 Raymond L. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Johnson, was born December 27, 1919, at Delaware, Arkansas. He graduated from Fort Smith Senior High School and attended University of Arkansas three years. Entering the Army Medical Corps March 14, 1942, he received basic training at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, qualifying for surgical technician. Serving one year in the United States, he was sent to Oran, North Africa, April 29, 1943, and participated in Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, and Rhineland campaigns. He received the Unit Citation in August 1945 and, after serving two and a half years overseas was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, November 20, 1945, returning to Fort Smith, where he lives with his wife, Alice.



RAYMOND L. JOHNSON



ALTON L. PATE

Seaman 1/c Alton L. Pate, son of Effie Lee and Otis L. Pate, was born March 12, 1926, in Athens, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith Grade and Junior High Schools and Sam Houston High School in Houston, Texas, afterwards being employed as machinist at the Port Houston Iron Works. Entering the Navy March 12, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Gunnery School where he qualified as gunner. Seaman Pate departed from the United States July 3, 1944, for nearly two years' service in the Marshall and Gilbert Islands and later in Panama, Venezuela, Colombia, Port of Spain (Trinidad), Brazil, Uruguay, and Argentina. He returned to the United States March 1946, and according to last report received, expected to be discharged in May, 1946.

T/Sgt. Paul Preston Pace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pace, was born July 14, 1922, at Fort Smith. He attended Fort Smith Grade and High Schools and University of Arkansas. He entered the Army Air Corps November 12, 1942, at Camp Robinson, and was later transferred to Keesler Field, Biloxi, Mississippi, for basic training. After completing enlisted branch No. 2, Army Administration School, at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, he was sent overseas, arriving in the European theater May 5, 1944. He was assigned to the 49th Air Service Group in England. Moving with the unit to France in September 1944, he was assigned to Hq. and Base Service Sqdn., 455th Air Service Group, under the IX Troop Carrier Command, serving as chief clerk and acting first sergeant. He was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater, American Theater and Victory Ribbons, and Good Conduct Medal, and was discharged from the Air Corps at Baer Field, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, November 30, 1945, and returned to Fort Smith.



PAUL P. PACE



RUFUS F. PATE, JR.

S/Sgt. Rufus F. Pate, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Fulton Pate, Sr., was born October 26, 1913, at Crowder, Oklahoma, moving to Arkansas in 1926. He received his education at Fort Smith Junior and Senior High Schools and Smith-Hughes Vocational Trade School at Fort Smith, afterwards being employed as automobile painter. Enlisting in the Army Air Corps October 14, 1940, he received basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, qualifying for aircraft welder. After nearly two years' service in the United States, Sergeant Pate departed for England July 1, 1942, attached to 50th Air Service Sqdn. He remained in England three months and was then sent to North Africa, arriving in Oran, Algeria, November 22, 1942. He served in the campaigns of Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, and Rome-Arno, and returned to the United States October 22, 1944. He received Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Ribbon and European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with three Bronze Stars. Receiving an honorable discharge September 19, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Fort Smith, where he lives with his wife, Mary Virginia.

1st Lt. James A. Toller, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Toller, Sr., was born January 18, 1923, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith High School, Notre Dame University and University of Arkansas. Enlisting in the Air Corps November 26, 1942, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, qualifying as pilot. Lieutenant Toller departed July 3, 1944, for Port Moresby, New Guinea, and remained overseas for more than a year, participating in campaigns of Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Western Pacific, China Sea, Philippines, Borneo and other engagements. While making low-level strafing run on Kendara, Celebes, January 18, 1945, both motors of his P-38 were shot out by ground fire. He crash-landed and escaped into the jungle, being rescued by a Catalina flying boat. He was credited with four Japanese planes and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with four Clusters, Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with four Stars, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star. According to last report he was still in service. He and his wife, the former Mary Nagel, have one child.



JAMES A. TOLLER, JR.



FRANCIS B. BURNS

S/Sgt. Francis B. Burns, son of Leo A. Burns, Sr., and America L. Burns, was born in Fort Smith October 11, 1923. He received his education by attending Immaculate Conception and St. Anne's Academy. Entering the Infantry January 20, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Roberts, California, and after six months' training was sent to New Caledonia June 24, 1943, attached to 35th Infantry, 25th Division. He participated in the campaigns of the Northern Solomons and Luzon in the Philippines and served three months with the Army of Occupation in Japan. Sergeant Burns received Expert Rifleman's and Combat Infantryman's Badge, together with Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star. After 30 months' service overseas, he was discharged at Camp Chaffee, January 12, 1946, returning to Fort Smith.

Sgt. Albert L. Lewis was born July 12, 1915, in Somerville, Massachusetts, moving to Arkansas in August 1942. He attended Somerville High School and Boston University, afterwards being engaged as division director of the National Aeronautic Association. Enlisting July 18, 1942, he was called to active duty in the Air Force June 14, 1943, with the Army Airways Communications System, and received basic training in Atlantic City, New Jersey. He attended Eastern Signal Corps Radio School in Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, and received A.A.F. Technician's Badge and A.A.C.S. Bar. He served in the United States for 11 months and departed May 28, 1944, for Oran, Algeria. Sergeant Lewis remained overseas for a year and a half and was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon. After being honorably discharged December 20, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, he returned to Washington, D. C., where he lives with his wife, Iris, and their child.



ALBERT L. LEWIS



ELL G. DANIELS

Pfc. Ell Glenn Daniels, son of Ell and Hazel Daniels, was born at Fort Smith, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Fort Smith Junior and Senior High Schools. Entering the Infantry July 29, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. Private Daniels qualified for expert rifleman and infantryman and departed for England on September 1, 1944. After regrouping in England, he was sent to the continent and was killed in action November 20, 1944. He is survived by his parents, who live in Fort Smith.

Pfc. Johnny Shopfner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shopfner, Sr., of Fort Smith, was born on September 16, 1907, at Huntington, Arkansas. He attended the Trusty schools and was employed as an upholsterer until entering military service on March 2, 1944. He was assigned to a railway battalion and received his basic training at Camp Plauche, Louisiana. Private Shopfner became a brakeman and earned the Marksmanship Medal before arriving in the European theater in September 1944. Overseas a total of more than 14 months, he participated in the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and was awarded the European Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and a Commendation for Meritorious Service. He was honorably discharged on November 30, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He and his wife, Vera, have two children.



JOHNY SHOPFNER



CORBIN H. BRIDGES

S/Sgt. Corbin H. Bridges, son of Maude and Huel Bridges, was born at Greenwood, Arkansas, August 20, 1921. He attended Greenwood High School and enlisted in the Army on November 10, 1939. Sergeant Bridges received basic training at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and was at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941. Returning to this country in the spring of 1943, he attended the Infantry Officer's Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, where he qualified as expert rifleman, and later joined the 319th Infantry, 80th Division. Arriving in the European theater in July 1944, he participated in the Northern France, Southern France, and Rhineland campaigns. A veteran of more than four years of foreign duty, he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, and American Defense Service Ribbon with Star. He was honorably discharged June 27, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, Cathryn live in Greenwood with their child.

S/Sgt. Halton Howard Gordon, son of Robert Lee and Beulah Gordon of Greenwood, Arkansas, was born in Greenwood on July 24, 1922. He completed his education at Greenwood High School and was engaged in farming and mining until entering military service on January 16, 1943. After serving his basic training period at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, he arrived with his unit, the 618th Engineer Base Equipment Company, in New Guinea in January 1944. During his 23 months of overseas duty, he served as a mess sergeant and saw action in the New Guinea and Luzon campaigns. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with Star, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon and the Meritorious Unit Award, he was honorably discharged on January 4, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, Janelle, have one child.



HALTON H. GORDON



JOHN W. SPEARMAN

Sgt. John William Spearman, son of Montie Emma and William Bell Spearman, was born in Greenwood, Arkansas. He attended Greenwood School and New Hope, Arkansas, School, afterwards being employed in California and Washington shipyards. Entering the Infantry September 21, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Roberts, California, and was awarded Marksman and Machine Gunner Medals. Sergeant Spearman departed February 15, 1945, for Luzon and the Philippines and participated with the 33rd Division in the battle of Luzon and with the 6th Army in the capture of Baguio. He was wounded in action and served as M.P. sergeant with the Army of Occupation. According to last report received he was still in service with the Anti-aircraft Row C, Btry. 209, A.A.A., A.W. Bn. (S.P.). His home is in Greenwood.

M/Sgt. Marvin Spearman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Monroe Spearman, was born December 20, 1919, at Greenwood, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Greenwood High School and Draughon's Business College at Fort Smith, later being employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad Co., Los Angeles, and Bank of America, Los Angeles. Enlisting in the Army Air Corps, Finance Department, November 5, 1941, he received basic training at Camp Roberts, California, and by attending Finance School at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, qualified for chief clerk, finance office. Sergeant Spearman served four years attached to Finance Department, Air Corps, and was honorably discharged at Randolph Field, Texas, January 21, 1946.



MARVIN SPEARMAN



JAMES T. CHARLES

Lt. (j. g.) James T. Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hiram Charles, was born February 28, 1924, at Van Buren, Arkansas. He attended Van Buren Grade School, Fort Smith Junior and Senior High School, and Hendrix College at Conway, Arkansas. Entering the Navy, he received training at Midshipman's School, Plattsburg, New York, and V-12, Louisiana Polytechnic College, Ruston, Louisiana. Lieutenant Charles departed from the United States August 9, 1944, for nearly two years' overseas service, participating in the invasions of the Philippine Islands; Ormoc, Leyte Island; Mindoro; Mariveles, Luzon; and Zamboanga, Mindanao. He qualified for four Battle Stars in addition to other acknowledgments of active duty and, according to last report received, was still in service.

2nd Lt. Floyd Eugene Fry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Fry of Fort Smith, where he was born January 26, 1919. He attended Fort Smith High School and the University of Arkansas, and was employed as a salesman until entering military service on April 16, 1941. Sent to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, for basic training, he was assigned to the Quartermasters and later transferred to the Infantry. Lieutenant Fry completed courses at the Infantry School, the Paratroop School and Demolition School and became a regimental demolition officer with the 504th Parachute Infantry. After three years in this country, he was sent with his unit to the European Theater of Operations and served in Africa, Sicily and Italy during his one year of overseas service. He was honorably discharged on May 7, 1944, at Memphis, Tennessee. His wife is the former Marye Bogan.



FLOYD E. FRY



WILLIAM M. RISTIG, JR.

Aviation Cadet William Marcus Ristig, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Marcus Ristig, Sr., of Fort Smith, was born on October 4, 1925, at Hazen, Arkansas. He completed his education at the Fort Smith High School and Fort Smith Junior College and was employed as an abstractor until entering the Army Air Forces on April 10, 1943. Sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, for basic training, he later attended the College of Idaho and completed primary, basic and advance flight training. A veteran of two and a half years of military service, he holds the American Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon and the Expert's Medal for the carbine. He was honorably discharged on October 30, 1945, at Barksdale Field, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Pfc. Jim Gamble, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Gamble of Bonanza, Arkansas, was born February 1, 1910, at Jenny Lind, Arkansas. He attended Jenny Lind High School and was employed as a millwright and coal miner until entering the military service on October 22, 1943. He received his basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas, and later attended Officer's Candidate School. Assigned to the 175th Infantry, 29th Infantry Division, he arrived in England in May 1943, and saw more than 21 months of overseas duty. He served in the Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Germany campaigns and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in action and the Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal, European Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars and the American Theater Ribbon. After serving seven months with the Army of Occupation of Germany, Private Gamble was returned to this country and was honorably discharged on December 8, 1945, at Camp Grant, Illinois. His wife is Sylvia Hazel Gamble.



JIM GAMBLE



JOHN R. CHEEK

Cpl. John R. Cheek, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Cheek, was born in Jenny Lind, Arkansas. He attended Howard Hill, Jenny Lind, and Berkley, California, Schools. Entering the 523rd Ord. H. M. (F.A.) Company January 11, 1945, he received basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas. He was still in service, according to last report. His home is in Greenwood, Arkansas.

Pharmacist's Mate 3/c Ivan Lawrence Bounds, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Bounds, was born September 16, 1926, in Clarksville, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith Senior High School and the University of Arkansas. Entering the Navy June 6, 1944, he received boot training at Farragut, Idaho, and attended Hospital Corps School in San Diego, California, qualifying in X-ray and in property and accounting. Mate Bounds served for two years and was honorably discharged July 1, 1946, at Bainbridge, Maryland. His home is in Fort Smith, Arkansas.



IVAN L. BOUNDS



JAMES B. DUNN

S/Sgt. James B. Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dunn, was born May 25, 1921, at Greenwood, Arkansas. Graduating from Greenwood High School, he attended Arkansas Tech at Russellville for one and a half years. Enlisting in the Army Air Force January 6, 1941, he received basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, later attending Radio School, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he qualified for radio operator-mechanic. He served with the 206th C.A. (AA) one year and one year in Air Corps schools in the United States. Sergeant Dunn was stationed at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, during the Japanese raids in June 1942. Returning to the United States, he was sent to Europe and participated in the invasion of Normandy June 6, 1944, the invasion of Southern France and Holland, and the crossing of the Rhine. He was awarded Air Crew Member's Badge, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Star, European Theater Ribbon with seven Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and President Unit Citation. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, September 12, 1945, and returned to Fort Smith.

T/4 Benjamin D. Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Dunn, was born at Greenwood, Arkansas, April 8, 1915. He received his education by attending Greenwood High School and Fort Smith Commercial College. Enlisting in the Army Finance Department, March 19, 1941, he received basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, qualifying for finance technical clerk. After serving nearly two years attached to Hq. 14th Corps, he departed from the United States January 23, 1943, for the Asiatic-Pacific theater. He saw service in the Guadalcanal and New Georgia campaigns and qualified for marksman with the carbine in October 1944. He was awarded the American Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, August 19, 1945.



BENJAMIN D. DUNN



RICHARD L. MARTIN

Capt. Richard Louis Martin, son of William O'Bradley and Helen Barker Martin of Fort Smith was born September 18, 1914, at El Reno, Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Fort Smith High School and was Fort Smith municipal court clerk before entering military service June 18, 1942. After basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, he was sent to Officer Candidate School, Ft. Benning, Georgia. After two and a half years in this country at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, he sailed with his unit, the 99th Infantry Division, for France in September 1944. Overseas a total of 11 months, Captain Martin served in the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and was awarded Silver Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal, European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars and Combat Infantryman Badge. Wounded in Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge, he was also awarded the Purple Heart. He was returned to this country and was returned to inactive duty on November 4, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, Kathryn Hamilton Martin, have one child.

1st Lt. William Dexter Martin was the son of William O'Bradley and Helen Barker Martin of Fort Smith. Born in El Reno, Oklahoma on July 27, 1916, he completed his education at Fort Smith High School. He enlisted in the Air Corps October 1, 1940, and served basic training at Scott Field, Illinois. In July 1941, he was sent to Newfoundland, serving with anti-submarine patrol. Returning to this country he was commissioned as a fighter pilot and sent to England in February 1944. Overseas more than 22 months, he took part in the invasion of France and the air offensive of Europe and was credited with seven enemy planes and more than 300 combat hours. He was returned to this country and was killed in a freak storm near Garden City, Texas, when his plane crashed July 7, 1945. He was holder of the American Defense Ribbon with Star, European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Presidential Unit Citation and the Certificate of Valor. He is survived by his widow, the former Gloria Read, and three children.



WILLIAM D. MARTIN



MAURICE J. FITZGERALD

Lt. Col. Maurice J. Fitzgerald, son of Mrs. Bessie Fitzgerald, was born May 11, 1915, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith Senior High School and Junior Collegé. Entering the Air Corps October 15, 1937, he received basic training at Randolph Field, Texas, and Kelly Field, Texas, specializing as senior pilot and combat observer and qualifying as aerial gunnery sharpshooter in 1939; pilot, October 5, 1938; combat observer, October 5, 1938, and senior pilot, October 1942. Colonel Fitzgerald served from June 1940, to February 1941, at Borinquen Field, Puerto Rico, and departed in April 1944, for England. He participated in European Theater of Operations combat before invasion and two submarine attacks in the Atlantic Ocean and received the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster. He became a Caterpillar Club member May 24, 1944, and Goldfish Club member in April 1943. Colonel Fitzgerald, at last report, was still in the service. His wife, Jean, and their son, live in Fort Smith.

Fireman 1/c Glenn William Brewer, son of Daniel and Ola Brewer of Mansfield, Arkansas, was born at Hartford, Arkansas, in 1920. He attended the Shilo schools and was engaged in farming until entering the Navy on November 19, 1943. He was sent to Farragut, Idaho, to serve boot training and completed eight weeks of training there. Fireman Brewer was then sent to special schools at Eureka, Monterey and San Francisco, California, where he became a telephone operator and truck driver. A veteran of more than two years of naval service, he was honorably discharged at Shoemaker, California, January 18, 1946. He and his wife, the former Iva Rebecca Basham, are the parents of one daughter.



GLENN W. BREWER



DAVID O. CUNNINGHAM

Pfc. David O. Cunningham, son of Mrs. Belle Cunningham of Mansfield, Arkansas, was born at Greenwood, Arkansas, September 14, 1914. He attended the Mansfield Public Schools and was employed on a section crew until entering the Army on April 7, 1944. Sent to Camp Hood, Texas, for basic training, he became an Infantry anti-tank crewman and with his unit, the 87th Infantry, 10th Mountain Division, arrived on the Italian front in January 1945. He participated in the hard mountain fighting in the North Apennines and Po Valley campaigns and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Bronze Star Medal and Victory Ribbon. Overseas five months, he was wounded in Italy in April 1945, and was awarded the Purple Heart. Private Cunningham was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, November 9, 1945. He and his wife, Delmar, have two children.

Electrician's Mate 2/c Billy Presson Martin is the son of Joe and Althea Martin of Mansfield, Arkansas, where he was born on October 8, 1922. He attended Mansfield High School and Arkansas Tech and was employed as an installer for the Western Electric Company until entering the Navy on October 20, 1942. Upon completion of basic training at San Diego, California, he attended Electrician Mate's School and in May 1943, was assigned to sea duty in the Pacific aboard the U.S.S. Portland. Overseas 20 months, he took part in the Kiska, Gilbert Islands, Marshall Islands, Carolina Islands, Philippines, and New Guinea campaigns and the aircraft carrier attacks on Truk, Palawan, Yap, Palau, Tarawa, and Eniwetok. He was honorably discharged at the Naval Separation Center at San Pedro, California, October 13, 1945. His wife is Betty Jo Martin.



BILLY P. MARTIN



RALPH P. SMOOT

T/5 Ralph Paul Smoot is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Smoot of Greenwood, Arkansas, where he was born on July 3, 1923. He completed his education at Greenwood High School and the Arkansas State Trade School and then entered military service June 21, 1943. After serving his Signal Corps basic training at Camp Kohler, California, he became a linesman and truck driver and in December 1943, arrived in the Asiatic-Pacific theater for a stay of almost two years. He served throughout the campaigns in the Eastern Mandated Islands, the Southern Philippines, Western Pacific and the Ryukyus Islands and earned the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, December 18, 1945.

Seaman 1/c George Hunter Wright, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Wright, Sr., of Fort Smith, where he was born July 23, 1911. He was educated at Fort Smith High School and was then employed by the Ross Motor Company and the Berry Wholesale Dry Goods Co. until entering the Navy on April 5, 1944. After completing his boot training at San Diego, California, he was sent to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii in June 1944, and served there for more than 16 months. Returning to this country, he was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, December 29, 1945. He and his wife, Artie Mae, are the parents of two children.



GEORGE H. WRIGHT, JR.



WAYNE E. OLIVER

S/Sgt. Wayne E. Oliver is the son of W. J. and Nell Oliver of Greenwood, Arkansas, where he was born on December 21, 1912. He is a graduate of Greenwood High School and was the owner and operator of Oliver's Grocery until entering the Army on September 8, 1942. He had previously served with the National Guard from 1936 until 1939. Assigned to the Army Air Corps, he was sent to McClellan Field, California, for basic training and later attended Aero Tech and Fuel Cell Repair School. He became an airplane mechanic and arrived with his unit, the 322nd Bomb Group, in the European theater in October 1943. Sergeant Oliver saw almost 26 months of foreign service and served three months with the Army of Occupation of Germany. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, December 21, 1945. He and his wife, Emma Jo, have one son.

Seaman 2/c Joseph Little Ridling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Little Ridling, was born May 4, 1927, at Hatfield, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Greenwood, Arkansas, Grade and High Schools. Entering the Navy May 16, 1945, he received boot training at San Diego, later attending Radar Operator's School. Seaman Ridling has signed with the Regular Navy for four years' service.



JOSEPH L. RIDLING



HENRY L. JOHNSON

Pfc. Henry L. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myrel Johnson, was born in Stroud, Oklahoma, later moving to Arkansas. He attended Greenwood, Arkansas, schools. Entering the Tank Destroyer forces June 11, 1945, he received basic training at Camp Hood, Texas, qualifying as tank destroyer crewman. Private Johnson served in the United States for six months before departing in December 1945, for Berlin, Germany. According to last report received he was still in service as prison guard in the Lichterfelde Interment Camp Det., Berlin District. His home is in Greenwood, Arkansas.

S/Sgt. Auston T. Crowder, son of John Ananias and Gracie Etta Crowder, was born at Hobart, Arkansas, August 8, 1917. He attended the Dardanelle Schools and High School at Hanna, Oklahoma, before enlisting in the Army on February 8, 1939. He received basic training at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, and later attended Paratrooper's School. Landing in France in June 1944, Sergeant Crowder was killed in action at St. Hippolite, France, on December 4, 1944. He was a veteran of almost five and a half years of service to the Army and had been awarded the Marksmanship Medal, Infantry Badge and Good Conduct Medal. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart. Sergeant Crowder is survived by his wife, Bernice.



AUSTON L. CROWDER



TROY D. OLIVER

Radarman 2/c Troy Dale Oliver is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Oliver of Greenwood, where he was born on October 28, 1917. He completed his education at Greenwood High School and the Chillicothe Business College at Chillicothe, Missouri, and was employed by the Santa Fe Trailways, Crown Coach Company and Rummus Construction Company until entering the Navy on July 17, 1943. After serving boot training at San Diego, California, he was sent to Radar School at Point Loma, California, and then arrived in the South Pacific theater in October 1943. Overseas a total of 29 months, he took part in the Buna, Hollandia, Finchhafen, campaigns in New Guinea and also served in New Britain and the Philippine Islands campaigns. He was returned to this country and was honorably discharged on December 2, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee. His wife is the former Wilma Hearn.

Lt. Comdr. James Burton Gregg, son of the late Lafayette William and Lucy Ham Gregg was born December 11, 1907, at Fort Smith. He was educated at Fort Smith High School, College of the Ozarks at Clarksville, Arkansas, and St. Louis School of Dentistry at St. Louis, Missouri, where he received his dental degree in 1932. Commissioned in the Naval Reserve in February 1937, he was called to active duty September 16, 1942. After 22 months in this country he was sent to the 7th Fleet in Brisbane, Australia. During his 18 months of foreign duty, Commander Gregg served as dental officer at Samaria, New Guinea and Finschhafen, New Guinea, and then reported to the U.S.S. Denver. While with this ship he took part in the bombardment of the Philippine Islands and the Borneo and Okinawa campaigns. He also served in Japan. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and Victory Ribbon, he was placed on inactive duty on January 16, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee. His wife is the former Eula Mae Sullivan.



JAMES B. GREGG



HUBERT E. NEFF, JR.

T/Sgt. Hubert Eugene Neff, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Eugene Neff of Fort Smith, where he was born October 20, 1922. After graduating from Fort Smith High School in 1941 he attended Draughon's Business College until entering the Army on April 21, 1942. Sergeant Neff received basic training at Camp Roberts, California, and later attended the Surgical Technician School at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he was sent in August 1942. Overseas more than 37 months, he served with the Infantry as a medical aid man throughout the New Britain, Philippines and Los Negros campaigns. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Battle Star and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars. He also holds the Combat Medical Badge. He was honorably discharged on October 13, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

Pfc. Miles E. Neff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert E. Neff, was born January 11, 1926, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith Grade, Junior High, and Senior High Schools, and after graduating in May 1944 was employed as stock clerk in Pearson's Grocery. Entering the Infantry July 18, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, qualifying as gunner, cannoneer (155 howitzer), sharpshooter with carbine, automatic rifle, and M-1 rifle, and rifle marksman. Attached to the 665th F.A. Bn., 129th Inf., Private Neff departed January 18, 1945, for the European theater and remained overseas for six months, in France, Belgium, and Germany. He participated in eliminating German snipers in Central Europe and served for a month with the Army of Occupation in Germany. He was awarded Good Conduct Medal, European Theater Ribbon with Bronze Star, and American Theater and Victory Ribbons. Returning to the United States July 10, 1945, he served with the 42nd A.G.F. Band at Ft. Ord, California. Private Neff was honorably discharged July 2, 1946, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.



MILES E. NEFF



J. J. BUELL, JR.

Seaman 2/c J. J. Buell, Jr., son of J. J. Buell, Sr., and Mrs. W. J. Lamkin, was born February 17, 1917, in Green Forest, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith High School, afterwards being employed by Interstate General Store for six years. Entering the Navy June 11, 1945, at Little Rock, he received boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois. After nearly a year's service in the United States, Seaman Buell was honorably discharged April 15, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, and returned to Fort Smith where he lives with his wife, Jetta, and their children.

Chief Metalsmith James Russell Murray is the son of William and Laura Murray of Fort Smith, where he was born January 24, 1907. After completing his education at Fort Smith High School, he was employed as a sheet metal worker and mechanic until entering the Navy Seabees on September 24, 1942. Sent to Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Virginia, for boot training, he was later assigned to the 47th Naval Construction Bn., and arrived in the South Pacific area in April 1943. Overseas a total of more than 26 months, he saw action in the Solomon Islands and New Georgia and then returned to this country in July 1945. He was honorably discharged on September 20, 1945, at Millington, Tennessee. His wife is Samuella Murray.



JAMES R. MURRAY



JOHN G. PEERSON

S/Sgt. John Goblen Peerson, son of Charles and Lucille Peerson of Fort Smith was born June 1, 1923, at Enterprise, Arkansas. He graduated from the Pocola, Oklahoma, High School and was employed by the Arkansas Coffin Co. at South Fort Smith before entering the Army Air Corps on February 23, 1943. Sent to Keesler Field, Mississippi, for basic training, he later attended the Armorer's School at Buckley Field, Colorado, and the Gunnery School at Ft. Myers, Florida. Arriving overseas in June 1944, he served with the 319th Bomb Group, 440th Bomb Sqdn. of the 12th Air Force as an aerial gunner and was stationed in North Africa, Sardinia and Corsica. On September 26, 1944, while on his 36th combat mission, his plane was shot down over the Po Valley in Italy and Sergeant Peerson was seriously wounded and captured by the Germans. He died in a German prison hospital on October 11, 1944. He was holder of the Presidential Unit Citation, Distinguished Unit Badge, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Citation of Honor and was awarded the Purple Heart, posthumously.

Coxswain Luther E. Oxford, son of Jesse E. Oxford of Russellville, Arkansas, was born on July 27, 1921 at Abbott, Arkansas, and attended the Hartford, Shiloh and Mansfield schools. He was a farmer and warehouse foreman until entering the Navy on March 8, 1943. He received boot training at Farragut, Idaho, and then served on coastal duty at the Section Base, Monterey, California, and at the Frontier Base at San Francisco, California. A veteran of almost three years in the naval service, he was honorably discharged on December 19, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee. His wife is Irlean Oxford.



LUTHER E. OXFORD



JOHN E. STEPHENSON

Lt. (j. g.) John Edwin Stephenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Stephenson of 1110 South 12th Street, Fort Smith, was born September 11, 1921, at Poteau, Oklahoma, and moved with his parents to Arkansas in 1923. He was educated at Lutheran School, St. Anne's Academy, and Fort Smith Junior College before enlisting in the Naval Reserve, Class V-5, for a term of four years. He received flight training at Olathe Field, Kansas City, Kansas, and was commissioned as an ensign and fighter pilot in February 1943. He was sent from Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Florida, to Naval Air Station at Miami, Florida, and was later assigned to Naval Air Station at Norfolk, Virginia, for further combat training. Sent to the Air Station at Atlantic City, New Jersey, for service with a fighting squadron, this gallant flier was killed on March 15, 1944, near Atlantic City when he was piloting his plane which crashed because of a collision with another plane during training tactics. He is survived by his wife, the former Alyce Marguerite Kirk, and their daughter, Sharon Ann.

T/Sgt. Roy B. Corley, son of Mrs. Della Lee Corley, was born April 27, 1911, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. After graduating from Fort Smith High School, he was employed by Williams Hardware Company and General Motors Corporation. A member of the National Guard since March 1930, he entered the Army October 1943, receiving basic training at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Maryland. Sergeant Corley attended Technical Supply School at Aberdeen and Rossford Ordnance Parts Clerical School at Toledo, Ohio, qualifying as technical supply noncommissioned officer and rifle marksman. Attached to the 40th Ord. Bn., he departed June 13, 1945, for Luzon, and participated in the liberation of the Philippines. He also spent six months with the Army of Occupation in Japan and was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Philippine Ribbon, and two Unit Citations. After being honorably discharged March 18, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Fort Smith where he lives with his wife, Pauline.



ROY B. CORLEY



GEORGE A. KAUFMAN

2nd Lt. George A. Kaufman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kaufman, was born December 30, 1918, at Fort Smith, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Little Rock and Fort Smith Grade Schools and Fort Smith Junior and Senior High Schools. Entering the Signal Corps December 27, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Howze, Texas, qualifying for signal supply officer. After serving 20 months, he was sent to France September 29, 1944, attached to 84th Signal Company. Lieutenant Kaufman participated in the campaigns of Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He was awarded the Bronze Star, European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Ribbon, and World War II Victory Ribbon. After serving six months with the Army of Occupation, he received an honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, February 11, 1946. He and his wife, Vara, live in Fort Smith with their child.

Pfc. Johnny M. Kaufman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kaufman, was born July 15, 1924, at Fort Smith. He received his education by attending Little Rock and Fort Smith Grade Schools, and Fort Smith Junior and Senior High Schools. He was afterwards employed as clerk for Goff Brothers Grocery and Market. Entering the Infantry June 24, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, qualifying for rifleman. Attached to 158th Infantry, he departed from the United States December 7, 1943, for the Asiatic-Pacific theater, landing on Bismarck Archipelago January 14, 1944. He was in action against the enemy on Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, and Luzon and was wounded in action June 3, 1944. Private Kaufman received Combat Infantryman's Badge, World War II Victory Ribbon, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars and Bronze Arrowhead, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon. He spent 45 days with the Army of Occupation in Japan. Returning to the States, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, December 20, 1945.



JOHNNY A. KAUFMAN



ERVIN L. SPEARMAN

Fireman 2/c Ervin L. Spearman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Spearman of Greenwood, Arkansas, where he was born October 30, 1919. Upon completing his education at the Greenwood schools, he worked as a ship-builder in the shipyards of Washington State and California until entering the Navy on February 22, 1945. He was sent to the Naval Training Station at San Diego, California, for boot training and later attended special schools at San Diego. A veteran of almost a year of naval service, he was honorably discharged December 1, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee. He and his wife, Pauline Daisy, have two children.

Sgt. John Tipton Alford, Jr., was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tipton Alford of Fort Smith. Born at Emporia, Kansas, May 14, 1921, he moved with his family to Arkansas in 1924 and was educated in the Fort Smith public schools and at Fort Smith Junior College. He was connected with the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company until entering the Army Air Corps on February 2, 1942. Sergeant Alford was sent to Chanute Field, Illinois, for basic training and later to special schools at Montgomery and Decatur, Alabama, and to Gunnery School at Harlingen, Texas. He became a flight engineer on a B-17 Flying Fortress and served 18 months with the Air Corps before he was killed on August 16, 1943, at Garnet, California. He was married to Wanda June Alford.



JOHN T. ALFORD, JR.



BILLY B. SWIFT

S/Sgt. Billy B. Swift, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest V. Smith of Fort Smith, was born November 12, 1925, at Greenwood, Arkansas. He completed his education at the Greenwood and Van Buren High Schools, graduating at Van Buren in 1944. Entering the Army Air Corps January 15, 1944, he was sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, for basic training and later attended Gunnery School at Las Vegas, Nevada. After 10 months in this country, he was sent to the European theater in December 1944, and took part in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns during his nine months of foreign duty. Holder of the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Ribbon, he was returned to the United States and was honorably discharged on December 7, 1945, at the Air Force Personnel Distribution Command, San Antonio, Texas.

Capt. Leo William Blakely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Woodard Blakely, was born July 26, 1922 at Fort Smith. He received his education by attending Fort Smith High School and Junior College. Entering the Army Air Corps July 30, 1942, he qualified for fighter pilot. He landed in New Guinea May 5, 1944, and participated in New Guinea, Southern Philippines, Northern Philippines, Western Pacific, and China campaigns. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Victory Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star. Captain Blakely served 60 days with the Army of Occupation in Korea.



LEO W. BLAKELY



BEN WOFFORD, JR.

Yeoman 2/c Ben Wofford, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wofford of Fort Smith was born at Sallisaw, Oklahoma, on July 29, 1925. He moved with his family to Arkansas in 1937 and attended Van Buren High School. He was employed by the Kroger Baking Company at Fort Smith and Van Buren until entering the Navy on July 17, 1943. Yeoman Wofford served boot training at San Diego, California, and then specialized in clerical work. In October 1943, he was sent to the South Pacific theater and has since served two tours of overseas duty in the Pacific. Overseas a total of 30 months, he was returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, April 15, 1946.

S/Sgt. William Edgar Maxey, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Maxey of Fort Smith was born at Center Ridge, Arkansas, June 26, 1918. A graduate of Cavanaugh High School, he was employed as a route salesman for the Acee Milk Co. until entering the Air Corps on December 14, 1943. After completing his basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, he was sent to Gunnery School at Harlingen, Texas, and became a radar operator-gunner. Sent to the Pacific theater in February 1945, he was assigned to the 20th Air Force and was based on the Island of Guam. Overseas a total of more than six months, he took part in the aerial offensives against Japan and the Mandated Islands and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. Sergeant Maxey was honorably discharged October 11, 1945, at Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, Arizona. He and his wife, the former Catherine Ferne Shields, have four children.



WILLIAM E. MAXEY, JR.



CHARLES B. HIGH

Sgt. Charles B. High, son of Mrs. Ida Lee Emma High, was born June 28, 1909, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Duval School and Arkansas Polytechnic College. A member of National Guard Battery D, 206th C.A. (A.A.) from January 20, 1926, to September 2, 1927, and Battery G from March 14, 1929, to March 13, 1932, he joined the Army Air Force May 16, 1944. Sergeant High received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, qualifying as airplane mechanic and aviation crew member. He was a second class gunner in National Guard Battery D and expert first and second class gunner in Battery G, and he received an athletic award at Camp Mystic, Kerrville, Texas. He also received Driver's Award, Certificate of Meritorious Service, and Good Conduct Medal. Attached to Squadron A, 611th B.U., Sergeant High served at Eglin Field, Florida, as driver of jeep and staff car. After being honorably discharged in June 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, he returned to Fort Smith, where he lives with his wife, Marie.

T/Sgt. Davis B. Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reed of Fort Smith, was born August 3, 1923, at Conway, Georgia. He moved with his family to Arkansas in 1936 and completed his education at Fort Smith High School. Employed as a furniture finisher at the Garrison Furniture Company at Fort Smith, he entered the Army Air Force on January 19, 1943, and was sent to Miami Beach, Florida, for basic training. He later attended Gunnery and Armament Schools and became a radio operator and mechanic. Arriving in England in February 1944, Sergeant Reed saw action in the Normandy, Northern France and British air campaigns. Overseas a total of more than eight months, he holds the Air Medal with 12 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart and the Good Conduct Medal. He was wounded in August 1944, and flew more than 66 combat missions with the 9th Air Force while based in England. He was honorably discharged on September 18, 1945, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. His wife is Clara M. Reed.



DAVIS B. REED



PAUL W. GRAYSON

Pfc. Paul W. Grayson, son of Ada Ann Grayson of Route 1, Greenwood, Arkansas, was born at Jenny Lind, Arkansas, October 7, 1923. He attended the Howard Hill and Jenny Lind schools and entered the Army Air Forces on May 17, 1943. Private Grayson served basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and became a truck driver. He served one year in this country and was then sent to England in February 1944. Overseas 18 months, he was awarded the European Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Ribbon. He was returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at Sioux City, Iowa, November 26, 1945.

1st Lt. John L. Johnson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Sr., was born June 8, 1921, in Greenwood, Arkansas. He attended Greenwood Grade and High Schools and the College of the Ozarks, afterwards being engaged in ship layout. Entering the Air Corps October 17, 1942, he received basic training at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Mississippi, and attended Aviation Mechanic and Pilot School, qualifying as pilot January 7, 1944. Lieutenant Johnson served more than three and a half years in the United States and according to last reports received was still in the service. His wife, Joyce, and their two children live in Greenwood, Arkansas.



JOHN L. JOHNSON, JR.



TROY L. WILKINS

Seaman 1/c Troy Lee Wilkins, son of Mrs. Margie Wilkins, was born September 23, 1921, in Clarksville, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith Grade and High Schools. Entering the Navy July 21, 1942, he received boot training at San Diego, California. He departed October 12, 1942, for Australia and remained overseas for two years. He was injured in line of duty and was honorably discharged December 11, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee. He lives in Fort Smith with his wife, Ava Lee, and their child.

Cpl. Lawrence Willie Wilkins, son of Mrs. Margie Wilkins, was born September 4, 1924, in Clarksville, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith Schools, afterwards being employed in a drug store. Entering the Marine Corps January 13, 1943, he received boot training at Camp Elliott, San Diego, California, qualifying as paratrooper. Corporal Wilkins departed in September 1943, for Bougainville and Iwo Jima, remaining overseas for 11 months. Corporal Wilkins was killed in action at Iwo Jima. He is survived by his mother, who lives in Fort Smith, Arkansas.



LAWRENCE W. WILKINS



ORAN L. BARTLETT

Pfc. Oran Lee Bartlett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodford L. Bartlett of Route 1, Hackett, Arkansas. Born at Hackett he attended Hackett High School and was employed at the Putman Funeral Home in Fort Smith at the time he entered service on October 11, 1944. Private Bartlett received Infantry basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and in February 1945, was sent to Europe. Overseas 11 months, he served with the 11th Infantry during the Rhineland, and Central Europe campaigns. He won the European Theater Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct Medal, and the Victory Ribbon. Private Bartlett was transferred to the Medical Corps and served seven months with the Army of Occupation of Germany. He was honorably discharged on December 20, 1945, at Passau, Germany, and immediately re-enlisted in the Army.

1st Lt. John Chris Reichardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Reichardt, was born January 12, 1922. He received his education by attending Fort Smith High School, graduating in 1939, and Fort Smith Junior College. Entering the Army Air Corps September 14, 1942, he received training at Santa Ana and Victorville, California, Service Schools, qualifying for bombardier. He also qualified as marksman with carbine and pistol. He was sent to England March 11, 1944, and flew combat tour with 8th Air Force, 390th Bomb Group, 570th Squadron of 13th Combat Wing (32 missions, 265 combat hours) in campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, and air offensive over Europe. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, and European Theater of Operations Ribbon with three Battle Stars. He was released to inactive duty at Camp Chaffee, October 30, 1945, and returned to Fort Smith, where he lives with his wife, Mary Elizabeth.



JOHN C. REICHARDT



WILLIAM A. STANTON

Capt. William A. Stanton, son of Mrs. Dorothy M. Stanton, was born January 10, 1921, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith High School and Fort Smith Junior College. Entering the Air Force January 27, 1942, he qualified as group operations and staff officer and as pilot, September 29, 1942. He served more than a year in the United States attached to the 7th Photo. Reconnaissance Sqdn., departing May 8, 1943, for the South Pacific. During two years' overseas duty, Captain Stanton participated in campaigns of the Northern Solomons, Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Netherlands East Indies, and Southern Philippines. He was awarded the Air Medal with nine Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross and was honorably discharged January 5, 1946, at San Antonio, Texas.

Seaman 1/c Aaron Wendell Coleman, son of Ebbie J. and Alton O. Coleman, was born July 11, 1927, in Greenwood, Arkansas. He attended Greenwood School. Entering the Navy July 18, 1945, he received boot training at San Diego, California. Seaman Coleman was still in the service, according to last report received. His home is in Greenwood.



AARON W. COLEMAN



HAROLD L. BARTLETT

Cpl. Harold L. Bartlett, son of Lola E. and Leroy C. Bartlett, was born July 28, 1926, in Russellville, Arkansas. He attended Russellville High School and Arkansas Polytechnic College. Entering the Air Corps January 18, 1945, he received basic training at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and attended A.M. School, Amarillo, Texas, and Chanute Field, Illinois, qualifying as mechanic. Corporal Bartlett served for a year in the United States before departing January 18, 1946, for Germany. He was still in service with the Army of Occupation, according to last report received.

Sonarman 1/c James L. Elmore, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Elmore, was born December 30, 1924, in Jerome, Arkansas. He graduated from Fort Smith Senior High School in June 1942. Entering the Navy in 1942, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Underwater Sound School and Radar School. Sonarman Elmore departed May 10, 1943, for the South, Central, and West Pacific Theaters of Operations and remained overseas for two years and 10 months. Aboard the seaplane tender Chincoteague, he participated in the consolidation of the Solomon Islands and the campaigns of Vanikoro Island, Eniwetok, Kwajalein, Peleliu Island, Angaur Island, and Iwo Jima. His crew received unit commendation for saving the ship when it was attacked by Japanese bombers in the New Hebrides in July 1943. After being honorably discharged February 7, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to his home in Fort Smith, Arkansas.



JAMES L. ELMORE, JR.



THOMAS H. MORRELL

Chief Warrant Officer Thomas H. Morrell, son of Mrs. Jeanette Morrell, was born March 2, 1922, at Fort Smith. He received his education by attending Fort Smith Junior and Senior High Schools. Enlisting in the Signal Corps May 1, 1940, at Ft. Sam Houston, he received basic training at Ft. Clayton, Panama Canal Zone, qualifying for radar, technical officer. Serving in the United States attached to 7th Signal Service Co., Ft. Sam Houston, and 563rd S.A.W. Bn., Drew Field, Florida, he departed for England January 22, 1944. He participated in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Germany, and air offensive of Germany. He was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with four Bronze Stars, American Theater Service Ribbon, and American Defense Ribbon. He married Lieutenant Ruby A. Fleming in Etain, France, January 12, 1945. Returning to the United States September 12, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, December 3, 1945, and lives in Fort Smith.

Machinist's Mate 1/c James Luther Wallace, Sr., son of James Bradley Wallace and Ollie Dorothy Mooney, was born February 26, 1912, at Van Buren, Arkansas. After completing his education by attending Van Buren Public Schools, he was employed by Harding Glass Plant, Fort Smith, and at Ft. Leonard Wood prior to entering the Naval Construction Battalion October 29, 1943. He received boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia, and Port Hueneme, California, and qualified as expert rifleman. Attached to 25th Naval C.B. he served six months in the United States and landed at Milne Bay, New Guinea, May 19, 1944. He served over 17 months in the Asiatic-Pacific theater and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific, American Theater, and Philippine Ribbons. Returning to the United States, he was honorably discharged at Memphis, December 6, 1945. He and his wife, Jane Marie, live in Fort Smith with their children.



JAMES L. WALLACE, SR.



JACK L. PRICE

Flight Officer Jack L. Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. John I. Price of Fort Smith was born at Pasadena, California, January 16, 1923. He moved with his family to Arkansas in 1927 and was educated at Fort Smith High School. Entering the Army Air Corps January 12, 1943, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and then attended Radio Operator-Mechanics' School at Scott Field, Illinois, and Radar Observer-Bombardier School at Yuma, Arizona. He was commissioned as a bombardier and was given duty with the 3036th Army Air Force Base Unit at Yuma Army Air Field, Yuma, Arizona. A veteran of three years of service with the Air Force, he was released from active service at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, October 18, 1945.

Sgt. Johnson Hoag Crandall is the son of John Taylor and Bertha Hoag Crandall of Fort Smith, where he was born on July 4, 1923. He attended Immaculate Conception and St. Anne schools and the Georgia Military Academy, College Park, Georgia. Entering military service in June 1942, he was sent to Ft. Riley, Kansas, for basic training and became a member of the horse Cavalry. After attending the the Assault and Intelligence Schools he was sent with his unit to the South Pacific theater in June, 1943, and fought with his unit in the Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Luzon, Southern Philippines and Admiralty Islands campaigns and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered on the Admiralty Islands. Sergeant Crandall also holds the Silver Star Medal for bravery and the Presidential Unit Citation. Overseas a total of 27 months, he was returned to this country and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, September 30, 1945.



JOHNSON H. CRANDALL



JOHN W. STUDDARD

2nd Lt. John Wilson Studdard was the son of Mary E. and the late Marion Studdard of Fort Smith. Born at Hartford, Arkansas on December 16, 1915, he completed his education at Fort Smith High School and was employed by the Arkansas Mining and Smelting Company at Van Buren, Arkansas until enlisting in the Army on June 26, 1941. He completed basic training at Camp Polk, Louisiana, and served as a staff sergeant with the 3rd and 7th Armored Divisions until he was selected to attend Armored Officer Candidate School at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. Graduated as a second lieutenant on March 18, 1944, he was sent to Ft. Robinson, Nebraska, where he served until his death there on September 15, 1945. He was a veteran of more than four years of Army service and was the holder of the American Defense Service Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. He is survived by his widow, Erma Grace Studdard, and their son and daughter.

S/Sgt. Thomas Leland Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Thomas Moore of Fort Smith, was born at St. Louis, Missouri, November 2, 1923, and moved with his family to Arkansas in 1928. He attended Fort Smith High School and the University of Arkansas and entered the Army Air Corps January 13, 1943. Sergeant Moore received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas. He became an armorer-gunner and was sent to England in March 1944. He was assigned to the 8th Air Force and flew 16 combat missions, and was transferred to the 15th Air Force in Italy and flew 31 missions before being captured by the Germans when his plane was shot down on July 30, 1944. He was held prisoner until liberated by the British on May 2, 1945. Overseas 15 months, he took part in the Rome-Arno, Normandy, Balkan and European air campaigns and won the European Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. He was honorably discharged at San Antonio, Texas, on October 12, 1945.



THOMAS L. MOORE



BILLIE I. GOODSON

Gunner's Mate 3/c Billie I. Goodson, son of Mrs. Samuela Murray, was born June 9, 1925, in Amarillo, Texas, moving to Arkansas in 1930. He attended Fort Smith High School. Entering the Navy January 18, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, California. Departing April 10, 1943, for three and a half years of overseas duty, he participated in the battles of Serge Straits, Leyte Island, the Marshalls, the Gilberts, Guam, Saipan, New Ireland, Kiska, and Iwo Jima, being awarded Navy Unit Commendation, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged June 17, 1946, at Millington, Tennessee, he returned to his home in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Seaman 1/c Robert Smead Grubbs, son of Thelma Nadine and Smead Roy Grubbs, was born October 6, 1926, in Norfolk, Arkansas. He attended Rogers Grade School, Fort Smith Junior High School, and Fort Smith Senior High School. Entering the Navy January 12, 1945, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Radar Training School at Point Loma, California, qualifying as radarman and marksman. Departing June 6, 1945, for operations in the South Pacific, he remained overseas for 10 months and participated in campaigns of Mindoro, Leyte, Luon, Okinawa, and Palau. His home is in Camden, Arkansas.



ROBERT S. GRUBBS



WILLIAM T. STEWARD

Coxswain William Turner Steward, son of Mrs. Faye Steward, was born February 18, 1926, in Van Buren, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Van Buren High School. Entering the Navy February 12, 1944, he received boot training at Camp Wallace, Texas. After serving for nearly a year in the United States, he departed January 17, 1945, for the Pacific Theater of Operations and participated in the battle of Okinawa and the Korean campaign. Coxswain Steward was still in service, according to last report received. His home is in Van Buren.

Pfc. Max J. Britt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Britt, was born June 25, 1921, at Iola, Kansas, moving to Arkansas in August 1942. Entering the Army Quartermaster Corps August 1, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, qualifying for supply clerk. After nine months' training, he was sent to North Africa May 2, 1943, attached to 328th Q.M. Depot Co. He participated in the African-Middle East campaigns and was awarded the Good Conduct and Drivers' Medals and the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater and American Defense Ribbons. After spending more than two years overseas, Private Britt returned to the United States December 29, 1945, and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, January 4, 1946. He returned to Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Lorene.



MAX J. BRITT

1.—Sonarman 2/c Bill J. Blair, son of Mrs. Nelle B. Blair and the late Carl B. Blair, was born August 4, 1924, in Kennett, Missouri, moving to Arkansas April 4, 1926. He attended Duvals Grade School, Fort Smith Junior and Senior High Schools, and Fort Smith Junior College, afterwards being employed in a newspaper office. Entering the Navy June 10, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended West Coast Sound School, specializing in radio, radar, and sound maintenance. He departed in August 1943, for the Pacific Theater of Operations, remaining in the Aleutian sector for 18 months and in the South Pacific for six months. He participated in two major engagements, the campaign of Japan, and 16 minor engagements. After being honorably discharged December 12, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to his home in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

2.—Yeoman 2/c Calvin Bruce Ervin is the son of William B. and Margie Louise Ervin of Fort Smith. Born at Delhi, Louisiana, on April 24, 1924, he moved with his family to Arkansas that same year. He has attended the Fort Smith High School, graduating in 1942, and the Webb Institute of Naval Architecture at New York City. Entering the Navy on January 12, 1943, he completed boot training at San Diego, California, and was then sent to Australia in May, 1943. Overseas 15 months, he was returned to this country and has since served with a Navy V-12 unit at New York City. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Ribbon, he was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, March 9, 1946.

3.—Radarman 2/c James Patton Batson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Pierce Batson, was born March 2, 1915, at Greenbrier, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Greenbrier Grade and High School and Arkansas State Teachers' College, Conway. He played professional baseball with the Savannah, Georgia, team; taught in junior high school and coached basketball in Greenbrier, and owned and operated a general store in Greenbrier prior to entering the Navy on December 7, 1943. He received boot training at San Diego, and by attending Radar Service Schools at Point Loma, Mare Island, and Treasure Island, California, and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, qualified for radarman. Departing from the United States March 25, 1944, he participated in the invasion of Saipan, Guam, Leyte, and Luzon, aboard the transport U.S.S. War Hawk 168. This vessel served as an attack transport until it was seriously damaged by a Japanese suicide boat January 10, 1945, necessitating its return to the United States for repairs. After serving almost two years in the South Pacific Theater of Operations, Radarman Batson was honorably discharged at Memphis, January 5, 1945. He and his wife, Betty Jean, live in Greenbrier with their children.

4.—Cpl. George Evans, son of George and Gussie Evans, was born January 4, 1922, at Fort Smith. He received his education by attending Spradling and Trusty Public Schools, after which he was employed as bus driver. Entering the Army Quartermaster Corps September 15, 1942, he received basic training at Camp White, Medford, Oregon. Assigned to the motor pool, he served in the United States before being sent to Dawson Creek, Canada, January 21, 1943. He received the Good Conduct Medal and Northern Pacific Theater Ribbon. Corporal Evans served in the Northern Pacific area for almost two years and was honorably discharged at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, October 3, 1945. He and his wife, Wilma, live in Fort Smith with their child.

5.—S/Sgt. James Lee Ervin, son of William and Margie Ervin of Fort Smith was born at Winnsboro, Louisiana, August 17, 1921, and moved with his parents to Arkansas in 1924. He was educated at Fort Smith High School and Missouri State Teach-

ers College and was employed by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., and Automotive, Inc. at Fort Smith until entering the Army Air Corps on February 1, 1942. He completed basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and then attended Technical School at Ft. Logan, Colorado; Orlando, Florida, and Gunner Schools at Ft. Myers, Florida; Lowery Field, Colorado, and Pocatello, Idaho. In July 1943, Sergeant Ervin was sent to the South Pacific and served as a gunner with a bomb group of the 5th Air Force. He flew 54 combat missions and was then killed in action over Wakde Island on June 4, 1944. This gallant soldier was the holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Presidential Unit Citation, American Theater Ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon at the time of his death and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.

6.—Pvt. Albert J. Gordon, was born January 6, 1889, in New York, New York, moving to Arkansas in 1940. He received his education by attending New York Public Schools and was employed as pipe organ builder. Enlisting in the Army Air Corps October 22, 1942, he received basic training at Foster Field, Texas, with 97th Sqdn., qualifying for mechanic. Private Gordon previously served with the Marine Corps in 1909. He was attached to 859th S. Eng. Training, Army Air Force, and was honorably discharged at Foster Field, Texas, March 13, 1943. He and his wife, Geneva, live in Fort Smith with their children.

7.—Sgt. Dan Stanley, son of Jack and Emma Stanley, was born November 3, 1914, at Greenwood, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Fort Smith Public Schools, after which he was employed as truckdriver. Entering the Infantry June 3, 1942, at Camp Robinson, he received basic training at Camp Rucker, Alabama, qualifying for truck master. Attached to 321st Infantry, 81st Div., he departed from the United States July 1, 1944, for the Asiatic-Pacific theater and participated in the Southern Philippine and Western Pacific campaigns. He received Combat Infantryman's and Driver's Badges and was awarded Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, two Bronze Stars and one Bronze Arrowhead, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star. Sergeant Stanley received an honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, January 12, 1946.

8.—T/5 Dean Stanley, son of Jack and Emma Stanley, was born June 21, 1919, at Howe, Oklahoma, moving to Arkansas July 25, 1920. He received his education by attending Fort Smith Public Schools, after which he was employed as truckdriver. Entering the Infantry April 17, 1941, he received basic training at Camp Roberts, California, qualifying in truck and tractor driving. Attached to 17th Infantry, 7th Division, he was sent to the Asiatic-Pacific theater April 24, 1943. Corporal Stanley served in the Aleutian Islands, Mandates, Southern Philippines, and Ryukyus campaigns. He was awarded Combat Infantryman's Badge, American Defense Ribbon, Distinguished Unit Badge, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, World War II Victory Ribbon, and American Theater and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbons. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, November 29, 1945.

9.—Pfc. Oscar W. Stanley, son of Jack and Emma Stanley, was born October 14, 1924, at Fort Smith, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Fort Smith Public Schools, after which he was employed in truck driving. Entering the Infantry June 25, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, qualifying for rifleman and ammunition handler. After training over seven months with 65th Infantry Training Bn., he departed from the United States January 17, 1944, for the European theater where he saw service in Normandy, Northern



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France, Central Europe, and the Rhineland. Private Stanley was awarded Combat Infantryman's Badge July 18, 1944; four Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and Meritorious Unit Plaque. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, January 5, 1946.

10.—T/5 William Farris Ervin, son of William B. and Margie Louise Ervin, was born July 30, 1919, at Watson, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Parker Grade and Junior High School, afterwards being employed by Solid Steel Scissors Co. Enlisting in the Anti-aircraft Artillery July 16, 1940, he received basic training at Ft. Ord, California, qualifying for truckdriver. After serving almost five years in the United States, he was sent to Europe February 10, 1945, where he participated in the campaign of Central Germany. He qualified for marksman, rifle, .30 caliber, August 1, 1940, and expert, sub-machine gun, January 15, 1945. Corporal Ervin was wounded in action and was awarded the Purple Heart European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon. He received an honorable discharge at Mitchell Convalescent Hospital, Camp Lockett, California, August 24, 1945, returning to Fort Smith, where he lives with his wife, Doris.

11.—Sgt. John Mitchell Vick, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell Vick, Sr., was born May 30, 1918, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith High School and Draughon's Business College, afterwards being employed as private secretary to the superintendent, Frisco Railroad Co., Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Ft. Scott, Kansas. Entering the Marine Corps April 5, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, qualifying as interpreter and receiving Marksmanship Expert Medal. He departed August 11, 1944, for nearly two years of overseas service. Sergeant Vick attended school in Hawaii to learn the Japanese language, participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima, and spent more than eight months in Sasebo, Japan, as interpreter with the occupation forces. According to last report received he was still in service. His wife is the former Dorothy Lee Mitchell.

12.—Sgt. Forrest L. Bonner, son of Albert and Dove Bonner, was born at Charleston, Arkansas, June 7, 1921. Receiving his education by attending Fort Smith High School, he enlisted in the Corps of Engineers June 18, 1940, and received basic training at Ft. Lewis, Washington. After more than two years' service in the United States, he was sent to North Africa October 24, 1942, attached to 10th Engr. Regt., Co. A, Combat Engineers. He took part in the African, Sicilian, Salerno, Anzio, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Germany campaigns and was wounded in action April 7, 1945. Sergeant Bonner received the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with seven Bronze Service Stars, American Defense Medal, American Theater Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star, Silver Star, Purple Heart, five Overseas Service Bars, and Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas, December 19, 1945, and lives in Fort Smith.

13.—S/Sgt. Tom L. Bonner, son of Albert and Dove Bonner, was born October 27, 1924, at Charleston, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Fort Smith High School. Entering the Army Air Corps June 23, 1943, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and by attending Radio and Gunnery Service Schools qualified for aerial gunner. He received A.A.F. air crew member wings and after training in the United States was sent to Europe on October 7, 1944, where he participated in the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central European campaigns. Sergeant Bonner was awarded the European-African-Middle-Eastern Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and Air Medal with five Bronze Clusters. He was honorably discharged at San Antonio October 27, 1945, and lives in Fort Smith.

14.—1st Lt. Elenora E. Phelps, daughter of Mrs. Emma Belle Phelps, was born November 24, 1916,

at Delaware, Arkansas. Receiving her education by attending Scranton High School and Sparks Memorial Hospital Training School for Nurses, Fort Smith, she enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps October 1, 1941. After serving two years in the United States, she was sent to England October 1, 1943, for almost two years' overseas service. Lieutenant Phelps was honorably discharged at Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, December 22, 1945, and returned to Fort Smith.

15.—Maj. Robert Harry Lynch, son of William Walter and Mamie Florence Lynch, was born November 2, 1908, at Greenwood, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Fort Smith Public Schools, after which he was editor and publisher of a weekly newspaper in Texas and athletic director of the Fort Smith Boys' Club. Entering the Infantry as a private July 12, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Roberts, California, and later by attending Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, qualified for athletic and recreation officer. After two years' service, he departed from the United States July 3, 1944, attached to 81st Infantry Division, for the Asiatic-Pacific theater. He saw action at Palaus (Angaur-Peleliu) and the Philippines (Leyte). Major Lynch qualified for M-1 rifle, heavy machine gun, and pistol marksman; sharpshooter with anti-tank gun, and expert with light machine gun. He received the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star, two Battle Stars, and Philippine Liberation Medal. After spending 30 days with the Army of Occupation in Japan, he returned to the States and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, February 14, 1946. He and his wife, Loice Constance, live in Fort Smith with their children.

16.—Ship's Cook 3/c David James Stoufer, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Stoufer, was born June 12, 1922, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith Public Schools, afterwards being engaged as a butcher. Entering the Navy September 29, 1942, he received boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois, where he qualified as butcher. He served for more than three years in the United States and was honorably discharged December 4, 1945, at Lido Beach, Long Island, New York, returning to Fort Smith, where he lives with his wife, Ruth Maydeen, and their son.

17.—Lt. (j. g.) Frank M. Stoufer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Stoufer, Sr., was born February 5, 1912, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Winslow, Arkansas, Public School and Fort Smith High School. Entering the Navy January 3, 1931, he received boot training at Norfolk Training Station, Virginia, and attended Hospital Corps School. He specialized in engineering and qualified as chief engineer January 1, 1944, and as expert rifleman June 15, 1932, at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Lieutenant Stoufer has been on continuous sea duty since June 10, 1933, and during his four and a half years' foreign service during the war, participated in campaigns in the European-African-Middle Eastern theater and the Asiatic-Pacific theater. He received American Defense Service Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, European-African-Middle-Eastern Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, and Letter of Commendation in connection with putting the city power plant into operation at Safi, French Morocco, for unloading ships by electrical dock machinery. Lieutenant Stoufer is still in the service at Underway Training Unit, San Diego, California. His wife, Beulah Mae, and their children, live in Fort Smith.

18.—S/Sgt. Raymond Eugene Stoufer, son of Rose Pearl and Frank Martin Stoufer, was born June 1, 1913, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith Public Schools and Winslow, Arkansas, School, afterwards being employed by Ballman-Cummins Manufacturing Company and Witherspoon Simpson Glass Company. Entering the Army Air Corps September 1936, he received preliminary training at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, qualifying as expert rifleman and aviation mechanic. He de-

parted in December 1938, for the Philippines for service at Nichols Field and at Corrigedor, where he was taken prisoner by the Japanese. Sergeant Stoufer died November 2, 1942, at Camp Cabanatuan, Prisoner of War camp in the Philippine Islands, as a result of malaria. He is survived by his parents, who received a Certificate of Honor from President Roosevelt and a Citation of Honor from H. H. Arnold, commanding general, Army Air Forces, in his memory.

19.—Seaman 1/c William Lee Stoufer is the son of Frank Martin and Pearl Rose Stoufer of Fort Smith where he was born on March 13, 1927. He attended the Fort Smith Public Schools until entering the Navy on March 29, 1943. Upon completion of boot training at San Diego, California, he was sent to the Aleutian Islands. Overseas a total of three years, Seaman Stoufer has seen service at Kiska, Tarawa, Kwajalein, Bougainville, Los Negros, Hollandia, Eniwetok, Guam, Saipan, Okinawa, and Iwo Jima nearly every major battle of the Pacific campaign. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars and two Arrowheads,

he reenlisted in the Navy in February 1946, and is according to last report received, was serving aboard the U.S.S. Greyhound.

20.—T/Sgt. Woodrow W. Stoufer, son of Frank Martin and Pearl Rose Stoufer, was born December 19, 1916, at Fort Smith. He received his education by attending Albert Pike School, Rogers, Arkansas; Winslow High School, Winslow, Arkansas; Trusty Junior High and Senior High Schools, Fort Smith, after which he was employed by Swift and Co., Memphis, Tennessee. Enlisting in the Army Air Corps August 7, 1941, he received basic training at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia, and Maxwell Field, Alabama, qualifying for A.A.F. supply technician. Attached to 16th Air Service Sqdn., he landed at Oran, Africa, May 11, 1943, and participated in Po Valley, Naples-Foggia, Rhineland, Rome-Arno, Southern France, and Apennines campaigns. He was awarded six Bronze Stars Good Conduct Medal, and Meritorious Service Unit Plaque. Sergeant Stoufer received an honorable discharge at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, September 7, 1945, returning to Fort Smith.

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1.—Sgt. Harold Elmer Best, son of Mrs. Laura Best, was born February 1, 1922, at Chismville, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Charleston, Arkansas, High School. He enlisted in the Infantry February 27, 1941, receiving basic training at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and qualifying for artillery machinist. Serving two and a half years in the United States, he was sent to Europe August 8, 1943, attached to Infantry cannon company. Sergeant Best participated in the Normandy invasion, battle for Brest, and Belgian and Holland campaigns, where he was wounded in action. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Infantryman's Combat Badge, five Battle Stars, and one Silver Star. He received an honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, August 5, 1945. He and his wife, Ann, are the parents of one child.

2.—T/3 Merritt M. Davenport, son of Mrs. Bess Davenport, was born March 31, 1918, at Fort Smith, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Fort Smith High School, after which he was employed as an accountant. Entering the Army Finance Department December 14, 1942, he received basic training at Ft. Ben Harrison, Indiana, and attended Finance School at Ft. Ben Harrison, qualifying for chief clerk. He received Sharpshooter's Medal January 30, 1943. After one year's training he departed December 3, 1943, for England, attached to 15th Finance Disbursing Section, and served in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He received the Good Conduct Medal and, after serving three months with the Army of Occupation, was honorably discharged at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, November 3, 1945. He lives in Fort Smith.

3.—Pfc. Francis Jean Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison of Claremore, Oklahoma, was born at Greenwood, Arkansas, on August 28, 1914. After graduating from Mansfield High School, he was employed as a meatcutter until entering the United States Marine Corps on May 8, 1944. He served boot training at San Diego, California, and was assigned to units doing guard duty at Alameda, California, until he was sent to the Hawaiian Islands in March 1945. Overseas more than 11 months, he served in the Hawaiian Islands and on Guam until returning to this country. He was honorably discharged on February 16, 1946, at San Diego, California. He and his wife, the former Lillian Hickey, have two children. They now make their home at 1223 North 36th Street, Fort Smith.

4.—Pfc. Leland Doyal Inklebarger, son of Mrs. Nora Inklebarger, was born July 14, 1918, at Charleston, Arkansas. He received his education by attending

Charleston, Arkansas, High School, afterwards being employed in Los Angeles. Entering the Infantry January 4, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, and was sent to Europe in June 1944, where he participated in the campaigns of Northern France, Ardennes, and Rhineland. Private Inklebarger was wounded on October 4 and November 25, 1944, and on January 3, 1945, was killed in action in Eastern France. He was awarded the Purple Heart, posthumously. He is survived by his wife, Josephine Inez, three children, and his mother.

5.—Quartermaster 2/c Ray D. Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Lee of Route 1, Fort Smith, was born at Barling, Arkansas, February 7, 1926. He attended Fort Smith High School and was employed by the S & Q Clothing Company and the Naval Supply Depot at Oakland, California. Entering the Navy on February 5, 1944, he served boot training at Farragut, Idaho, and was sent to the Pacific area in July 1944, as a member of the crew of the U.S.S. Kwajalein. Overseas almost two years, he saw action at Eniwetok and Ulithi, in the Marianas Islands at Guam and Saipan and in the Philippines and New Hebrides. Quartermaster Lee also served at Pearl Harbor and in New Caledonia and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and Philippine Liberation Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Shoaemaker, California, May 8, 1946. His wife is Dorothy Ellen.

6.—Pharmacist's Mate 3/c Jack W. Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Lee, was born June 13, 1924, at Muldrow, Oklahoma, moving to Arkansas January 4, 1927. He received his education by attending Massard Grade School and Fort Smith Junior and Senior High Schools. Entering the Navy January 12, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego Naval Training Station and, by attending Hospital Corps School and X-Ray Technician School, qualified for X-ray technician. After serving almost three years, he was honorably discharged at Shoemaker, California, December 16, 1945. He and his wife, Georgia Bernice, live in Fort Smith with their child.

7.—Sgt. Allen Riley Russell, son of Mrs. Gertie McKinney, was born January 10, 1914, in Oklahoma, moving to Arkansas in 1921. He attended Oklahoma and Greenwood, Arkansas, schools, afterwards being employed as a painter. Entering the Army November 5, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Grant, Illinois, and attended Cooks' and Bakers' School, qualifying as cook. He departed August 1, 1944, for Europe, and remained overseas for a year and a half. After being honorably discharged



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January 15, 1946, at St. Louis, Missouri, he returned to Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Eulema and their two children.

8.—**Fire Controlman 3/c Paul Marion Blaylock**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blaylock, was born March 12, 1924, in Lavaca, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith Public Schools and after graduating was employed in sheet metal and machine shop work as grinder for Marlin Rockwell Co., Plainville, Connecticut. Entering the Navy July 26, 1942, he received boot training at Naval Training Center, San Diego, California, and attended Class A, Fire Control School, Newport, Rhode Island, and Advanced Fire Control School at San Diego. He departed January 25, 1943, for more than two years' overseas duty, participating in campaigns at Marcus, Tarawa, Wake Island, Gilbert Islands, Marshall Islands, Bougainville, New Guinea (second campaign), Kavieng, Netherlands Indies; Morotai, and Marianas (Guam). According to last report received he was still in the service. His home is in Fort Smith.

9.—**Storekeeper 1/c Charles Ray Beckman**, son of Mrs. Cleo Beckman Sorrels and the late Flake Francis Beckman, was born November 30, 1919, at Dayton, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Fort Smith Public Schools, afterwards being employed as salesman, cashier, and bookkeeper. Entering the Navy in July 1942, he received boot training at San Diego. After training in the United States he was sent to the Aleutian Islands and then to the Asiatic-Pacific theater and served on Guam, Saipan, Marshalls, Gilberts, Fijis, Solomons, Tarawa, Marianas New Guinea Leyte Philippines Iwo Jima Kwajalein, and New Caledonia. He was once wounded in action and among other decorations received the Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, Silver Star, seven Battle Stars, and Medal for Bravery and Meritorious Achievement. He was honorably discharged in October 1945, and lives in Salinas, California, with his wife, Eva.

10.—**2nd Lt. Bob Green**, son of Maude Yarborough Green and the late Beverly Charles Green, was born January 2, 1917, at Booneville, Arkansas. He received his education by attending DuVal Grade School, Fort Smith Junior and Senior High Schools, and Fort Smith Business College, after which he was employed as salesman for General Mills, Inc. Entering the Infantry July 12, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Roberts, California, and by attending Officer Candidate School, Ft. Benning, Georgia, qualified for commanding officer of 1st Platoon in Anti-tank Co. Lieutenant Green received the Combat Infantryman's Badge June 15, 1944; Anti-tank Medal, and Expert Rifleman's Badge. He served two years in the United States and departed for Hawaii July 1, 1944, attached to 81st (Wildcat) Division. He participated in the invasion of Anguar Island in the Palau Group, landing on Anguar September 17, 1944. He was killed in action October 19, 1944, on Anguar Island and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Silver Star, posthumously. He is survived by his wife, Kay; one daughter, and his mother.

11.—**1st Lt. James Irvine Flake**, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Flake, was born at Coal Hill, Arkansas, February 2, 1918. He received his education by attending Arkansas Polytechnic College and Arkansas State Teachers' College. Entering the Army Medical Corps May 12, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Barkeley, Texas, later attending Lab. Tech. and Medical Field Schools, where he qualified for bacteriologist. After serving three years in the United States, he was sent to the Philippines May 17, 1945, participating in the Leyte and Luzon campaigns. Lieutenant Flake was awarded the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Battle Star, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. He received an honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee January 15, 1946, after serving four months with the Army of Occupation. He and his wife, Nell, live in Coal Hill, Arkansas, with their child.

12.—**Pvt. Claude H. James**, son of Claude F. and Josephine James, was born July 19, 1921, at Fort Smith, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Fort Smith Public Schools and University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Entering the Army Air Forces February 2, 1944, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas, later attending Montana State University, Missoula, Montana. After serving in the United States for nearly two years, Private James received an honorable discharge at Roswell Army Air Field, Roswell, New Mexico, November 26, 1945. He lives in Fort Smith.

13.—**Capt. Roy L. James** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud F. James of Fort Smith, where he was born September 30, 1916. He is a graduate of Fort Smith High School and the University of Arkansas, and was employed as associate radio engineer, office of the chief signal officer, War Department, until entering military service on November 7, 1942. Sent to Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, for basic training, he also attended Radiation Laboratory School at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Yatesbury Radio School in England, where he arrived in February, 1943. Returning to this country, he was sent to Saipan in the South Pacific. Overseas a total of 25 months, Captain James is the holder of the Bronze Star Medal, European Theater Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon. He was placed on inactive duty on April 1, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, Ina, have one child.

14.—**Aviation Radioman 3/c Earl Wesley Moreland**, son of Anna Ruth and Earl Edney Moreland, was born April 11, 1926, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith Senior High School. Entering the Navy June 8, 1943, he received boot training at Corpus Christi, Texas, qualifying as aviation radioman and air crewman. He served for two years in the United States with the Navy Air Corps and departed August 14, 1945, for Honolulu, Hawaii, with Air Transport Squadron 11. He remained overseas for nearly eight months and was honorably discharged April 14, 1946, in Norman, Oklahoma. His home is in Fort Smith.

15.—**Warrant Officer (j. g.) Earl E. Moreland**, son of Mrs. M. E. Moreland, was born May 23, 1901, in Walnut Tree, Arkansas. He attended grade school and night school, receiving an administrative course, after which he was employed as scissors polisher by Solid Steel Scissor Company of Fort Smith; as baker and foreman of baking department by Wortz Biscuit Company of Fort Smith; and as caretaker-mechanic for Battery G, 206th C.A. (A.A.) and Battery C, 142nd F.A., July 1932, to January 1941. Having entered service May 18, 1924, with Battery G, 206th C.A., he attained the rank of first sergeant, Battery C, 142nd F.A., in the National Guard, and was called to active service January 6, 1941, with the Field Artillery. Receiving basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, he qualified as military personnel officer and pistol expert. Warrant Officer Moreland served for three years in the United States and for two years overseas, participating in campaigns of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He served for four months with the Army of Occupation in Germany and, according to last report received, was still in the service as military personnel officer, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, the former Anna Ruth Fahrner, have one son.

16.—**T/Sgt. Carl Wendell Patterson**, son of Gertrude and Charles Bunyan Patterson, was born February 15, 1915, in Huntington, Arkansas. He attended Mansfield Grade and High School and Fort Smith High School, afterwards being engaged as automobile serviceman. Entering the Army March 2, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and attended Infantry Replacement Training Camp, qualifying as mechanic, automotive track vehicles, and rifle expert. He departed September 7, 1944, for France, and the European Theater of Operations, and participated in campaigns of Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe, being

awarded three Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. After being honorably discharged January 24, 1946, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Mary Katherine, and their one child.

17.—1st Lt. **Harold Boyce Patterson**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Patterson of Fort Smith, was born March 29, 1908, at Huntington, Arkansas. He attended Mansfield High School and the University of Arkansas, and was a service station lessee until entering military service on July 20, 1942. He received his basic training at Albuquerque, New Mexico, and then attended the Glider Pilot's School at Tucumcari, New Mexico. Lieutenant Patterson was transferred to the Field Artillery and attended Officer Candidate School at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He served with the 268th Field Artillery Bn., and was sent to New Guinea in September 1944. Overseas 19 months, he took part in the New Guinea campaign and served seven months with the Army of Occupation of Japan. He was released from active service on June 12, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, the former Betty Kneal, have one child.

18.—Electrician's Mate 2/c **Louis William Schneider**, son of Mrs. Marguerite Workman, was born at Fort Smith, July 18, 1907. His education was received by attending Belle Grove Grade School, Fort Smith High School, Draughton's Business College, and University of Minnesota (electrical course). Entering the Naval Construction Battalion April 12, 1944, he received boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois, and, by attending Advanced Electricians' Service School, specialized in power generators and motors. Mate Schneider qualified to set up power plants and to install and maintain electrical powered machines and motors. After training in the United States, he departed in October 1944, attached to Construction Battalion M.U. No. 549, for the Asiatic-Pacific theater where he served on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, and Wake Island. After

more than a years' service overseas, he was honorably discharged at Norman, Oklahoma, December 13, 1945. He and his wife, Georgia, live in Fort Smith with their child.

19.—Sgt. **James A. Roppolo**, son of Margherita and Joseph Roppolo, was born November 7, 1910, at Manning, Texas, moving to Arkansas in 1913. He received his education by attending St. Anne's Academy, after which he was employed as cook and waiter. Entering the Infantry June 7, 1941, he received basic training at Camp Roberts, California, qualifying for rifleman. He served three years in the United States and was sent to Europe attached to Co. C, 387th Inf., 97th Division, February 1, 1945, where he participated in the campaigns of the Rhineland, Ruhr pocket, and Czechoslovakia. He received the Combat Infantryman's Badge and Expert Infantryman's Badge. Sergeant Roppolo was sent to Japan August 29, 1945, and spent three months with the Army of Occupation. Returning to the United States December 7, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Ft. Bliss, Texas, December 18, 1946. He lives in Fort Smith.

20.—S/Sgt. **Joseph Anthony Roppolo, Jr.**, son of Joseph, Sr., and Margherita Roppolo, was born January 10, 1917, at Fort Smith. He received his education by attending St. Anne's Academy, afterwards being employed as salesman. Enlisting in the Corps of Engineers July 18, 1941, he received basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, specializing in service of supply logistics. After serving five months attached to 47th Engineer Bn., he was sent to Hawaii and participated in campaigns of Kwajalein in the Marshalls, Eniwetok, Saipan, and Okinawa. He qualified for rifle marksman and was awarded the American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three Stars, Unit Citation, and Good Conduct Medal. Returning to the United States October 8, 1945, he was honorably discharged October 18, 1945. He lives in Fort Smith.

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1.—Pfc. **Thomas A. Graham**, son of Thomas Bascom and Mattie Ella Graham, was born December 1, 1913, at Greenwood, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Greenwood and Fort Smith Public Schools. Entering the Quartermaster Corps November 12, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Lee, Virginia; Camp Swift, Texas, and Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and attended Motor School at Ft. Crook, Nebraska. He received Driver's Medal and qualified as rifle sharpshooter and carbine marksman. After serving two years in the United States, he was sent to Europe, attached to Co. A, 612th Q.M. Bn., November 15, 1944, and participated in the campaigns of France, Belgium, and Germany. Private Graham received citation from Gen. George S. Patton for meritorious service in the performance of outstanding duties while serving as mess clerk of Headquarters Co., 15th Army. He was also awarded the Bronze Service Star and Good Conduct Medal. After serving three months with the Army of Occupation, he returned to the United States December 16, 1945, and was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, December 22, 1945. He and his wife, Lucille, live in Fort Smith with their daughter.

2.—Sgt. **Bobby Gene Sanders**, son of the late John Robert and Nonnie Neece Sanders, was born January 14, 1924, at Fort Smith. He received his education by attending Fort Smith High School and was afterwards employed as relief manager for Kroger Stores. Entering the Army Air Force June 9, 1943, he received basic training at Amarillo, Texas, and by attending Flexible Gunnery School at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Radio Operator-Mechanical School, Yuma, Arizona, qualified for radio operator and gunner. After 20 months' training in the United States, he was sent to Europe February 10, 1945, where he saw service in the

Rhineland, Central Europe, and Ardennes campaigns. He received rifle Marksmanship Medal August 10, 1943, and pistol Marksmanship Medal October 17, 1943, and was awarded three Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. After serving two months with the Army of Occupation, he returned to the United States November 19, 1945, and was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, November 24, 1945. He and his wife, Betty Jo, live in Fort Smith with their child.

3.—Cpl. **Woodrow Winston Elkins**, son of Mrs. Elsie Elkins, was born October 6, 1915, at LaVaca, Arkansas. After receiving his education by attending Fort Smith Public Schools, he entered the Army (430th Army Ordnance Dept.) April 6, 1942, and received basic training at Aberdeen, Maryland, qualifying in tire repair and retread. After serving over two years in the United States, he was sent to Europe July 25, 1944, and participated in campaign of the Rhineland. He was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon with one Bronze Star, two Overseas Bars, and Good Conduct Medal. After 14 months' overseas service, he returned to the United States October 13, 1945, and was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, November 2, 1945. He and his wife, Alcie, live in Fort Smith with their child.

4.—T/Sgt. **Claud E. Martin, Jr.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Martin, Sr., was born October 5, 1924, at Fort Smith. Graduating from Fort Smith High School in 1942, he was employed by City Seed and Supply House, Fort Smith. Entering the Army Air Force June 9, 1943, he received basic training at Amarillo, Texas, and attended Radio School at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Aerial Gunnery School, Yuma, Arizona, where he qualified for radio oper-



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ator-mechanic and gunner. Sergeant Martin was sent to Italy on September 9, 1944, participating in the campaigns of Rome-Arno, Northern Apennines, Rhineland, and air combat over the Balkans. He was reported missing in action over Yugoslavia November 17, 1944, while returning from a bombing mission, was picked up by Yugoslavian Partisans, and spent 52 days in the Yugoslavian Undergrounds until released to Allied control on January 5, 1945. He was awarded four Battle Stars, Air Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Victory Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and Presidential Unit Citation. Sergeant Martin was discharged at Ellington Field, Texas, November 8, 1945. He lives in Fort Smith.

5.—Baker 2/c Harry William Thurston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward William Thurston, was born April 19, 1914, at Kane, Pennsylvania, moving to Arkansas in 1920. He received his education by attending Fort Smith High School, after which he was engaged as a baker at the Colonial Bakery. Entering the Navy October 1, 1942, he received boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois, qualifying for baker. During his three years' service in the United States, he was attached to Unit No. 36, Carrier Aircraft Service, and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal. After being honorably discharged October 2, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to Fort Smith, where he lives with his wife, Flora Mae, and their child.

6.—Pfc. David A. Lynch, son of Mrs. Cordella Lynch, was born June 16, 1926, in Goodman, Missouri, moving to Arkansas in 1927. He attended Grade and Junior High Schools before entering the Infantry November 13, 1944. Attached to the 84th Division, Co. F, he received basic training at Camp Robinson and departed March 29, 1944, for Germany. Overseas for eight months, Private Lynch participated in three battles, the Belgian bulge; Frankfurt, Germany; and Berlin. He was awarded Good Conduct Medal and two Battle Stars. He spent six months with the Army of Occupation and, according to last report, was still in the service. His home is in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

7.—T/Sgt. Harold P. Adrion, son of Haidee and Paul Adrion, was born March 20, 1920, at Fremont, Ohio, moving to Arkansas in 1926. He received his education by attending Parker Grade School and Fort Smith High School. After completing his education, he was employed in electrical and carpentry work. Enlisting in the Army Air Force October 24, 1941, he received basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, later attending Airplane Mechanics' School, Chanute Field, Illinois, where he qualified for propeller specialist. After serving 21 months in the United States attached to 32nd School Sqdn., and 10th Acad. Sqdn., he was sent to the South Pacific, landing in Brisbane, Australia, August 16, 1943. Sergeant Adrion saw service in New Guinea and Southern Philippines. He received rifle Marksmanship Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon. After serving two years overseas, he was honorably discharged at Ft. Bliss, Texas, October 25, 1945, returning to Fort Smith.

8.—Cpl. Fred Lee Petree, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Petee, was born at Fort Smith, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Marked Tree Public School and was later employed as butcher. Enlisting in the Infantry October 22, 1941, he received basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and attended supply schools where he qualified for meatcutter, cook, and instructor in basic training. He was transferred to the Signal Corps, and departed for the Asiatic-Pacific theater, landing on Guam November 10, 1944. He received carbine Marksman Medal May 9, 1943, qualified as rifleman, and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon, and American Theater Ribbon. Corporal Petree was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, November 15, 1945. He and his wife, Alene, live in Fort Smith with their children.

9.—Cpl. Ralph O. Bray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Bray, was born September 19, 1919, at Fort Smith. Receiving his education by attending Fort Smith High School and University of Alabama, he entered the Field Artillery December 3, 1942, receiving basic training at Camp Howze, Texas. After serving two years attached to 325th Field Artillery, 84th Division; 86th Field Artillery, 65th Division; and 67th College Training Detachment, he qualified for artillery and finance clerk. Corporal Bray departed from the United States January 9, 1945, landing at LeHavre, France, January 21, 1945, and took part in the Rhineland and Central European campaigns. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and Certificate of Merit. After spending six months with the Army of Occupation, he was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, January 7, 1946. He and his wife, Agnes, live in Fort Smith with their child.

10.—Ship's Fitter 3/c Paul Augusta Kaelin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kaelin, was born at Fort Smith, June 14, 1913. He received his education by attending St. Boniface School, after which he was employed as carpenter. Entering the Navy March 2, 1944, he received boot training at Farragut, Idaho. Departing from the United States June 10, 1944, for the South Pacific, he participated in the invasion of Guam, Angura, Pelelieu, Leyte, Luzon at Lingayen, and sea battle of Surigao Straits and was aboard the U.S.S. Pennsylvania when she was torpedoed off Okinawa August 12, 1945. He was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with four Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Stars, Navy Unit Commendation, and Captain's Unit Commendation. Returning to the United States October 24, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Memphis, December 9, 1945. He and his wife, Margaret, live in Fort Smith with their child.

11.—T/5 Nathan Dodd, son of Claude L. and Lois B. Dodd, was born at Hartford, Arkansas, December 9, 1918. He received his education by attending Fort Smith High School, after which he was employed by Automotive, Inc., of Fort Smith. Entering the Corps of Engineers August 8, 1942, he received basic training at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, qualifying for administrative and technical clerk. He was sent to Greenland October 28, 1944, and served more than a year overseas. He received rifle Sharpshooter Medal June 9, 1944, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, and American Theater Ribbon. After being honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, December 12, 1945, he returned to Fort Smith, where he lives with his wife, Ivanelle, and their child.

12.—Seaman James C. Patterson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Patterson, Sr., was born August 22, 1927, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith Senior High School. Entering the Maritime Service April 13, 1945, he received boot training at Catalina Island. He departed from the United States May 26, 1945, for Okinawa Island and on December 9, 1945, for Holland. According to last report received Seaman Patterson was still in the service in Yugoslavia. His home is in Fort Smith.

13.—Sgt. Jack Eugene Scott, son of Mrs. Bonnie Scott, was born August 20, 1925, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith Grade School and High School. Entering the Marine Corps November 4, 1942, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Machine Gun School, qualifying as machine gunner. Attached to the 1st Marine Division, 1st Regt., Co. K, 3rd Bn., he departed March 10, 1943, for Australia and during his more than two years overseas, participated in the campaigns of New Britain, Pelelieu, and Okinawa. He was severely wounded in action twice and was awarded the Purple Heart with one Star, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Presidential Citation, Victory Ribbon, and Naval Unit Citation. Sergeant Scott, according to last report received, was still in the service, hospitalized at Mare Island, California, Naval Hospital.

14.—Pfc. J. D. Center, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Center, was born June 12, 1911, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith Public Schools and Arkansas Polytechnic College at Russellville, after which he was employed as baker and truck driver. Entering the Army March 3, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Blanding, Florida, and attended Cooks' and Bakers' School, qualifying as cook, truck driver light, and sharpshooter with rifle and carbine. Attached to the 87th Division, 345th Inf. Regt., Co. H, he departed October 13, 1944, for the European Theater of Operations and participated in the campaigns of the Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. Private Center was awarded Combat Infantryman's Badge, Motor Vehicle Driver's Award, Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon, Distinguished Unit Badge, and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged November 16, 1945, at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts, he returned to Fort Smith, where he lives with his wife, Helen, and their son.

15.—S/Sgt. Sam W. Dougan, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Dougan of Mountainburg, was born May 28, 1919, in Dyer, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Dyer Public School. Entering the Army March 23, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Barkeley, Texas, qualifying as squad leader. After two years' service in the United States, attached to the 90th Division, 358th Infantry, Co. B, Sergeant Dougan departed March 23, 1944, for the European Theater of Operations and participated in the campaign of Normandy. He was wounded in action and sent to England for five surgical operations, in the 136th, 307th, and 93rd General Hospitals. Sergeant Dougan was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, Purple Heart, American Theater Service Ribbon, and European-African-Middle Eastern Service Ribbon. After being honorably discharged November 7, 1945, at Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, California, he returned to Fort Smith.

16.—Cpl. Billy Lee Plummer, son of Mary V. and David Plummer, was born February 13, 1926, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Bell Point Grade and Junior High Schools, afterwards being employed as shipyard worker, drillpress operator, glass finisher, and filling station attendant. Entering the Marine Corps April 5, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Gunnery School, qualifying as light machine gun crewman, M-1 rifle marksman, and machine gun marksman. Corporal Plummer departed July 22, 1944, for Hawaii with the 5th Marine Division, and remained overseas for a year and eight months. He participated in campaigns of Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands; spent a month with the Army of Occupation at Sasebo, Japan, and served four and a half months on Peleliu Island in defense battle. He was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Victory Ribbon, and Presidential Unit Citation. After being honorably discharged May 3, 1946, at Great Lakes, Illinois, he returned to his home in Fort Smith.

17.—Machinist's Mate 3/c David George Plummer, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. David George Plummer,

Jr., was born at Fort Smith, February 2, 1924. He received his education by attending Fort Smith Public Schools and Du Pont Manual School, Louisville, Kentucky, after which he was employed as ambulance driver, defense plant worker, and employee of the Wortz Baking Co., Fort Smith. Entering the Naval Reserve July 7, 1943, he received boot training at Camp Pearv, Virginia, and Camp Endicott, Rhode Island, qualifying for oiler, crane and engine. After almost eight months' training in the United States, Mate Plummer was sent to New Guinea, February 25, 1944, where he received injuries in line of duty which resulted in his death April 22, 1944. He was buried in the U.S.A.F. Cemetery Milne Bay No. 2, New Guinea. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Margie, and their son, who received a Presidential Commemoration Scroll.

18.—Pfc. Dorothy L. Sargent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude L. Sargent, was born May 27, 1923, at Van Buren, Arkansas. Receiving her education by attending Fort Smith and Van Buren Public Schools, she was later employed by Arkansas Ordnance Plant in Fort Smith; by business firms in Oklahoma City, and at Tinker Field Air Base, until enlisting in the Army Air Forces (W.A.C.) January 28, 1944. She received training at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia, qualifying for airplane and engine mechanic and serving 16 and a half months with Sqdn. C, 4136th A.A.F. Base Unit. Private Sargeant received Good Conduct Medal January 27, 1944, and was discharged at Ft. Sam Houston, June 9, 1945. She lives in Fort Smith.

19.—Pvt. Edgar Ralph Hudson, son of Mrs. Allie M. Hudson, was born August 30, 1915, at Alix, Arkansas. He attended Public School at Alix and was later employed as a coal miner. Enlisting in the Infantry February 17, 1941, he received basic training at Ft. McDowell, California, and was sent to the Philippine Islands, attached to the 31st Infantry, in May 1941. Contracting tropical fever, he was in the hospital in Manila when war began. Returning to combat duty, Private Hudson was wounded in action January 25, 1942, and taken prisoner May 8, 1942. He died in Japanese Prison Camp O'Donnell, May 30, 1942. His mother has received the Purple Heart and Commemoration Scroll signed by President Roosevelt.

20.—T/5 Levirn Melvin King, son of Claude Melvin and Lela J. King, was born July 2, 1921, at Fort Smith. He received his education by attending Fort Smith Public School, afterwards being employed as furniture worker. Entering the Infantry September 21, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, qualifying for painter, general. After training in the United States he was sent to Europe April 14, 1943, attached to 84th Engineer Cam. Bn., participating in Ardeunes, Central Europe, Rhineland, Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, and Rome-Arno campaigns. Corporal King was awarded six Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, October 14, 1945. He and his wife, Robina, live in Fort Smith with their child.

1.—T/5 Lawrence E. Belser, son of Mrs. Elizabeth S. Belser, was born May 14, 1915, at Fort Smith, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Peabody Junior High School and was afterwards employed as clerk for the Sebastian County Rock Crusher Company. Inducted into the Armed Forces October 8, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Roberts, California, qualifying for truck driver. After four months' service in the United States, he was sent to the Asiatic-Pacific theater and participated in New Guinea, Southern Philippines, and Luzon campaigns. He served as vehicle maintenance mechanic and heavy truck driver in the Philippines for 18 months and for meritorious service was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and one Bronze Star, and World War II Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, December 12, 1945, returning to Fort Smith.

2.—Carpenter's Mate 2/c Everett Hill, son of Grace Robison of Fort Smith, was born on August 23, 1914, at Ratcliff, Arkansas. He completed his education at the Fort Smith schools and was a professional baseball player until entering the Navy Seabees on December 21, 1942. He was sent to Camp Peary, Virginia, for his boot training and after five months in this country was sent to New Caledonia in the South Pacific theater. Overseas more than 26 months, he participated in the New Georgia, Solomon Islands and the Peleliu Island campaigns. He was returned to the United States in July 1945, and was honorably discharged on September 21, 1945, at the Naval Air Base at New Orleans, Louisiana. He and his wife, Mattie Bell, have one son, Jimmie Everett.

3.—T/4 Herman Emery Elkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elkins, was born May 15, 1913, at Lavaca, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Lavaca Public School and Government Trade School at Fort Smith, and was later employed as machinist for the Solid Steel Scissors Company at Fort Smith for 16 years. Entering the Corps of Engineers March 3, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri, qualifying for cook. Attached to Co. C, 285th Engineers Combat Bn., he departed October 22, 1944, for England, and participated in the campaigns of Central Europe, Rhineland, and the Ardennes. He received rifle Marksmanship Medal April 22, 1944, and for meritorious service was awarded three Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, European Theater of Operations Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon. Returning to the United States December 22, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, December 30, 1945. He and his wife, Freda Mae, live in Fort Smith with their children.

4.—Cpl. Troy Eugene Holland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tolithia Holland, was born June 1, 1923, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Albert Pike School and Fort Smith Junior High School. Entering the Air Corps January 19, 1943, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, qualifying for duty as noncommissioned officer. Corporal Holland served in the United States for three years with the 462nd Army Air Force Unit and was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and American Theater Ribbon. After being honorably discharged February 25, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Fort Smith, where he lives with his wife, Marie Inez, and their child. He is employed at Ballman Cummings Furniture Company.

5.—Second Class Petty Officer Ambrose Richard Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Clark of Fort Smith, was born on April 25, 1918, at Melton, Oklahoma, and moved with his family to Arkansas in 1919. He attended the Howard Hill, Jenny Lind and Deermount Schools and was engaged in smelter work until entering the Navy Seabees on November 10, 1942. After serving boot training at Davisville, Rhode Island, he was sent to the Automatic Rifle

School at Port Huenema, California, and from there was sent to Alaska and the Aleutian Islands. Overseas a total of 29 months, he has served in the Aleutian Islands and also in the South Pacific area on Guam and at Pearl Harbor as a member of the 52nd Naval Construction Bn. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal, he was honorably discharged on November 10, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee. His wife is Anna Myrtle Clark.

6.—Cpl. George Edward Hoffman, son of Henry and Mary Hoffman, was born at Fort Smith, February 7, 1912. He received his education by attending Trusty, Rogers, and Albert Pike Public Schools, afterwards being employed in highway construction. Entering the Army Air Corps April 6, 1942, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and by attending Bakers' and Cooks' School qualified for cook. Attached to Base Unit, 2nd Air Force, he departed May 25, 1942, for the Aleutian Islands, where he served for over two years. Corporal Hoffman received the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, and Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, October 10, 1945. He and his wife, Sylvia Elreda, live in Fort Smith with their child.

T/4 Lessie Leroy Helms, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Helms, was born May 25, 1924, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended South Fort Smith and Cavanaugh Schools, afterwards being engaged as grocery clerk and truck driver. Entering the Army November 8, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas, qualifying as rifle marksman and full track driver. Attached to the 51st F.A., 6th Division, he departed April 26, 1944, for the Asiatic-Pacific theater and participated in the New Guinea and Luzon campaigns. He also spent three months with the Army of Occupation. Sergeant Helms was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Service Stars, and one Bronze Arrowhead, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star. After being honorably discharged February 18, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, he returned to South Fort Smith where he lives with his wife, Eunice Maxine.

8.—Pfc. Edwin J. Hensen is the son of Joe J. Hensen of Route 2, Paris, Arkansas. Born at Paris on October 12, 1915, he attended St. Anne's School at Carbon City, Arkansas, and Draughon's Business School at Fort Smith. He was employed as a bookkeeper at Gabel's Auto Supply Company until entering the Army Air Corps on July 12, 1942. Private Hensen completed basic training at Camp Barkeley, Texas, and then served at the Station Hospital, Lowry Field, Colorado. In July 1944, he was sent to New Guinea and was assigned to the Far East Air Service Command, Headquarters Sqdn., Supply Division. Serving in Australia and the Philippines, he was overseas a total of 17 months and was then returned to the United States. Private Hensen was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on January 2, 1946. He and his wife, Mary Louise, have one child.

9.—Electrician's Mate 3/c James Fred Matteson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Alva Matteson, was born January 28, 1922, in Hutchinson, Kansas, moving to Arkansas in 1925. He attended Fort Smith High School, afterwards being employed by Jeffries Amusement Company. Entering the Navy January 11, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended training school at the University of Kansas. Mate Matteson departed August 11, 1944, for Okinawa and remained overseas for a year and four months, participating in campaigns of Leyte, Luzon, and Okinawa. He was on board the destroyer U.S.S. Luce when it was sunk by the Japanese off Okinawa and later served on the U.S.S. Olmitak. After being honorably discharged February 5, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to



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Fort Smith, where he lives with his wife, Virginia Mae, and their children

10.—T/Sgt. William Roy Reece, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Roy Reece, Sr., was born December 7, 1920, in South Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith Grade Schools and Junior and Senior High Schools at Paris, Arkansas, graduating in 1938 as president of the senior class. Afterwards he was employed as stock man at S. H. Kress and Company and with his father on a produce truck. Entering the Infantry September 15, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Blanding, Florida, qualifying as expert with rifle and machine gun, sports editor, and military police. Attached to heavy weapons infantry company, Sergeant Reece departed February 5, 1945, for the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations and participated in the battle of Okinawa. He was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Victory Ribbon, and Good Conduct Medal. According to last report received he was still in service with the Army of Occupation at Koriyama, Japan. His wife, Virginia Louise, and their child, live in Fort Smith.

11.—T/5 James Leon Robertson, Sr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Augusta Robertson of South Fort Smith was born on October 28, 1923, at Glenwood, Arkansas. He completed his education at Cavanaugh High School and was employed by the Athletic Smelter Company until entering military service on May 18, 1943. Upon completion of basic training at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, he was assigned to the Engineers as an automotive stock clerk and arrived in Scotland in February, 1945. Overseas a total of more than 10 months, he took part in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and earned the Bronze Star Medal, European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon and Army of Occupation Ribbon. He also holds the Marksmanship Medal and the Driver's Medal. Corporal Robertson was honorably discharged on December 22, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He and his wife, Bessie Lucile, have one child.

12.—Sgt. James H. Davis, son of W. H. and Rosie Davis of South Fort Smith, Arkansas, was born at Alma, Arkansas, on September 16, 1918. He entered military service on April 11, 1941, and was sent to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, for basic training in the Quartermaster Corps. Sergeant Davis served in this country until he was sent to Guadalcanal in the Southwest Pacific theater in May 1944. Overseas a total of 21 months, he served with the 56th Quartermasters and won the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars, the American Defense Service Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on February 18, 1946.

13.—Seaman 1/c Roygene Davis, son of W. H. and Rosie Davis of South Fort Smith, Arkansas, was born at Alma, Arkansas, January 8, 1926. He entered the Navy on April 18, 1944, and completed boot training at San Diego, California. In the spring of 1944, he was sent to the South Pacific theater and remained overseas for almost two years. Seaman Davis saw action at Guam, Leyte, Samar, the Gilbert Islands, Ie Shima and Okinawa and also served in Hawaii and the Philippine Islands. He is the holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged on February 28, 1946, and immediately reenlisted. He has returned to the South Pacific theater for two years of overseas duty. His wife is the former Dorothy Gene Clark.

14.—Warrant Machinist James Burnell Martin, son of Mrs. Lela Northum of South Fort Smith, Arkansas, was born September 13, 1913, at Greenwood, Arkansas. He attended the Fort Smith Public Schools and was employed at the McDaniel Pharmacy until enlisting in the Navy on July 1, 1930. He completed his training at Hampton Roads, Virginia, and since then has served about 15 and a half years

at sea. Warrant Officer Martin has served aboard the following ships: the Chaumont, Stewart, Henderson, Palos, Oahu, Sacramento, Trippe and Oceanographer. He holds the Yangtze Service Ribbon for service on the Yangtze River in China in 1931; China Service Ribbon, for service in China before the war; American Defense Service Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. He is also holder of the Unit Citation which was awarded by President Roosevelt to those who took part in the rescue of the survivors of the sunken submarine, U.S.S. Squalus, which sank in 1939. Warrant Officer Martin will be transferred to the Fleet Reserve at the end of 20 years of Naval service. He and his wife, Rose Marie, have one child.

15.—T/Sgt. William Darrell Martin, son of Mrs. Ed Northum, was born at Greenwood, Arkansas, on April 9, 1915. He completed his education in the Greenwood and Fort Smith Schools and was employed as a farmer and clerk until entering military service on October 30, 1942. He received basic training at the Big Springs Army Air Base and then served successively at Strother Army Air Field and Ft. Worth Army Air Field as a clerk-typist. He was sent to Hawaii in June 1945, and spent eight months overseas. Holder of the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon, he also holds the Sharpshooter's Medal for the carbine and pistol. Sergeant Martin was honorably discharged February 2, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, Frances, live in South Fort Smith with their child.

16.—Cpl. Philip M. Moss is the son of James T. and Emma Moss of Van Buren, Arkansas. He attended the Van Buren schools and was a furniture finisher until entering military service on November 2, 1943. Corporal Moss received basic training at Camp Lee, Virginia, in the Quartermaster Corps and was later transferred to the Infantry and sent to the Pacific theater in June 1944. He served as a rifleman with Co. B, 34th Infantry, 24th Infantry Division during the fighting of the New Guinea, Southern Philippine and Luzon campaigns during his 19 months of overseas service. Holder of the Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars and one Arrowhead, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge and the Victory Ribbon, he was returned to this country and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, February 3, 1946. His wife is Ruby V. Moss.

17.—S/Sgt. Wayne Wardell Moreton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Moreton of Fort Smith, where he was born on October 30, 1922. After completing his education at Cavanaugh High School, he was employed as a glass worker before entering military service January 16, 1943. He received basic Infantry training at San Luis Obispo, California, and Camp Rucker, Alabama, and arrived with his unit, the 320th Infantry, 35th Division, in England in May 1944. Overseas 17 months, Sergeant Moreton served as a section leader during the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart, as well as the European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged October 6, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He and his wife, Lavada, have one child.

18.—Lt. Walter Wayne Pogue is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Franklin Pogue of Fort Smith. Born in that city June 16, 1919, he was educated at Bellepoint and at Fort Smith High School, then attended the American Technical Society School, Chicago, Illinois. He was a sign painter until entering the Army Air Corps on October 18, 1940. After completing basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he trained at March Field, California, and was commissioned as a fighter pilot at Chanute Field, Illinois. Arriving in England in January 1944, he participated in 12 missions over Germany. On April 13, 1944, while over Leige, Belgium, he reported by

radio that his plane was short of fuel. He fell behind enemy lines and was never located. This gallant flier was reported as missing in action on that date and eight months later was pronounced as officially killed in action on that date. Lieutenant Pogue was awarded the Purple Heart and the Air Medal, posthumously. He is survived by his wife, Jessie Pauline, and child.

19.—SSMB 2/c John W. Clement, son of Joe and Sophie Clement of Jacksonville, Arkansas, was born at Olmstead, Arkansas, on February 11, 1904. He attended the Olmstead schools and was employed as a barber until entering the Navy Seabees on November 11, 1942. After completing boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia, he was assigned to the 47th Naval Construction Bn. and arrived with that unit on Guadalcanal in April 1943. Overseas 27 months, he took part in the New Georgia campaign.

He was honorably discharged on September 18, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee. He and his wife, Rena, have two children.

20.—Electrician's Mate 2/c Roy Eugene Poynor, son of Laura and Ernest William Poynor, was born February 9, 1923, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith Senior High School, afterwards being employed by Interstate Electrical Company and Kroger Grocery Company. Entering the Navy August 16, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, California. Departing March 5, 1944, for New Caledonia, Mate Poynor remained overseas for a year and nine months and participated in the campaigns of the Philippines, Tacloban, and Leyte. He was awarded two Gold Stars. After being honorably discharged December 18, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to Fort Smith, where he lives with his wife, Euneva Lucretia, and their child.

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1.—1st/Sgt. Bert Thomas Cantrell is the son of Mrs. Myrtle McCarty of Fort Smith, where he was born January 11, 1912. He attended St. Anne's Academy and was employed by the Palace Drug Store and worked five years for the Western Union Telegraph Company before entering the National Guard in June 1940. Called to active duty on January 6, 1941, he was sent to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, for basic training. After four years' service in this country with the Field Artillery and the Tank Destroyers, he arrived in the European theater in October 1944, and took part in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Overseas 10 months, Sergeant Cantrell was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Victory and American Theater Ribbons and the Good Conduct Medal. He won sharpshooter's medals for the rifle, pistol and machine gun. He was honorably discharged on September 11, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

2.—T/Sgt. Bob Bercher Lovelle is the son of Robert and Olivia Lovelle of Fort Smith. Born in that city on August 15, 1914, he attended the Fort Smith and Bellepoint schools and was a mechanic and garage owner until entering the Army on May 23, 1942. Sent to Camp Roberts, California, for basic training, he earned a mechanic's rating and after six months in this country he was shipped to the South Pacific area where he remained for 31 months. Holder of the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon, he served two months with the Army of Occupation of Japan, then was returned to this country. He was honorably discharged on January 10, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. His wife is the former Frieda May Howard.

3.—Machinist's Mate 1/c Paul S. Pittman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pittman of Hackett, Arkansas, and the husband of Alice Pittman of Fort Smith. Born on September 5, 1912, he attended the Hackett schools and served in the Regular Army from September, 1933, until September 1936. He was then employed by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company for seven years prior to entering the Navy Seabees on October 29, 1943. After completing boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia, he became expert in the operation of Deisel engines and heavy equipment and was assigned to the 31st Special Naval Construction Battalion. Arriving on Saipan Island in the South Pacific in September 1944, he saw more than 16 months of overseas duty. He was honorably discharged on November 29, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee. He and his wife have two children.

4.—T/Sgt. Conse Hugh McNally, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bernard McNally of Butte, Montana, was born at Fort Smith, Arkansas, September 15, 1913. He attended St. Anne's Academy and was employed in the casket business until entering the

Air Corps July 24, 1942. Sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, for basic training, he later attended Radio School at Scott Field, Illinois, and became a radio operator and gunner. Arriving in the European theater in April 1943, he participated in the Normandy, Northern France and Germany campaigns, as well as the general air offensive of Europe. A member of the 323rd Bomb Group, Sergeant McNally saw 21 months of foreign service and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with 10 Oak Leaf Clusters, Presidential Unit Citation, European Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged on July 10, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. Sergeant McNally and his wife, Freda Mae, have two children.

5.—Seaman 1/c Charles T. Haynes, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Haynes, Sr., of Brooklyn, New York, was born at Fort Smith on May 30, 1924. After attending Fort Smith High School, he entered the Navy January 12, 1943, and was sent to Great Lakes, Illinois, for boot training. He later attended the Destroyer Training School and after five months of shore duty he was ordered to convoy duty. With a total of nearly 30 months of foreign service Seaman Haynes is the holder of the American and European Theater Ribbons. He was honorably discharged on November 12, 1945, at Nashville, Tennessee. His wife is the former Jean Niles.

6.—S/Sgt. Henry Bruce Shaw, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Shaw, Sr., was born August 15, 1915, at Fort Smith. He attended Fort Smith High School, Fort Smith Junior College, and Louisiana State University, afterwards being employed by Otis Elevator Company. Entering the Ordnance (Army Air Forces) August 22, 1942, he received basic training at Pendleton Field, Oregon; Ontario, California, and Camp Tanboran, California; and also attended Chaffey Air Corps Technical Training School in California. After serving 14 months in the United States, he departed November 10, 1943, for India, where he participated in the India-Burma campaign. Returning to the States January 21, 1946, Sergeant Shaw was honorably discharged January 25, 1946, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

7.—Pfc. James Benjamin Turner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Benjamin Turner, was born December 14, 1914, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith Grade and Senior High Schools, afterwards being employed by the ice plant and by the Post Office as substitute mail carrier. Entering the Infantry June 7, 1941, he received basic training at Camp Roberts, California, and served for eight months in the United States with the 162nd Infantry, 41st Division. Departing March 1, 1942, for Melbourne, Australia, Private Turner served overseas for more than three years and participated in campaigns of Salamaua, Mindanao, and Marshall Islands. He was killed March 16, 1945, on Mindanao Island and was buried in the American Cemetery at Zam-



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boanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands. He had received the Good Conduct Medal and Expert Infantry Badge. Private Turner is survived by his parents, who live in Fort Smith.

8.—S/Sgt. Charles M. Terwilliger, son of Vora and John Terwilliger of Fort Smith was born on June 1, 1920, at Booneville, Arkansas. He attended the Mill Creek schools, Fort Smith High School and the University of Arkansas before entering active service on January 6, 1941. He had first enlisted in the National Guard on April 15, 1940. Sent to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, for basic training, he became a supply sergeant and was assigned to the 399th Infantry, 100th Division. Arriving in France on October 6, 1944, he remained overseas for 11 months and took part in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Holder of the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, the American Defense Service Ribbon, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Good Conduct Medal, he is a veteran of almost five years of service with Artillery, Tank Destroyer, Armored and Infantry forces. Sergeant Terwilliger was honorably discharged on October 7, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He and his wife, Roberta Maxine, have one child.

9.—Pharmacist's Mate 3/c John L. Terwilliger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Terwilliger of Route 3, Fort Smith. Born at Fort Smith on March 7, 1926, he was educated in the Fort Smith schools before entering the Navy on March 9, 1943. Mate Terwilliger was sent to the Naval Training Station at San Diego, California, to serve boot training, and later attended the Hospital Corps School. He served one year in the United States and is a veteran of one year and 11 months of foreign service. He was returned to this country and was honorably discharged on February 24, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee.

10.—Pvt. Ervin Terwilliger was the son of Vora and John Terwilliger of Fort Smith. Born at Booneville, Arkansas, on April 28, 1917, he attended Fort Smith High School and was employed by the Athletic Smelter Company and was secretary of Local Union 374. Entering the United States Marine Corps June 7, 1944, at Little Rock, he was sent to Camp Pendleton, California, for boot training, and became an infantryman. Sent to the South Pacific area in November 1944, he saw service in Hawaii, the Marshall Islands and the Marianas Islands before he was killed in action on March 6, 1945, during the fighting on Iwo Jima Island. He is survived by his wife, Alma Marjorie, and their three children.

11.—T/Sgt. Theodore H. Meier is the son of Jacob and Emelia Meier of Fort Smith, where he was born on September 6, 1905. He attended Lutheran School and the Fort Smith schools and was employed as a truck driver until entering military service on October 8, 1942. After receiving basic training at Camp Berkeley, Texas, he was assigned to the 30th Field Hospital as a surgical technician. Sergeant Meier saw widespread action, serving both in the Aleutian Islands campaign and then in the fighting in France, Germany and Austria. With a total of 25 months of foreign duty, he is the holder of the Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal and six Battle Stars and Asiatic-Pacific and European Theater Ribbons. He was honorably discharged on September 27, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

12.—Pfc. Maril Lesley Dorough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert R. Dorough of Fort Smith was born at Paris, Arkansas, October 21, 1916. After completing his education at Paris and Fort Smith schools he was employed by the Mansfield Lumber Company and the Bruce Terminex Company of Fort Smith until entering military service on December 18, 1942. After basic training at Camp Howze, Texas, he became a truck driver and arrived overseas in the European theater in May 1944. Overseas 16 months, he served with the 3042nd Graves Registration Co. during the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon and the

Victory Ribbon. Private Dorough was honorably discharged on November 14, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, Eva, have one child.

13.—Sgt. James B. Lewis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Lewis of Fort Smith, Arkansas, was born at Jenny Lind, Arkansas, on October 20, 1924. He attended Greenwood High School and entered military service on June 11, 1943. Assigned to the Medical Department, he completed basic training at New Orleans, Louisiana, and later attended Clerks' School. After seven months in this country, he was sent to New Guinea in January 1944, and saw almost two years of foreign service. Sergeant Lewis served throughout the New Guinea, Southern Philippines and Luzon campaigns and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars. He spent one month with the Army of Occupation of Japan and was returned to the United States. Sergeant Lewis was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, December 31, 1945.

14.—Seaman 1/c Raymond Edward Phillips, son of Mrs. Susie Phillips of Jenny Lind, Arkansas, was born in Arkansas and attended the Jenny Lind schools. He was a coal miner at the time he entered the Navy on July 24, 1943. Seaman Phillips received his Naval training at San Diego, California, and became a truck driver. He was sent to Hawaii in September 1943, and remained in the South Pacific area for more than two years. Returning to this country, he was honorably discharged from the Naval service on October 12, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee. His wife is Stella Phillips.

15.—1st Lt. Buell Marcus Mankin is the son of Thomas Floyd Mankin of Fort Smith where he was born June 30, 1916. He completed his education in the Fort Smith schools and was engaged in the printing business when he entered military service April 6, 1942. Sent to Ft. Riley, Kansas, for basic training, he later attended the Gunnery School at Camp Hood, Texas, and was assigned to the 704th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Arriving in England in February 1944, Lieutenant Mankin participated in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Germany campaigns. He was commissioned a second lieutenant on the battlefield in France on November 7, 1944. Overseas more than 18 months, he is the holder of the Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Presidential Unit Citation Badge. After serving four months with the Army of Occupation of Germany he was returned to this country and placed on inactive duty October 12, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, Nina Rose, have one son.

16.—Cpl. Charles D. Alverson, son of Frank and Alice Alverson, was born at Jenny Lind, Arkansas, on September 19, 1919. He attended the Howard Hill Schools and entered military service on April 24, 1941. After receiving basic training at Ft. Ord, California, he was assigned to Company G, 17th Infantry, and sent to the Aleutian Islands. Corporal Alverson was killed in action on Attu Island on May 25, 1943. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Silver Star. His parents live in Greenwood, Arkansas.

17.—Pvt. Frank C. Alverson, son of Frank and Alice Alverson, was born on November 25, 1905, at Jenny Lind, Arkansas. He attended schools at Howard Hill, Sebastian County, Arkansas, and entered the Army on May 11, 1942. Private Alverson was sent to Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and Camp Shelby, Mississippi, for basic training, after which he was assigned to the Ordnance Branch and served there for the remainder of his Army service. He received Marksmanship Medal and was honorably discharged on January 12, 1944, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

18.—Warrant Officer Loren Webster Merrywell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Merrywell of Fort Smith, Arkansas, was born February 14, 1910. He attended Fort Smith Public Schools and is a graduate of Fort Smith High School. He also attended University of Arkansas. Warrant Officer Merrywell entered the

Army in 1940. He and his wife, Pauline, have one child. No further information was furnished regarding the service record of Warrant Officer Merrywell.

19.—Sgt. Billie F. Wilkerson is the son of Mrs. Thursa Wilkerson of Greenwood, Arkansas, where he was born on August 12, 1921. He attended the Greenwood Public Schools and was a sales clerk until entering the Army on September 8, 1942. He served his Medical Corps basic training at Camp Maxey, Texas, and then was sent to the Medical Technician's School. Sergeant Wilkerson became a laboratory technician and in December 1944, was sent to the European theater with his unit, the 235th General Hospital. Overseas 16 months, he participated in the Rhineland campaign and won the European Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and

the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, on March 24, 1946.

20.—Pfc. Troy G. Wilkerson, son of Mrs. Thursa Wilkerson, was born at Greenwood, Arkansas, on January 13, 1919. He attended Greenwood High School and was employed as a warehouseman until entering the Army on November 13, 1942. Private Wilkerson received basic training at Camp Haan, California, and was attached to the Anti-aircraft Artillery as a driver. He received Marksmanship Medal August 10, 1943. Arriving in Scotland in November 1943, he saw 23 months of foreign service, serving in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardenes, Rhineland, and Central Europe campaigns. He was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged on October 29, 1945, at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

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1.—S/Sgt. Herbert Lee Gleason is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ves Gleason of Greenwood, Arkansas, where he was born on November 21, 1923. He attended Greenwood High School and was a coal miner until entering the Army in May 1943. Sergeant Gleason served his Infantry basic training at Camp Roberts, California, and then was sent to the Pacific area in December 1943. Overseas two years, he served with the 85th "Pioneer" Infantry throughout the New Guinea and Philippines campaigns and also saw service in New Caledonia. Wounded three times, he is the holder of the Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on December 10, 1945, after four months in Japan. His wife is Jim Ann Gleason.

2.—Sgt. Marshall Sylvester Gleason is the son of Sylvester and Gertrude Gleason of Greenwood, Arkansas, Route 2. Born at Greenwood, he attended the Hackett Grade and High Schools and was engaged in coal mining until entering military service on June 18, 1942. He received basic training at Camp Rucker, Alabama, and was assigned to the 81st Infantry Division. In July 1944, he was sent to Hawaii and later took part in the battle for the Palau Islands and in the fighting in the Philippines. Overseas 23 months, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Philippine Liberation Ribbon. After three months with the Army of Occupation of Japan, he was returned to this country and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on January 29, 1946.

3.—Cpl. Harlau Scott Cross is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cross of Huntington, Arkansas, where he was born on November 4, 1920. He entered military service on July 13, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Service Forces. Upon completion of his basic training at Camp Roberts, California, Corporal Cross became a military policeman and was assigned to the 801st Military Police Bn. In May 1943, he was sent to the Pacific theater and saw action at New Guinea and on Luzon. Overseas more than 30 months, he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, December 27, 1945. His wife is Reba Frances Cross.

4.—Sgt. John Oliver Mayo is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Mayo of Greenwood, Arkansas, where he was born on April 29, 1915. He finished his education at Greenwood High School, then engaged in the grocery and produce businesses until entering the Army on September 18, 1941. Upon completion of his Quartermaster basic training at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, he was assigned to the Quartermaster

Co. of the famous 7th Infantry Division and sailed for Attu in the Aleutian Islands in April 1943. Overseas almost 30 months, Sergeant Mayo saw action not only in the Aleutians but in the hard-fought battles of Kwajalein, Leyte in the Philippines and Okinawa. Holder of the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, October 19, 1945.

5.—Shipfitter 3/c James Morris Arp, son of James and Martha Arp, of Mansfield, Arkansas, was born at Artesian Wells, Texas, on January 10, 1914, and moved with his family to Arkansas in 1918. After attending the Mansfield Public Schools, he engaged in farming and truck driving until entering the Navy on April 4, 1944. Completing boot training at San Diego, California, he was sent to the South Pacific area in June 1944, and served 16 months overseas. He participated in the Philippine campaign and other Pacific operations and earned the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with five Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with Star, American Theater Ribbon and Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged on December 24, 1945, at Shoemaker, California. He and his wife, Velva Pearl, are the parents of two children.

6.—T/5 Phillip Harrell Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Moore of Greenwood, Arkansas, was born in that city on September 1, 1919, and graduated from Greenwood High School. Employed as a grocery clerk and meat cutter, he entered the Army in November 1942, and was sent to Camp Haan, California, for his Coast Artillery basic training. He later attended Supply School and became a supply clerk with the 413th Anti-aircraft Battalion. Arriving in England with this unit in November 1942, he remained overseas two years and took part in the Normandy, Southern France, Ardenes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, on November 1, 1945. His wife is Lois N. Moore.

7.—Pfc. Arlis Fay Spicer is the son of Mrs. M. M. Spicer of Scranton, Arkansas, where he was born on January 13, 1912. He served his basic training at Camp Kohler, California, and in January 1944, was sent to France. Private Spicer spent more than 18 months on foreign duty and saw action in two of the hard-fought campaigns in Europe. He was returned to this country in July 1945, and was honorably discharged at Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida, on October 10, 1945. His wife is Inis Spicer.

8.—T/4 Athan Ivon Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Smith, was born August 7, 1918, at Greenwood, Arkansas. After finishing school, he was engaged



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in coal mining. Entering the Army Signal Corps November 12, 1942, he received basic training at Sacramento, California, qualifying for automotive mechanic. Attached to 34th Signal Bn., he departed from the United States February 11, 1944, for the European theater, later being sent to the Asiatic-Pacific. He participated in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central European campaigns, and was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with one Silver Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. Returning to the United States November 27, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, December 28, 1945. He lives in Greenwood with his wife, Loma.

9.—Jesse Wayne Anthony, son of Mrs. Lottie Anthony of Mansfield, Arkansas. (No details furnished).

10.—Seaman 1/c Ben N. McKinney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Overton of Greenwood, Arkansas, where he was born on January 19, 1923. After completing his education at Greenwood High School he was engaged in carpentry and woodwork until entering the Navy on January 12, 1943. He served his training period at Great Lakes, Illinois, and in November 1943, was sent to the Ellice Islands in the Pacific. Returning to this country he made a second tour of overseas duty from April 1945, until November 1945. He is a veteran of almost three years of naval service and has served a total of 13 months on foreign duty. He was honorably discharged at Nashville, Tennessee, on December 8, 1945. He and his wife, Betty Lorene, have one child.

11.—Pfc. Velmar Lee Cottingham is the son of Charles Andrew Cottingham of Greenwood, Arkansas, where he was born on August 23, 1905. He attended the Miltown public school and was a farmer and stockman until entering military service on November 23, 1942. Upon completion of basic training at Drew Field, Florida, he became a telephone and telegraph lineman and served in Signal Corps units attached to the 9th Air Force. Arriving in the European Theater of Operations in December 1943, he remained overseas for almost two years, and served during the fighting in the invasion of France, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. Holder of the European Theater Ribbon with one Silver Star, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the Army of Occupation Ribbon, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, November 21, 1945. His wife is the former Rose McHargue.

12.—T/5 Charles Lingurn Overton, son of Mrs. Artonna Redwine Overton and the late Mr. Overton, was born October 24, 1924, in Adair, Oklahoma, moving to Arkansas in August 1925. He attended Central Rural School, Barling, Arkansas; Greenwood School, and Harrison, Arkansas, School, afterwards being employed in a grist mill and engaged in farming. Entering the Infantry July 7, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and qualified as infantry machine gun marksman and rifle sharpshooter. Attached to the 43rd Winged Victory Division, 8th Army, he departed December 9, 1943, for the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations and remained overseas for two years, participating in campaigns of New Guinea and Luzon. He was awarded 169th Infantry Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Stars. After being honorably discharged January 12, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to his home in Greenwood, Arkansas.

13.—Hospital Aide Edwin Earle Overton, son of Ortonna Redwine Overton and the late Mr. Overton, was born June 26, 1927, near Barling, Arkansas. He attended Harrison School and graduated from Greenwood High School, afterwards being employed as driver of transfer truck, grocery store clerk, and grist mill employee. Entering the Navy May 11,

1945, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and specialized in hospital training. According to last report received, he was still in service at Treasure Island, California, and has been notified he will be discharged in November, 1946.

14.—Ship's Cook 3/c Roy Lee Stroud, son of Dollie and Voyed Stroud, was born December 19, 1925, in Huntington, Arkansas. He attended Greenwood High School. Entering the Navy February 24, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Cooks' and Bakers' School, qualifying as cook. He served for more than two years in the United States and making trips across the South Pacific, and was honorably discharged June 6, 1946, at Astoria, Oregon. He lives in Greenwood, Arkansas.

15.—Sgt. Eugene Stroud, son of Dollie and Voyed Stroud, was born October 6, 1922, in Huntington, Arkansas. He attended Greenwood High School, afterwards being employed as aircraftsman. Entering the Air Corps and Infantry February 1, 1944, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, qualifying as supply sergeant and receiving Combat Infantryman's Badge. Sergeant Stroud served for a year in the United States before departing March 15, 1945, for Germany. Overseas for more than a year, he participated in the campaign of Central Europe and spent 12 months with the Army of Occupation. After being honorably discharged May 20, 1946, at Ft. Dix, New Jersey, he returned to Greenwood, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Frances.

16.—T/3 Dale F. Williamson is the son of J. B. and Nellie Jane Williamson of Greenwood, Arkansas, where he was born on May 10, 1912. Educated in the Greenwood Consolidated Schools, he entered military service at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, on May 12, 1942, and was sent to Camp Barkeley, Texas, to serve basic training. Assigned to the Medical Corps, he attended the Drivers' School at Camp Barkeley and the Mechanical School at Camp Ellis, Illinois, and later became a surgical technician. As a member of the 227th General Hospital Unit, he has seen service outside the United States in the American theater and also has served in the European Theater of Operations throughout the Rhineland campaign. Overseas almost 31 months, Sergeant Williamson is the holder of the European Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, November 30, 1945.

17.—Cpl. Henry Russell Heydenreich, son of Fred and Lona Heydenreich of Hackett, Arkansas, was born October 29, 1916, at Red Rock, Arkansas. He was educated in the Hackett schools and entered military service on May 13, 1942. Sent to Camp Barkeley, Texas, to serve basic training, he later attended Mechanical School at Ft. Riley, Kansas, and became an automotive mechanic Corporal Heydenreich served three years in this country with the Headquarters and Service Troop, 115th Cavalry Reconnaissance Sqdn. (mechanized), and was then sent to the Pacific theater in June, 1945. Overseas more than six months, he is the holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, January 2, 1946. He and his wife, Margie, have two children, Evelyn and Russell Jr.

18.—Fire Controlman 3/c James Carroll Hogue, son of Luther Moore and Nellie May Hogue of Mansfield, Arkansas, was born at Hartford, Arkansas, January 4, 1925. He completed his education at Mansfield High School and was a box maker until entering the Navy on December 10, 1943. Upon the completion of boot training at San Diego, California, he attended the Fire Control School at San Diego and specialized in Ordnance repair work. In June 1944, he was sent to the New Hebrides Islands in the South Pacific theater and remained overseas for 18 months. He is the holder of the Asiatic-Pacific

Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon. He was returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at Shelton, Virginia, April 20, 1946. His wife is the former Betty Jo McNatt.

19.—S/Sgt. Sam P. Caperton is the son of Mrs. Anna Caperton of Fort Smith here he was born on August 22, 1923. He was educated in the Fort Smith High School and was employed as a carpenter by the A. Farnell Blair Construction Company until entering military service on May 11, 1943. After serving basic training at Camp Abbott, Oregon, he was sent to Mechanic's School and became a supply sergeant. In November 1943, Sergeant Caperton was sent to the China-Burma-India theater and remained overseas for more than two years. He served in the units participating in the India-Burma and Central Burma campaigns and was awarded the

Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, on December 8, 1945.

20.—Seaman 1/c John Henry Caperton is the son of Mrs. Anna Caperton of 3016 Grand Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas. Born in that city on April 20, 1925, he completed his education at Fort Smith High School and entered the Navy on August 16, 1943. Seaman Caperton served basic training at San Diego, California, and in March 1943, was sent to Oahu, Hawaii. He was overseas 19 months and served in both Hawaii and the Island of Guam. A veteran of more than two years of Naval service, he was honorably discharged on December 7, 1945, at the Naval Personnel Separation Center at Memphis, Tennessee.

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1.—Apprentice Seaman Phillipp Nolen Buford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Buford, was born August 28, 1925, in Mansfield, Arkansas. He attended Mansfield High School and the University of Arkansas. Entering the Navy December 9, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended training school at California Institute of Technology. According to last report received, he was still in service. His home is in Mansfield.

2.—2nd Lt. Charlie Elwin Dillahunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Dillahunt, was born October 3, 1916, in Auburn, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith Junior and Senior High Schools, afterwards being engaged as a civilian flight instructor for two years in Army primary flying school, before entering service. Entering the Air Corps August 7, 1943, he received basic training at Randolph Field, Texas, and Nashville, Tennessee, qualifying as pilot (four-engine), pistol marksman, and carbine sharpshooter. He also attended Twin-engine Transition School at Randolph Field and entered active duty as a service pilot after completing Officer Training School at Nashville, Tennessee. After being stationed at the 1st Officers' Training Unit, St. Joseph, Missouri, for one year as an advanced instrument instructor, Lieutenant Dillahunt was sent overseas on May 1, 1945. He attended C-54 Transition School at Marrakech, French Morocco; flew as first pilot on C-54 from Casablanca to Natal, Brazil, on the "Green Project," and made several Atlantic Ocean crossings and trips into Egypt. Returning to the United States, he was honorably discharged December 25, 1945, at Camp Chaffee. He lives in Fort Smith with his wife, Frances Elizabeth, and their children.

3.—Seaman 1/c Horace H. Holley, son of Mrs. Esther Holley, was born September 22, 1923, in Mansfield, Arkansas. He attended Mansfield High School, afterwards being employed as sales clerk. Entering the Navy April 4, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Radio School, qualifying as radioman. After serving for a year in the United States, Seaman Holley served for a year and two months in the Pacific Ocean area and was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged June 5, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, and returned to his home in Huntington, Arkansas.

4.—Pfc. Howard Ray Holley, son of Esther and Ray W. Holley, was born September 23, 1921, in Dayton, Arkansas. He attended Huntington Grade School, afterwards being engaged in farming. Entering the Infantry November 23, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Maxie, Texas, and qualified as marksman. Private Holley served for 22 months in the United States with the 406th Infantry before departing September 12, 1944, for France. Overseas for two months, he was killed in action November 23, 1944. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Infantry Badge. Private Holley is sur-

vived by his parents, who live in Huntington, Arkansas.

5.—Pfc. Chester C. Condry, son of Nellie and Cheve Condry, was born August 12, 1925, in Mansfield, Arkansas. Entering the Infantry September 1, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Blanding, Florida. Private Condry departed August 24, 1944, for two years and eight months of overseas duty, and he participated in three battles and one campaign, being wounded in action. He received the Purple Heart and was honorably discharged May 4, 1946, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He lives in Mansfield, Arkansas.

6.—Seaman Paul J. Condry, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Condry of Mansfield, Arkansas, was born May 3, 1921. He attended Mansfield Public Schools and volunteered for the Navy September 1942. No further details were furnished regarding the service record of Seaman Condry.

7.—Pfc. Victor V. Graves, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Graves of Mansfield, Arkansas, was born on May 29, 1910 at Abbott, Arkansas. Upon completing his education he was employed as a trucking salesman for the Magnolia Petroleum Company for eight years. Entering military service on April 7, 1944, he served basic training at Camp Hood, Texas, and arrived in France in January 1945, where he was assigned to the 71st Infantry Division. Private Graves served with this unit throughout the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Good Conduct Medal. He also holds the Sharpshooter and Driver's Award. After serving nine months overseas and four months with the Army of Occupation of Germany, he was honorably discharged October 31, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He and his wife, the former Ina Aline Summers, are the parents of three children.

8.—1st Lt. James E. Dowdy is the son of Daisy M. Dowdy of Mansfield, Arkansas, where he was born on December 14, 1919. He attended Mansfield High School and enlisted in the Army on July 25, 1940. After completing basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, he received liaison pilot training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and became an artillery liaison pilot. Arriving in the South Pacific theater in March, 1944, he took part in the Marianas Islands, Philippines, Okinawa and Ryukyus campaigns as a member of the famous 1st Cavalry Division and the 77th Infantry Division. Overseas a total of 20 months, Lieutenant Dowdy holds the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. He spent six weeks with the Army of Occupation and was placed on inactive duty on December 5, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

9.—Boatswain's Mate 2/c Kenneth W. Ratliff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison Ratliff of Greenwood, Arkansas, where he was born on July



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20, 1924. He attended Greenwood High School and was employed by the Quality Coal Company at Greenwood until entering the service on June 12, 1943. He was sent to San Diego, California, for boot training and in September 1943, was sent to the South Pacific area. Overseas 33 months, he saw action at New Guinea, the Admiralty Islands, the Philippines and in the attacks on Japan. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon, he saw service with the Occupation Force in Japan and was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, February 22, 1946.

10.—Cpl. John H. Peters, Jr., son of Edna and John H. Peters, Sr., was born September 14, 1922, in Lonoke, Arkansas. He attended Lonoke High School. Entering the Army January 21, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Haan, California, and served for a year and eight months in the United States with the 548th A.A.A. Battalion. Departing September 22, 1944, for the European Theater of Operations, he participated in the campaigns of Rhineland and Central Europe. According to last report received he was still in service. His wife, Bobbie, and their two children, live in Huntington, Arkansas.

11.—T/Sgt. Ira F. Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alice Riley of Mansfield, Arkansas, was born at Mansfield on January 10, 1904. He was educated in the Shilo schools and enlisted in the Regular Army at Fort Lewis, Washington on July 3, 1925. He completed basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri, and became a communications chief with the 10th Field Artillery at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. In November 1939, he was sent to Hawaii and served in the South Pacific theater for four years and two months. He was assigned to the 25th Division when it was formed in Hawaii in 1941 and served with that unit throughout the Guadalcanal and New Georgia campaigns. His division later won undying fame in the hard Pacific fighting of the Philippines. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon with the Bronze Star for service overseas before Pearl Harbor and the Victory Ribbon, Sergeant Riley was returned to the United States and was retired from the service at Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah, because of disabilities incurred in line of duty. He had served for more than 20 years.

12.—Pfc. Dean Arnon Johnson, son of Max and Laura Johnson of Fort Smith, was born on January 27, 1920, at Burnville, Arkansas. He completed his education at Burnville and Jenny Lind schools and entered military service on October 23, 1941. Sent to Camp Wolters, Texas, for basic training, he became an automatic rifleman and arrived with his unit, the 27th Infantry Division, in the South Pacific area in March 1942. He served in Hawaii and then in the Gilbert and Marshall Islands. Private Johnson was killed in action by a Japanese sniper during the taking of Eniwetok on February 19, 1944. This brave soldier had been overseas more than two years at the time of his death and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.

13.—Cpl. Honree Lee Johnson, son of Max and Laura Johnson of Fort Smith was born on July 23, 1912, at Burnville, Arkansas. He attended the Burnville and Greenwood schools and was engaged in farming until entering military service on June 4, 1942. Sent to Camp Rucker, Alabama, for basic training, he became a truckmaster and, after two years in this country, arrived in the South Pacific area in July 1944. He served in Hawaii and on Ulithi, Palau and Leyte Islands during his 18 months of foreign duty. After serving two months with the Army of Occupation of Japan he was returned to this country and was honorably discharged on December 24, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, Marcell, have one child.

14.—Torpedoman 1/c Paul Harper was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Harper of Mansfield, Arkansas,

where he was born on February 3, 1924. He attended Mansfield High School and Arkansas Polytechnic College at Russellville before entering the Navy Air Corps on August 18, 1942. He received boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois, and was trained at Athens, Georgia. He was transferred to submarine duty and received training at New London, Connecticut. Later given sea duty he was stationed on the U.S.S. Herring. In September 1943, he sailed with this ship to the Southwest Pacific theater and was serving aboard the Herring when it was lost in the China Sea in July 1944. This brave seaman has been reported as killed in action while faithfully serving his country.

15.—Boatswain's Mate 2/c Daniel Ringsmuth Harper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Roy Harper of Mansfield, Arkansas, where he was born on April 23, 1925. He attended Mansfield High School and was a clerk at Barnes & Co. until entering the Navy on July 17, 1943. He completed his boot training at San Diego, California, and was sent to the Pacific theater in October 1943. Mate Harper served a total of two years of overseas duty in two tours of foreign service and took part in the fighting of the Philippines invasions and in the Admiralty Islands. He was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged at Millington, Tennessee, February 4, 1946.

16.—Cpl. Arvell D. Clopton, son of William and Raphael B. Clopton, was born February 27, 1924, at Huntington, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Mansfield High School. Entering the Infantry May 19, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Roberts, California, qualifying for truck driver (heavy truck). After serving seven months with Training Bn., he departed from the United States January 4, 1944, for New Zealand and participated in the battles on Luzon, Philippine Islands. Corporal Clopton received Combat Infantryman's Badge, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon. After serving three months with the Army of Occupation in Japan, he returned to the United States January 16, 1946, and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, January 24, 1946. He lives in Huntington.

17.—Pfc. Troy W. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Martin of Muldrow, Oklahoma, was born at Morrilton, Arkansas, on March 4, 1919. He attended Albert Pike School and was employed as a truck driver and maintenance man until entering military service on July 13, 1942. After receiving basic training at Camp Roberts, California, he served nearly two and a half years at the Mt. Rainer Ordnance Depot at Tacoma, Washington, and then arrived overseas in the European theater in November 1944. Overseas a total of 13 months, he took part in the Rhineland campaign and was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, European Theater Ribbon, Victory Ribbon and Rifle Marksmanship Badge. He was honorably discharged on January 15, 1946, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He and his wife, Mary E. Martin, have one child.

18.—Pfc. Leon Pettigrew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pettigrew, was born September 15, 1923, in Paris, Arkansas. He attended Paris Public Schools, after which he was engaged as a mechanic and miner. Entering the Army May 25, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Roberts, California. Private Pettigrew served overseas in the campaigns of Guam, Leyte, and Formosa, being wounded in action and receiving the Good Conduct Medal, three Battle Stars, and Overseas Ribbons. After being honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, February 28, 1946, he reenlisted for three more years. His wife, Eva Jean, and their son, live in Hackett, Arkansas.

19.—Pfc. Clifton Wayne McConnell, son of Faye and Willie Oma McConnell, Jr., was born October 17, 1926, in Greenwood, Arkansas. He attended Greenwood High School, afterwards being employed in a machine shop. Entering the Army February 22,

1945, he received basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas, and attended service school at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, qualifying as marksman with rifle, bayonet, and machine gun and receiving Expert Infantryman's Badge. He served for two years in the United States as squad leader and platoon guide and was stationed at Camp Rucker, Alabama, and Camp Adair, Oregon. Private McConnell departed September 9, 1945, for Okinawa, and remained overseas for three months, returning to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and Camp Polk, Louisiana. After spending time with the Army of Occupation, he is scheduled to be honorably discharged December 23, 1946, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. His home is in Greenwood, Arkansas.

20.—Sgt. Charley Roffine, son of Mrs. Joe Roffine of Greenwood, Arkansas, was born at Excelsior, Arkansas. Entering military service on June 11, 1943, he served basic training at Camp Callan, California, and later was sent to Machine Gun School, where he became a rocket launcher instructor. Sergeant Roffine is a veteran of almost three years of military service. He served with the Headquarters Battery of the 533rd Rocket Field Artillery Bn., and was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged on January 30, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

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1.—1st Lt. Ralph Warren White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude White, (deceased), was born July 21, 1914, at Ault, Colorado, moving to Arkansas in 1916. He received his education by attending Fort Smith High School, after which he was employed as an insurance salesman. A member of the National Guard since September 17, 1940, he entered the Army Infantry, Tank Destroyer Det., in January, 1941. He received basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and attended Mechanics' and Cooking Schools and Officer Candidate School at Camp Hood, Texas, qualifying for S-4 and mess officer. Attached to 76th Infantry Division, he departed November 31, 1944, for England, and participated in the Battle of the Bulge and battle of Sure River in Luxembourg, where he was wounded in action. He was awarded the Purple Heart and, after serving five months with the Army of Occupation, was discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, December 21, 1945. He lives in Greenwood, Arkansas, with his wife, Alice.

2.—Cpl. John D. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jones, was born February 6, 1926, in Greenwood, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith Senior High School, afterwards being engaged as a chemical operator. Entering the Army Air Force May 10, 1944, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, specializing as fabric and dope mechanic, carbine sharpshooter, and pistol marksman. After serving for nine months in the United States with the 301st Air Depot Group, Corporal Jones departed February 26, 1945, for Kunming, China, and remained overseas for 10 months. He was injured in line of duty and at last report received was still in the service. His wife, Mary, lives in South Fort Smith, Arkansas.

3.—T/5 Harold Lee Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Burns of Fort Smith was born on November 7, 1914, at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and moved to Arkansas in 1936. He is a graduate of Okmulgee High School and attended Junior College. Employed by the Harding Glass Company, he entered military service on April 8, 1944, and was sent to Ft. Knox, Kentucky, for basic training. He later attended the Wheeled Vehicle School at Ft. Knox, and was assigned to the 777th Tank Battalion, arriving in the European theater in December 1944. Overseas nearly seven months, he took part in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Ribbon. Corporal Burns also holds the Expert Medal for the rifle and sub-machine gun and the Sharpshooter's Medal for the carbine and machine gun. He was honorably discharged on December 4, 1945, at Camp San Luis Obispo, California. He and his wife, Irene, have two children.

4.—T/Sgt. Bill Dean Alverson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Alverson, was born December 21, 1923, at Barling, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Howard Hill Grade School, Jenny Lind Junior High, and Greenwood High School. Entering the Infantry June 12, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, qualifying for platoon

sergeant. After five months' training he was sent to New Caledonia December 8, 1943, attached to 43rd Infantry Division. Sergeant Alverson participated in Luzon, Philippine Islands, and New Guinea campaigns and was awarded the Bronze Star, World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star. After serving five months with the Army of Occupation, he returned to the States January 27, 1946, and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, February 5, 1946.

5.—Sgt. James Edward Alverson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Alverson, was born May 6, 1922, at Barling, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Howard Hill Grade School, Jenny Lind Junior High School, and Greenwood High School. After completing high school he entered the Ordnance Air Force September 14, 1942, receiving basic training at San Anita, California, and later attending Holabird Ordnance Depot School, Baltimore, Maryland, and Navy Training Station, Newport, qualifying for automotive parts clerk. Departing from the United States December 6, 1943, for the European theater, he served in England, France, Holland, Belgium, and Germany, participating in the campaigns of Northern France and Central Germany. Sergeant Alverson received Sharpshooter's and Machine Gun Marksman Medals in 1943. He was awarded the European Theater of Operations and American Theater Ribbons, Unit Service Plaque, and Good Conduct Ribbon. After serving three months with the Army of Occupation, he was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, January 2, 1946.

6.—Pfc. Ollie Thomas Dill, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Dill, was born June 25, 1912, at Huntington, Arkansas. He attended Mansfield School, after which he was engaged as a farmer and copper miner. Entering the Army August 17, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. He was injured during training and was hospitalized at McKinney, Texas, until March 17, 1945. He was then assigned to Army Service Forces at Camp Howze, Texas, and was honorably discharged March 6, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He lives in Huntington with his wife, Alta Marie, and their child.

7.—T/4 Harold W. Plunkett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Plunkett of Greenwood, Arkansas, where he was born on March 31, 1921. He completed his education at Greenwood High School and entered military service on June 18, 1942. After receiving his basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, he attended the Midwest Motive Trades Institute and became a cook. Arriving in North Africa in November, 1942, he saw action in the Morocco, Tunisia, Rome-Arno, Naples-Foggia, Southern France, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Overseas a total of 35 months, he served with the Infantry and was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with six Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. He also holds the Marksmanship Medal for the rifle. He was honorably discharged on October 5, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. His wife is Effie Nell.



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8.—T/4 Odis Peoples, Jr., son of Ruth and Odis Clayton Peoples, Sr., was born August 24, 1923, in Greenwood, Arkansas. He attended Greenwood High School, afterwards being engaged in trucking and farming. Entering the Infantry Replacement February 22, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, specializing in truck driving. Departing in July 1945, for Manila, he served with the Army of Occupation in the Philippines and at last report received was still in the service. His wife, Betty Ray, and their two children live in Greenwood.

9.—S/Sgt. Jasper Morey Harper, son of Kenneth M. and Eunice M. Harvey, was born November 25, 1921, at Huntington, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Huntington Grade School, Mansfield High School, and John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Entering the Army Air Corps, Signal Section, June 17, 1943, he received basic training at Warner Robins Field, Macon, Georgia, and later by attending service schools qualified for airborne radio mechanic. After serving 21 months in the States, he departed March 15, for Guam. Sergeant Harper served more than 10 months in the Asiatic-Pacific theater, including four months with the Army of Occupation in Japan. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and Asiatic-Pacific Theater, American Theater, and World War II Victory Ribbons. Returning to the United States February 8, 1946, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee February 18, 1946.

10.—Sgt. Foster C. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Young of Fort Smith, was born in that city on August 31, 1920. He attended the Parker and Rena schools and was employed by the Mitchell Spring factory until entering military service on July 13, 1942. He was sent to Camp Roberts, California, for basic training and on the completion of his training was assigned to Co. C, 300th Engineers, and arrived overseas in January 1944, with his unit. This gallant soldier was reported as missing in action on June 19, 1944, and on February 27, 1945, was reported as killed in action on June 19, 1944. He had been overseas a total of six months at the time of his death.

11.—Pvt. Wilford Edgar was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Will Edgar of Marked Tree, Arkansas. Born on March 23, 1923, at Forrest City, Arkansas, he attended the Henderson and Boat-Run schools and was engaged in farming at the time he entered the Army on February 11, 1943. After completing basic training at Camp McCain, Mississippi, he was assigned to the Field Artillery of the 87th Infantry Division and served with that unit until he was sent overseas in July 1944. Arriving in Europe, he became a member of the 314th Infantry, 79th Division. On November 11, 1944, Private Edgar suffered severe wounds which caused his death on November 15, 1944. He was the holder of the Good Conduct Medal, and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.

12.—Seaman 1/c Claud W. Hannah, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hannah, Jr., was born February 1, 1925, in Greenwood, Arkansas. He attended Greenwood Public Schools. Entering the Navy in November 1942, he served for eight months in the United States and departed in July 1943, for Saipan, Okinawa, and Japan. Seaman Hannah participated in patrolling bases from Saipan and Okinawa to Japan and was off the coast of Japan on V-J Day. He served on the Macaw until it went down on a coral reef and was then ordered to the battleship Iowa, where he served during the battles of Saipan and Okinawa. After being overseas for more than two years, he was honorably discharged in January 1946, and returned to his home in Greenwood, Arkansas.

13.—Pfc. Curtis Albert Hannah, son of Albert and Thelma Hannah of Fort Smith, was born at Greenwood, Arkansas, on May 16, 1919. Educated in the Greenwood public schools, he entered the Marine Corps on May 10, 1944. He was sent to San Diego,

California, for his boot training, and later attended specialist's schools there before he was sent to the Island of Guam in the South Pacific theater in November 1944. Overseas 11 months, he took part in patrols operating on Guam and in the Iwo Jima campaign. Wounded by shrapnel, he was returned to this country and was honorably discharged at Klamath Falls, Oregon, on December 29, 1945. He and his wife, Fannie Mae, have two children.

14.—Coxswain Hoyt N. Hannah, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hannah of Fort Smith was born at Greenwood, Arkansas, May 13, 1920. He was educated in the Greenwood public schools and then served six months in CCC camps in Washington State before enlisting in the Regular Navy on November 8, 1938. He completed boot training at Norfolk, Virginia, and was sent with his ship on a South American cruise in 1939. He made one voyage to Pearl Harbor in 1940, and returned there early in 1941. Coxswain Hannah was at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941. He served in the Solomon Islands and Savo Island campaign and was severely injured on November 13, 1942. Brought to the Oakland Naval Hospital at Oakland, California, he died there on December 20, 1942. Coxswain Hannah was a veteran of more than four years' service in the Regular Navy and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Presidential Unit Citation which was later given to his ship, the famous U.S.S. San Francisco.

15.—T/4 Ray A. Hannah, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hannah of Fort Smith was born on May 28, 1921, at Greenwood, Arkansas. After completing his education he served with the Civilian Conservation Corps and was employed as a grocery clerk and coal miner until entering the Army on July 13, 1942. Sent to Camp Crowder, Missouri, for basic Signal Corps training, he won the Marksmanship Medal and was sent to the South Pacific theater in December 1943. During his more than 23 months of overseas duty he served in the Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Southern Philippines and Luzon campaigns. Sergeant Hannah was returned to this country and was honorably discharged on December 1, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. His wife is Loueamma Hannah.

16.—Boatswain Mate 1/c Edward Bennet Ray, son of Eva F. and Milburn R. Ray of Fort Smith was born at Lavaca, Arkansas, on December 1, 1924. After completing his education at the Lavaca High School, he enlisted in the Navy on January 15, 1942, and was sent to San Diego, California, for boot training. Later sent to the Net and Boom School at San Pedro, California, he became a deep sea diver, one of the Navy's most dangerous jobs. Sent to the South Pacific theater in February 1944, he remained overseas more than 20 months and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Silver Battle Star and the Victory Ribbon. He also holds the Sharpshooter's Medal for the rifle and pistol. Mate Ray was honorably discharged on December 4, 1945, at Terminal Island, California. His wife is Doris Aileen.

17.—Sgt. Reuben Wood Ray, son of Eva F. and Milburn R. Ray of Fort Smith, was born July 16, 1921, at Lavaca, Arkansas. He completed his education at Lavaca High School and was employed by the Douglas Aircraft Corporation and Consolidated Shipyards, prior to entering the Army Air Corps on August 22, 1942. Sergeant Ray received basic training at the Blytheville Air Base, Blytheville, Arkansas, and several other posts in this country and became an aerial gunner. Arriving in the European theater in April 1944, he had served only one and a half months of foreign duty when he was killed in action over Germany on May 19, 1944. This brave soldier was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.

18.—Lt. (j. g.) Claude H. Terry, son of Sidney and Lillian Terry of Fort Smith, was born October 19, 1919, at Marion, Indiana, and moved with his parents to Arkansas in 1921. He completed his education

at Fort Smith High School and enlisted in the Regular Navy on June 14, 1937. He was honorably discharged October 22, 1940, and joined the Merchant Marine on August 1, 1943. Sent to New London, Connecticut, for boot training, he later attended Officer Training School and was commissioned in the Merchant Marine as an engineer. With a total of more than two years of foreign duty, Lieutenant Terry has served in both the European and South Pacific theaters. In the Pacific he served on Biak and in the New Guinea and Philippine Islands. Holder of the Merchant Marine Combat Bar, European War Zone Bar, Atlantic War Zone Bar and Pacific War Zone Bar, he was honorably discharged on July 2, 1945, at San Francisco, California. He and his wife, Mae, have one child.

19.—Electrician's Mate 2/c Robert Hugh Terry is the son of Lillian and Sidney Terry of Fort Smith, where he was born on April 25, 1924. After completing his education at the Trusty and White Bluff schools, he was employed by the Blain Construction Company until entering the Navy on July 23, 1942.

He served boot training at San Diego, California, and arrived in Alaska in September 1942. Overseas more than 19 months, he served at Dutch Harbor and the Aleutian Islands and then returned to this country in April 1944. He was honorably discharged on October 15, 1945, at Bremerton, Washington. His wife is Uldine Roberta Terry.

20.—Pfc. William Omer Terry, son of Sidney and Lillian Terry of Fort Smith, was born on August 4, 1917 at Marion, Indiana, and moved with his parents to Arkansas in 1921. Educated in the Fort Smith schools, he was employed by the Radiant Glass Company at Beaumont, Texas, before entering military service on December 1, 1941. He received his basic training at Camp Roberts, California, and was assigned to the 39th Field Artillery of the famous 3rd Infantry Division. He arrived overseas in December 1942, and served throughout the African campaign. This gallant soldier was then sent to Sicily and was killed in action near San Stefano, Sicily, on August 3, 1943, while valiantly performing his duty.

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1.—Pvt. Raymond Emmet Spessard, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Spessard of Charleston, Arkansas, was born March 30, 1918, at Kinta, Oklahoma. He attended the Charleston Public Schools, afterwards engaging in farming. Entering the Coast Artillery on October 6, 1941, he received basic training at Camp Callan, California, and after completing his training was assigned to the 14th Artillery Battery. Later he contracted rheumatic fever and was hospitalized for three and a half months, after which he received a C.D.D. discharge at Fort Warden, Washington, on June 2, 1943.

2.—Sgt. James H. De Jarnatt, son of Ford and Mayme De Jarnatt, was born at Quitman, Arkansas, November 7, 1919. He received his education by attending Quitman, Conway, and Harrison Public Schools, after which he was employed as tractor operator. Enlisting in the Infantry September 24, 1941, he received basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, qualifying for ammunition transport sergeant. After serving five months in the United States, he was sent to the Hawaiian Islands March 10, 1942, attached to Co. A, 61st Inf. Training Bn. He saw action in the campaigns of Eniwetok, Eastern Mandates, Saipan, Ryukyus, and Okinawa and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Service Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and American Defense Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, October 3, 1945, and lives in Fort Smith.

3.—S/Sgt. Weyer John Sinsel, son of Mildred and Glen V. Sinsel, was born August 3, 1912, in Yakima, Washington, moving to Arkansas in 1919. He attended Fort Smith Grade and High School and Business College, afterwards being engaged as construction superintendent, lumber yard manager, and shipfitter foreman. Entering the Mechanized Cavalry at Ft. Lewis, Washington, December 27, 1944, he received training at Cavalry Reconnaissance Training Corps Center, Ft. Riley, Kansas, qualifying as platoon sergeant of combat team, reconnaissance crewman, and expert with rifle, machine gun, and pistol. Sergeant Sinsel departed June 23, 1945, for the Philippines and participated in the Philippine liberation campaign and occupation of Japan. He was awarded American Theater Ribbon and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and, according to last report received, he was still serving with the Army of Occupation in Japan. His wife, E. Mae, and their child, live in Greenwood, Arkansas.

4.—Carpenter's Mate 2/c Victor Leon Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turner Peters, was born March 21, 1925, in Mulberry, Arkansas. He attended Mulberry Public Schools and the School of the Ozarks at Point Lookout, Missouri, afterwards being employed at Beckman's Dairy in Fort Smith. Entering

the Navy Seabees, he received boot training at Camp Perry, Williamsburg, Virginia, and attended Field Fortification School. He was awarded Marksmanship Medal. Mate Peters departed March 17, 1944, for the South Pacific Theater of Operations and remained overseas for a year and nine months. He was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and World War II Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged March 2, 1946, at Norman, Oklahoma, he returned to his home in Mulberry, Arkansas.

5.—Radioman 3/c Billy G. De Jarnatt, son of Ford and Mayme De Jarnatt, was born December 7, 1925, at Quitman, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Quitman, Conway and Fort Smith Public Schools and entered the Navy on January 11, 1944. Receiving boot training at San Diego, and later attending Radio Service School, he specialized in communications. After serving nine months in the United States, he was sent to Pearl Harbor October 15, 1944, and served at Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and the Philippines. He made two trips to the Japanese mainland and was at Tokyo when the final treaty terms were signed. Radioman DeJarnatt served over 15 months overseas and, according to last report received, was still in service.

6.—T/5 Roy A. Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Walker, was born August 10, 1913, at Huntington, Arkansas. He attended the Huntington Public Schools, after which he was employed in coal mines and as assistant manager of the post exchange at Camp Chaffee. Entering the Army military police, he received basic training at Ft. Custer, Michigan. After serving over eight months in the United States, he departed June 1, 1944, for New Guinea. He also served with Headquarters Company, Base X, in Manila, supervising civilian personnel in operating a commissary. He qualified for rifle Marksmanship Medal and for meritorious service in the Asiatic-Pacific theater was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. Returning to the States January 25, 1946, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, February 1, 1946. He and his wife, Era, live in Greenwood, Arkansas, with their child.

7.—Cpl. Henry P. Evans, son of Mrs. Flora Belle and Clifford Evans, was born January 20, 1922, at Jenny Lind, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Jenny Lind High School, and entering the Anti-aircraft Artillery September 29, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Hulen, Texas. After serving 16 months in the United States, he was sent to New Guinea November 24, 1943, attached to 202nd A.A.A. Corporal Evans served in the Asiatic-Pacific theater for over two years, returning to the States January 20, 1946. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, January 28, 1946, returning to Jenny Lind, where he lives with his wife, Dorothy.



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8.—T/5 Alvin M. Spessard is the son of Carl and Lena Spessard of Charleston, Arkansas, where he was born on November 28, 1913. Educated at the Bollinger schools, he was employed at the Charleston Hardware Company before entering the Army on January 11, 1943. After serving basic training at Camp Barkeley, Texas, he was sent to England in May 1943, and attached to the Headquarters Company, Southern Base Section in England. Corporal Spessard spent a total of nearly 31 months on foreign duty and holds the European Theater Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged on December 26, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

9.—Storekeeper 2/c Ellen La Rue Bailey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Bailey of Greenwood, where she was born on November 25, 1922. She completed her education at Greenwood High School and Arkansas Technological College and was employed as a stenographer until entering the Navy Waves on February 22, 1943. She served boot training at the Naval Training Station, Bronx, New York, and then attended special schools at the Victoria Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts. After two years in the United States, she was sent to the Hawaiian Islands in June 1945, and served almost six months overseas. Holder of the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon, she was honorably discharged on December 31, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee.

10.—T/5 Ben F. De Jarnatt, son of Ford and Mayme De Jarnatt, was born October 5, 1921, at Guy, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Quitman and Conway Public Schools, after which he was employed in engineering work. Entering the Army Signal Corps September 14, 1942, he received basic training, specializing in signal communication. Serving with the 435th Signal Construction Bn., he was sent to Cairo, Egypt, on December 20, 1942, and participated in Naples-Foggia, Rome, and North Apennines campaigns. He was awarded carbine Marksmanship Medal, June 14, 1945, and received the Good Conduct Medal, and European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Camp Crowder, Missouri, October 4, 1945, returning to Fort Smith.

11.—Sgt. Zollie Altes, son of Mr and Mrs. Earl Altes of Fort Smith was born on August 16, 1918, at Ada, Oklahoma, and moved to Arkansas with his parents in 1924. After completing his education in the Fort Smith schools, he was employed as a painter until entering the Army on April 7, 1942. Sent to Ft. Knox, Kentucky, for basic training, he became a tank mechanic and was assigned to the 8th Armored Division. Arriving in England in November 1944, he saw action in the Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged on November 24, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, after almost 13 months of overseas duty. He and his wife, Mary, have one child.

12.—S/Sgt. Lee M. Whittaker, son of Louie and Amy Whittaker of Fort Smith, Arkansas, was born at Van Buren, Arkansas, on December 8, 1917. He completed his education at the University of Arkansas and was a civil engineer until entering military service on May 21, 1943. Assigned to the Air Force, he was sent to Keesler Field, Mississippi, for basic training and later attended Armament and Aerial Gunnery School. Sergeant Whittaker became an aerial gunnery instructor and served the remainder of his three years of military service in that capacity. He was honorably discharged at Ft. Lewis, Washington, February 22, 1946. His wife is June O. Whittaker.

13.—Capt. Louie A. Whittaker, Jr., is the son of Louie and Amy Whittaker of Fort Smith. Born at Van Buren, Arkansas, on November 30, 1913, he was educated at Van Buren High School and the University of Arkansas and completed his medical training at the University of Arkansas Medical School.

Entering the Army Medical Corps on June 6, 1942, he received his military training at Schrivenham, England, where he was sent in August 1942. Overseas 40 months, he served with the 831st Engineer Aviation Battalion during the battle for Central Germany and also saw service in England. Captain Whittaker served six months with the Army of Occupation of Germany and was honorably released from active duty at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, on April 28, 1946.

14.—Motor Machinist's Mate 3/c Leonard Ernest Whittaker is the son of Louie and Amy Whittaker of Fort Smith, where he was born on August 29, 1920. He attended Fort Smith High School and the University of Arkansas and was employed by Black and Veach, architectural engineers. Entering the Coast Guard on December 12, 1942, he completed boot training at the Manhattan Beach Training Station and later attended Motor Machinist's School at Groton, Connecticut. In October, 1943, he was given sea duty and has seen service in the North Atlantic and in the Pacific theaters. Overseas 28 months, he took part in the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa, and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, the European Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at New Orleans, Louisiana, December 6, 1945.

15.—2nd Lt. Lawrence D. Whittaker, son of Louie and Amy Whittaker of Fort Smith was born at Van Buren, Arkansas, November 3, 1922. He attended Fort Smith High School and Fort Smith Junior College before entering the Army Air Corps on December 1, 1942. Lieutenant Whittaker received his basic training at the Spartan School of Aeronautics and then completed flight training as a flying cadet. He was commissioned as a heavy bomber pilot and was sent to Italy in May 1944. This gallant flyer flew 27 missions against the enemy and was shot down and killed in action on July 2, 1944, over Budapest, Hungary. He was the holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. He is survived by his widow, the former Helen Ruth Hopkins.

16.—T/5 Willis Melvin Cheek is the son of Harrison and Bessie Cheek of Jenny Lind, Arkansas, where he was born on April 17, 1922. He completed his education at the Howard Hill School and was engaged in coal mining until entering the Army on September 29, 1942. After serving his basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, he was assigned to the Quartermaster Corps as a truck driver and was sent to Alaska in January, 1943, to work on the famous Alcan Highway. He remained there for 21 months and then was returned to this country. Private Cheek was honorably discharged on December 4, 1945, at Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland.

17.—Pfc. Amos M. Cheek is the son of Harrison and Bessie Cheek of Jenny Lind, Arkansas, where he was born on September 6, 1917. After completing his education at the Jenny Lind and Howard Hill Schools he was employed as a truck driver and farmer until entering military service on August 27, 1941. He was sent to Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, for his Signal Corps basic training and became a mechanic and truck driver with the 280th Signal Pigeon Co. Arriving in England in August 1942, he remained overseas a total of more than 34 months and was returned to this country in September 1945. He was honorably discharged on October 12, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

18.—S/Sgt. Charles William Bailey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Bailey of Greenwood. Born in that city on June 28, 1920, he attended Greenwood High School and Arkansas Technological College and was employed as a salesclerk and aircraft riveter until entering the Army Air Corps on July 13, 1942. Sent to St. Petersburg and Clearwater, Florida, for basic training, he then attended Radio Operator, Mechanic and Radar Mechanic Schools and was assigned to the 419th Night Fighter Sqdn. Arriving in the Pacific area in October 1943, he saw

almost 26 months of foreign service and took part in the Northern Solomons, Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Southern Philippines and Borneo air campaigns and won the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Silver Battle Star, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon and Victory Ribbon, as well as the Sharpshooter's Medal for the rifle. He was honorably discharged on January 14, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

19.—Yeoman 3/c Marion Thomas Hinesley, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hinesley, was born December 13, 1925, in Arkansas. He attended Huntington Public Schools, afterwards being employed as bookkeeper

for Southwest Electrical and Gas Company and as salesman. Enlisting in the Navy April 4, 1944, he received boot training in San Diego, California. After serving for more than two years, he was honorably discharged June 19, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, and returned to his home in Huntington, Arkansas.

20.—Seaman Allen Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith, Route 1, Greenwood, Arkansas, was born December 19, 1912. He attended Howard Hill Public Schools. Seaman Smith volunteered for the Navy September 1942, and received boot training at San Diego, California. He then transferred to San Francisco, California, and left the States from there. No further details regarding his service record were furnished.

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1.—T/4 Rudolph Pete Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Smith of Charleston, Arkansas, where he was born on January 2, 1916. He attended the Sacred Heart and Charleston schools and was employed as a welder until entering military service on July 5, 1941. After completing basic training at Camp Roberts, California, he was sent to the Pacific area in November 1941, and remained there until July 1944. He was sent overseas a second time in February 1945, and served in the European theater. With a total of almost 40 months of foreign service, he has participated in the East Indies, New Guinea and Northern Solomons campaigns in the Pacific theater and the Northern France and Central Europe campaigns in the European theater. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, American Defense Service Ribbon with one Star and the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, this veteran artilleryman was honorably discharged on October 10, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

2.—Cpl. James L. Garner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Garner of Fort Smith was born at Detroit, Texas, on September 6, 1920, and moved with his family to Arkansas in 1930. He was educated at Cordell and Clinton, Oklahoma, and Antoine and Delight, Arkansas. Employed as a service station attendant, he entered the Army Air Corps on October 6, 1942, and was sent to Greenville, Texas, to serve basic training. He later attended Mechanic's School and became expert in aircraft mechanics. In May 1944, he was sent to Africa and served nine months in that area. He was returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at Ft. Logan, Colorado, on March 14, 1945. His wife is Stacy Jane.

3.—Coxswain John Paul House son of Lillie Elizabeth and Claude B. House, was born October 10, 1925, in Mulberry, Arkansas. He attended Van Buren, Arkansas, Schools, afterwards being employed as a machinist. Entering the Navy January 19, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Amphibious Operating School at Coronado, California, qualifying as deckhand. Coxswain House departed from the United States May 1, 1944, and remained overseas for two years. He participated in the battles of Saipan, Peleliu, Luzon, Okinawa, and Tinian and was awarded five Battle Stars. After being honorably discharged May 14, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to his home in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

4.—Gunner's Mate 1/c William Edwin Smith is the son of Peter and Mary Smith of Charleston, Arkansas, where he was born on October 8, 1921. He attended Charleston High School and was engaged in farming until entering the Navy on September 3, 1942. He served boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois, and then attended special schools at Dam Neck, Virginia, and Miami, Florida. In October 1942, he was sent to the Pacific theater and remained for almost 30 months. Gunner Smith took part in the conquest of Okinawa and the Philippines and also saw service with the Occupation Forces in Japan. He was honorably discharged at Nashville, Tennessee, October 27, 1945.

5.—Cpl. Leland D. Garner, son of Julian and Birdie Garner of Route 2, Fort Smith, was born at Detroit, Texas, March 12, 1922. He moved to Arkansas with his family in 1930, and completed his education in the Antoine and Delight schools. He had also attended schools at Cordell and Clinton, Oklahoma. Engaged in farming, he entered the Army Air Corps on October 6, 1942, and was sent to Greenville, Texas, for basic training. He later attended Radio School at Madison, Wisconsin, and became a military policeman. He holds the Expert's Medals for the pistol, sub-machine gun and carbine. A veteran of more than three years of military service, Corporal Garner was honorably discharged on December 3, 1945, at Santa Anna, California. He and his wife, Flossie Adell, have one child.

6.—Cpl. Leonard Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Neal of South Fort Smith and husband of Stella Marie Neal, was born on March 11, 1920, at Collinsville, Oklahoma, and moved with his family to Arkansas in 1921. He completed his education at Cavanaugh High School and was employed by the Athletic Mining Company until entering the Army on July 13, 1942, at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. He was assigned to the military police and received his basic training at Camp Livingston, Louisiana. In May 1944, he volunteered for the Infantry and was sent overseas in October 1944, after serving at Camp Pickett, Virginia. He was attached to Co. E., 310th Infantry, and took part in the fighting in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium. On December 16, 1944, this gallant soldier was killed in action while taking part in the famous battle. He is buried in the Henri-Chapel Military Cemetery in Belgium. Corporal Neal was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart. He and his wife were the parents of four sons.

7.—Carpenter's Mate 3/c Ralph Paul Ruth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed B. Ruth, was born at Massard, Arkansas, March 5, 1921. He received his education by attending Massard Public School, after which he was employed by the Ballman Furniture Co. and Athletic Mining and Smelting Co. Entering the Navy March 15, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, qualifying for carpenter, ship repair. After training in the United States, he was sent to Pearl Harbor May 1, 1944. After serving on Midway Island and at Pearl Harbor, he was honorably discharged at Memphis, December 30, 1945. He and his wife, Opal Mary, live in Fort Smith with their child.

8.—Cpl. Cornelius Raymond Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete K. Smith, was born May 29, 1924, in Charleston, Arkansas. He entered the Infantry July 5, 1944, and received basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas. Attached to Co. D., 66th Bn., 14th Regt., he departed December 26, 1944, for the Philippine Islands and remained overseas for a year and a half. He participated in the campaigns of Leyte, Okinawa, and Korea, being awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, American Defense Ribbon, three Overseas Bars, and three Bronze Stars. He also spent nine months with the Army of Occupation.



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According to last report received he was still in the service. His home is in Charleston, Arkansas.

9.—T/5 Bill C. Caperton, son of Mrs. Vera Caperton of Greenwood, Arkansas, was born on August 21, 1921, at Arkhoma, Oklahoma. Educated at Greenwood High School, he was employed by the Continental Can Company until entering military service on October 14, 1942. After receiving basic training at Ft. Lewis, Washington, he became an infantryman and in March 1943, volunteered for the dangerous Ranger battalions. Assigned to the 2nd Ranger Bn., he was sent to England in November 1943, and took part in the invasion of France. Corporal Caperton was killed in action on June 6, 1944, D-Day, in the invasion of France. This gallant member of one of the Army's most famous units was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and a Citation for bravery in action.

10.—S/Sgt. Warner G. Trout, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam O. Trout, was born in Delight, Arkansas. He attended Delight High School. Entering the Infantry January 20, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and attended Service School at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, qualifying as motor sergeant and clerk general; expert with carbine, M-1 rifle, and pistol; and sharpshooter with sub-machine gun and .50 caliber machine gun. Attached to the 1850th S.U., Sergeant Trout served for more than two years in the United States and departed October 9, 1945, for the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations. He remained overseas for six months with the 40th Military Government Hq. and Hq. Co., spending four months with the Army of Occupation, and was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. After being honorably discharged March 11, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, he returned to Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Norma.

11.—T/Sgt. William Aaron Brown, son of Jim and Mamie Lee Brown of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was born on June 18, 1923, at Chismville, Arkansas. After completing his education he was engaged in farming until entering the Marine Corps on December 29, 1941. Sergeant Brown received boot training at San Diego, California, and also attended service specialist's schools at Chicago, Illinois, and Jacksonville, Florida. Sent to the South Pacific theater in October 1942, he served on the Island of Espiritu Santos. Overseas a total of more than 18 months, he holds the Presidential Unit Citation and is also qualified in the use of the rifle, pistol and bayonet. He was honorably discharged on January 13, 1946, at Great Lakes, Illinois. His wife is the former Donna June Roberts.

12.—T/5 Hamilton C. Hughart is the son of Hamilton and Annie Marie Hughart of Greenwood, Arkansas, where he was born on December 11, 1914. He attended Hamilton High School and was engaged in the cleaning business before entering military service on April 7, 1944. He was assigned to the Ordnance Department and served basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. He later attended Rigging and Wrecking School and was assigned to duty with the 384th Ordnance Maintenance Company (tank), at Ft. Ord, California. A veteran of two years of military service, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on April 23, 1946. He and his wife, Willie Iolene, have two children.

13.—BM 2/c Eldon James Hughart is the son of Hamilton and Annie Marie Hughart of Greenwood, Arkansas, where he was born on November 10, 1920. After completing his education at Greenwood High School he was employed in the cleaning and pressing business until entering the Navy Seabees on October 18, 1942. He served boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia, and arrived in the South Pacific theater in March 1943. Overseas a total of almost 30 months, he participated in the Guadalcanal and Okinawa campaigns. After serving three months with the Army of Occupation of Japan, he returned to this country and was honorably discharged on January 9, 1946, at Norman, Oklahoma.

14.—Pfc. Frank W. Hughart is the son of Hamilton and Annie Hughart of Greenwood, Arkansas. Born in that city on March 3, 1919, he attended the Greenwood High School and was engaged in farming and filling station work until entering the Army on June 4, 1942. After completing basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, he was attached to the 612th Tank Destroyer Bn., and sent to the European theater in June 1943. Overseas a total of nearly 30 months, he took part in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe Campaigns and was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation and the European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars. He also holds the Sharpshooter's Medal for the machine gun and the rifle. After four months with the Army of Occupation of Germany, Private Hughart returned to this country and was honorably discharged on October 30, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

15.—Cpl. Samuel H. Hughart is the son of Hamilton and Annie Marie Hughart of Greenwood, Arkansas, where he was born on July 11, 1917. He was educated at Greenwood High School and was engaged in the cleaning and pressing business until entering military service on May 13, 1942. After completing his basic training at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, he was attached to the 188th Quartermaster Laundry and served as a laundry machine operator. Arriving in the European theater in May 1944, he served with his unit during the Normandy, Northern France and Rhineland campaigns. Overseas 18 months, he was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars and the American Theater Ribbon. Corporal Hughart served three months with the Army of Occupation of Germany and was then returned to this country. He was honorably discharged on November 8, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

16.—Motor Machinist's Mate 2/c Emil Samarzich is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Samarzich of Greenwood, Arkansas. Born there on January 29, 1921, he was educated at Greenwood High School and was connected with the Holesline Express Co. until entering the Navy on November 11, 1942. After completing his boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois, he completed the Diesel course at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, and was assigned to duty aboard submarines serving in the Pacific theater. Arriving in the South Pacific theater in April 1943, he spent almost 32 months on duty with the submarines and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged on November 24, 1945. His wife is Lucille Samarzich.

17.—Sgt. Steve Samarzich, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Samarzich, Sr., of Greenwood, Arkansas, where he was born on July 2, 1911. He attended Greenwood High School and was employed by the Trans-American Freight Company at the time he entered military service on April 28, 1943. He received his anti-aircraft basic training at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, and as a member of the 549th Anti-aircraft Bn., was sent to the European theater in September 1944. His unit was attached to the 87th Infantry Division and served throughout the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Overseas a total of 15 months, Sergeant Samarzich was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, and the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, on December 23, 1945. He and his wife, Grace Ellen, have one son.

18.—Pfc. James Ralph Allen, son of Carl and Annie Allen of Huntington, Arkansas, was born on September 20, 1922, at Witcherville, Arkansas. He completed his education at Mansfield High School and was employed as a hospital attendant and carpenter until entering the Marine Corps on July 5, 1942. Sent to San Diego, California, for boot training, he later attended the Gunnery School and was given awards for marksmanship and proficiency as an infantryman. Arriving with his unit, Company A, 1st Bn., 5th Marines, in the South Pacific theater in October 1943, he saw action in three battles of the

South Pacific area. On September 15, 1944, this brave Marine was severely wounded and on September 18, 1944, died of his wounds. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Presidential Unit Citation and was also the holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars.

19.—S/Sgt. **Harry Quillman**, son of George Quillman, was born July 10, 1919, in Greenwood, Arkansas. He attended Greenwood High School, afterwards being employed as a miner by the Quality Excelsior Coal Company. Entering the Army September 15, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Blanding, Florida. Attached to the 20th Inf., 6th Div., 6th Army, 24th Corps, Sergeant Quillman departed February 9, 1945, for a year's overseas service in the South Pacific. He participated in campaigns on Leyte and Luzon, being wounded in action twice and receiving the Good Conduct Medal, two Bronze Service Stars, and Combat Infantryman's Badge. After being honorably discharged

April 13, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Greenwood, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Geneva, and their daughter.

20.—Cpl. **Alvin James Quillman** is the son of George and Velma Quillman of Greenwood, Arkansas, where he was born on January 8, 1922. He was educated in the Greenwood Public Schools and was employed in mining work until entering military service on October 31, 1942. He served basic training at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, and was later trained in the Armored Force School at that camp. Arriving in Europe in September 1944, he served with units participating in the Southern France, Northern France and Central Europe campaigns and earned the Presidential Recognition Plaque, European Theater Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. Overseas more than 11 months, he was returned to this country and was honorably discharged on November 4, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. His wife is Vivien Allen Quillman.

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1.—Machinist's Mate 1/c **Charles S. Robison**, son of Mrs. Ruth Robinson of South Fort Smith, was born on April 16, 1921, at Jenny Lind, Arkansas. He completed his education at the Jenny Lind schools and Greenwood High School and was a furniture factory worker until entering the Navy Seabees on October 23, 1942. Sent to Davisville, Rhode Island, for boot training, he later attended Anti-aircraft and Spare Parts Schools and was then sent to the Pacific theater in January, 1943. Overseas a total of more than two years, he saw action on Guadalcanal and in New Guinea and the Admiralty Islands. He was honorably discharged on October 10, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee. His wife is Marguerite Robison.

2.—Pfc. **Raymond R. Matzek** was born on February 8, 1907, at Jenny Lind, Arkansas. He completed his education in the Jenny Lind Schools and was employed as a coal miner until entering military service on August 10, 1942. After serving basic training at Camp Bowie, Texas, he became a rifleman and arrived in the South Pacific theater in June 1944. Overseas 16 months, he served in the Palau Islands and on Leyte in the Philippines and was awarded one Arrowhead on his Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. After serving one month with the Army of Occupation of Japan, he was returned to this country and was honorably discharged on December 3, 1945, at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

3.—1st Lt. **Henry Bruns**, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bruns, was born January 30, 1922, in Van Buren, Arkansas. He attended Van Buren High School. Entering service with the Arkansas National Guard, Battery C, 142nd Field Artillery, he was called to active service January 6, 1941. He attended Field Artillery Officer Candidate School No. 37 and qualified as battery officer, Field Artillery. Lieutenant Bruns served for nearly two years in the United States and departed December 3, 1943, for Oran and Algiers, North Africa. Overseas for a year and eight months, he participated in campaigns of Rome-Arno, Northern Apennines, and Po Valley and spent a month with the Army of Occupation at Bolzano, Italy. He was awarded European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars and Air Medal with five Clusters. Lieutenant Bruns plans to make the Army his career. His home is in Van Buren, Arkansas.

4.—Seaman 2/c **Thomas Harold Cantrell** was born at Mansfield, Arkansas, and attended the Mansfield Public Schools. He entered the Navy on November 16, 1942, and was sent to San Diego, California, for boot training, and later to the Landing Craft School. In July, 1943, Seaman Cantrell was sent to the Southwest Pacific theater and remained overseas in that area for more than 29 months. He took part in the fighting in the Solomon Islands, on Bougainville, Saipan, Tinian and Okinawa, as well

as the Southern Caroline Islands and Kerma Reta. Holder of seven Battle Stars for his Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, he was scheduled to be discharged on June 7, 1946.

5.—Pfc. **Joe Francis Byrnes** is the son of Dora Etta Faulkner of Mansfield, Arkansas, where he was born on October 3, 1922. After graduation from Mansfield High School, he attended Fort Smith Junior College and entered military service on January 16, 1943, at Little Rock. He received his basic infantry training at Camp San Luis Obispo, California, and became a carpenter and supply clerk. Arriving in the European theater in May 1944, he served with his unit, Company K, 320th Infantry, 35th Division, throughout the Normandy, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Wounded in France, he was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Service Plaque and the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars. He also holds the Expert Infantry Badge and the Sharpshooter's Medal. Overseas a total of more than 19 months, Private Byrnes was honorably discharged on December 29, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

6.—T/3 **William Otis Scarbrough** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Otis Scarbrough of Fort Smith, where he was born on November 19, 1922. He attended Fort Smith High School and was employed by the Ward Glider Plant until entering military service on January 9, 1943. After completing his basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, he became a draftsman and was sent to the European theater in June 1943. Overseas more than 30 months, he served with Engineer units and the Transportation Corps during the Normandy, Northern France and Rhineland campaigns and was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Ribbon. Sergeant Scarbrough was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on November 15, 1945. He and his wife, Clara, have one child.

7.—Machinist's Mate 2/c **Patrick J. Walsh**, son of Mrs. Grace Jordan Roller, was born March 28, 1914, in Atlanta, Georgia, later moving to Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith Central High School; Oklahoma City High School; Oklahoma A. & M. at Stillwater; Junior College at Monett, Missouri; and the University of Missouri at Columbia. Entering the Navy April 5, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended A.P.A. School in Seattle, Washington. He departed January 16, 1945, for the North Pacific and remained overseas 10 months, serving aboard the U.S.S. Rawlins, A.P.A. 226, in the North and South Pacific and making amphibious landings on Okinawa and Japan. After being honorably discharged December 12, 1945, at Norman, Okla-



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homa, he returned to Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Mary Adele, and their two children.

8.—S/Sgt. Harrison S. Paige, Jr., is the son of Myrtle and Harrison Paige of Fort Smith, where he was born. After attending Fort Smith schools he was employed by a dry cleaning concern until entering the Army on March 21, 1942. Assigned to the 90th Infantry Division Artillery, he served his basic training at Camp Barkeley, Texas, and became a mess sergeant. Arriving in England in March, 1944, he served with his unit throughout the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Overseas 18 months, he suffered a back injury and was awarded the Purple Heart, the European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars and one Arrowhead and the Good Conduct Medal. Sergeant Paige was honorably discharged on October 8, 1945, at Camp Chaffee. He and his wife, Mildred Anne, have one child.

9.—Pfc. Anthony B. Conrad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Conrad of Fort Smith, was born on December 1, 1918, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He attended the Chester (Pennsylvania) schools and was employed as a barber at Chester until entering military service on December 5, 1942. After receiving his basic training at Ft. Storey, Virginia, and Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, he became an artilleryman, and arrived with his unit, the 663rd Field Artillery Bn. on the European front in December 1944. Overseas 13 months, Private Conrad saw action in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon. He served five months with the Army of Occupation of Germany and was honorably discharged on January 10, 1946, at Indianatown Gap Military Reservation, Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Mary Elizabeth, have one child.

10.—Sgt. Clyde Calvin Frazier, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fraizer, was born April 11, 1920, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith Public Schools, after which he was employed by Rich Foundry and Manufacturing Company. Entering the Army September 4, 1940, he received basic training at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, qualifying as squad leader, expert rifleman, and sharpshooter. Attached to the 37th Infantry, he departed from the United States July 15, 1941, for the Aleutian Islands, participating in the Attu, Kiska, and Aleutian campaigns. Sergeant Frazier was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, three Bronze Service Stars, Bronze Star Medal, and Infantryman's Combat Badge. After being honorably discharged July 6, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, he returned to Fort Smith where he lives with his wife, Jeraldine.

11.—Machinist's Mate 3/c Paul Haskell Whisenhunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Alfred Whisenhunt, was born April 23, 1926, in Midland, Arkansas. He attended Midland School, afterwards being engaged as a mechanic at the Ford garage in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Entering the Navy July 17, 1944, he received boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia, specializing in engineering. After serving in the United States for seven months, he departed February 23, 1945, for the Pacific Theater of Operations and remained overseas for a year and three months. He participated in the moving of troops to Tokyo Bay August 25, 1945. After being honorably discharged June 15, 1946, at New Orleans, Louisiana, he returned to his home in Fort Smith.

12.—Pfc. Joel Frank Talton, son of Ileta and the late Adolphus Talton of Mansfield, Arkansas, was born on August 17, 1916, at Dubberly, Louisiana, and moved with his family to Arkansas in 1917. He attended the Mansfield High School and was employed at a brick plant until entering military service on May 13, 1942. After completing his basic training at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, he was sent to Automotive Mechanic School and Airplane Mechanics School. Private Talton has seen service with units

in Canada and also Brazil in South America. Overseas a total of seven months, he was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged on December 5, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He and his wife, Carmen Meda, have two sons.

13.—S/Sgt. Floyd L. Phillips is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley L. Phillips of Hackett, Arkansas, where he was born on July 27, 1917. He was educated in the Greenwood public schools and was engaged in farming until entering the Army on March 20, 1941. He served his basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and was then sent to the Field Artillery Tractor School and became a mechanic and motor sergeant for artillery units. After three years in this country during which he served with the 142nd, 422nd and 265th Field Artillery, Sergeant Phillips arrived in the European theater in July 1944, and remained overseas for more than 15 months, taking part in the Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. He was awarded the Silver Star Medal for bravery, and also the Good Conduct Medal, Certificate of Merit and the European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars. Returning to this country, he was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, October 21, 1945. He and his wife, Johnnie Fae, are the parents of one child.

14.—S/Sgt. Ralph L. McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl McDonald, was born February 8, 1924, at Shawnee, Oklahoma, moving to Arkansas in 1930. He received his education by attending Mansfield High School, afterwards being engaged in truck driving. Entering the Infantry May 19, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Roberts, California, qualifying for squad leader. He departed from the United States January 18, 1944, for England and participated in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe, being wounded in action three times. He received Marksmanship Medal for use of anti-tank weapon, carbine and M-1 rifle and was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with four Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, and three Oak Leaf Clusters. Returning to the States June 11, 1945, he was discharged at Camp Robinson October 9, 1945.

15.—Pfc. Leonard N. Lewelling, son of Henry and Julia Lewelling of Huntington, Arkansas, was born at Dayton, Arkansas, on June 25, 1911. He attended the Greenwood schools and was employed by the Kellogg Construction Company at Torrance, California, until entering military service on April 7, 1944. Assigned to the Infantry, he served basic training at Camp Hood, Texas, and was sent to the European theater in January 1945. Overseas 14 months, he served with the 14th Infantry throughout the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal and Victory Ribbon. After two months with the Army of Occupation of Germany, he was returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, on March 30, 1946. He and his wife, Nadine, have one child.

16.—Seaman 1/c Leroy Lamar Vincent, son of Mrs. Mary Vincent, was born April 17, 1927, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, later moving to Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith High School. Entering the Naval Reserve April 19, 1945, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Hugh Manley Training School, specializing as radio technician and in electrical work. Seaman Vincent departed from the United States on August 31, 1945, for the Marianas Islands and is still in service on Guam. His home is in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

17.—Pfc. James Lester Buskirk, son of Walter Shelby and Maude Buskirk, was born July 20, 1908, at Prairie Grove, Arkansas. Receiving his education by attending Prairie Grove Grade and High Schools, he was later employed as salesman and truckdriver.

Entering the Infantry March 2, 1944, he received basic training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, qualifying for rifleman. Attached to 424th Infantry Regt., 106th Division, he departed for England October 22, 1944, and participated in the Battle of the Bulge, contracting an illness while in service. He received Expert Rifleman's Badge, and among other decorations, received one Battle Star. Returning to the United States May 4, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Brooke General Hospital, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, July 27, 1945. He and his wife, Helen Marie, live in Fort Smith with their children.

18.—Pfc. Raymond D. Holland, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Holland of Huntington, Arkansas, was born at Dayton, Arkansas, November 27, 1916, and was educated in the Mansfield Public Schools. He was a student cabinet maker until entering the Army on August 27, 1941. Upon the completion of basic training at Camp Roberts, California, he became a cook and was sent to the Southwest Pacific area in April 1943, with his unit, the 49th Field Artillery Battalion. He served with this unit in the Aleutian Islands campaign and then in the Eastern Mandates, Philippines and Ryukyus campaigns in the Pacific area. Overseas a total of 29 months, he earned the American Defense Service Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Silver Battle Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, September 19, 1945. He and his wife, Pauline, are the parents of one child.

19.—S/Sgt. Olen J. Smith, son of Mrs. T. W. Smith, was born October 30, 1912, at Zent, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Prescott High School and St. Louis College of Mortuary Science, afterwards being engaged as mortician. Entering the Army Medical Corps January 11, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Barkeley, Texas. After serving 16 months in the States attached to the 112th Medical Battalion, he departed May 5, 1945, for the South Pacific theater. Sergeant Smith served in the Asiatic-Pacific theater for nine months and was once wounded in action. He qualified as rifle sharpshooter and was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and one Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and one Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged February 20, 1946, at Camp Chaffee. He and his wife, Mattie, live in Mansfield, Arkansas, with their child.

20.—Petty Officer 3/c Clarence Giles Spears, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Giles Spears, was born November 30, 1927, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Peabody School, Fort Smith Junior High School, Texarkana High School, and Providence Academy in Texarkana. Entering the Navy January 14, 1945, he received boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois. Departing from the United States April 30, 1945, he participated in the campaigns of Okinawa and Japan, where he was wounded in action. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the Purple Heart and, according to last report received, he was still in the service, having returned to the United States for furlough and hospitalization.

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1.—Seaman 1/c Louis William Pryor, son of Mrs. Annie Pryor, was born July 8, 1920, in Alma, Arkansas. He attended Alma High School and Arkansas Polytechnic College. Entering the Coast Guard December 12, 1942, he received basic training at Graf-ton, Illinois. Seaman Pryor departed October 1, 1944, for New Guinea, and served overseas for a year, participating in the Philippine and New Guinea campaigns. He was awarded the American Theater of Operations Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, and World War II Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged November 9, 1945, at Long Beach, California, he returned to Alma, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Kathleen.

2.—Storekeeper 2/c Charles H. Vyles, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Vyles of Van Buren, Arkansas, where he was born on August 3, 1907. A graduate of Van Buren High School, he was an accountant and office manager until entering the Navy on June 12, 1944. He served boot training at San Diego, California, and was then sent to the Storekeeper's School at Farragut, Idaho. After one year in this country, he was sent to the Hawaiian Islands in May 1945, and served there and on Leyte Island in the Philippines for six months. Storekeeper Vyles took part in minesweeping operations in the East China Sea off Okinawa while serving aboard the U.S.S. Cape Gloucester. He was honorably discharged at San Pedro, California, December 22, 1945. He and his wife, the former Sammie Phillips, are the parents of two children.

3.—Yeoman 2/c Edwin Dale Rogers, son of Zona Elizabeth and Ed Rogers, was born April 3, 1926, in Van Buren, Arkansas. He attended Alma High School and College of the Ozarks, afterwards being employed as warehouse clerk in Kaiser Shipyards, clerk in J. C. Penney's Store in Fort Smith, and helper at Edwards Funeral Home. Entering the Naval Reserve February 8, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California. He departed April 10, 1944, for the Aleutian Islands, remaining overseas for a year and five months. On January 5, 1946, he again left the United States for Nagoya,

Japan, and returned to San Francisco February 6, 1946, with 5,000 troops. On February 28th, his ship, the U.S.S. General H. W. Butner, was sent to Yokohama, Yokosuka, and Tokyo, Japan, and Shanghai, Tsingtao, and Toku, China, returning in April. Yeoman Rogers was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and American Theater Ribbon and was honorably discharged in May 1946. He lives in Alma, Arkansas.

4.—Pfc. Joe G. Rogers, son of Ed and Zona Elizabeth Rogers, was born at Dora, Arkansas. He received his education at Alma High School, after which he was employed as conveyor man by the Alma Canning Company. He entered the Army Engineer Corps (combat), June 28, 1943, receiving basic training at Camp Abbott, Oregon. Later he qualified as carpenter on heavy construction and received rifle Marksmanship Medal August 20, 1943. After serving in the United States nine months, he arrived in the European Theater of Operations March 21, 1944, with the 252nd Combat Engineers, a part of the 1146th Combat Group, 9th Army. His group received Letter of Commendation for their part in constructing bridges across the Lippe and Rhine rivers at Wesel, Germany. For meritorious service, he was awarded five Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. After almost two years' services overseas, Private Rogers was honorably discharged December 20, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He lives at Alma.

5.—Chief Machinist's Mate Joe B. Marley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marley of Van Buren, Arkansas, was born at Breckenridge, Texas, on June 15, 1922. He attended Van Buren High School and immediately after his graduation entered the Navy on June 18, 1940. Sent to San Diego, California, for boot training, he later attended Engineering School at Norfolk, Virginia. During the long period he was overseas, he took part in the evacuation of the Philippine Islands in 1942, the Battle of Guadalcanal, the invasions of Sicily and Italy, Battle of Cape Esperance, liberation of the Philippines and the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa, and was awarded the American Defense Ribbon, American Theater Rib-



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bon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon, Navy Good Conduct Medal, and a total of 11 Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged from the service on June 18, 1946.

6.—Seaman 2/c Harry D. Marley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marley of Van Buren, Arkansas, was born on December 2, 1926, at Tenino, Washington, and attended Van Buren (Arkansas) and Kermit (Texas) High Schools, later being engaged in clerical and oil work before entering the Navy Seabees on June 12, 1945. He received boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois, and Camp Endicott, Massachusetts, and was then sent overseas to the Pacific theater, arriving on Guam late in November 1945, and being attached to the 137th Construction Bn., with which organization he was serving at last report received.

7.—T/5 Billie L. Reding, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Reding of Mansfield, Arkansas, was born at Buchanan, New Mexico, on December 1, 1944, and moved to Arkansas with his family in 1925. Educated at Mansfield and Greenwood High Schools, he entered the Army on June 12, 1943, and served basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, where he became a messenger. Assigned to the 637th Tank Destroyer Battalion, he was sent to the Pacific theater in December 1943, and saw more than two years of overseas service. Serving in the Bougainville and Luzon campaigns, Corporal Reding won the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star, and the Good Conduct Medal. He served three months with the Army of Occupation of Japan and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on January 31, 1946.

8.—1st Lt. Everette James Robson, son of Bertha and Angus Robson, was born October 28, 1918, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith High School and Junior College, afterwards being engaged as a glass cutter. Entering the Air Corps September 4, 1942, he received basic training at Santa Ana, California, and attended Primary, Basic, and Transition Schools, qualifying as pilot. He departed July 11, 1944, for Italy, and remained overseas for almost a year. He participated in air battles of Germany and was shot down over Germany September 13, 1944, and held prisoner of war at Barth, Germany, for eight months. Lieutenant Robson was awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and three Battle Stars. According to last report received, he was still in service. His wife, Imogene Loretta, lives in Fort Smith.

9.—Seaman 1/c Gerald Reeves Bolling, son of Charles Jason and Mary Julia Bolling, was born in Crawford County September 15, 1923. He received his education by attending King Grade and High Schools, after which he was employed by the Reynolds Drug Store and Jerry Drug Store. Entering the Navy on August 18, 1940, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and after 19 months' training, was sent to Hawaii. He was serving aboard the U.S.S. Arizona when it was bombed by the Japanese in the attack December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor. Seaman Bolling was Crawford County's first casualty. His parents received the Purple Heart, awarded posthumously to their son.

10.—Pharmacist's Mate 1/c Roy Clifton Warnock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Warnock, was born on February 14, 1918, at Charleston, Arkansas, and received his education at Charleston High School. He entered the Navy, Medical Department, on October 15, 1942, and received boot training at the Great Lakes (Illinois) Naval Training Station, following which he sailed for the European theater, participating in the invasions of Normandy and Southern France during the 11 months he served overseas. Recipient of the American Defense Ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, he was honorably discharged on September 28, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee. He and his wife, Lucile, have one child.

11.—Carpenter's Mate 1/c Harry Otis Bailey, son of Annie and Amos Bailey of Fort Smith, was born at McCome, Missouri, and moved with his parents to Arkansas in 1912. He attended the Mansfield, Missouri, and Wilburton, Oklahoma, schools and entered the Navy Seabees April 17, 1943. Completing boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia, he became expert at building and construction and arrived in the South Pacific area in February 1944. Overseas 10 months, he served on Saipan and saw action in the battle for Okinawa. Mate Bailey was returned to this country and was honorably discharged on October 24, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee. He and his wife, Audie Jewel, have one child.

12.—Sgt. Jack Luman Saunders is the son of Mrs. Katie Avant of Fort Smith, where he was born on October 1, 1924. After attending Bellepoint School and Fort Smith High School, he worked in a grocery store and was employed as a plumber's helper until entering military service on May 7, 1941. After receiving basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, he was assigned to the Infantry and served in this country with the 1st Infantry, 6th Division. Transferred to Iceland in November 1942, he later saw action also on the European front in the Normandy invasion and during the heavy fighting in Germany. Overseas a total of 31 months, Sergeant Saunders was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, the American Defense Service Ribbon, Bronze Star Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Wounded twice, he was also awarded the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He is classed as expert with the rifle, pistol and mortar and is also holder of the Expert Infantryman's Badge. He was honorably discharged on September 15, 1945, at Camp Chaffee. His wife is Vera Saunders.

13.—T/Sgt. Reginald McDaniel, son of Randol and Ruth McDaniel of Fort Smith, was born at Dewey, Oklahoma, and moved with his parents to Arkansas in 1920. He attended Fort Smith schools and was employed as a grocery clerk until entering the Army February 11, 1941. Sergeant McDaniel was sent to Camp Robinson for basic training and was transferred to Alaska with Co. I, 153rd Infantry. There he attended Cooks' and Bakers' School and became a cook. Overseas more than 33 months, he saw action in the Attu campaign. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and Infantryman's Badge. Returning to this country he was honorably discharged on August 11, 1945, at Camp Chaffee.

14.—Sgt. Bobby C. Perkinson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Perkinson of Fort Smith, where he was born on December 13, 1923. He attended Fort Smith High School until entering the Marines August 12, 1941. Sent to San Diego, California, for boot training, he later attended Telephone and Teletype School at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. A member of the 1st Marine Division, he arrived in Hawaii in January 1942. With a total of 32 months of foreign service and two tours of overseas duty, he saw service on Midway Island, Guadalcanal, New Caledonia, Bougainville and Guam. Holder of a Personal Commendation Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and Presidential Unit Citation Badge, he was honorably discharged on November 6, 1945, at San Diego, California.

15.—Cpl. Oliver L. Perkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Perkinson of Fort Smith, was born on September 28, 1920, at Plummerville, Arkansas. Entering the Army Air Corps August 19, 1942, he was sent to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and received basic training there and at Keesler Field, Mississippi. He became expert at truck driving and dispatching and was sent to Accra, British West Africa, in February 1943. Corporal Perkinson served a total of more than 29 months overseas before returning to this country where he was honorably discharged on November 2, 1945, at Barksdale Field, Shreveport, Louisiana.

16.—T/4 Neal Leslie Spelce, son of Mrs. Beulah Spelce, was born June 24, 1912, at Alma, Arkansas. He attended Alma High School, after which he was employed as invoice auditor for the Chemical Construction Co., Dumas, Texas. Entering the Army Service Forces March 11, 1943, he received basic training at Ft. Lawton, Washington, qualifying for supply clerk and as rifle marksman. After serving six months attached to 252nd Port Co. (T.C.), he departed from the United States September 23, 1943, for Calcutta, India, serving two years in the Burma-India theater. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and one Bronze Service Star, Good Conduct Ribbon, and World War II Victory Ribbon. He received an honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, November 15, 1945. He and his wife, Fannie Lou, live in Clarksville, Arkansas, with their two children.

17.—T/5 Lester F. Fowler, son of Mrs. Fannie Fowler, was born March 29, 1909, at Devew, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Devew High School, after which he was employed as farmer and laundryman. Entering the Army April 18, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Howze, Texas. After over 10 months' training in the United States, he was sent to Europe February 27, 1945, attached to 379th Ordnance M.A.M. Co. He participated in the battle of the Rhine, after which he was sent to the Asiatic-Pacific theater, arriving in Japan August 7, 1945. He also spent three months with the Army of Occupation. Corporal Fowler qualified for rifle and carbine marksman and was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with one Bronze Service Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, February 4, 1946. He and his wife, Enid, live in Booneville, Arkansas, with their child.

18.—Pfc. Billy Joe Wilkins, son of J. T. and Carrie Wilkins, was born at Van Buren, Arkansas, May 11, 1925. He received his education by attending Van Buren High School. He entered the Airborne Artillery September 4, 1943, receiving basic training at Camp Roberts, California. Attached to 101st Airborne Division, he departed from the United

States May 11, 1944, for Liverpool, England, and participated in the campaigns of Normandy, Ardennes, Central Europe, and Rhineland. Private Wilkins attended Parachute School at Reims, France. He was awarded four Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Dutch Orange Lanyard, 101st Division Citation, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Returning to the United States December 30, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, January 11, 1946.

19.—Yeoman 1/c James Thomas Wilkins, Jr., son of J. T. Wilkins, Sr., and Carrie Wilkins, was born January 18, 1918, at Havana, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Van Buren High School, after which he was employed as bookkeeper for Great Western Coal Company and Laster Coal Company. Entering the Navy October 11, 1943, he received boot training at San Diego, California. After serving six months in the United States, he departed December 29, 1943, for the Pacific area where he served at Kwajalein, Saipan, Anguar, Leyte, Luzon, and Okinawa, and was twice commended by his commanding officer for meritorious service. He was honorably discharged at San Pedro, California, February 12, 1946, returning to Van Buren, where he lives with his wife, Ruby Venita.

20.—Maj. James Charles Wilkins, son of J. T. Wilkins, Sr., and Carrie Wilkins, was born August 22, 1915, at Havana, Arkansas. He attended Van Buren High School and later served as C.C.C. company commander, 9th Corps Area, West Coast. Enlisting in the Armored Infantry September 7, 1937, he received basic training at Ft. Leavenworth and attended Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth. Departing February 5, 1945, for Le Havre, France, he served in the battle of Central Europe and was with the 20th Armored Division in the drive on Munich and its capture. Major Wilkins received the American Theater Ribbon, European Theater of Operations Ribbon, Bronze Star, and World War II Victory Ribbon. He was with the Army of Occupation from May until August 1945, in Germany near Munich, and according to last report received, is still in the service. He and his wife, Eva, are the parents of two children.

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1.—T/5 William A. Neighbors, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Neighbors of Greenwood, Arkansas, was born on November 12, 1920, at Jenny Lind, Arkansas. He attended the Howard Hill School and entered military service on July 13, 1942. After completing basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri, he became a member of the 438th Signal Construction Bn., and was sent to the European theater in April 1943. During his 30 months of overseas duty, he took part in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged October 18, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

2.—Ship's Cook 2/c Garland B. Gibbs, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland B. Gibbs, Sr., was born October 18, 1923, at Jenny Lind, Arkansas. He attended Jenny Lind Junior High School and Greenwood High School. Entering the Navy February 17, 1943, he received boot training at Naval Training Station, San Diego, California, and attended Cooks' and Bakers' School at San Pedro. During his one and a half years' service in the United States and one and a half years overseas, he was stationed at San Diego; Target Repair Base, San Pedro, California; Pacific Naval Air Base; Coronado Heights Annex Center; and one the U.S.S. Shangri-La. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Ribbon. After being honorably discharged April 2, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to Fort Smith, Arkansas.

3.—S/Sgt. Claude M. Shepard, son of Walter B. and Willie Shepard, was born May 17, 1922, at Charleston, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Peabody Grade and High Schools and was afterwards employed by the Acme Brick Company. Entering the Infantry November 12, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Roberts, California, and qualified for section sergeant. After training five months in the United States, attached to 19th Infantry Regt., Co. I, he was sent to the South Pacific theater May 11, 1943, where he participated in five battles and three campaigns, and was twice wounded in action. He qualified for expert infantryman and expert rifleman in April 1943, and, for meritorious service, was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Service Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, and Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, September 30, 1945, returning to Fort Smith where he lives with his wife, Hazel, and their son.

4.—Cpl. James E. Neighbors, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Andrew Neighbors, was born December 1, 1922, in Jenny Lind, Arkansas. He attended Greenwood High School and was employed as oiler for post engineer, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. Entering the Army January 20, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, qualifying as tank driver and gunner. Attached to Co. C, 782nd Tank Bn., Corporal Neighbors departed January 1, 1945, for LeHavre, France, and remained overseas for



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six months. He participated in campaigns in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater of Operations and was awarded E.A.M.E. Campaign Ribbon with one Bronze Star, American Campaign Ribbon, and Good Conduct Medal. After being honorably discharged November 5, 1945, at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, he returned to Greenwood, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Evalyn Jean, and their children.

5.—Pfc. Denver A. Gibbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Gibbs, was born February 14, 1920, in Jenny Lind, Arkansas. He attended Jenny Lind Junior High School and Greenwood High School. Entering the Infantry October 20, 1944, he received basic training at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, qualifying as infantry sharpshooter. After serving for four months in the United States with I.R.T.C., he departed March 14, 1945, for Germany, and participated in the battle of Central Germany. Private Gibbs was awarded the European Theater Ribbon, Unit Citation, Battle Star, Victory Ribbon, and Combat Infantryman's Badge. Private Gibbs was discharged at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, July 10, 1946, after 15 months' overseas duty. His home is in Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Wilma Nadine, and their son.

6.—Maj. Joe M. Craft is the son of Mrs. Bryan Craft of Fort Smith, where he was born on February 21, 1917. A graduate of the Fort Smith schools and the University of Oklahoma, he was a public accountant until entering the military service on September 10, 1941. Major Craft was sent to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, for his Field Artillery basic training and later attended Bakers' School and Officer Candidate School where he received his commission as an artillery officer. After three years in this country he was sent with his unit, the 278th Field Artillery Battalion, to the European theater in July, 1944, and remained overseas for 18 months. Serving in the Northern France, Rhineland and Central European campaigns, he won the Bronze Star Medal. He was placed on inactive duty at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, January 28, 1946.

7.—Pvt. Edgar L. Holt, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Holt of Fort Smith, Arkansas, was born May 7, 1909. He attended schools in Rock Island and Spiro, Oklahoma, and was employed at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on the Fire Department before entering the Engineers December 7, 1943. He received basic training at Camp Seibert, Alabama, and studied chemical warfare. He was later transferred to Camp Ellis, Illinois, where he trained in Q.M. salvage three months. He left the United States, arriving in England, and served in France, Germany and Belgium. (No further details regarding the service record of Private Holt were furnished.)

8.—T/5 Roy Eugene Neighbors, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Neighbors, was born May 23, 1916, in Jenny Lind, Arkansas. He attended Howard Hill and Jenny Lind Schools and was later employed in shipyard work as a flanger leaderman. He entered the Army June 19, 1945, and received basic training at Camp Hood, Texas. He was then sent to Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and became an automotive mechanic. He received the Victory Ribbon and American Theater Ribbon, and was honorably discharged at Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, July 16, 1946. He and his wife, Juanita, have two children.

9.—1st Lt. Nathan L. Cross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin T. Cross of Mansfield, Arkansas, was born at Albion, Oklahoma, October 30, 1909, and moved with his family to Arkansas in 1911. He attended Mansfield High School and Draughon's Business College at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and was employed for eight years by the Gentry-Severance Lumber Company of Oklahoma City before entering military service on June 4, 1942. Assigned to the Coast Artillery, he received his basic training at Camp Callan, California, and then attended Officer Candidate School at Camp Davis, North Carolina. In March 1944, he was sent to the European theater with his unit, the 554th Anti-aircraft Bn.,

and remained overseas for more than 23 months. Participating in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns, he was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon. Lieutenant Cross served six months with the Army of Occupation of Germany and was placed on inactive duty at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, April 12, 1946.

10.—Pvt. Charles W. Banks, son of Mrs. John B. Mumey, was born April 12, 1915, in Jenny Lind, Arkansas. He attended Jenny Lind School and entered the Army March 26, 1945, receiving basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. Attending the Armored School, he qualified as tank mechanic (minor maintenance) and rifle sharpshooter. After nine months' service in the United States, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, December 20, 1945, returning to Jenny Lind where he lives with his wife, Lavonne, and their children.

11.—Pfc. Lawrence W. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown, was born July 5, 1926, in LeFlore, Oklahoma, moving to Arkansas May 15, 1933. He attended Greenwood, Arkansas, High School. Entering the Marine Corps July 17, 1944, he received boot training at Parris Island, South Carolina, and departed January 30, 1945, for the South Pacific Theater of Operations. Overseas for a year and five months, he participated in Pacific battles and, according to last information received, was still in the service. His home is in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

12.—Chief Warrant Officer Walter Samuel Golden, Jr., son of Mrs. Mattie Lee Golden of Mena, Arkansas, was born June 18, 1918, in Cargile, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Mena Central School. Entering the Navy December 13, 1935, he received boot training at San Diego, California. Departing in April 1938, for China, he remained overseas for six years and participated in Asiatic-Pacific campaigns from Guadalcanal to Japan. He served aboard the U.S.S. Greenwood and the U.S.S. Boston, and was attached to demilitarization force in Japan from September 1945, to February 1946. Warrant Officer Golden was awarded Campaign and Area Ribbons with five Battle Stars and, according to last report received, was still in the service. He and his wife, the former Ethel Lois Fitzgerald, have one son.

13.—Fireman 2/c Oscar Birch Golden, son of Mattie Lee and Walter Samuel Golden, was born July 17, 1909, in Good Pine, Louisiana, later moving to Arkansas. He attended Grade School, afterwards being engaged in farming. Entering the Navy April 25, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California. He served for a year and a half in the United States and departed September 14, 1945, for Pearl Harbor. Honorably discharged October 29, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee, he lives with his wife, Faye Ellen, and their children.

14.—Sgt. Ralph H. Oliver is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Oliver of Greenwood, Arkansas, where he was born June 2, 1920. He attended Greenwood High School and entered the Army on February 20, 1942. Assigned to the military police, he completed basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and then attended the Traffic Control School. In May 1942, he was sent to Hawaii. Overseas 41 months, he saw action in the Eastern Mandates and Marianas Islands campaigns and was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars. He was returned to the United States and was honorably discharged November 15, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

15.—Pfc. John E. Oliver is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Oliver of Greenwood, Arkansas, where he was born on May 31, 1923. He was educated at Greenwood High School before entering the Army on June 26, 1943. Assigned to the Infantry, he served basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and then attended the Chemical Warfare School. In December 1943, Private Oliver was sent to New Caledonia.

donia in the Southwest Pacific theater. Overseas more than two years, he saw action in the Southern Philippines campaign. Serving as a military policeman, he won the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman Badge for his service with the Infantry. After serving three months with the Army of Occupation of Japan, he was returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, March 29, 1946.

16.—Cpl. Gerald J. Hollis, son of E. B. and Hilda Hollis, was born July 14, 1924, at Bristow, Oklahoma, moving to Arkansas in 1936. He graduated from Mansfield High School in May 1943, and entered the Armed Forces June 12, 1943, receiving basic training in Anti-aircraft at San Diego, California. He was sent to the South Pacific theater May 27, 1944, where he served in New Guinea, Noemfoor Islands, Biak and Southern Philippines. He received the American Theater and World War II Victory Ribbons, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Service Stars and one Bronze Arrowhead, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star. Returning to the United States January 29, 1946, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, February 7, 1946.

17.—Signalman 3/c Richard Louis Golden, son of Mattie Lee and Walter Samuel Golden, was born October 24, 1924, in Griffin, Arkansas. He attended Mena Central School and Mena High School. Entering the Navy December 21, 1941, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Signal School, qualifying as signalman. After serving a year in the United States with the Armed Guard, he departed for three years of sea duty and was awarded American and European Theater Ribbons and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged November 3, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee, and returned to his home in Mena, Arkansas.

18.—S/Sgt. Olen Hurshel Loux, son of Mrs. Mary Elmer Loux of Fort Smith, was born December 8, 1920, at Cabot, Arkansas. He attended the Fort

Smith Schools and was a truck driver until entering the Army Air Force on January 13, 1943. Sergeant Loux served basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and attended Glider Mechanics' School. In July 1943, he was sent to the Pacific theater with his unit, the 46th Troop Carrier Squadron. Overseas 26 months, he saw action in the Luzon, Southern Philippines, Bismarek Archipelago, and New Guinea campaigns. Holder of the Distinguished Unit Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Air Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star, and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, he was honorably discharged on October 10, 1945, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

19.—S/Sgt. Charles Ralph Catton, son of Geneva and Charles M. Catton, was born September 10, 1925, in Quinton, Oklahoma, moving to Arkansas May 18, 1942. He attended Fort Smith Senior High School. Entering the Army Air Force at Sheppard Field, Texas, October 25, 1943, he received basic training at Sheppard Field and attended Radio School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Flexible Gunnery School in Yuma, Arizona, qualifying as aerial radio operator mechanic gunner and aerial gunner. He served in the United States for a year and a half before departing June 15, 1945, with the 868th Bomb Sqdn. for Morotai and the Netherlands East Indies. Overseas for nine months, he participated in the air offensive of China and Japan and the air combat over Borneo and the Western Pacific, being awarded American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Ribbon, and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with four Bronze Service Stars. After being honorably discharged March 18, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, he returned to his home in South Fort Smith, Arkansas.

20.—Sgt. Euell R. Rauser, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Rauser, of 1001 North Sixth Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas, was born May 9, 1919. He attended Fort Smith Public Schools and was employed at the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company before entering the Army, August 9, 1942. (No further details regarding the service record of Sergeant Rauser were furnished.)

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1.—Seaman 1/c Robert L. Altes, son of Earl L. Altes of Fort Smith, was born at Ada, Oklahoma, on February 20, 1924, moving to Arkansas with his family in 1924. He attended the Fort Smith schools and was an apprentice carpenter employed by the Frazier Construction Company until entering the Navy on March 16, 1943. Upon completion of boot training at San Diego, California, he was sent to Guadalcanal in the Southwest Pacific theater. He took part in the Munda, Rendova and Bougainville campaigns during his more than two years overseas while serving with the amphibious forces. He was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, February 26, 1946.

2.—Carpenter's Mate 2/c Neal Basil Albright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phenis Martin Albright of Route 3, Alma, Arkansas, was born at Leedey, Oklahoma, on April 14, 1920, and moved to Arkansas with his family in 1922. He was graduated from Alma High School in 1939 and was an instrument man for civil engineers before entering the Navy Seabees on April 17, 1943. He completed basic training at Camp Peary, Virginia, and then attended the Demolition School. In October 1943, he was sent to Pearl Harbor and served 16 months there. Later he was sent to Iwo Jima and took part in the capture of that island. Overseas more than two years, he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star. He was honorably discharged at Norman, Oklahoma, on December 10, 1945.

3.—S/Sgt. Ralph C. Colley, Sr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde C. Colley, was born February 17, 1919, in Dayton, Arkansas. He attended Albert Pike School at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Poteau High School, Poteau, Oklahoma, afterwards being engaged in

farming. A member of the National Guard since September 23, 1940, he entered the Field Artillery February 6, 1941, and received basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He qualified as chief of gun crews in Field Artillery, expert with M-1 rifle and carbine, and sharpshooter with pistol and machine gun. Attached to the 142nd F.A. Regt., 691st F.A. Bn., Sergeant Colley departed August 12, 1944, for Europe and remained overseas for more than a year. He participated in campaigns of Central Europe and Rhineland and spent four months with the Army of Occupation. Sergeant Colley was awarded two Bronze Stars and was honorably discharged September 22, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He lives in Fort Smith, Arkansas, with his wife, Catherine Josephine, and their son.

4.—Pfc. Charles H. Altes is the son of Earl Altes of Route 1, Fort Smith, where he was born on November 23, 1914. He attended Sanamota Technical Trade School at Sanamota, California, and the Washington High School at Los Angeles, California, before he entered the Army Air Force on October 26, 1942. Private Altes served basic training at Luke Field, Arizona, and attended Airplane Mechanics' School. He completed courses at five military mechanic's schools during his three years and three months of military service. He served with the 811th Troop Carrier Command as a mechanic throughout his military service. Private Altes was honorably discharged at Ft. McArthur, California, on February 18, 1946. He is now employed by the Douglas Aircraft Company. His wife is Verna D. Altes.

5.—Pfc. Chester E. Albright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phenis Martin Albright of Alma, Arkansas, was born

on March 5, 1914, at Leedy, Oklahoma, and moved with his family to Arkansas in 1922. After completing his education at Mulberry High School he was employed by the Harding Glass Plant until entering the Army on March 16, 1944. He served basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and was assigned to the Anti-aircraft Artillery as a gun crewman. Sent to the European theater in November 1944, he took part in two campaigns and was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal and Rifle Marksman Badge. Overseas a total of more than 11 months, he was honorably discharged on November 1, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He and his wife, Dollie, have three children.

6.—Sgt. Chester Arthur Irons, son of Mary Jo and Loye Lemuel Irons, was born September 15, 1925, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Peabody Grade School in Fort Smith; Grade and Junior High Schools in Vernon, Texas, and Junior and Senior High Schools in Fort Smith, graduating in 1944. Entering the Army Air Force January 27, 1944, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas, and attended Service Schools at Scott Field, Illinois; Yuma, Arizona; Barksdale Field, and Lake Charles, Louisiana, and Operational Training School at Greenville, South Carolina, qualifying as radio operator-mechanic gunner on B-25 (medium bomber). After serving one and a half years in the United States, Sergeant Irons departed July 12, 1945, for Manila, Philippine Islands, to be assigned to the 5th Air Force. He was killed over the Coral Sea July 19, 1945, and is survived by his parents, who received Citation of Honor in his memory by Gen. H. H. Arnold, commanding general, Army Air Forces.

7.—Flight Officer Taylor Edward Powell, son of Mrs. Tommie Powell and the late Edward Wallace Powell, was born August 6, 1918, in Keota, Oklahoma, moving to Arkansas in 1928. He attended Alma High School. Entering the Infantry January 18, 1937, he received basic training at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, and attended Artillery Communications School at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Attached to Field Artillery and the Air Corps, he also attended B-25 Mechanics' School at Inglewood, California, and B-29 Engineering School at Seattle and Denver. He qualified as B-29 engineer, expert with pistol, observer, and flight engineer B-29. Flight Officer Powell served for nearly nine years with the Air Corps and was honorably discharged May 25, 1946, at Ft. McPherson, Georgia. Taylor Powell was killed in an Army 3rd Airforce B-29 crash in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, near the Tennessee-North Carolina line June 12, 1946. He is survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth; an infant daughter, and his mother, Mrs. Tommie Powell.

8.—Pfc. John Warren Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Foster, was born August 11, 1921, at Standley, Oklahoma, later moving to Arkansas. He attended school at Wister, Oklahoma. Entering the Army September 29, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Hulen, Texas, and served for 14 months in the United States attached to 202nd A.A.A. A.W. Bn. He departed in November 1943, for New Guinea, and died February 9, 1944, in the Townsville, Queensland, Australia, Hospital, being buried in a cemetery near there. In addition to his parents, who live in Mansfield, Arkansas, he is survived by his wife, Zeta Mae Foster, and daughter, Chery Ann, who live in Fort Smith.

9.—Lt. (s. g.) Paul X. Williams is the son of Charles and Sally Williams of Booneville, Arkansas. Born at Booneville on February 19, 1908, he attended the Booneville schools and received his B.A. and L.L.D. degrees at the University of Arkansas. He practiced law until entering the Navy on December 5, 1942. Lieutenant Williams served his Naval training at Hollywood, Florida; Boston, Massachusetts; Gulfport, Mississippi, and New Orleans, Louisiana. He became a gunnery officer and served 20 months aboard ships between this country, England and North Africa, and also aboard ships in the Admiralty,

Caroline and Philippine Islands. He was released from active service at Memphis, Tennessee, October 1, 1945. He and his wife the former Elizabeth Hays, have four children.

10.—Seaman 1/c William Ivan Dedmon, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Dedmon, was born October 13, 1926, in Mansfield, Arkansas. He attended Mansfield High School. Entering the Navy October 17, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California. He served for six months in the United States before departing April 25, 1945, for the Southwest Pacific Theater of Operations. Seaman Dedmon served on Guam and was honorably discharged June 19, 1946, at Memphis, Tennessee, returning to his home in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

11.—Lt. (j. g.) Jeffery Dean Irons, son of Mary Jo and Loye Lemuel Irons, was born January 9, 1921, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Peabody Grade School in Fort Smith and graduated from Vernon High School, Vernon, Texas. He received a B.S. degree in petroleum engineering from Tulsa University, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1942, after which he worked as engineer for Oklahoma Ordnance Works and Douglas Aircraft Co. in Tulsa. Entering the Naval Reserve, Ordnance Department, August 28, 1943, he received boot training at Ft. Schuyler, New York, and attended Service Schools at Pontiac, Michigan; Great Lakes Training Station; and Ft. Pierce, Florida, qualifying as ordnance specialist. After serving at various Naval ordnance bases in the United States, Lieutenant Irons served in the European Theater of Operations aboard the U. S. Destroyer Escort Burke in 1944 and in the Pacific in 1945 aboard the L.S.T. 355. He was honorably discharged March 19, 1946, at Mare Island, California, and returned to Fort Smith, where he lives with his wife, Helena, and their child.

12.—Pfc. Darwin Lowell Williams, son of Edna Dee Lana and Jasper Soloman Williams, was born March 1, 1921, in Greenwood, Arkansas. He attended Grade School, afterwards being employed as laborer by the Guy F. Atkinson Construction Company. Entering the Coast Artillery January 16, 1943, in Little Rock, Arkansas, he received basic training at Camp Haan, Riverside, California, and qualified in infantry marksmanship. After serving a year in the United States, he departed April 20, 1944, for England, and remained overseas for 18 months. Private Williams participated in the campaigns of Normandy, Rhineland, Northern France, and Central Europe, spending six weeks with the Army of Occupation, and was awarded four Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. After being honorably discharged January 8, 1946, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he returned to Greenwood, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Lula Louise.

13.—Cpl. Ottis R. Williams son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Williams, was born November 22, 1907, in Greenwood, Arkansas. After attending Greenwood Public Schools, he was engaged as farmer and heavy equipment operator in road construction. Entering the Army Engineers November 19, 1943, he received basic training at Camp Abbott, Oregon, qualifying as heavy equipment operator, military police, and rifle marksman. After two years' service in the United States with the 3990th Service Command Unit, Corporal Williams was awarded the American Theater of Operations Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, Heavy Equipment Operator's Diploma, and Certificate for Course in Music. He received an honorable discharge December 8, 1945, at Ft. Douglas, Utah, and returned to Greenwood, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Jewel.

14.—S/Sgt. Robert Clayton Spicer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vernon Spicer, was born July 18, 1922, in Paris, Arkansas. He attended Fort Smith Grade and Junior High Schools, afterwards being employed in Ward's Warehouse and by Checker Cab Company. Entering the Army April 7, 1944, he received basic training at Camp Hood, Texas, and was awarded Sharpshooter's Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Combat Infantryman's Badge. He de-

parted January 1, 1945, for LeHavre, France, and remained overseas for six months, participating in the campaign near Saaraatern, the breaching of the Siegfried Line, the crossing of the Rhine, and the battles to secure MulhausenLangensalza lines. He was captured at the battle of Struth on April 7, 1945, and held prisoner in a schoolhouse for a day and forced to march for six days to a prison camp. Upon reaching the camp, it was found to be held by the Indianhead Division and he was liberated, being sent to Brussels and then to LeHavre. Sergeant Spicer served with Co. K, 261st Infantry, 65th Division, 3rd Army. He was awarded two Battle Stars and, according to last report received, was still in the service. His wife, Billie Ann, and their children, live in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

15.—1st Lt. Derry David Irons, son of Mary Jo and Loye Lemuel Irons, was born November 13, 1922, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Peabody Grade School, Fort Smith, and graduated from Vernon High School, Vernon, Texas, in 1941. He was a student at Murray Junior College, Tishomingo, Oklahoma, before entering the Army Air Force March 18, 1943. Receiving preliminary training at Santa Ana, California, Army Air Base, he attended Service School at Roswell Army Air Field, Roswell, New Mexico, and Operational Training School at Rattlesnake Army Air Base, Pyote, Texas, qualifying as bombardier-navigator. After serving in the United States attached to the 100th Bomb Group, Sqdns. 350 and 418, 8th Air Force, he departed March 6, 1944, for the 8th Air Force Base in England. During his five months overseas, he participated in numerous air engagements, including two missions on D-Day and others during the European invasion. Lieutenant Irons was seriously injured in a runway crash during a volunteer mission on the first shuttle bombing run to Russia, Italy, and return. He was awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, European Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Presidential Unit Citation with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, and Distinguished Flying Cross Ribbon. After being honorably discharged December 28, 1946, at Randolph Field, Texas, he returned to Fort Smith, where he lives with his wife, Bernadine, and their child.

16.—Pvt. Preston A. Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander P. Dunn of 505 North 11th Street, Fort Smith, was born on July 10, 1914, at Evansville, Arkansas. He was educated in the Fort Smith Public Schools and at Fort Smith Business College. Employed as a baker and automobile mechanic, he entered military service on January 11, 1945. Assigned to the Infantry, he was sent to the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Camp Hood, Texas, for basic training, and remained in that camp throughout his three months of Army service. He was honorably discharged on March 14, 1945, at Camp Hood. He and his wife, the former Mary Laurence O'Keefe, have three children.

17.—S/Sgt. St. Elmo Nathaniel Dunn was the son of Alexander and Linnie Bell Dunn of Fort Smith. Born at Evansville, Arkansas, February 14, 1924, he attended the Fort Smith Schools and Fort Smith Junior College before entering the Army Air Corps on January 8, 1942. He served basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and then attended Mechanics' School at Lincoln, Nebraska; Gunnery School at Las Vegas, Nevada, and Aerial Engineer School at Boise, Idaho. In April 1943, he was sent to the European theater and served as a gunner with the 524th Bomb Sqdn. of the 379th Bomb Group. Serving on the Flying Fortress "The Hag of Hardawick," this gallant soldier was killed in action over Germany on June 11, 1943. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal and the Citation of Honor. He is survived by his widow, the former Jeanne Elaine Worrell.

18.—Yeoman 1/c Major John York, son of Mettie and William Elvis York, was born October 22, 1914, in Waldron, Arkansas. He attended Grade School at Center Point; High School at Waldron, Arkansas, and business college at Chillicothe, Missouri. Entering the Navy December 9, 1942, he received boot training at San Diego, California, specializing in clerical and communications training. Yeoman York served aboard an aircraft carrier, aboard an attack transport with the amphibious forces, and with the 1st, 5th, and 7th Fleets. He departed March 12, 1943, for the Pacific Theater of Operations and remained overseas for more than two and a half years, participating in the occupation of Okinawa in the Gilbert Islands, Manus in the Admiralties, Hollandia in New Guinea, the Philippines, and Iwo Jima. He was in Tokyo Bay with the occupation forces when peace terms were signed. After being honorably discharged November 15, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee, he returned to Waldron, where he lives with his wife, Ebbe Marie, and their child.

19.—Seaman 1/c Steve T. Hunt son of Ada and Joseph Whitford Hunt, was born February 26, 1913, in Gravelly, Arkansas. He attended Waldron High School. Entering the Navy March 29, 1944, he received boot training at San Diego, California, and served for a year and a half. He was honorably discharged October 19, 1945, at Naval Hospital, San Diego, California, and returned to Waldron, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Mary Lou, and their five children.

20.—Sgt. Noble L. Hunt, son of Ada and Joseph Whitford Hunt, of Waldron, Arkansas, was born July 4, 1921. He was educated in the Waldron Public Schools. Sergeant Hunt entered the Marine Corps July 6, 1942, and was sent to San Diego, California, where he received three months' boot training. He was then sent to the Southwest Pacific to combat duty. (No further details regarding the service record of Sergeant Hunt were furnished.)

1.—Lt. (s.g.) Vincent W. Beach, son of Florence Lizzie and R. H. Beach, was born November 22, 1917, in Greenwood, Arkansas. He attended the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, afterwards being engaged as teacher and principal in Fayetteville Public Schools. Entering the Navy October 5, 1942, he received training at Midshipmen's School, Notre Dame University, Indiana; Amphibious Training School, Solomons, Maryland; and Advanced Fire Control School, San Diego, California, qualifying in gunnery and fire control and as watch officer and gunnery officer. After serving in the United States as gunnery officer and executive officer of Anti-aircraft Gunnery School, he departed in June 1943, for Africa, Italy, England, and France, remaining overseas for a year and five months. Lieutenant Beach participated as a gunnery officer on an L.S.T. in the D-Day invasions of Salerno, Italy; Anzio, Italy, and France and was awarded three Invasion Stars, Theater Ribbons, and Commendation. He was honorably discharged May 6, 1946, at Seattle, Washington, returning to his home in Greenwood, Arkansas.

2.—Sgt. Phinos A. Hawthorne, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hawthorne of Los Angeles, California, was born on July 23, 1921, at Bonanza, Arkansas. After completing his education at the Jenny Lind and Fort Smith Schools he was employed as a factory worker until entering the Army on September 22, 1942. After serving basic training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, he specialized in military police work and was sent to the Southwest Pacific area in May 1945, as a member of Company E., 20th Infantry. Overseas almost eight months, he took part in the Luzon campaign and earned the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Ribbon. After two months with the Army of Occupation of Japan, he was honorably discharged on December 20, 1945, at Ft. Bliss, Texas. He and his wife, Louise, have two children.

3.—Fire Controlman 3/c Gerald Leonard Carpenter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin S. Carpenter of Chesterhill, Ohio, where he was born on July 3, 1913. He graduated from Chesterhill High School and moved to Arkansas in 1938. Employed by the Arkansas-Louisiana Gas Company, he entered the Navy on May 12, 1943, and completed basic training at San Diego, California. In October 1943, he was sent to Hawaii where he attended the Radar School at Camp Catlen, and became a radar operator assigned to the crew of the U.S.S. Colorado. Overseas more than two years, he saw action in the Gilbert, Marshall, Mariannas, Philippines, and Ryukyus Islands and took part in the occupation of Japan. Fire Controlman Carpenter is the holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with six Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star. He was honorably discharged on October 23, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee. He and his wife have one son.

4.—Warrant Officer, Junior Grade, Vernon H. Beach is the son of Romulus H. Beach of Greenwood, Arkansas, where he was born on December 13, 1918. He attended Greenwood High School, Draughton's Business College, and the University of Arkansas, and entered military service with the Arkansas National Guard on January 6, 1941. He completed basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and was sent to the Noncommissioned Officer's School at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. He became an administrative assistant and served three years in this country with the 781st Tank Destroyer Company. In May, 1944, he was sent to New Caledonia in the South Pacific theater and later served on the Marianas Islands, Guadalcanal, and the Admiralty Islands. Overseas 20 months, he holds the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon. He was released from active duty at Ft. Bliss, Texas, on January 31, 1946.

5.—Pfc. Thurman A. Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Richardson of Jamestown, Arkansas, was born August 26, 1923, in Locust Grove, Arkansas. He attended Magness, Sulphur Rock, Jamestown, and Desha Schools afterwards being engaged in farming. Entering the Infantry September 12, 1944, he received training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. Private Richardson departed January 31, 1945, for Germany, and remained overseas more than seven months, participating in two campaigns. He was awarded Sharpshooter's Medal, Good Conduct Medal, European Theater of Operations Ribbon, two Campaign Stars, and Combat Infantryman's Badge. According to last report received, he was still in service at Camp Campbell, Kentucky. His wife, Bertha Mae, lives in Desha, Arkansas.

6.—Sgt. Carl Woodson, Jr., son of Carl and Ruby Woodson, was born June 4, 1923, at Belleville, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Dardanelle High School and Wentworth Military Academy. Entering the Field Artillery February 18 1943, he received basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, specializing as chief of section, gun crew, light artillery. After seven months' training attached to Battery A, 1st Field Artillery, 6th Division, he departed from the United States September 19, 1943, for the Asiatic-Pacific theater where he was engaged in battles on New Guinea and Luzon, Philippine Islands. He qualified as carbine marksman July 2, 1943, and was awarded World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Stars and Arrowhead, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon and one Bronze Star. After spending one month with the Army of Occupation in Korea, he returned to the States December 16, 1945, and was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, December 29, 1945.

7.—Pfc. Lawrence P. Meghee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd O'Neal of Greenwood, Arkansas, was born March 6, 1921. He attended Fort Smith Public Schools before entering the Army July 13, 1941. Private Meghee received basic training at Camp Livingston, Louisiana. He was transferred to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, after completing basic training, and served as an M.P. (No further data regarding the service record of Private Meghee was furnished.)

8.—Lt. (j.g.) Damon Beach, son of Horatio and Elizabeth Beach of Greenwood, Arkansas, was born at Fort Smith on September 5, 1922. He graduated from Greenwood High School and attended the University of Arkansas before he entered the Navy in September 1943. Lieutenant Beach served his Naval indoctrination training at Columbia University, New York City. He served one year in this country and was then sent to the South Pacific theater. Overseas a total of 19 months, he saw action in the battle for Okinawa. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon, he was released from active service at San Francisco, California, May 15, 1946.

9.—T/4 Robert A. Christian, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Christian, was born in Little Rock on April 18, 1918, and received his education at Arkansas Tech (Russellville), Northwestern University and Oklahoma A. & M. College where he specialized in music. He entered the Army on March 12, 1942, as a bandsman, and following basic training at Ft. McArthur, California, was assigned to duty with the 96th Army Ground Forces Band. On January 24, 1944, he sailed with his unit for the Asiatic-Pacific theater, and saw almost 10 months of foreign service. He was awarded the World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Sharpshooter's Medal (rifle), and Marksman's Medals (carbine and small-bore rifle). He was honorably discharged from the service at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, November 20, 1945. He is the husband of Emma S. Christian.

10.—Pfc. Ray Eugene Hutchins was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Hutchins of Hagarville, Arkansas.



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Born on July 5, 1925, he was educated at Lamar High School and was engaged in farming until he entered military service on May 12, 1944. He received his basic training at Camp Hood, Texas, and Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and also received training at Ft. Meade, Maryland. In October 1944, he was sent to Italy and joined the 134th Infantry. Overseas six months, this brave soldier was killed in action in Italy on April 5, 1945. He is buried in an American Military Cemetery in Italy.

11.—Carpenter's Mate Edwin Arle Pickens, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Pickens of Booneville, Arkansas, was born January 20, 1913. He attended public schools and volunteered for the Navy October 7, 1943. Mate Pickens received his boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia, and after six weeks was transferred to Camp Laguna, Virginia. He was stationed several places before being sent overseas. Mate Pickens was released from the service because of a disability and was placed in a hospital. His wife, Louise, and their children, live in Booneville, Arkansas.

12.—Ship's Fitter 2/c Rogers Ben Duke, son of Annie and Ben Duke, was born November 14, 1913, in Marianna, Arkansas. He attended Westor School, afterwards being engaged in farming. Entering the Navy December 21, 1942, he received boot training at Williamsburg, West Virginia, and attending Welding School, qualified in welding. He served for six months in the United States before departing May 12, 1943, for New Caledonia. He remained overseas for more than two years and was honorably discharged September 24, 1945, at New Orleans, Louisiana. He lives in Russellville, Arkansas, with his wife, Mildred Louise, and their child.

13.—Aviation Radioman 3/c Raymond Edward Altes, son of Earl Leon Altes of Fort Smith, was born on February 1, 1922, at Ada, Oklahoma, and moved to Arkansas in 1930. Upon completion of his education in the Fort Smith Schools, he was a painter and paper hanger until entering the Navy on September 29, 1942. After completing boot training at San Diego, California, he became a student in the Aviation Radio School and became an air crew gunner and radioman. Sent to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in April 1943, he served with the Navy for more than 18 months in the Pacific area. Returning to this country, he was honorably discharged on October 11, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee. He and his wife, Evelyn Hilda, have two children.

14.—Coxswain J. M. Keltner, son of Mrs. Velma Irene Keltner, was born July 16, 1925, in Plummerville, Arkansas. He attended Morrilton, Arkansas, Public School. Entering the Navy July 23, 1942, he received boot training at San Diego, California. Departing September 20, 1942, for Kodiak, Alaska, he served for a year and a half in that theater before being sent on April 27, 1945, to the Asiatic-Pacific area for more than a year's overseas service. He was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, and was honorably discharged January 16, 1946, returning to his home in Russellville, Arkansas.

15.—Carpenter's Mate 2/c James Leonard Keltner, son of Mrs. Velma Irene Keltner, was born August 6, 1922, in Russellville, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Morrilton, Arkansas, High School. Entering the Navy December 28, 1941, he received boot training at Norfolk, Virginia. Departing from the United States January 2, 1944, Mate Keltner served more than two years overseas, and participated in campaigns of New Guinea, Palau, Philippines, Saipan, Guam, and Okinawa, and in the occupation of Japan, spending two months with the occupation forces. He was wounded in action and

received the Purple Heart and Good Conduct Medal. He returned to the United States January 10, 1946, remaining in service. His home is in Russellville.

16.—Gunner's Mate Edgar H. Maguire, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Maguire of Van Buren, Arkansas, was born December 13, 1917. He moved to Arkansas in 1936. Mate Maguire received his education in Texas. He enlisted in the Navy December 20, 1941. His wife is Florence Maguire. No further information regarding the service record of Mate Maguire was furnished.

17.—Cpl. Hubert R. Bromley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bromley, Sr., of Van Buren, Arkansas, was born May 15, 1922. He received his education in the Van Buren Schools. Corporal Bromley entered the Army November 9, 1942. He and his wife, Lois, have a son, Hubert, 3rd. No further information regarding the service record was furnished.

18.—S/Sgt. Dale Harold Carpenter is the son of Harold and Dorothy Carpenter of Russellville, Arkansas, where he was born on April 12, 1919. He attended Russellville High School and worked as a watchmaker and engraver until entering the Army Air Forces on August 25, 1941. Sergeant Carpenter attended Aircraft Mechanic's School at Chanute Field, Illinois, and became an aircraft mechanic. After one year in this country, he was sent to England in September 1942, and there attended the Army Engine Specialist's School at Warrington, England. Serving as an instrument and engine specialist, he saw 33 months of overseas service in the European theater and won the European Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and American Defense Service Ribbon. He was returned to this country and was honorably discharged at Lincoln, Nebraska, on October 27, 1945. His wife is Bettye Carpenter.

19.—Metalsmith 1/c Robert Maurice Carpenter is the son of Harold and Dorothy Carpenter of Russellville, Arkansas, where he was born on November 1, 1920. He attended Russellville High School and was employed as an automobile mechanic and welder until entering the Navy on March 5, 1942. He completed boot training at the Section Base, Point Loma, California, and served three years in this country before he was sent to the Philippine Islands in May 1945. Overseas six months, he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, and the American Theater Ribbon. He was returned to this country and was honorably discharged at San Pedro, California, November 8, 1945. His wife is Emogene Carpenter.

20.—Aviation Chief Metalsmith Clyde Donald Carpenter, son of Harold and Dorothy Carpenter of Russellville, Arkansas, was born at Sterling, Kansas, January 25, 1915, and moved with his family to Arkansas in 1917. He attended Russellville High School and Arkansas Tech and was a farmer and painter until entering the Regular Navy in November 1939. He had served with the 206th Coast Artillery of the Arkansas National Guard from 1932 until 1934. Chief Carpenter served his boot training at San Diego, California, and in April 1944, was sent to the South Pacific theater. Overseas 19 months, he saw service in the Marshall Islands, Marianas Islands and Wake Island campaigns and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon with Star, Letter of Commendation, Victory Ribbon and the Marksmanship Medal. He was honorably discharged on November 19, 1945, at Alameda, California, and reenlisted that same day in the Regular Navy. His wife is Mary Carpenter.

1.—Aviation Machinist's Mate 2/c Robert Gordon Knoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Knoy of Van Buren, Arkansas, was born at Fort Smith on December 25, 1923. He received his education in the Van Buren schools, after which he was employed by Frank Horton and Co., Engineers, at Fort Smith. Entering the Naval Air Corps, he received boot training at Great Lakes, Chicago, Illinois, and by later attendance at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tennessee, qualified as an aviation machinist. After being attached for one year to the Ferry Command No. 3, he was returned to the United States. While engaged in a routine flight from Portland, Oregon to Red Bluff, California, the plane carrying this valient young flier and his crew was reported missing on November 29, 1945, and it is presumed they were killed, since no trace of them was found.

2.—Petty Officer 2/c Exton Fife Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roach Bennett, was born on October 24, 1912, at Mulberry, Arkansas. Following his graduation from Van Buren (Arkansas) High School, he was employed as a grocery clerk and salesman for the Gateway Baking Company at Fort Smith. He entered the Navy on April 5, 1944, and received boot training at San Diego, California, later being sent to the Hawaiian Islands on June 13, 1944, where he was in charge of baking, and manager of the Officer's Cafe. Among his decorations for meritorious service is the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon. Petty Officer Bennett was honorably discharged from the service on December 13, 1945, at Memphis. He and his wife, Helen, are the parents of two sons.

3.—T/5 John Martin Piles, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Fuqua, was born September 12, 1921, at Hon, Arkansas. He received his education by attending Fort Smith and Clarksville High Schools, afterwards being employed as taxi driver and cook. Entering the Army Ordnance Dept. June 18, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Robinson, later attending Q.M. Basic Auto Mechanic School, where he qualified for automobile mechanic and cook. After almost five months' training in the United States, he was sent to Casablanca, Africa, November 2, 1942, and saw service in the Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, and Germany campaigns. Corporal Piles qualified for rifle sharpshooter July 24, 1942, and was awarded five Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, July 29, 1945, returning to Fort Smith, where he lives with his wife, Imajean.

4.—Pfc. Herbert L. Weldon, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Weldon of Van Buren, Arkansas, was born at Havana, Arkansas, on July 26, 1919. Educated in the Oak Grove and Van Buren Public Schools, he was a service station operator and truck driver until entering the Army on June 5, 1944. Private Weldon received Infantry basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and served seven months in this country before he was sent to the Pacific in December 1944. During his 13 months overseas with the 43rd Infantry Division, he took part in the Leyte and Luzon campaigns in the Philippines and also saw service in Japan after the end of the war, with the 9th Infantry Division. Wounded in the Philippines, he was awarded the Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on February 17, 1946. He and his wife, Louise, have one child.

5.—Watertender 2/c Horace C. Cartwright, son of Mrs. Bess Griffin, was born in Cleburne, Teaxs, on November 5, 1915, and moved to Arkansas in 1921. He received his education in the Van Buren, Arkansas, Public Schools, after which he was employed by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Co. He entered service in the Navy Seabees on September 25, 1943, receiving boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia, and later attending 40 MM Anti-aircraft School.

During his 25 months of service, he was attached to the 20th and 3rd Naval Construction Regiments, and the 10th and 130th Naval Construction Battalions. He served overseas for a total of 20 months, taking part in the invasion of Okinawa and serving on the Islands of Ohua and Saipan. Holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with Battle Stars denoting his engagements, he was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, on November 24, 1945. He and his wife, Dorothy, and their child live in Van Buren, Arkansas.

6.—T/4 Neal Fuller is the son of Mrs. Geneva Fuller of Huntington, Arkansas, where he was born on June 28, 1915. He attended the Huntington Schools and Mansfield High School and was employed by the Post Engineers at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, until entering military service on February 2, 1944. After completing basic training at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, he was sent with his unit, the 1498th Engineer Co. to the Asiatic-Pacific theater in August, 1944. Overseas more than 18 months, Sergeant Fuller was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Unit Service Award, and the Victory Ribbon. He returned to the United States and was honorably discharged on March 8, 1946, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He is the father of a son.

7.—Pfc. Joseph Robert Austin, son of Fulton Elisha and Josephine McMurdo Austin, was born April 25, 1921, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, moving to Arkansas in 1928. After receiving his education by attending Waldron High School, he enlisted in the Army (Guard and Service Co.), October 26, 1940, and received basic training at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, specializing as tailor and litter bearer. After serving over four years in the United States, he was sent to the Asiatic-Pacific theater February 17, 1945, and participated in Southern Philippine, Leyte, and Mindanao campaigns. Private Austin qualified for rifle and sub-machine gun marksman and pistol sharpshooter and was awarded Unit Citation and the Good Conduct Medal. Returning to the United States December 17, 1945, he was honorably discharged at Ft. Leavenworth, December 29, 1945. He and his wife, Marion, live in Waldron with their child.

8.—Pfc. Lester W. Tucker, son of William A. and Gertrude Tucker, was born at Boothe, Arkansas, February 27, 1927. He received his education by attending Abbott, Lucas, and Waldron Public Schools. Entering the Army Air Corps June 18, 1945, he received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, qualifying for auto mechanic, blacksmith and machinist. Private Tucker served six months attached to 436th A.A.F. Bn., and received the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, and Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged December 21, 1945, and reenlisted at Barksdale Field, Louisiana.

9.—S/Sgt. Dollie W. Tucker, daughter of William A. and Gertrude Tucker, was born June 22, 1918, at Keota, Oklahoma. She received her education by attending Mansfield and Waldron, Arkansas, Public Schools, afterwards being employed by Wortz Biscuit Co., Fort Smith, Arkansas. Enlisting in the Women's Army Corps in November 1942, she received basic training at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, later attending Adjutant General's School, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and Recruiting School, Ft. Des Moines, where she specialized in recruiting. Sergeant Tucker served three years with the 4852nd Service Command Unit. She qualified for typist and file clerk and has received WAAC, Good Conduct, American Theater, and World War II Victory Ribbons. She reenlisted in the service and, according to last report, was stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

10.—M/Sgt. Sam W. Tucker, son of William A. and Gertrude Tucker, was born at Boothe, Arkansas, October 14, 1916. He received his education by attending Abbott Grade and Waldron High Schools. Enlisting in the Army Air Corps May 14, 1941, he



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received basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and by attending Airplane Mechanics' School at Chanute Field, Illinois, qualified for airplane mechanic and flight chief. He was sent to England August 6, 1942, attached to 64th Troop Carrier Group. He served in Algerian, Tunisia, Sicilian, Naples-Foggia, Southern France, Rome-Arno, Northern Apennines, Po Valley, Southern Germany, and Imphal Valley (C.B.I.) campaigns. He has received World War II Victory Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, European Theater of Operations Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Ribbon, Unit Citation and 10 Bronze Battle Stars. Discharged November 22, 1945, Sergeant Tucker reenlisted for further service at Barksdale Field, Louisiana.

11.—Pfc. Don Glee Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Chapman, was born at Calvin, Oklahoma. He received his education in the Calvin Public Schools, after which he owned and operated a cafe at Alma, Arkansas. Private Chapman entered the Infantry October 16, 1944, and received basic training at Camp Robinson. After five and a half months service with the 38th Division in the States, he was sent to the Philippine Islands March 30, 1945, to participate in the Leyte, New Guinea and Luzon campaigns. Among other decorations, he was awarded the Expert Combat Infantryman's Badge, and Good Conduct Medal. He received an honorable discharge at Camp Chaffee, December 8, 1945, and returned to Alma, where he lives with his wife, Myra, and their child.

12.—Cpl. Guy Brown, son of Mary Gertrude and Tony Auston Brown, was born April 17, 1920, at Waveland, Arkansas. After receiving his education by attending Waldron High School, he enlisted in the Marine Corps November 7, 1941. Receiving boot training at San Diego, California, he later attended Demolition and Rifle Instructors Schools, qualifying for demolition specialist and rifle instructor. Serving two and a half years attached to Rifle Range Detachment, he departed January 5, 1942, for American Samoa Islands, later participating in the Guadalcanal campaigns and consolidation of the Southern Solomon Islands. Corporal Brown qualified for expert pistol and rifleman in March 1944, and was awarded two Presidential Citations, American Defense Ribbon, Southwest Pacific Ribbon with two Stars, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged at Quantico, Virginia, November 15, 1945. Corporal Brown has reenlisted for three years.

13.—Seaman 1/c J. R. Brown, son of Mary Gertrude and Tony Auston Brown of Waldron, Arkansas, was born at Millard, Arkansas, May 21, 1925. He attended Waldron High School before entering the Navy in August 1943. He completed boot training at San Diego, California, and after only two months in this country was given sea duty aboard the transport U.S.S. Mount Vernon. Seaman Brown served with this ship for more than two and a half years of foreign service and saw action in the battle for Tarawa. He made a total of 21 crossings of the Pacific while his ship was engaged in transporting troops and supplies. Wearer of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, European Theater, and Victory Ribbons, he was honorably discharged at Lido Beach, Long Island, New York, on March 2, 1946.

14.—Flight Officer Eugene Bennett Isaacks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Isaacks of Alma, Arkansas, was born at Fort Smith, Arkansas, June 12, 1918. He attended Alma High School and was a carpenter until enlisting in the Regular Army on October 22, 1939. He was trained at Moffett Field, California, and then attended Mechanic's School and became an aviation mechanic. Flight Officer Isaacks then was selected for training as a pilot, and after attending several pilot's schools received his commission on November 20, 1944. He was already a veteran of more than 10 months of overseas service, taking part in the Middle East and African campaigns in

1942 and 1943. He had also seen service on Ascension Island in the South Atlantic. After almost six years of military service, he was placed on inactive duty at Tucson, Arizona, on October 13, 1945. He and his wife, the former Blanche Butler, are the parents of one daughter.

15.—Ens. Stan Arthur Isaacks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Arthur Isaacks of Alma, Arkansas, was born at Atchinson, Kansas, October 30, 1921, and moved with his parents to Arkansas that same year. He attended Alma High School, and was employed as a clerk by the Sears-Roebuck Company until entering the Navy Seabees on November 19, 1943. He completed boot training at Wilmington and Norfolk, Virginia, and then transferred to the Navy. Ensign Isaacks received further training at the University of North Carolina, Lido Beach, New York, and Howard, New York, and became an administration specialist. After two years in this country he was sent to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in September 1945, and served on Okinawa before going to Japan where he was stationed at last report received, with the Army of Occupation of Japan. He expected to be discharged sometime in 1946.

16.—Seaman 1/c Calvin Lorraine Rutlege, son of Joseph Heber and Lela Gearldine Rutlege, was born at Buffalo, Kansas, November 26, 1911, moving to Arkansas in 1923. He attended grade school at Quinton, Oklahoma, and high school at Van Buren, Arkansas. He was employed as hoist operator and truck driver, before being inducted in the service. He received boot training at San Diego, California, and attended Gunner's Mate School there. After serving six months in this country he was sent to Milne Bay, New Guinea, and served 11 months in the South Pacific, seeing action in Lingayen Gulf, on Okinawa and Saka Shima. For these campaigns he holds the Asiatic-Pacific, American Theater and Victory Ribbons. Seaman Rutlege returned to the States October 21, 1945, and was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, November 1, 1945. He now resides at Van Buren, with his wife, Josephine Louise, and their children.

17.—Pfc. Charles Richard Baldenweck, son of Gertrude C. and C. M. Baldenweck, was born April 21, 1926, in St. Louis, Missouri, moving to Arkansas in 1940. He attended St. Peter's School in Joplin, Missouri; Our Lady of Good Council, Kansas City, Missouri; Lindenwood and Sutton Schools, St. Louis, Missouri; and Van Buren High School, Van Buren, Arkansas. Entering the Army Air Corps March 14, 1944, he was called to active duty November 17, 1944, and reported to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He was sent to Keesler Field, Mississippi, for basic training, and to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Radio Operator-Mechanic School. He graduated from Scott Field, Illinois, receiving diploma and wings and qualifying as sharpshooter and radio operator. He also served at Greensboro, North Carolina, and Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia, before being sent on October 23, 1945, to LaHavre, Chateau Thierry, and Villancoubly (Paris), France. Private Baldenweck was a member of the orchestra and band and, according to last report received was still in service in Paris. His home is in Van Buren.

18.—2nd Lt. Dewey Max Wooten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey M. Wooten of Mansfield, Arkansas, was born at Ione, Arkansas, on June 20, 1922. He attended Mansfield High School and enlisted in the Army Air Corps on July 10, 1940. He completed basic training at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, and then attended Mechanics' School. He also attended the Boeing Flying Fortress School and B-25 Combat Crew School after receiving his wings and commission in the Flying Cadet Program. Lieutenant Wooten served as pilot in the Training Command and also was attached to the 1st Air Force for the duration of his five and a half years in the military service. He has elected to remain in the Air Corps, and is now stationed at Lake Charles, Louisiana. He and his wife, the former Wilma Inez Rainwater, are the parents of one child.

19.—Cpl. James Andrew Wooten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Wooten, of Mansfield, Arkansas, was born on January 23, 1925, at Booneville, Arkansas. Educated at Mansfield High School, he entered the Marine Corps on May 18, 1943, and was sent to San Diego, California, for boot training. Corporal Wooten attended Sea School and was assigned to the Marine Detachment aboard the U.S.S. North Carolina. Arriving in the South Pacific in September 1943, he took part in the operations of New Guinea, Gilbert Islands, Marshall Islands, the Philippines, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa, and raids on the Marianas Islands, Saipan, Tinian, and the Mainland of Japan. Overseas more than two years, he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 11 Battle Stars and served with the Army of Occupation of Japan. He was honorably discharged on November 4, 1945, at Great Lakes, Illinois.

20.—Pvt. Rex Farmer Wooten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Wooten, of Mansfield, Arkansas, was born on September 28, 1920, at Ione, Arkansas. After completing his education at Mansfield High School he enlisted in the Regular Army on August 6, 1940. Sent to Ft. Wordan, Washington, for basic training, he became a machine gunner and served almost five years with the 104th Anti-aircraft Artillery in this country before he was sent to the Philippine Islands in January 1945. Overseas six months, he took part in the fighting on Leyte and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Battle Star and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star. A veteran of more than five years of military service, he was honorably discharged on November 26, 1945, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. His wife is the former Janice Thomson.



JOE E. RICE

Pfc. Joe Ed Rice, son of Mrs. Mary Catherine Rice of 1217 Mary Allen, St., Van Buren, Arkansas, was born at Huntsville, Alabama, on May 16, 1915. After graduating from Van Buren High School, he was employed as a brakeman by the Missouri Pacific Railroad prior to his entrance into the Marine Corps on April 18, 1944. Following boot training at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California, for four months, Private Pendleton was sent overseas and engaged in the fighting on Okinawa with his unit, Co. F, 2nd Bn., 1st Marines. He landed on Okinawa on the morning of Easter Sunday, 1945, and fought heroically in this battle until he was killed in action on May 23, 1945. The exploits of this gallant American and the many others who, like him, made the supreme sacrifice for their country, will live in the memory of a grateful nation. Among his decorations are the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with Battle Stars denoting his engagements, and the Order of the Purple Heart, awarded posthumously. He is survived by his mother; his wife, Pauline Harvey Rice, and two children.



2nd Lt. Jack Alvin Rice, son of Mrs. Mary Catherine Rice of Van Buren, Arkansas, was born at Alma, Arkansas, on December 30, 1921. After graduating from Van Buren High School, and with 14 months' experience in the Arkansas National Guard, he entered the 142nd Field Artillery on January 6, 1941, and attained the rank of sergeant. In December 1941, Sergeant Rice transferred to the 81st Tank Destroyer Bn., and held the rank of staff sergeant at the time he was sent to Ft. Benning, Georgia, in December 1942, to attend Officer Candidate School. Here he received a commission as second lieutenant and held that rank during the remainder of his military service. Holder of Sharpshooter Medals (rifle, pistol and machine gun), Lieutenant Rice was retired to inactive status at Camp Fanning, Texas, April 7, 1944.



JACK A. RICE



JESSE M. RICE

Storekeeper 3/c Jesse Morgan Rice, son of Mrs. Mary Catherine Rice of Van Buren, Arkansas, was born at Huntsville, Alabama, on March 3, 1917. He moved to Arkansas with his family in 1920, and completed his education in the Van Buren schools. Employed as a shipping and receiving clerk by the Sears and Roebuck Company at Fort Smith, he entered the Navy on March 2, 1944. Upon completion of his boot training at Farragut, Idaho, he attended special schools at Farragut and became expert at disbursing. A veteran of two years' service with Carrier Aircraft Service Unit 6, he was honorably discharged at Shoemaker, California, April 2, 1946. He and his wife, the former Mary Louise Boatman, are the parents of one child.