

OKLAHOMA WAR MEMORIAL—WORLD WAR II



PART VII*

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PRESTON ADAMS, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Fort Cobb, Caddo County. Jess M. Adams, Father, Rt. 1, Fort Cobb. Born May 11, 1915. Enlisted January 11, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died February 20, 1944, in action in Italy.

EDD M. ALBERSON, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Fittstown, Pontotoc County. Mrs. Agnes Alberson, Mother, Fittstown. Born February 28, 1921. Enlisted September 8, 1942. Died March 23, 1944, in action, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, South Pacific.

WILLIAM A. ALEXANDER, Corporal, U. S. Army. Home address: Roff, Pontotoc County. Mrs. Louise Alexander, Wife, Rt. 1,

Fitzhugh, Oklahoma. Born February 17, 1923. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Received commendation for bravery in November, 1943; ribbons for service in Sicilian campaign and good conduct. Member of the Oklahoma National Guard, enlisted November 8, 1938. Served in Field Artillery, 45th Division. Died February 12, 1944, in action, Anzio Beach, Italy.

LONNIE W. APPLETON, Technician, Fourth Grade, U. S. Army. Home address: Pawhuska, Osage County. Mr. and Mrs. Luis W. Appleton, Parents, Red Eagle Route, Pawhuska. Born May 11, 1908. Enlisted 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died March 7, 1944, in action, Los Negros Island Admiralty, South Pacific.

EUGENE H. AUSTIN, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Pryor, Mayes County. Monroe Austin, Father, 15 South Adair, Pryor. Born April 19, 1925. Enlisted August 9, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died May 29, 1944, in action in Italy.

EVERETT L. BAILEY, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Stillwater, Payne County. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bailey, Parents, 419 Main Street, Stillwater. Born August 22, 1923. Enlisted March 24, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Air Medal; three Oak Leaf Clusters. Attended Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater. Boy Scout and Captain of *Sons of American Legion*, Stillwater. Completed thirty missions over Europe. Died April 24, 1944, in disabled plane crash landing in Switzerland.

RAYMOND R. BAKER, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Geary, Blaine and Canadian counties. Mr. and Mrs. Charley A. Baker, Parents, Rt. 2, Geary. Born January 2, 1915. Enlisted July 29, 1942. Died January 31, 1944, in action in Italy.

WILLIAM L. BAKER, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. William S. Baker, Father, 2812 East 10th, Tulsa. Born January 2, 1923. Enlisted September 15, 1942. Died March 15, 1944, in line of duty, airplane crash, Cheddar, England.

WILLIAM BALDUFF, Flight Sergeant, Royal Canadian Air Force. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Beulah T. Balduff, Mother, 2261 South Delaware Court, Tulsa. Born June 23, 1917. Enlisted August, 1941. Died July 29, 1943, Sedgewick, England.

KYLE E. BALL, First Lieutenant, Cavalry, U. S. Army. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Eva C. Shinn, Mother, 3507 East Admiral Court, Tulsa. Born September 19, 1919. Enlisted July 3, 1940. Graduated Oklahoma Military Academy, Junior College, 1938, Claremore. Received Honor Medal, Reserve Officers Training Corps, 1938. In service before Pearl Harbor, awarded

Good Conduct Medal. Died January 11, 1943, in line of duty, airplane crash, Brookfield, Texas.

DONALD L. BARTON, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Ada, Pontotoc County. Mrs. Elizabeth MacLeod Barton, Mother, 1112 East 9th, College Heights, Ada. Born February 1, 1918. Enlisted October 16, 1940. Attended East Central State College, Ada. Special study in aeronautics at Pasadena Junior College, Pasadena, California. Received wings and commission at Mather Field, California; served as instructor in basic and "twin engine" training for a year at Pecos, Texas. Volunteered for "four engine" training at Hobbs Field, New Mexico and upon completion of this special course, was ready for commission as first lieutenant. Died June 20, 1944, in line of duty, volunteer test flight, airplane crash Hobbs Field, New Mexico.

NORMAN B. BAYLOR, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Joy Baylor, Wife, 725 N.W. Ninth Street, Oklahoma City. Born July 8, 1920. Enlisted August 10, 1941. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Air Medal; Oak Leaf Cluster. Flew small cub plane as observer for Field Artillery. Died May 11, 1944, in action in Italy.

BERDETT BERNARD BERTON, Lieutenant, Junior Grade, U. S. Navy. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Mary Kathryn Berton, Wife, 2006 W. Willard, Long Beach, California. Born December 17, 1912. Enlisted May 11, 1931. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Died February 14, 1944, in action, South Pacific.

ORVILLE O. BLACK, Captain, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. John Lindsay, Mother, 814 West 8th Street, Oklahoma City. Born May 26, 1916. Enlisted June, 1941. Of Choctaw Indian descent. Attended Classen High School. Enlisted in the Army 1934, serving three years; after honorable discharge, employed by Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company, Oklahoma City; re-enlisted in 1938, continued studies and promoted in service; transferred to Air Corps 1941 and stationed at Hickam Field, Territory of Hawaii, serving during attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. Attended Officers' Candidate School, Aberdeen, Maryland, and received wings and commission as second lieutenant April 20, 1942. Sailed for overseas' duty July, 1942, and during service in Ordnance Department in Africa, was promoted successively to rank of captain. Seriously injured in jeep accident November 28, 1943, near Manduria, Italy. Died November 29, 1943, in North African area .

FRANK WOODWARTH BOHLANDER, Jr., Seaman, Second Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Frank W. Bohlander, Sr., Father, 2240 South Nogales St., Tulsa 7. Born March

26, 1922. Enlisted September 25, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Died May 8, 1942, in line of duty on board the U. S. S. *Lexington* sunk in the Battle of the Coral Sea, South Pacific.

LESLIE A. BOND, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Chickasha, Grady County. Mrs. J. W. Bond, Mother, 1408 South 8th St., Chickasha. Born September 26, 1915. Enlisted February 26, 1941. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Air Medal. Died April 19, 1944, in line of duty over Germany.

NEIL RAY BOYCE, Ensign, U. S. Naval Reserve. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mr. and Mrs. Ray P. Boyce, Parents, 2225 N. W. 19th St., Oklahoma City 7. Born April 4, 1917. Enlisted February 20, 1942. Attended Oklahoma City University. Accepted appointment and executed oath of office as Ensign, U. S. Naval Reserve, June 12, 1943. Ordered to Transition Training Squadron Atlantic Fleet for temporary flying under instruction, and for further transfer to Air Force Atlantic Fleet for duty, from which he was detached December 23, 1943, and ordered to Fleet Air Wing for duty flying in Patrol Squadron. Died April 11, 1944, in airplane crash, fifteen miles east of Columbus, New Mexico.

DAVID WILLIAM BOYD, Technical Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mr. and Mrs. David H. Boyd, Parents, 319½ N. W. 12th St., Oklahoma City. Born November 1, 1922. Enlisted November 19, 1942. Decorations: Air Medal; Oak Leaf Cluster; Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously, and Citation of Honor. Graduated Classen High School, Oklahoma City. Member of First English Lutheran Church, Oklahoma City. Baseball player (pitcher on Tankersley Sandlot team). Sailed for duty overseas January, 1944. Died April 21, 1944, returning from mission over Germany.

GEORGE RAY BRADFORD, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Roy Bradford, Mother, Rt. 3, Tulsa 15. Born June 3, 1918. Enlisted February 18, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Awarded expert marksmanship medal. Graduated East Central High School, Tulsa, 1936. Served in Infantry, 45th Division. Died July 29, 1943, in North African area.

IRA BRADSHAW, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Wagoner, Wagoner County. Mrs. Minnie Bradshaw, Wife, Rt. 1, Wagoner. Born April 19, 1915. Enlisted December 11, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died January 11, 1944, in Italy.

JACK E. BRANDENBURG, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Bethany, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Mary

E. Brandenburg, Wife, 124 N. W. 5th Street, Oklahoma City. Born August 22, 1918. Enlisted August 19, 1941. Decorations: Air Medal; three Oak Leaf Clusters; Distinguished Flying Cross; Order of the Purple Heart. Overseas eight months, serving on thirty-nine missions. Died April 8, 1944, in line of duty in England.

PAUL DENNIS BUCHER, Ensign, U. S. Navy. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Catherine Bucher, Wife, 1509 South Evanston, Tulsa 4. Born October 22, 1921. Enlisted June 5, 1940. Decoration: American Defense Service Medal. After training at Great Lakes, Illinois, he attended Aviation Machinist School at Pensacola, Florida, where he advanced to first class Petty Officer. Sent to Pre-flight School at Athens, Georgia, February 13, 1943, where he ranked 7th highest in battalion of 400 men. Designated Aviation Pilot, November 19, 1943, and appointed Ensign on November 25, 1943. After further operational training, he qualified for his carrier landings aboard the U. S. S. *Sable*. Reported San Diego, California, April 20, 1944, for active duty flying the Navy *Corsair*. Died May 9, 1944, Escondido, California.

D. F. BURKETT, Jr., Torpedoman, Third Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Burkett, Sr., Parents, 843 North Birmingham Place, Tulsa 4. Born November 21, 1921. Enlisted June 28, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated Will Rogers High School, Tulsa, 1941. Baseball player. Died November 16, 1942, Savo Island, South Pacific.

LOYD K. BURRIS, Aviation Cadet, U. S. Army. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Lee Burris, Mother, 1224 West Admiral, Tulsa. Born June 28, 1920. Enlisted June, 1941. Attended Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater, and was outstanding athlete. Died August 19, 1942, Ryan Field, Hemet, California.

JOHN T. BURTON, Seaman, Second Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Susie L. Burton, Wife, 1412 West 22nd St., Tulsa. Born March 29, 1908. Enlisted February 25, 1944. Died April 19, 1944, in accident on furlough while working at Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation, Tulsa.

GEORGE L. BUTLER, Jr., Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Marynel Butler, Wife, 2857 N. W. 20th St., Oklahoma City. Born August 9, 1918. Enlisted September 19, 1939. Member Oklahoma National Guard, enlisted July 1, 1937, to May 31, 1939. Graduated High School, Perry, Oklahoma. Received wings and commission at Miami, Florida, and served overseas eight months as transportation officer. Died October 4, 1943, in airplane crash, New Guinea, Southwest Pacific.

JOHN W. CAMP, Corporal, U. S. Army. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. John M. Camp, Father, 1242 South Urbana, Tulsa.

Born December 2, 1924. Enlisted February 1, 1943. Awarded good conduct medal. Served with Combat Engineers. Died April 27, 1944, in accident during routine training duties, Camp Maxey, Texas.

KERMIT L. CARPER, Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Gould, Harmon County. Mrs. Janice Alma Carper, Wife, Rt. 1, c/o J. L. Hightower, Duke, Oklahoma. Born December 18, 1921. Enlisted January 21, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died January 20, 1944, in action in Italy.

SILAS CARROLL, Jr., Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Beulah M. Carroll, Wife, Barnsdall, Oklahoma. Born November 29, 1916. Enlisted April 23, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died March 12, 1944, in line of duty in Italy.

ARTHUR B. CHANDLER, Jr., Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Erna H. Chandler, Mother, 3021 N. W. 22nd St., Oklahoma City. Born July 10, 1921. Enlisted January, 1942. Graduated Classen High School, Oklahoma City, 1939. Attended St. Luke's Methodist Church. Received wings and commission Brookes Field, San Antonio, Texas, January 14, 1943. Served as fighter pilot. Died June 11, 1943, in airplane crash on maneuvers, Indio, California.

JAMES ROBERT CHRISTIE, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Christie, Parents, 1524 North Birmingham Place, Tulsa. Born May 20, 1920. Enlisted October 22, 1941. Served as Bomber Pilot, Ferry Command. Died August 28, 1943, in Tulsa.

HAROLD E. ("GENE") CLANTON, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Clanton, Parents, 309 West Cameron, Tulsa 6. Born December 27, 1921. Enlisted July 2, 1940. Decorations: Air Medal; two Oak Leaf Clusters. Served as Assistant Engineer and Left-waist Gunner. Died October 10, 1943, Muenster, Germany.

BEN E. COFFEY, Private, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve. Home address: Wynnewood, Garvin County. Mrs. Orpha L. Coffey, Mother, Wynnewood. Born April 14, 1923. Enlisted December 15, 1943. Died January 9, 1944, Southwest Pacific.

ERNEST S. COLE, Captain, U. S. Army. Home address: Atoka, Atoka County. Mrs. Ernest S. Cole, Wife, Purcell, Oklahoma. Born January 11, 1909. Enlisted March 1942. Served in Ordnance Regiment. Died October 27, 1943, in French Morocco, North Africa.

E. L. ("CONNIE") CONRAD, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Helen L. Conrad, Wife,

2746 East 10th St., Tulsa. Born March 24, 1906. Enlisted July 8, 1942. Died January 21, 1944, in Italy.

PRESTON L. COOK, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Preston L. Cook, Wife, 1000 S.W. 30th St., Oklahoma City. Born October 28, 1919. Enlisted February 5, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart and Citation of Honor. Died April 20, 1944, on board troop ship sunk by enemy action in Mediterranean Sea.

ALVIN J. COPELAND, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Ringling, Carter County. Mrs. Anna Belle Copeland, Wife, Rt. 1, Ringling. Born February 14, 1917. Enlisted February 13, 1940. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Silver Star. Died February 20, 1944, in line of duty, Anzio Beachhead, Italy.

DEAN HOLLAND CORBETT, Corporal, U. S. Army. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. H. L. Corbett, Father, 2440 Terwilliger Blvd., Tulsa. Born April 1, 1918. Enlisted March 13, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served in Medical Detachment. Died July 30, 1943, in Sicily.

GENE ("SONNY") COUCH, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Bixby, Tulsa County. Mrs. Ruth Couch, Wife, Bixby. Born July 13, 1920. Enlisted December 19, 1941. First enlisted in Cavalry, transferred to the Armored Tank Division, and later to Army Air Corps. Served as Gunner on bomber. Died March 11, 1944, on duty, mid-air collision over Tunisia, North Africa.

EDWARD COULTER, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Duncan, Stephens County. Mrs. O. L. King, Sister, Duncan. Born December 27, 1917. Enlisted May 17, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served with Combat Engineers. Died January 29, 1944, in action, Cassino, Italy.

PAUL WILLIAM CRAWFORD, Private, First Class, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Clara Bernice Crawford, Mother, 307 South 71st St., Tulsa 15. Born November 22, 1924. Enlisted December 7, 1942. Died September 5, 1943, Sedalia, Missouri.

JOE CURLEY, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Shawnee, Pottawatomie County. Blanche Saxton, Cousin, 214½ East Main, Shawnee. Born November 8, 1908. Enlisted January 30, 1941. Member of the Catholic Church. Served with Field Artillery, 45th Division. Died March 30, 1944, in action in Italy.

WILLIAM C. DAY, Corporal, U. S. Army. Home address: Crowder, Pittsburg County. Mrs. William C. Day, Wife, Apt. 2E, 5228 Carlos Ave., Richmond, California. Born January 6, 1918. Enlisted December 6, 1939. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died March 7, 1944, South Pacific.

ALBERT R. DEFEHR, Major, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Corn, Washita County. Mrs. Albert R. Defehr, Wife, Weatherford, Oklahoma. Born April 8, 1918. Enlisted October 16, 1940. Decorations: Air Medal; Oak Leaf Cluster; Order of the Purple Heart. Served overseas beginning September, 1941, as commanding officer of Fighter Squadron. Died March 15, 1944, in action in Italy.

EDWARD G. DIETZ, Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dietz, Parents, Rt. 8, Oklahoma City. Born March 9, 1918. Enlisted January 7, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died April 20, 1944, on board American ship sunk by enemy action in the Mediterranean Sea.

ROBERT A. DINGER, Aviation Cadet, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dinger, Parents, 810 South Toledo, Tulsa 4. Born January 21, 1923. Enlisted April, 1943. Died September 3, 1943, Curtis Field, Brady, Texas.

LESLIE W. DOWELL, Ensign, U. S. Navy. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Vern B. Dowell, Sr., Father, 1547 North Cincinnati, Tulsa. Born August 24, 1918. Enlisted April 24, 1942. Served as Flight Officer, attached to North Base, Naval Air Station, Norman, Oklahoma. Died April 10, 1943, airplane crash, near Moore, Oklahoma.

ELIJAH L. EARHART, Private, First Class, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: Tishomingo, Johnston County. William G. Earhart, Father, Tishomingo. Born June 8, 1920. Enlisted August 19, 1940. Died February 20, 1944, Marshall Islands, South Pacific.

RALPH CLAY EDWARDS, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Sand Springs, Tulsa County. Mrs. Ralph C. Edwards, Wife, Burbank, Oklahoma. Born March 14, 1920. Enlisted November 4, 1941. Graduated, having majored in radio speech, University of Oklahoma, June 9, 1941. Member of Baptist Church. Graduated in Navigation and commissioned Second Lieutenant May 2, 1942, and assigned as instructor in Navigation Schools at Kelly Field and Hondo, Texas. Promoted to First Lieutenant November 9, 1942, and was later highly recommended for his superior proficiency and knowledge in navigation equipment and tactical procedures. A special recommendation from his Commanding Officer stated: "This officer has displayed leadership and initiative, and has a high regard for duty." Died November 11, 1943, on last flight bombardier training, mid-air training plane collision, Roswell, New Mexico.

JOHN R. ELDER, Technical Sergeant, Engineers, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Heavener, Le Flore County. Katherine Brower, Sister. c/o Mrs. Lee Elder, Heavener. Born April 13, 1921. Enlisted July 16, 1942. Graduated Heavener High School 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died December 22, 1943, somewhere in Germany.

JAMES EPHRAM EMERSON, Torpedoman's Mate, Second Class, U. S. Navy. Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Emerson, Parents, Wister. Born January 10, 1918. Enlisted July 11, 1939. Attended High School, Wister, and recommended for excellent character. Died November 11, 1942, in line of duty when his ship was torpedoed off coast of French Morocco, North Africa.

POLLARD M. FERGUSON, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Haworth, McCurtain County. Mrs. Lulu Ferguson, Mother, Haworth. Born October 18, 1916. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart awarded twice; Oak Leaf Cluster. Member of Oklahoma National Guard, enlisted (1) January 20, 1937, and (2) October 12, 1939. Serving in Infantry, 45th Division, was wounded in North Africa July 10, 1943; again in Italy October 16, 1943; and a third time in Italy December 25, 1943. Died January 11, 1944, in North Africa.

LEONARD L. FLAGLER, Technical Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: El Reno, Canadian County. Mrs. E. W. Flagler, Mother, 710 South Roberts, El Reno. Born August 14, 1915. Enlisted August, 1940. Field Artillery, 45th Division. Died February 21, 1944, in Italy.

CHARLES E. FONTAINE, Flight Officer, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Henryetta, Okmulgee County. Mrs. Valentine M. Fontaine, Mother, Rt. 2, Henryetta. Born December 1, 1922. Enlisted June 6, 1941. Graduated Valedictorian of his class High School 1939; attended business college one year. Graduated Staff Sergeant August 5, 1942, Ellington Field, Houston, Texas. Made Flight Officer January 5, 1943, and was serving as unlimited Pilot on Troop Transport Carrier. Died March 27, 1943, in airplane crash (deterioration in mid-air), Oliver Springs, Tennessee.

DANIEL C. FOX, Technical Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Pocasset, Grady County. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Fox, Parents, Pocasset. Born January 7, 1923. Enlisted August 4, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served as Radio Operator. Died August 12, 1943, in line of duty in vicinity of Cologne, Germany.

JACK W. GARDNER, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Betty Jean Gardner, Wife, 1411 East King, Tulsa. Born December 22, 1923. Enlisted December 26, 1942. Died March 21, 1944, in Italy.

JOHN HENRY GAULT, U. S. Merchant Marine. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Roy Staton, Aunt, 38th & Eastern, Oklahoma City. Born September 11, 1920. Enlisted September 15, 1941. Injured in the torpedoing and sinking of a new Liberty ship. Died June 27, 1943, on a raft and buried at sea in the Indian Ocean near Durban, South Africa.

LESTER E. GENTRY, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Pawnee, Pawnee County. Mrs. Virginia Gentry, Wife, Pawnee. Born November 23, 1919. Enlisted April, 1942. Served as Bombardier. Died January 29, 1944, in action over Frankfurt, Germany.

HAROLD L. GILLENWATERS, Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Chickasha, Grady County. Mrs. Aalice E. Gillenwaters, Wife, Rt. 4, Blanchard. Born December 25, 1920. Enlisted August 31, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died April 20, 1944, on board transport sunk by enemy action Mediterranean Sea.

CHARLES ROSS GOODWIN, Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Ira F. Goodwin, Mother, 809 South Quaker, Tulsa 5. Born November 21, 1918. Enlisted December 10, 1941. Decorations: Air Medal; Order of the Purple Heart. Reported missing in action Mediterranean area. Died November 28, 1943, in action Mediterranean area.

W. E. ("BILL") GORDON, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. W. E. Gordon, Mother, 2607 South Boston Place, Tulsa. Born April 17, 1908. Enlisted January 22, 1943. Served in Field Artillery. Died May 29, 1943, struck by lightning in field on maneuvers, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

ROY L. GRANT, Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Durant, Bryan County. Mrs. Anna Grant Mackey, Mother, 1215 North 6th St., Durant. Born August 21, 1919. Enlisted January 29, 1942. Decorations: Air Medal; two Oak Leaf Clusters; Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated Durant High School and Southeastern State College, Durant. Served as Navigator and Bombardier. Died January 30, 1944, in line of duty over Brunswick, Germany.

RAYMOND LEE GRAY, Aviation Cadet, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Estelle I. Gray, Mother, 4924 East 2nd St., Tulsa 4. Born August 22, 1922. Enlisted December 2, 1942. Died August 19, 1943, in airplane crash, Ponca City, Oklahoma.

ROBERT L. GUERNSEY, Private, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Elise Althea Guernsey, Wife, 40 North Louisville, Tulsa 4. Born 21, 1912. Enlisted October

3, 1939. Died July 1, 1943, in Japanese prison Camp, Philippine Islands.

WILLIAM H. HAGER, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Alva, Woods County. Mrs. Ida L. Hager, Wife, Capron, Oklahoma. Born October 1, 1920. Enlisted October 1, 1942. Decorations: Air Medal; two Oak Leaf Clusters; Order of the Purple Heart; Citation of Honor. Served as Assistant Engineer and Gunner. Died February 4, 1944, in line of duty over Frankfort, Germany.

FRED HAKLOTUBBEE, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: McAlester, Pittsburg County. Mrs. Jaunethia Haklotubbee, Wife, Atoka, Oklahoma. Born March 16, 1917. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Choctaw Indian. Attended Jones Academy, Harts-horne, and Goodland Indian Orphanage (high school), Goodland, Oklahoma. Member of the Baptist Church. Member Oklahoma National Guard, enlisted June 2, 1938. Died March 18, 1944, in Italy.

LESLIE W. HAINES, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Holden-ville, Hughes County. Mrs. Bertha Venable, Mother, 114 North Pine St., Holdenville. Born October 2, 1920. Enlisted September 15, 1940. Graduated Spaulding School, Hughes County. Served in Infantry, 45th Division. Died September 16, 1943, North African area.

FRANCIS E. HAMILTON, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Edmond, Oklahoma County. Mrs. and Mrs. Daniel B. Hamilton, Parents, 215 East 6th St., Edmond. Born July 20, 1920. Enlisted August 16, 1939. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died April 20, 1944, North African area.

FRANKLIN HARPER, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Wetumka, Hughes County. J. H. Harper, Father, Wetumka. Born February 8, 1920. Enlisted January 16, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served with the 45th Division. Died March 30, 1944, Anzio Beachhead, Italy.

JOHN HARPER, JR., Technical Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Hulbert, Cherokee County. Mrs. Lina Harper, Mother, Hulbert. Born September 15, 1919. Enlisted January 9, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Wounded in action, serving with 45th Division. Died March 26, 1944, from wounds, in Italy.

HERSCHEL E. HARRIS, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Hobart, Kiowa County. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Harris, Parents, Rt. 1, Hobart. Born June 5, 1919. Enlisted April 5, 1942. Previously enlisted in the Army November 17, 1941. Graduated Hobart High School and attended Kiowa County Junior College two years. Completed advanced flying school bombardier training at Williams Field, Chanler, Arizona, and received wings

January 23, 1943. Served as Bombardier on Liberator Bomber (B-24). Died January 16, 1944, of wounds sustained in airplane crash in Italy.

CLOIS HAWKINS, Corporal, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Jenks, Tulsa County. Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hawkins, Parents, Rt. 5, West Tulsa 7. Born November 6, 1918. Enlisted September 27, 1940. Died July 20, 1942, Visalia, California.

DANIEL HUGH HAWKINS, Machinist's Mate, Second Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Durham, Roger Mills County. Mrs. Frank Hawkins, Mother, Rt. 1, Durham. Born May 11, 1923. Enlisted April 5, 1941. In active service at Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. Died September 17, 1943, in Australia.

JESSIE L. HENDRICKS, Seaman, Second Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. J. I. Hendricks, Mother, 703 South Lansing, Tulsa 5. Born April 10, 1908. Enlisted December 9, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died June 6, 1942, on board U. S. S. *Hammann* sunk by torpedo from an enemy raider, Battle of Midway Island, Central Pacific.

DAVID ("SONNY") HERRON, Machinist's Mate, Third Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Checotah, McIntosh County. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Herron, Parents, Checotah. Born July 3, 1925. Enlisted December 24, 1942. Creek Indian descent. Attended High School. Onapa in McIntosh County and Chilocco Indian School at Chilocco, Oklahoma. Held in high regard by his Captain and shipmates. Died February 14, 1944, in line of duty board ship, Pacific area.

JOHN B. HIGDON, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Leo B. Howard, Sister, 1304 South Gary, Tulsa 4. Born April 5, 1918. Enlisted September, 1941. Graduated Central High School, Tulsa, 1935, and Colorado State College, 1939, where he was affiliated with Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. Received commission June, 1942, and promoted to First Lieutenant October, 1942. Trained at Fort Benning, Georgia, as Paratrooper, Airborne Command. Sailed for duty overseas in spring of 1943 and saw service in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy. Died February 5, 1944, when an artillery shell with delayed fuse struck the command post, in Italy.

CHAD HIGGINS, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Chad Higgins, Wife, 1511 South Quaker, Tulsa 5. Born July 5, 1921. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Member Oklahoma National Guard, enlisted January 1, 1937. Served as Radioman with 45th Division. Transferred to the Air Corps September, 1942, and commissioned Second Lieutenant April 22, 1943. Rated as Aircraft Observer (Bombardier). Died October 23, 1943, in bomber crash, Biggs Field, Texas.

RAYMOND V. HIGHTOWER, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Lookeba, Caddo County. Mrs. Lucille Hightower, Wife, 1811½ East Third St., Tulsa. Born November 28, 1918. Enlisted January, 1940. Served in Headquarters Company, 45th Division. Died February 18, 1944, Anzio, Italy.

HARLEY H. HITCHCOCK, Private, First Class, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Dewey, Washington County. Mrs. Cleta F. Hitchcock, Wife, Dewey. Born February 9, 1923. Enlisted November 2, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart; Citation of Honor. Died April 20, 1944, on board transport, North African area.

ROSS A. HOLMES, Technical Sergeant, U. S. Air Corps. Home address: Okmulgee, Okmulgee County. Mrs. Sallie M. Westphal, Mother, Rt. 1, Okmulgee. Born February 9, 1919. Enlisted July 1, 1940. Served on carrier, Transportation Squadron. Died January 12, 1944, in line of duty European area.

HUBERT A. HOOVEN, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Ardmore, Carter County. Mrs. Thelma Hooven, Wife, 1014 Hargrove, Ardmore. Born March 23, 1914. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served with 45th Division. Died April 1, 1944, Anzio, Italy.

LOVELY O. HOUSTON, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Vian, Sequoyah County. Mrs. Kate Houston, Mother, Star Route, Vian. Born December 17, 1919. Enlisted November, 1940. Died March 21, 1944, in Italy.

GORDON HOWARD, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Sand Springs, Tulsa County. Mrs. Gordon O. Howard, Wife, 111 East Seventh St., Sand Springs. Born April 15, 1916. Enlisted February 26, 1942. Received commission September 3, 1942, Midland, Texas; served as Instructor to February 6, 1943, when he was sent overseas. Died August 22, 1943, off Oahu, Pacific Ocean.

JACK R. HOWARD, Technical Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Norman, Cleveland County. Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Howard, Parents, 807 East Apache, Norman. Born May 28, 1919. Enlisted September 17, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served in Infantry, 45th Division, in Sicily and Italy. Died February 16, 1944, in action, Anzio Beachhead, Italy.

JOHN J. ("JACK") HOWARD, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Pryor, Mayes County. Mr. and Mrs. Babe Howard, Parents, 207 South Rowe St., Pryor. Born January 15, 1921. Enlisted February 26, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart, Air Medal, and Distinguished Flying Cross awarded posthumously. Graduated High School, Pryor, 1938; member High School football team. Received wings and commission September 24,

1942; served as Bombardier, and promoted to First Lieutenant August, 1943. Sailed for duty overseas April, 1943, based in Southwest Pacific, serving with Bombardier Squadron in raids against the enemy. Highly commended by his commanding officers for bravery and loyalty. Died February 15, 1944, in action Kavieng, New Ireland, Southwest Pacific.

HAROLD T. HYNES, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Porter, Wagoner County. Mrs. Iva Hynes, Mother, Porter. Born February 23, 1921. Enlisted August 31, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Porter High School. Died February 20, 1944, in Italy.

HOWARD I. JARRETT, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: McAlester, Pittsburg County. Mrs. Minnie Barnes, Aunt, Rt. 5, McAlester. Born May 16, 1912. Enlisted March 4, 1942. Died July 16, 1942, Lowery Field, Denver, Colorado.

WALTER J. JARVIS, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Atoka, Atoka County. Mrs. Laura M. Jarvis, Mother, Rt. 3, c/o Charlie Komah, Walters, Oklahoma. Born December 14, 1923. Enlisted April 23, 1943. Died February 19, 1944, in action North African area.

WILLIAM B. JEWEL, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Broken Bow, McCurtain County. Mrs. Florence Jewel, Mother, Broken Bow. Born March 10, 1923. Enlisted June 1, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served in Medical Corps, Paratroop Division, Airborne Command, North Africa and Italy. Wounded in North Africa. Died February 7, 1944, in line of duty in Italy.

EDWARD L. JILLSON, Private, First Class, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: Dustin, Hughes County. Mrs. Ed. L. Jillson, Wife, 1916 South Yorktown, Tulsa. Born November 10, 1920. Enlisted July 4, 1940. Died March 5, 1944, in airplane crash, Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, Central Pacific.

GLENWOOD W. JONES, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Sterling, Comanche County. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jones, Parents, Sterling. Born July 29, 1922. Enlisted February 4, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Wounded in volunteer line caring for the wounded. Died February 16, 1944, in Italy.

RUSSELL L. JONES, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Miami, Ottawa County. Mrs. W. T. Watters, Mother, 219 'C' N.E., Miami. Born April 6, 1914. Enlisted January 22, 1942. Awarded medals and ribbon for expert sharpshooter on rifle and carbine, and as mechanic and for good conduct. Commended for his courtesy and dependability by his Captain who further stated, "He was a

proven leader, being steadily promoted." Died February 24, 1944, Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas.

PRESLEY DALE JOHNSON, Corporal, U. S. Army. Home address: Hugo, Choctaw County. Mrs. Virginia Johnson, Mother, Hugo. Born August 6, 1922. Enlisted March 7, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Received special training and qualified as Radio Operator in January, 1943. Sailed for duty overseas February, 1943, and served in North African and Italian campaigns. Wounded in action December 8, 1943, and later returned to line of duty. Died January 31, 1944, in action in Italy.

HARRY H. JOHNSTON, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Yale, Payne County. James F. Johnston, Father, Yale. Born July 13, 1923. Enlisted March 30, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died February 8, 1944, in action in Italy.

WILLIAM DEAN KINCAID, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Kincaid, Wife, 1008 South Quaker, Tulsa. Born March 19, 1916. Enlisted October 24, 1940. Received Presidential Citation of Honor. Died March 22, 1944, Gambia, Africa.

LEWIS SPENCER KIRKPATRICK, Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Army. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. L. S. Kirkpatrick, Wife, 3400 Porter St., N.W., Washington, D.C. Born May 15, 1901. Enlisted July 1, 1920, and graduated from U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., with "The Thundering Herd" Class, 1924. Pre-war service included among different stations, service in Canal Zone; Border Patrol with Indian Infantry Battalion Fort Huachuca, Arizona; Fort Kamehameha, Hawaiian Department; and Fort Mills, Corregidor Island, Philippine Department. Took command of Fort Drum February, 1941, which was subjected to intense artillery fire and aerial bombing during the Battle of Bataan and the siege of Corregidor following the attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941. "The heroes of Fort Drum were among the last to be taken by the Japanese." Died August 13, 1943, in a Prisoner of War Camp, Philippine Islands.

CHARLES O. KLECKNER, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Bartlesville, Washington County. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Kleckner, Parents, Bartlesville. Born March 19, 1916. Enlisted July 7, 1942. Attended Caney High School and graduated Copan High School, Washington County. Outstanding athlete. Special training in aerial gunnery at Harlingen, Texas, and graduated from Lowery Field, Colorado, in spring of 1943. Died February 17, 1944, in action, New Guinea, South Pacific.

RUSSELL JAMES LACOCK, Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Sapulpa, Creek County. Mrs. W. A. Strain, Mother, 1030 East McKinley, Sapulpa. Born June 26, 1917. Enlisted Sep-

tember 10, 1940. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart and Presidential Citation of Honor. Graduated High School 1935 and attended Junior College, Sapulpa. Finished Armament School Lowrey Field, Colorado, November, 1943; transferred to Gunnery School Tonapah, Nevada, completing study in Aerial Photography and Chemical Warfare. Sailed for duty overseas January 16, 1944. Died March 2, 1944, in airplane crash in England.

FREDERICK G. LANDIS, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Lamont, Grant County. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Landis, Parents, Lamont. Born October 16, 1920. Enlisted October 24, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. Graduated High School, Lamont, 1940. Served as Turret Gunner on Flying Fortress (B-17). Sailed for duty overseas July 17, 1943. Died October 14, 1943, in line of duty over Schweinfurt, Germany.

KENNETH L. LEFORS, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Sand Springs, Tulsa County. Mrs. Lucy Lefors, Mother, Rt. 1, Gentry, Arkansas. Born May 25, 1910. Enlisted July 8, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served as Gunner. Died January 22, 1944, in line of duty Tacao Island, Central Pacific.

HENRY P. LEWIS, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Konawa, Seminole County. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lewis, Parents, Rt. 1, Konawa. Born July 4, 1922. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart awarded twice; Oak Leaf Cluster. Member of Oklahoma National Guard, enlisted May 2, 1939. Served with 45th Division. Died February 21, 1944, in Italy.

RICHARD W. LOBDELL, Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Claremore, Rogers County. Mrs. Ellen Lobdell, Mother, Claremore. Born April 25, 1921. Enlisted November 23, 1939. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served as Pilot on "Marauder Bomber" (B-26). Died August 22, 1943, in action off the coast of Italy.

FOUNTAIN S. LOVEJOY, Flight Officer, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Lovejoy, Parents, 2214 East Haskell St., Tulsa. Born September 16, 1922. Enlisted (Reserve) July 17, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart; Citation of Honor. Graduated Will Rogers High School, Tulsa, 1940. Served with 15th Air Force as Bombardier on B-24. Died February 8, 1944, in airplane crash on his 4th mission, in Italy.

LLOYD H. MANESS, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Gage, Ellis County. Roy Maness, Brother, Shattuck, Oklahoma. Born February 20, 1909. Enlisted June 18, 1941. Decor-

ation: Order of the Purple Heart. Saw service in the Aleutian and in the Marshall Islands. Died February 3, 1944, in line of duty Kwajalein Island, Central Pacific.

FRED A. MARSHALL, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Morris, Okmulgee County. Mrs. Jewel Marshall, Mother, 1716 East 10th St., Oklahoma City. Born January 8, 1924. Enlisted January 4, 1943. Died February 19, 1944, Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, Central Pacific.

FLAVELLE E. McDONALD, Technician, Fourth Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Sperry, Tulsa County. Mrs. Martha E. Bennett, Grandmother, Sperry. Born August 11, 1923. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. In senior year High School. Member Oklahoma National Guard, enlisted July 2, 1940. Served in Field Artillery. Died October 11, 1943, in Italy.

EARL J. McCOMBS, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Myrtle Fulk, Mother, 1805 South Nogales, Tulsa. Born November 27, 1922. Enlisted March 10, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died April 30, 1942, in Philippine Islands.

ELDON A. MILLER, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army. Home address: Woodward, Woodward County. Maxine Cullen Miller, Wife, 1616 South 9th St., Woodward. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Silver Star. Served in Field Artillery, first officer in his battalion to receive a battlefield commission. Died February 13, 1944, in action Anzio Beachhead, Italy.

WILLARD W. MILLS, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Hominy, Osage County. Mrs. Carl Beckham, Mother, 306 South Regan, Hominy. Born March 10, 1917. Enlisted June 28, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served overseas in North African area fourteen months, Tank Corps, First Armored Division. Died January 31, 1944, in Italy.

PERRY A. MORGAN, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Big Cabin, Craig County. Ira S. Morgan, Father, Rt. 1, Big Cabin. Born July 5, 1917. Enlisted September 30, 1941. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Silver Star. Died January 29, 1944, in Italy.

FRANKLIN R. NOBLITT, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Thomas, Custer County. Mrs. Maud C. Noblitt, Mother, Thomas. Born May 25, 1922. Enlisted March 16, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died February 29, 1944, in Italy.

NORMAN C. OLIVER, Private, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: Sayre, Beckham County. Mrs. B. F. Oliver, Mother, Sayre.

Born January 18, 1921. Enlisted September 5, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Presidential Unit Citation for outstanding performance in line of duty with the Second Marines in the Battle of Tarawa awarded posthumously. Graduated Sayre High School 1939, and attended Sayre Junior College. Sailed for duty overseas and landed in New Zealand in March, 1943. Died November 20, 1943, in action Battle of Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, Central Pacific.

RAY F. ORR, Corporal, U. S. Army. Home address: Chickasha, Grady County. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Orr, Parents, Rt. 2, Chickasha. Born June 10, 1918. Enlisted January 28, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Farmed with parents before enlistment. Served in Anti-Tank Company. Died February 12, 1944, in Italy.

TOM G. PACE, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Frederick, Tillman County. Arthur D. Pace, Brother, Frederick. Born September 10, 1914. Enlisted January 28, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served with the 45th Division. Died March 27, 1944, in action Anzio Beachhead, Italy.

RAY PANNELL, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Sterling, Comanche County. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pannell, Parents, Sterling. Born July 9, 1921. Enlisted March 25, 1942. Decorations: Air Medal; three Oak Leaf Clusters. Graduated High School; attended Cameron State Agricultural College, Lawton. Member of Methodist Church. Sailed for duty overseas in August, 1943, and served as Pilot on seventy-six bombing missions. Died June 11, 1944, in action, Nadzab, New Guinea, South Pacific.

FRANCIS H. POWNALL, Corporal, U. S. Army. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Myrtle Pownall, Wife, 507 S. W. 30th St., Oklahoma City 9. Born November 2, 1914. Enlisted September 21, 1941. Served in Field Artillery. Died February 29, 1944, in Italy.

WILBURN PRATER, Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Wyandotte, Ottawa County. Mrs. Dovey Prater, Grandmother, Wyandotte. Born July 7, 1914. Enlisted November 20, 1942. Decorations: Air Medal; three Oak Leaf Clusters. Served as Tail Gunner on B-17, and completed twenty-five missions. Died February 24, 1944, in action over Austria, European area.

IVORY WILLIAM RICHIE, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Waurika, Jefferson County. A. C. Lowe, Uncle, Waurika. Born June 24, 1918. Enlisted February 16, 1942. Died April 9, 1943, Atlanta, Georgia.

GUS RIDLEY, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Duncan, Stephens County. Mrs. Winifred Ridley, Mother, 512 Chestnut, Duncan. Born October 14, 1918. Enlisted July 2,

1940. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Air Medal; Oak Leaf Cluster. Crew member on B-17, and served on combat duty tenth mission. Died February 10, 1944, in action over Germany.

ALBERT C. ROARK, Technical Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Weleetka, Okfuskee County. Mrs. Edna Roark, Mother, Weleetka. Born October 14, 1918. Enlisted December 5, 1940. Decoration: Air Medal awarded posthumously. Attended High School; talented in art. Served as Radio and Radar Operator on bomber (B-17). Died May 9, 1943, in line of duty, plane went down at sea, Pacific area.

HARVEY A. ROBISON, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Claremore, Rogers County. Mrs. Beulah M. Robison, Mother, Rt. 2, Claremore. Born December 18, 1922. Enlisted December 29, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died February 14, 1944, in action Bougainville, Solomon Islands, South Pacific.

CORBIN DARRELL RÓODHOUSE, Corporal, U. S. Army. Home address: Shawnee, Pottawatomie County. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roodhouse, Parents, 1116 North Broadway, Shawnee. Born August 19, 1910. Enlisted December, 1942. Graduated from High School, and attended Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and Oklahoma University, Norman. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. Specialized in welding and was employed as Inspector in aircraft work on the West Coast before enlistment. Died February 12, 1944, in gun accident, Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.

CHARLIE WAYNE SAPPINGTON, Seaman, First Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Zincville, Ottawa County. Mrs. Ana Sappington. Mother, Zincville. Born February 21, 1926. Enlisted July, 1943. Attended High School at Ottawa, Oklahoma. Died February 3, 1944, Southwest Pacific.

JOSEPH O. SEVIER, Private, First Class, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: Coalgate, Coal County. J. E. Sevier, Father, Rt. 1, Coalgate. Born October 23, 1923. Enlisted May 6, 1942. Served in the Air Force. Died March 8, 1944, South Pacific.

JOHN A. SIDLE, Corporal, U. S. Army. Home address: Afton, Ottawa County. Mrs. F. E. Sidle, Mother, 2009 Seventeenth St., Corpus Christi, Texas. Born April 27, 1920. Enlisted November, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served in the Cavalry. Died March 6, 1944, in action Arawe, New Britain, South Pacific.

MARCELLUS F. SMITH, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Chickasha, Grady County. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Smith, Parents, 123 North 11th St., Chickasha. Born September 26, 1910. Enlisted March 10, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart

awarded posthumously. Died March 6, 1944, on board transport ship sunk, by enemy action in the Mediterranean Sea, off Bizerte, Tunisia, North Africa.

HAROLD SPRIGGS, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Harold Spriggs, Wife, 1631 South Lewis Place, Tulsa 4. Born February 7, 1916. Enlisted March 8, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Central High School, Tulsa. Died March 11, 1944, in action Bougainville, Solomon Islands, South Pacific.

ARTHUR D. STANISLAUS, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Mrs. Martha Stanislaus, Wife, 223 South Smith, Vinita. Born November 15, 1922. Enlisted January 4, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Stationed in Hawaiian Islands seven months. Died February 21, 1944, in action Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, Central Pacific.

THEDFORD C. STAPLES, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: McAlester, Pittsburg County. H. L. Staples, Father, 1205 East Wyandotte, McAlester. Born February 24, 1914. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served with the 45th Division. Died December 30, 1943, in Italy.

FULTON STINNETT, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Elgin, Comanche County. Mrs. Georgie Stinnett, Mother, Elgin. Born January 10, 1912. Enlisted November 14, 1942. Died February 5, 1944, in Italy.

IRA STOUT, Private, First Class, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: Bristow, Creek County. Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Stout, Parents, Rt. 5, Bristow. Born March 6, 1921. Enlisted November 27, 1942. Died February 22, 1944, Marshall Islands, Central Pacific.

TEEL LEE, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Ada, Pontotoc County. Mrs. Teel Lee, Wife, 519 West Main, Ada. Born February 17, 1922. Enlisted November 2, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated Ada High School 1940. Served in Field Artillery. Died January 17, 1944, in Italy.

CECIL R. TABOR, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Buffalo, Harper County. Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Tabor, Parents, Buffalo. Born July 24, 1917. Enlisted November 7, 1941. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Distinguished Flying Cross. Graduated High School, May (Buffalo County); graduated Northwestern State College, Alva, Oklahoma. Preliminary flight and ground work training at Alva; advanced training for Air Corps at Randolph Field, Texas; graduated and commissioned Army Flying School, Lubbock, Texas, July, 1942. Sailed for overseas duty October, 1942, stationed in England, and participated in bombing mis-

sions over occupied Europe. Died December 30, 1943, in action near Lorient, France.

EUGENE Z. TALLEY, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Wynnewood, Garvin County. Mrs. Mealinda Talley, Wife, Rt. 3, Wynnewood. Born July 10, 1920. Enlisted January 28, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served as Bombardier. Died March 13, 1944, in action European area, and buried in Cambridge, England.

CHARLES S. TONEY, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Shady Point, Le Flore County. Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Toney, Parents, Rt. 1, Shady Point. Born May 2, 1920. Enlisted November 4, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Graduated High School, Spiro, Oklahoma, 1941. Made record as a farmer before enlistment. Completed training at Camp Young, California, and sailed for duty overseas August, 1942. Died July 10, 1943, in action North African area.

WILSON P. THEDFORD, Aviation Cadet, U. S. Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Allegra Thedford, Wife, 2624 N. W. 14th St., Oklahoma City. Born April 16, 1918. Enlisted June 15, 1942. Died September 10, 1942, Bruce Field, Ballinger, Texas.

THOMAS S. UPTON, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Mildred Upton, Wife, 208 W. Illinois, Enid, Oklahoma. Born December 8, 1921. Enlisted April 6, 1942. Decorations: Air Medal; three Oak Leaf Clusters; Order of the Purple Heart; Distinguished Flying Cross awarded posthumously. Died January 14, 1944, in action in England.

RUSSELL W. WALLER, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army. Home address: Lawton, Comanche County. Mrs. Mary Waller, Wife, 1511 "A" Avenue, Lawton. Born March 15, 1912. Enlisted December 2, 1932. Saw service in the Field Artillery and was serving in First Cavalry Division at time of death. Died December 25, 1943, Queensland, Australia.

WARREN G. HOWARD, Technical Sergeant, Fourth Grade, U. S. Army. Home address: McCurtain, Haskell County. Mrs. Lillie P. Howard, Mother, McCurtain. Born February 4, 1921. Enlisted February, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died February 15, 1944, in Italy.

KEITH WILSON, Private, First Class, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve. Home address: Lookout, Woods County. Mrs. Nellie Wilson, Mother, Lookout. Born October 21, 1924. Enlisted March, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served in Asiatic-Pacific

campaigns. Died February 2, 1944, in action, and buried in Fourth Marine Division Cemetery, Marshall Islands, South Pacific.

HARTWELL E. WOLGRAM, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Anadarko, Caddo County. Mrs. Cleo Wolgram, Wife, 602 East Broadway, Anadarko. Born December 16, 1919. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Member Oklahoma National Guard, enlisted May 27, 1937. Served in Field Artillery, 45th Division. Died January 29, 1944, in Italy.

STANLEY J. YAMSKI, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Chickasha, Grady County. Mrs. Stanley J. Yamski, Wife, Rt. 1, Chickasha. Born December 12, 1921. Enlisted September 16, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Sailed for duty overseas May, 1943. Served as Paratrooper, Airborne Command. Wounded in Sicilian campaign (seven shrapnel wounds) 1943. Died January 30, 1944, in action in Italy.