



OKLAHOMA WAR MEMORIAL—WORLD WAR II

PART VIII*

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Some of the tabulated biographies appearing in *The Chronicles* give fuller information because the records sent in by those interested are more complete. The names of all from Oklahoma who have died in the service of their country during World War II and the names and addresses of their nearest of kin are sought from every community in the state. Anyone having such information is requested to send it to the Editorial Department, Oklahoma Historical Society, Historical Building, Oklahoma City 5.

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RUFUS L. ABBE, Private, First Class, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: Walters, Cotton County. A. L. Abbe, Father, Rt. 4, Walters. Born May 24, 1923. Enlisted June 7, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Recommended for other posthumous awards after the war. Sailed for duty overseas January, 1942. Served in combat on Guadalcanal; stationed in New Zealand; served in combat, Battle of Tarawa where a bullet penetrated his helmet taking a lock of his hair; stationed in Hawaii; served in combat

Battle of Saipan where he was wounded. Died June 30, 1944, of wounds, Saipan Island, Central Pacific.

SAMMIE ADKINS, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Salina, Mayes County. Mrs. Mary E. Adkins, Mother, Salina. Born July 30, 1921. Enlisted November 24, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Awarded medal as expert Sharpshooter. Died June 6, 1944, in action in France.

CHARLEY EDMOND BALL, Water Tender, Third Class, U. S. Naval Reserve. Home address: Pryor, Mayes County. Mrs. Mary Ball, Mother, 108 South Edith St., Pryor. Born May 9, 1909. Enlisted October, 1942. Died June 19, 1944, Saipan Island, Central Pacific.

JAMES VINCENT BARR, Ensign, U. S. Naval Reserve. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. L. H. Barr, Father, 415 West 11th St., Tulsa 5. Born December 23, 1917. Enlisted March 29, 1941. Served as instructor in Air Corps. Died June 15, 1942, line of duty, Naval Air Base, Corpus Christi, Texas.

WILLIAM P. BARRIE, JR., Technician, Fourth Grade, U. S. Army. Home address: Enid, Garfield County. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Barrie, Parents, 118 East Elm St., Enid. Born June 22, 1920. Enlisted January 2, 1941. Died February 21, 1944, near Carroceta, Italy.

GEORGE P. BARRIER, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Ralston, Pawnee County. Mrs. Elvin S. Barrier, Mother, Fairfax, Oklahoma. Born October 12, 1916. Enlisted January 12, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart (Arewe, New Britain). Served one year in Panama Canal Zone and sixteen months in Southwest Pacific. Died June 1, 1944, at Sarmi, New Guinea, Southwest Pacific.

JAMES E. BARRON, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Lone Wolf, Kiowa County. Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Barron, Parents, Lone Wolf. Born June 18, 1918. Enlisted April 23, 1941. Served as airplane mechanic. Died April 20, 1944, on board ship sunk by enemy action in Mediterranean Sea, North African area.

JACK T. BIRKEL, Private, First Class, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Bernice A. Birkel, Mother, 1220½ N. W. 12th St., Oklahoma City. Born January 25, 1924. Enlisted October 14, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Citation of Honor. Died November 27, 1943, on board ship sunk by enemy submarine, en route from North Africa to combat zone.

JOE A. BLAIR, Technical Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Castle, Okfuskee County. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Blair, Parents, Castle. Born June 13, 1923. Enlisted September, 1940. Decoration: Silver

Star for gallantry and devotion to duty, awarded posthumously. Died June 2, 1944, near Rome, Italy.

CHARLES O. BLAKEMORE, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Blakemore, Parents, 722 S. W. 4th St., Oklahoma City. Born November 14, 1923. Enlisted October 23, 1942. Decoration: Air Medal for air missions from January 2 to April 8, 1944, awarded posthumously. Graduated Alex High School; attended Central State College, Edmond. Received wings and commission at Victoria, Texas, August 1943. In service overseas from January, 1944, participating in raids on Admiralty Island, Hansa Bay, Kavieng, and Mandang, Wewak, and Hollandia in New Guinea. Died June 11, 1944, in airplane crash in last transition flight before becoming first pilot of his ship, New Guinea area.

MAURICE BOWLING, Private, First Class, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: Muldrow, Sequoyah County. Mrs. Lillie M. Howard, Mother, Moffett, Oklahoma. Born March 10, 1923. Enlisted February 17, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Presidential Unit Citation awarded Second Marine Division Reinforced for service in action against the enemy on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands. Participated in active combat against the Japanese on Solomon Islands January 4 to February 19, 1943; on Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands November 20 to 28, 1943, and in the Marianas Islands June, 1944. Died June 15, 1944, in action Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, Central Pacific.

BRICKEL, HERROLD N., Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Washington, McClain County. Mrs. H. C. Brickel, Mother, Washington. Born August 31, 1921. Enlisted March 24, 1943. Senior in Engineering, University of Oklahoma, Norman; member Pi Tau Sigma, honorary engineering fraternity, and captain in Reserve Officers Training Corps when ordered to duty. Received wings and commissioned liaison pilot at Pittsburg, Kansas. Died May 3, 1944, in airplane crash Camp Gordon, Georgia.

DAWSON DONNELL BROWN, Private, First Class, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: Ada, Pontotoc County. Mrs. Tena A. Brown, Mother, 410 West 9th St., Ada. Born August 22, 1923. Enlisted February 12, 1943. Attended Ada High School. Awarded medal for marksmanship. Died June 5, 1944, of wounds received in combat Saipan Island and buried on Banika Island, Russell Islands.

WALLACE N. BROWN, Corporal, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Lillie Florence Brown, Mother, 2134 North Everest, Oklahoma City. Born June 4, 1921. Enlisted October 27, 1942. Died June 12, 1944, Biak Island, New Guinea, Southwest Pacific.

ALBERT B. BRUNETTI, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Wilburton, Latimer County. Andrew Brunetti, Father, Rt. 2, Wilburton. Born March 8, 1925. Enlisted July 18, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. High school graduate. Died June 6, 1944, Biak Island, New Guinea, Southwest Pacific.

HUGH F. BURNETT, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Seminole, Seminole County. Mrs. H. F. Burnett, wife, 611 Jefferson, Seminole. Born May 11, 1915. Enlisted March, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. Served as first pilot of a B-17. Died March 22, 1944, in line of duty over Germany.

GEORGE ALLEN CALLIHAN, Technical Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Mildred B. Callihan, Wife, 1628 N.E. 13th St., Oklahoma City. Born December 21, 1920. Enlisted August 17, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Bronze Star; Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. Received wings from Gunnery School, Tyndall Field, Florida. Serving as Radio Operator and Gunner on his 17th air mission. Died January 11, 1944, Oschersleben, Germany.

BILLY R. CALLISON, Private, First Class, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: Sand Springs, Tulsa County. Mrs. Pearl Callison, Mother, 449 West Maple St., Exeter, California. Born February 23, 1924. Enlisted September 15, 1941. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Presidential Unit Citation for service against the enemy in Guadalcanal. After Guadalcanal, stationed in New Zealand, and thence to Tarawa where he was wounded in combat. Died June 15, 1944, in action Saipan Island, Marianas Island, Central Pacific.

RAYMOND CANADA, Corporal, U. S. Army. Home address: Fairland, Ottawa County. Mrs. Millie F. Canada, Mother, Rt. 1, Fairland. Born November 18, 1917. Enlisted February 6, 1941. Good Conduct ribbon, overseas ribbon, one star for major battle. Served as Gunner in tank, 45th Division. Served in North African, Sicilian, and Italian campaigns. Died May 16, 1944, east of Formia, Italy.

ALLEN J. CANADY, Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Kellyville, Creek County. Dow A. Canady, Father, Kellyville. Born July 18, 1923. Enlisted October 15, 1942. Died May 4, 1944, in England.

BOBBY CHARLES CANADY, Private, First Class, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Estella Metzger, Grandmother, 212 South Wheeling, Tulsa. Born February 1, 1924. Enlisted December 7, 1942. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. Died March 19, 1944, Palms Springs, California.

CLIFFORD CHRISTIAN, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Newkirk, Kay County. Mrs. Mattie Christian, Mother, 125 South

Pine St., Newkirk. Born June 11, 1925. Enlisted September 1, 1943. Died July 3, 1944, in Hawaiian Islands.

WILLIAM E. CLARK, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Gotebo, Kiowa County. Mrs. Hulda E. Clark, Mother, Rt. 1, Gotebo. Born October 27, 1917. Enlisted November 14, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Taken as Jap prisoner of war at the fall of Manila. Died March 14, 1944, in Asiatic area.

RAY R. CLEMENTS, Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: Waurika, Jefferson County. Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Clements, Parents, 3 South Victor Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Born November 18, 1920. Enlisted October 16, 1940. Died July 23, 1944, Guam Island, Central Pacific.

JAMES T. COKER, Captain, U. S. Army. Home address: Durant, Bryan County. Mrs. James T. Coker, Wife, 623 North 14th Ave., Durant. Born July 7, 1917. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Decorations: Silver Star; Distinguished Service Cross; Order of the Purple Heart. Member of Oklahoma National Guard, enlisted (1) June 24, 1934, (2) July 1, 1937, (3) July 2, 1940, mobilized for the regular service with the rank of sergeant. Served on duty overseas for two years, during which he was successively promoted to rank of captain for his devotion to duty and ability in combat. Died May 3, 1944, in action Aitape, New Guinea, Southwest Pacific.

R. E. COX, Technical Sergeant, U. S. Air Corps. Home address: Coalgate, Coal County. Mrs. R. E. Cox, Mother, Coalgate. Born January 1, 1917. Enlisted October, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Citation of Honor. Choctaw Indian descent. Died February 20, 1944, on bombing mission to Leipzig, Germany, European area.

HASKELL L. CRESWELL, Corporal, U. S. Army. Home address: Elk City, Beckham County. Mrs. Maude E. Creswell, Mother, Elk City. Born August 24, 1909. Enlisted June 27, 1942. Died June 10, 1944, Salinas, California.

HOWARD C. CRYE, Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Army. Home address: Hugo, Choctaw County. Mrs. Howard C. Crye, Wife, 1010 East Jefferson, Hugo. Born March 16, 1910. Enlisted September, 1937. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Silver Star; Oak Leaf Cluster; two Citations for Gallantry in Action. The second Citation stated: "When the infantry advance guard became pinned down by machine gun fire from an enemy pill box, Lieutenant Colonel Crye accompanied by two men and in the face of heavy fire, charged the enemy position from a distance of 60 feet and destroyed the enemy guns with hand grenades. This enabled our troops to continue their progress unimpeded. . . ." Highly regarded by Regimental Headquarters; even before attaining the rank of captain

was summoned to participate in the planning of attacks on the enemy. Died June 9, 1944, in action south of Rome, Italy.

JIMMIE NEIL DARR, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Freedom, Woods County. Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrie Darr, Parents, Freedom. Born October 22, 1922. Enlisted March 1, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Awarded Infantry Combat Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Attended Freedom High School. Sailed for duty overseas August, 1943. Served with the 36th Division. Wounded in action in Italy December 15, 1943; returned to duty February 29, 1944. Died June 4, 1944, in action in Italy.

BERNIE DEAN, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Taloga, Dewey County. Mrs. Maxine Dean, Wife, 1018 Coolidge St., Seminole, Oklahoma. Born June 13, 1915. Enlisted February 28, 1944. Died March 28, 1944, Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas.

JOSEPH DEAN, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Sulphur, Murray County. Mrs. Lucy Dean, Mother, Sulphur. Born December 10, 1921. Enlisted January 29, 1941. Died June 14, 1944, in France.

EUGENE D. DECKER, Corporal, U. S. Army. Home address: Savanna, Pittsburg County. Mrs. Opal Motley, Sister, Savanna. Born March 4, 1916. Enlisted March 25, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served in the Cavalry. Sailed for duty overseas June, 1943. Died March 13, 1944, of wounds received in action on Admiralty Island, New Guinea, Southwest Pacific.

CLIFFORD L. DENNING, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. F. C. Denning, Father, 2209 N. W. 27th St., Oklahoma City. Born April 11, 1921. Enlisted May, 1942. Attended Classen High School, Oklahoma City, and Kemper Military Academy, Booneville, Missouri. Decorations: Air Medal; Oak Leaf Clusters. Received wings and commission Roswell, New Mexico, July 31, 1943. Served seven months in European theatre as Bombardier. Died April 27, 1944, in action over English Channel.

CHARLES N. DOUGLASS, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: McAlester, Pittsburg County. Mrs. Dell M. Douglass, Wife, 412 North First St., McAlester. Born February 1, 1915. Enlisted September 3, 1941. Decorations: Air Medal; two Oak Leaf Clusters. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. Sailed for duty overseas October 1943. Completed twenty-four bombing raids. Died April 27, 1944, in England.

GARLAND SHELBY EDDINGTON, Seaman, Second Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Cumberland, Marshall County. Mr. and Mrs. James S. Eddington, Parents, Cumberland. Born May 28, 1924. Enlisted September 20, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended High School, Aylesworth, Oklahoma. Commended

as gallant seaman and Christian. Died June 18, 1944, of wounds received in action Pacific area.

LEE ELLIOTT, JR., Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Haskell, Muskogee County. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Elliott, Parents, Haskell. Born July 12, 1919. Enlisted January 4, 1943. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Citation of Honor. Attended public schools in Haskell. Served as Page in Oklahoma State Legislature, 1935-39. Died November 27, 1943, on board transport ship European waters.

GUIDO LAMBERTO FAST, Corporal, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Tessie Fast, Mother, 2309 West Lawn, Oklahoma City. Born October 22, 1920. Enlisted January 2, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Oklahoma City schools and the University of Oklahoma. Graduated in Aerial Photography Quantico, Virginia. Sailed for duty overseas June, 1942. Died November 14, 1942, of wounds received in action Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, South Pacific.

J. B. FAST, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Tessie Fast, Mother, 2309 West Lawn, Oklahoma City. Born March 9, 1925. Enlisted April, 1943. Attended Classen High School, Oklahoma City. Received wings and commission Victoria, Texas, January 7, 1944. Died March 30, 1944, on routine flight, airplane lost in storm, Bartow, Florida.

CLAUDE R. FLETCHER, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Norman, Cleveland County. Mrs. Hazel Moore Fletcher, Wife, 308 N. W. 22nd St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Born July 25, 1921. Enlisted March, 1941. Decorations: Air Medal; Oak Leaf Cluster. Attended the University of Oklahoma two years. Commissioned as Navigator February, 1943, and sailed for duty overseas in March, 1943. Died March 20, 1943, in action South Pacific.

CHARLES E. FORD, Private, First Class, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Ruth Ford, Mother, Rt. 4, Oklahoma City. Born April 18, 1918. Enlisted May 31, 1941. Died March 13, 1944, of injuries received in line of duty, San Severo, Italy.

HARRY M. FORD, JR., Private, First Class, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Ford, Parents, 3108 North Shartel, Oklahoma City. Born May 17, 1925. Enlisted June 30, 1943. Died July 21, 1944, in action Guam, Marianas Islands, Central Pacific.

TROY G. FULLER, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. and Mrs. J. G. Ful-

ler, Parents, 1110 South Harvey St., Oklahoma City. Born August 3, 1921. Enlisted December 15, 1941. Attended Capitol Hill High School, Oklahoma City. Served in Australia and New Guinea two years. Died June 28, 1944, of typhus fever Aitape, New Guinea, Southwest Pacific.

STEPHEN L. FULTON, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. W. V. Melton, Mother, 509 Southeast 18th St., Oklahoma City. Born January 20, 1923. Enlisted January 5, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died February 29, 1944, in line of duty Anzio Beach Head, Italy.

WILLIAM B. GAMBRILL, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Ed. L. Kloss, Sister, 720 N. W. 49th St., Oklahoma City. Born July 4, 1920. Enlisted January 9, 1942. Attended Classen High School, Oklahoma City. Served in Medical Corps. Died May 9, 1944, in action Metla, Italy.

MERLE A. GARDNER, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Wellston, Lincoln County. Mrs. George Gardner, Mother, 201 N. W. St., Stillwater, Oklahoma. Born July 31, 1914. Enlisted May 5, 1942. Died May 15, 1944, in action in Italy.

MORRIS E. GERMANY, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Heavener, Le Flore County. Robert H. Germany, Uncle, Heavener. Born May 5, 1916. Enlisted January 14, 1941. Served with 45th Division. Died February 19, 1944, in action in Italy.

THURMAN MAURICE GEORGE, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Durant, Bryan County. Otto George, Father, Rt. 1, Wylie, Texas. Born June 10, 1920. Enlisted October 4, 1942. Served as Paratrooper, Airborne Command. Died June 13, 1944, in action, Normandy, France.

JOSEPH N. GILLERT, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Ponca City, Kay County. Mrs. Elma Jane Gillert, Wife, 424 South Oak, Ponca City. Born December 7, 1923. Enlisted December 9, 1942. Served as Pilot. Died July 5, 1944, in airplane crash Strother Field, Winfield, Kansas.

HORACE L. GRAY, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Bokchito, Bryan County. Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Gray, Parents, Bokchito. Born July 18, 1922. Enlisted December 8, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Bokchito public schools; member of Masonic Lodge. Died March 7, 1944, in England.

ROBERT A. GRAY, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gray, Parents, 513 North Tinker Drive, Oklahoma City. Born July 27, 1916. Enlisted May, 1941. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. Served as Bombar-

dier on Flying Fortress. Died March 8, 1943, in action airplane crash English Channel.

GERALD LA VERN GRETT, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Gerald La Vern Grett, Wife, 1106 North Klein, Oklahoma City. Born December 29, 1919. Enlisted 1941. Decorations: Presidential Citation; Distinguished Flying Cross; Air Medal; three Oak Leaf Clusters; Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously; Citation of Honor. Died August 16, 1943, in action returning from first raid against Ploesti oil refineries Rumania, Southeastern Europe.

JOHN EDWARD GRIGSBY, Hospital Apprentice, First Class, U. S. Naval Reserve. Home address: Miami, Ottawa County. E. E. Grigsby, Father, 113 G Southeast, Miami. Born June 27, 1925. Enlisted May 14, 1943. Wounded in action July 21, 1944. Died July 22, 1944, Guam, Marianas Islands, Central Pacific, and buried at sea.

WARREN C. GRIMES, Private, First Class, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Oma Grimes, Father, 322 S. W. 31st St., Oklahoma City. Born July 30, 1923. Enlisted November 16, 1942. Served as Radio Operator, Ferrying Squadron. Died March 27, 1944, in action airplane crash North African area.

NORVAL GRISWOLD, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Laverne, Harper County. Mrs. Eva Denton, Mother, Laverne. Born October 14, 1917. Enlisted January 2, 1941. Served as Paratrooper, First Special Service Force, Airborne Command. Died June 8, 1944, Rome, Italy.

GERALDINE ELIZABETH HALEY, Private, Women's Army Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Robinson, Parents, 1607 Birch, Oklahoma City. Born May 24, 1919. Enlisted March, 1944. Graduated Capitol Hill, Senior High School, Oklahoma City. Member Agnew Avenue Baptist Church. Serving in Oklahoma City Recruiting Office. Died June 14, 1944, from injuries received in auto accident, Oklahoma City.

DERL HALL, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Blair, Jackson County. Mrs. Esther Hall, Mother, Blair. Born March 1, 1922. Enlisted November 7, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died June 17, 1944, in action in France.

EARL HANES, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Altus, Jackson County. Mrs. Dorothy M. Hanes, Wife, 217 Cypress, Altus. Born January 4, 1910. Enlisted February 3, 1943. Died June 13, 1944, Magliano, Italy.

PAUL B. HARRISON, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army. Home address: Ponca City, Kay County. Mrs. W. E. Glotfelter, Sister, 516

East Walnut, Ponca City. Born August 1, 1914. Enlisted December, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. As Staff Sergeant acted as Battalion Construction Foreman, Alcan Highway, Fort St. John, British Columbia, Canada. Entered Officers Training School, Fort Riley, Kansas, January, 1943, and commissioned Second Lieutenant, Mechanized Cavalry. Sailed for duty overseas December, 1943. Advanced to Lieutenant Commander of his company, Reconnaissance Troops, 4th Cavalry. Died June 20, 1944, in action in France.

CAROL S. HENSON, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Washington, McClain County. W. E. Henson, Father, Washington. Born January 11, 1922. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Member Baptist Church. Member Oklahoma National Guard, enlisted September 16, 1940. Died May 23, 1944, in action Anzio, Italy.

CARL ABBOTT HERRMANN, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Sapulpa, Creek County. Mrs. Carl Herrmann, Mother, 302 South Popular, Sapulpa. Born August 21, 1920. Enlisted September 16, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Air Medal; Oak Leaf Cluster. Attended University of Oklahoma. Received wings and commission at Victorville, California, October, 1943. Served as Bombardier. Died May 7, 1944, in line of duty airplane crash, England.

ANDY HILL, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Holdenville, Hughes County. Mrs. Andy Hill, Wife, Holdenville. Born September 29, 1920. Enlisted September 7, 1942. Served with 45th Division. Died May 25, 1944, in action in Italy.

JACK E. HILL, Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Seminole, Seminole County. Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hill, Parents, 602 North Second St., Seminole. Born February 7, 1921. Enlisted May, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Air Medal; Oak Leaf Cluster. Served as Bombardier on B-17. Died December 31, 1943, Cognac, France.

CHARLES A. HOLZER, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Big Cabin, Craig County. Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Holzer, Parents, Rt. 1, Big Cabin. Born March 27, 1920. Enlisted January 16, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died February 2, 1944, in Italy.

CHARLES D. HUGHES, Technical Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Roy M. Hughes, Brother, 8 Northeast 39th St., Oklahoma City. Born December 12, 1917. Enlisted March 6, 1942. Graduated High School, Arcadia, Oklahoma; attended Central State College, Edmond. Sailed for duty overseas March, 1943. Served as Navigator, Chief Engineer on B-24. Died April 1, 1943, in action Latin-American area.

TIMOTHY O. HURST, Flight Officer, Navigator, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Tim Hurst, Father, 2201 Northwest 15th St., Oklahoma City. Born September 16, 1920. Enlisted September 7, 1942. Graduated Classen High School, Oklahoma City; attended University of Arkansas. Athlete-swimmer, Oklahoma City golfer, and member championship basket ball team Miami, Florida. Died June 14, 1944, Flying Fortress crash near Fort Collins, Colorado.

GRANVILLE ANDREW JACKSON, Flight Sergeant, Royal Air Force, England. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Alberta Cole Jackson, Mother, 1345 South Lewis, Tulsa 4. Born June 22, 1917. Enlisted August 10, 1940. Graduated Calgary, Canada, Royal Canadian Air Force, 1941. Member of Eagle Squadron. Died February 16, 1942, in action Mediterranean Sea.

J. B. JACKSON, Corporal, U. S. Army. Home address: Pauls Valley, Garvin County. Mr. and Mrs. John R. Jackson, Parents, 620 North Ash, Pauls Valley. Born August 26, 1916. Enlisted September 21, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Served with the 45th Division. Died April 1, 1944, in action Anzio Beachhead, Italy.

GUS E. JAY, Technical Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address :Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Gus E. Jay, Wife, 1843 Gatewood, Oklahoma City. Born January 19, 1912. Enlisted July 9, 1940. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Presidential Unit Citation for action on Tarawa, Central Pacific. Served in European-African-Middle Eastern area during Icelandic campaign (before December 7, 1941), and on Guadalcanal. Died June 17, 1944, in action on Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, Central Pacific.

OSCAR F. JONES, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Wynnewood, Garvin County. Mrs. Libbie A. Jones, Mother, Rt. 3, Wynnewood. Born January 9, 1922. Enlisted November 28, 1942. Died March 3, 1944, in Italy.

THOMAS EDWARD JOHNSON, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Clinton, Custer County. Mrs. Agnes Roesch, Mother, Rt. 1, Clinton. Born June 14, 1917. Enlisted March 27, 1941. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; Distinguished Flying Cross; Citation from the President. Served as Bombardier. Died December 20, 1943, London, England.

CECIL J. KENNEDY, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Snyder, Kiowa County. Mrs. Cecil J. Kennedy, Wife, 105 South Avenue D, Olney, Texas. Born August 17, 1909. Enlisted March 25, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Previously had six years service in the Army. Died March 2, 1944, in Italy.

WENDELL C. KERBO, Private, First Class, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Gould, (Rt. 2) Greer County. Jess M. Kerbo, Father, Rt. 2, Gould. Born November 9, 1920. Enlisted July, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died April 20, 1944, on board transport sunk in Mediterranean Sea.

FRANK M. KING, JR., Captain (Physician), U. S. Army. Home address: Ramona, Washington County. Mrs. Frank M. King, Jr., Wife, 312 East Eleventh St., Stillwater, Oklahoma. Born September 23, 1911. Enlisted June, 1937 (active duty August, 1942). Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Graduated St. Louis University Medical School, 1937. Director State Health Department unit, Woodward, Oklahoma, prior to active duty in service. Served during Tunisian campaign, North Africa. Died January 10, 1944, in Italy.

CARL A. KOCH, Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, U. S. Army. Home address: Guthrie, Logan County. Mrs. C. A. Koch, Wife, 923 East Warner, Guthrie. Born August 2, 1916. Enlisted December 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated Oklahoma A. & M. College (Chemical Engineering), Stillwater, Oklahoma. Served four years in the Navy prior to voluntary enlistment in the Army. Completed Officers' Training course in April, 1943. Died May 21, 1944, in action Santa Oliva, Italy.

FRED HESS LEACH, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Fred W. Leach, Mother, 212 Southwest 24th St., Oklahoma City. Born December 9, 1911. Enlisted February 5, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated Capitol Hill junior and senior high schools, Oklahoma City; attended Oklahoma City University and Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma. Commissioned in Engineering Corps, Camp Fort Belvoir, Virginia; attached to Air Squadron trained at Mobile, Alabama. Sailed for duty overseas October, 1943. Died November 27, 1943, in line of duty Mediterranean Sea en route to North African area.

JOHN P. LINKER, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Centrahoma, Coal County. Mrs. Clennie Mae Linker, Mother, Centrahoma. Born December 22, 1918. Enlisted December 14, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served with the Medical Battalion, 45th Division. Died April 14, 1944, Salerno, Italy.

ROY A. LINTHICUM, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Hartshorne, Pittsburg County. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Linthicum, Parents, Hartshorne. Born January 11, 1912. Enlisted September, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died February 18, 1944, North African area.

JOHN ODELL LINTON, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Coalgate, Coal County. Mrs. John O. Linton, Wife, Rt. 1, Coalgate.

Born November 19, 1914. Enlisted February 18, 1941. Served with the 45th Division. Taken Prisoner December 30, 1943. Died January 20, 1944, in German prison camp.

MELVIN LEVERETT LOCKLEAR, Chief Commissary Steward, U. S. Navy. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Melvin L. Locklear, Wife, Rt. 5, Oklahoma City. Born July 3, 1913. Enlisted July 16, 1929. Served four years in China; six months in the South Pacific, and in the Atlantic theatre of war. In combat in seven major battles. Died April 28, 1944, in action English Channel.

BILL LORENZ, Storekeeper, Second Class, U. S. Naval Reserve. Home address: Skiatook, Tulsa County. Mrs. Delilah Lorenz, Wife, 416 East Main, Skiatook. Born September 25, 1914. Enlisted September, 1943. Expert Rifleman. Died May 12, 1944, Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii.

JOHN EARL EDWARD LOVETT, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Boynton, Muskogee County. James B. Lovett, Father, Council Hill, Oklahoma. Born October 11, 1910. Enlisted September 2, 1944. Served with Engineer Corps. Died March 27, 1944, in action Los Negros Island, Southwest Pacific.

BENJAMIN F. MARBURY, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Wylma L. Marbury, Wife, 2406 South Central Ave., Oklahoma City. Born April 25, 1921. Enlisted December 5, 1939. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died April 20, 1944, on board transport ship sunk in Mediterranean Sea.

WILBORN MARLETT, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Mountain View, Kiowa County. Mrs. Hattie W. Marlett, Mother, Mountain View. Born March 3, 1924. Enlisted June 9, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died March 9, 1944, in action Anzio Beachhead, Italy.

WILLIAM C. MATHIA, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Turkey Ford, Delaware County. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mathia, Parents, Turkey Ford. Born December 28, 1924. Enlisted April 2, 1943. Attended Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater. Died March 9, 1944, in action Bougainville Island, Solomon Islands, Southwest Pacific.

FLOYD H. MATTOX, Technician, Fifth Grade, U. S. Army. Home address: Norman, Cleveland County. Mrs. Vina Mattox, Mother, Rt. 3, Norman. Born December 28, 1918. Enlisted May 18, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served with Engineer Corps. Died March 18, 1944, Anzio Beachhead, Italy.

REAFORD CHARLES McCRAW, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Norman, Cleveland County. Mrs. R.

H. McCraw, Mother, 227 West Gray, Norman. Born June 6, 1915. Enlisted Spring 1942. Decorations: Distinguished Flying Cross; Oak Leaf Clusters. Graduated Capitol Hill High School, Oklahoma City; attended University of Oklahoma, Norman. Received wings as Pilot, Marana Basic Flying School, Tucson, Arizona; completed advanced training at Amergardo, New Mexico. Left the States December 3, 1943, flying a Liberator-Bomber. Returning from his last mission over Germany, all four of his motors went dead; he kept the plane up until all his crew had jumped. All members of the crew were saved except McCraw, as Pilot. Died March 17, 1944, in action over Yugoslavia and given a military funeral by his crew and friendly partisans.

EARL C. MCGINNIS, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Elk City, Beckham County. Mrs. Dona McGinnis, Mother, 220 West 7th St., Elk City. Born December 8, 1921. Enlisted May 12, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died April 22, 1944, in action over France.

JOHN L. MCINTYRE, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Sand Springs, Tulsa County. Mrs. W. S. McIntyre, Mother, 110 Roosevelt St., Sand Springs. Born June 25, 1921. Enlisted November 7, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Air Medal; Oak Leaf Cluster. Served as Navigator. Died December 16, 1943, in Holland.

PEARL McLAIN, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Ramona, Washington County. Mrs. Ella McLain, Mother, Ramona. Born July 2, 1922. Enlisted November 16, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died August 8, 1943, of wounds received in combat, in Italy.

PAUL E. MERRIMAN, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Lenapah, Nowata County. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Merriman, Parents, Lenapah. Born May 25, 1918. Enlisted January 7, 1941. Decorations: (1) Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received November 7, 1943, in Italy; (2) Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Graduated Lenapah High School. Outstanding athlete. Died February 21, 1944, in action Anzio Beachhead, Italy.

HARTWELL C. METCALF, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Cartersville, Haskell County. Reatha Metcalf, Sister, Cartersville. Born March 31, 1919. Enlisted August 10, 1941. Died January 30, 1944, in action in Italy.

WILLIAM B. MILLER, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Garvin, McCurtain County. Lucretia Miller, Sister, Rt. 1, Garvin. Born January 28, 1920. Enlisted July 14, 1941. Decoration: Silver Star. Graduated High School, Idabel, Oklahoma, 1938. Attended Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater, three years. Died April 30, 1943, in action North African area over enemy territory.

JOHN R. MOORE, Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Drumright, Creek County. Mrs. Pauline Moore, Wife, Drumright. Born November 3, 1909. Enlisted October 28, 1942. Decoration: Citation of Honor received posthumously. Served as Air Crew Chief. Specially commended by his superior officers and won merited honors for his high qualifications in assisting officers and enlisted men to acquire the precision training necessary to fit them for duty overseas. Died May 27, 1944, in line of duty airplane accident north of Brocker, Texas.

WILLIAM FOREST ("BILL") MORGAN, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, U. S. Army. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Morgan, Parents, 3655 South Lawton, West Tulsa 7, Rt. 5. Born October 5, 1923. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Member of Oklahoma National Guard, enlisted May 11, 1939. Served with the 45th Division. Died April 1, 1944, of wounds received in action North African area.

CLEO PHILLIP MORRIS, Aviation Cadet, U. S. Navy. Home address: Elgin, Comanche County. Mrs. Vetta Morris, Mother, Elgin. Born November 25, 1920. Enlisted October 22, 1942. Graduated Elgin High School and Cameron State Agricultural College, Lawton. Died January 6, 1944, from pneumonia Naval Hospital, Norman, Oklahoma.

CARL H. NEIGHBORS, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Shawnee, Pottawatomie County. Mrs. Pauline Neighbors, Wife, 117½ West 8th St., Oklahoma City. Born September 29, 1920. Enlisted October 23, 1942. Died February 24, 1944, in action over Germany.

GEORGE F. NOBLE, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Enid, Garfield County. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Noble, Parents, University Station, Enid. Born August 25, 1919. Enlisted January 6, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Air Medal; Unit Citation Distinguished Service. Served as Pilot in African and Sicilian campaigns. Died July 31, 1943, Cesaro, Sicily.

ROBERT C. NOYES, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Shidler, Osage County. H. E. Noyes, Father, Shidler. Born October 29, 1923. Enlisted December 7, 1942. Attended University of Oklahoma, School of Engineering, Norman. Expert sharpshooter. Served as Pilot. Died May 31, 1944, in airplane crash combat training flight Santa Maria, California.

PERCY W. OCHS, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Shawnee, Pottawatomie County. Mrs. Doris Ann Ochs, Wife, 810 North Kickapoo, Shawnee. Born August 22, 1914. Enlisted April 13, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Served as Aerial Engineer; Tail Gunner

on B-25. Died March 14, 1944, Island of Corsica, North African area.

MERL DIXON ORCUTT, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Sumner, Noble County. Mrs. Stewart Beasley, Sister, 725 Ivanhoe, Perry, Oklahoma. Born September 22, 1923. Enlisted January 4, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Member of Christian Church, Sumner. Served as Top-turret Gunner. Died May 12, 1944, in action English Channel.

LEE J. OWENS, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Wheatland, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Elva Jean Owens, Wife, Wheatland. Born January 22, 1912. Enlisted December 8, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Citation of Honor. Died May 3, 1944, in Italy.

EARL F. PAINTER, Corporal, U. S. Army. Home address: Shady Point, Le Flore County. Mr. and Mrs. Horace L. Painter, Parents, Shady Point. Born August 15, 1919. Enlisted September, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died May 14, 1944, in Italy.

HARRY A. PATTERSON, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Myrtle M. Patterson, Mother, 721 N. W. 22nd St., Oklahoma City. Born January 17, 1919. Enlisted March, 1942. Decorations: Citation of Honor; Air Medal; two Oak Leaf Clusters; Order of the Purple Heart. Served as Pilot, group leader, on sixteenth mission. Died February 24, 1944, in action on raid over Germany.

HERMAN H. PAYNE, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Stidham, McIntosh County. James M. Payne, Father, Stidham. Born February 8, 1920. Enlisted November, 1938. Died May 24, 1944, in action in Italy.

HORACE M. PEAY, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Ada, Pontotoc County. Mrs. Margaret E. Peay, Mother, 613 West 12th St., Ada. Born September 4, 1917. Enlisted December, 1941. Decorations: Air Medal; Order of the Purple Heart. Served as Co-Pilot on Flying Fortress. Died February 6, 1944, in action over France.

JOHN A. PEBECK, Private, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Sapulpa, Creek County. Mrs. Blanche M. Pebeck, Wife, 624 South Elm St., Sapulpa. Born February 25, 1912. Enlisted August 26, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served with Photo Reconnaissance Squadron. Died April 20, 1944, North African area.

WILLIAM A. PERRAM, Corporal, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Perram, Parents, 1619 East Third St., Tulsa. Born December 13, 1920. Enlisted September 3, 1943. Served as Aerial Engineer in the Air Transport Command, flying over "The Hump" (Himalaya Mountains)

carrying supplies to China. Once the B-24 plane was blown off its course, forcing the crew of five to bail out. Landing in Tibet, they were the first white men to see Chinese city of Tsetang. Supplied with guides and Tibetan horses, they made the sixty day trip in thirty days back to base in India. Died March 26, 1944, airplane crash into mountainside during special mission, east of Chengkung, China.

EARL C. PERRY, JR., Captain, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Hominy, Osage County. Earl C. Perry, Sr., Father, Rt. 9, Dallas, Texas. Born July 3, 1915. Enlisted January, 1942. Graduated Hominy High School. Chickasaw Indian descent. Before enlistment flew for Braniff Airways as Co-Pilot from Dallas to Chicago. After serving in Ferrying Command, finished training in Four Motor School, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Commissioned as First Lieutenant. Advanced to rank of Captain of Air Corps October, 1942. Served in Ferrying Command in Africa and in Burma Road area; in Transportation Corps as Flying Personnel in India-China wing. Died January 2, 1944, in line of duty, crash of passenger plane out of Sookerating, Asiatic area.

CLAUDE A. PERSON, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Hastings, Jefferson County. R. P. Person, Father, Hastings. Born September 26, 1921. Enlisted September 2, 1942. Decorations: Air Medal; Oak Leaf Cluster; Order of the Purple Heart; Silver Star. Served as Liaison Pilot. Wounded in action May 29, 1944. Died May 31, 1944, in Italy.

EUGENE PETERS, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Pawnee, Pawnee County. Mrs. Minnie Peters, Mother, Pawnee Indian School, Pawnee. Born May 9, 1919. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died May 23, 1944, in action Sarmi, New Guinea, Southwest Pacific.

DON M. PETERSON, Flight Officer, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Muskogee, Muskogee County. Leonard A. Peterson, Father, 717 South 29th St., Muskogee. Born July 23, 1923. Enlisted January, 1943. Died July 7, 1944, in airplane crash Bruning, Nebraska.

EMMETT C. PIERSON, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Mrs. Eva Mickelberry, Foster Mother, 1143 North Cincinnati, Tulsa. Born October 16, 1922. Enlisted March 2, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Awarded Gunnery and Sharpshooter medals. Member Hagler Memorial Methodist Church, Tulsa; member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. Graduated Central High School, Tulsa, 1941; pitcher on school baseball team. Employee of *The Tulsa Tribune*. Served as Scout in Marine Intelligence group; in combat through Battle of Tarawa, suffering slight injuries. Wounded June 30, 1944, Battle of Saipan. Died June 30, 1944, Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, Central Pacific.

CHARLIE PONDS, Steward's Mate, First Class, U. S. Naval Reserve. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs.

Charlie Ponds, Wife, 425 East 4th St., Oklahoma City. Born July 9, 1925. Enlisted March, 1942. Died May 26, 1944, in action Australia.

HERRELL K. POWELL, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Elsie B. Powell, Wife, 2401 North 73d East Ave., Tulsa. Born March 5, 1913. Enlisted July 6, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater. Assistant Director in charge of purchasing and construction, Spartan School of Aeronautics, Tulsa. Served as Amphibian Quartermaster. Died April 28, 1944, European area.

THOMAS E. PRICE, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Price, Parents, 1016 South Florence, Tulsa. Born August 2, 1921. Enlisted August 24, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Air Medal; Oak Leaf Clusters. Wounded in action November 29, 1943. Served as Waist Gunner on B-17, more than fifteen missions. Died January 29, 1944, in action over Germany.

NATHAN M. PRITCHARD, Private, First Class, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: Mountain View, Kiowa County. Mrs. M. A. Pritchard, Mother, Rt. 1, Mountain View. Born May 5, 1923. Enlisted September, 1943. Member of Catholic Church. Sailed for duty overseas January 26, 1944. In combat, Saipan Island, beginning June 15, 1944. Died June 22, 1944, in action Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, Central Pacific.

BEN DAVID QUINTON, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Stilwell, Adair County. Mrs. Mary Quinton, Mother, Stilwell. Born July 30, 1922. Enlisted November 16, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Cherokee Indian descent. Attended Dwight Indian Training School, Rt. 2, Vian, Oklahoma. Died February 9, 1943, in action in Italy.

DAVID M. RANDLE, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Randle, Parents, 2625 Cashion Place, Oklahoma City 7. Born May 10, 1923. Enlisted December 15, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Citation of Honor. Graduated Classen High School, Oklahoma City, 1941, and from Coyne Electrical School, Chicago, 1942. Sailed for duty overseas September 25, 1943. Served as Turret Gunner on Flying Fortress B-17. Died November 5, 1943, in action English Channel.

SAM L. RATLIFF, Corporal, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Park Hill, Cherokee County. Mrs. Mattie Ratliff, Mother, Park Hill. Born May 12, 1922. Enlisted November 4, 1942. Died April 20, 1944, on board American transport ship sunk by enemy action Mediterranean Sea.

LAWRENCE L. REXROAT, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Aline, Alfalfa County. Mrs. Isabell Rexroat, Mother, Aline. Born June 6, 1920. Enlisted November 1, 1940. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Citation of Honor. Served as Turret Gunner. Died May 21, 1943, in action near Rabaul, New Britain Island, Southwest Pacific.

IVAN L. RICHARDSON, Chief Petty Officer, Construction Battalion, U. S. Navy. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Essie D. Richardson, Wife, 2249 N. W. 22nd St., Oklahoma City. Born October 30, 1909. Enlisted November 13, 1942. Prior to enlistment was with State Highway Department as improvement engineer; civil engineer ten months in Panama Canal Zone. Sailed for duty overseas March 1944. Died May 30, 1944, New Guinea, Southwest Pacific.

HAROLD L. RIDDLE, Corporal, U. S. Marine Air Corps. Home address: Ft. Gibson, Muskogee County. Mrs. Maggie Riddle, Mother, 318 Felix Ave., Muskogee. Born April 21, 1925. Enlisted July 16, 1942. Decoration: Air Medal. Served as Radio Gunner. Died March 3, 1944, Santa Ana, California.

CARL J. RINGER, Private, First Class, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve. Home address: Shawnee, Pottawatomie County. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ringer, Parents, Rt. 5, Shawnee. Born October 10, 1922. Enlisted December 10, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Bronze Star Medal. Died January 15, 1944, in action Cape Gloucester, New Britain, Southwest Pacific.

SAMUEL W. RITTER, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Albion, Pushmataha County. Harry L. Ritter, Father, Albion. Born July 2, 1920. Enlisted September 16, 1942. Died January 11, Southern Greece.

JAMES W. RODGERS, JR., Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Holdenville, Hughes County. Mr. and Mrs. James W. Rodgers, Parents, Holdenville. Born September 30, 1917. Enlisted January 27, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served as Radioman. Plane shot down in action over Austria May 24, 1944. Died May 24, 1944, in hospital in Austria.

EARL SAULSBURY, JR., Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Wilburton, Latimer County. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Saulsbury, Parents, Wilburton. Born October 12, 1924. Enlisted August 5, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Awarded medal for expert marksmanship. Died March 30, 1944, in action Anzio Beachhead, Italy.

ALBERT C. SCHAEFFLER, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Woodward, Woodward County. Mrs. Fred Schaeffler, Mother, Rt. 4, Woodward. Born February 17, 1921. Enlisted July 30, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Citation of Honor. Died January 11, 1944, in action over Germany.

WILLIAM E. SCHLUETER, Ensign, U. S. Navy. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. W. A. Schlueter, Father, 1252 East 25th St., Tulsa. Born June 20, 1917. Enlisted January 17, 1942. Served as Fighter Pilot in Naval Air Reserve. Died April 10, 1943, in line of duty, airplane accident, Manteo, North Carolina.

NYAL M. SELBY, Corporal, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: Skiatook, Osage County. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Selby, Parents, Rt. 4, Springdale, Arkansas. Born December 27, 1919. Enlisted January 31, 1940. Died May 6, 1942, Manila area, Philippine Islands.

JACK L. SHEATS, Technical Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Claremore, Rogers County. Mrs. Nick Sheats, Mother, Rt. 1, Claremore. Born May 26, 1921. Enlisted September 21, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Citation of Honor. Died March 23, 1944, New Guinea, Southwest Pacific.

ROY L. SHEPPARD, Private, First Class, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: Wetumka, Hughes County. R. D. Sheppard, Father, Wetumka. Born May 25, 1923. Enlisted January 1942. Died November 20, 1943, Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, South Central Pacific.

LLOYD L. SLOAN, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Sloan, Parents, 618 North Cheyenne, Tulsa 6. Born April 15, 1915. Enlisted February, 1942. Attended Spartan School of Aeronautics, Tulsa. Trained at Santa Ana, Ontario, and Lancaster, California; commissioned at Douglas, Arizona. Died March 4, 1944, in action over Ramsbury, England.

GEORGE C. SMITH, Quarter Master, Second Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. George C. Smith, Wife, 18½ West Third St., Tulsa, Born September 3, 1900. Enlisted June 20, 1942. Died April 22, 1944, Long Beach, California.

WILLIAM F. SMOOTS, Captain, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Oneta Smoots, Wife, 1421 N. W. 38th St., Oklahoma City 6. Born May 9, 1899. Enlisted August, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Graduated Darlington School for Boys, Rome, Georgia, 1915. Attended Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia. Beginning 1917, employed in Oklahoma petroleum companies; 1927-35, Division Manager of Land Department, Phillips Petroleum Company; 1939-42, Manager Land Department, Harper-Turner Oil Company, Oklahoma City. Attended Officers' Training School, Miami Beach, Florida; commissioned Captain. Stationed Brooks Field, Kelly Field, Love Field, Texas, December, 1942 to June, 1943. Sailed for overseas June, 1943. Died June 12, 1944, in action Biak Island, New Guinea, Southwest Pacific.

DON Z. SOUTHWORTH, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Madill, Marshall County. Mrs. Pearl S. Southworth, Mother, Madill. Born June 29, 1924. Enlisted April 2, 1943. Decoration: Order

of the Purple Heart. Died April 20, 1944, on board American transport ship sunk by enemy action Mediterranean Sea.

A. C. STEVENS, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: McAlester, Pittsburg County. Bryant Stevens, Father, Rt. 1, McAlester. Born November 23, 1920. Enlisted September 29, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died February 28, 1944, in action in Italy.

LEWIS A. STRANGE, Corporal, U. S. Army. Home address: Elgin, Comanche County. Mrs. Jeffie M. Strange, Wife, Elgin. Born February 25, 1917. Enlisted February, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. In Civil Service Fort Sill, Oklahoma, prior to enlistment. Served in Ranger Battalion. Died November 4, 1943, in action in Italy.

RAY ALVIN STROUT, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Sand Springs, Tulsa County. Mrs. Aussley Lee Strout, Mother, 407 Washington St., Sand Springs. Born March 8, 1908. Enlisted September 25, 1942. Served in Medical Corps. Died July 15, 1943, hospital Santa Barbara, California.

LEO A. TATE, Private, First Class, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Bertha L. Tate, Mother, Central, Arizona. Born April 3, 1923. Enlisted May 17, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal. Died July 1, 1944, in action Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, Central Pacific.

CLEO TAYLOR, Corporal, Field Artillery, U. S. Army. Home address: Sallisaw, Sequoyah County. Mrs. Mellie Taylor, Mother, Rt. 2, Sallisaw. Born October 11, 1916. Enlisted March, 1939. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served overseas fourteen months. Died March 26, 1944, in action Anzio, Italy.

MARTIN J. THOMAS, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army. Home address: Stillwater, Payne County. Mrs. Emma L. Leach, Mother, 138 North West St., Stillwater. Born February 16, 1917. Enlisted January 1, 1942. Graduated Stillwater High School; attended Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater. Member school bands. Valedictorian of his class June, 1942, Army Air Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico, when he won his wings and second lieutenant's commission as Bombardier. Promoted to First Lieutenant and sailed for duty overseas February, 1943. Died April 24, 1944, in action over Switzerland.

ARVIL E. TEEM, Captain, Corps of Chaplains, U. S. Army. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Arvil E. Teem, Wife, 1705 N. W. 39th St., Oklahoma City. Born October 9, 1902. Enlisted January 17, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. With Tank Destroyer Battalion. Former Pastor of Kelham and of Lawrence avenue Baptist churches, Oklahoma City. Died February 12, 1944, in action in Italy.

JACK THORNE, Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Muskogee, Muskogee County. Mrs. Maude E. Thorne, Mother, 724 Calahan St., Muskogee. Born November 9, 1917. Enlisted April 8, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Citation of Honor. Radio Technician. Served in North African campaign. Died March 16, 1944, in action Sardinia.

FRANK A. TUCKER, Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: Hugo, Choctaw County. Mrs. F. A. Tucker, Wife, 608 East Kirk St., Hugo. Born January 13, 1914. Enlisted January 2, 1942. Decoration: Navy Cross. Died June 16, 1944, in action Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, Central Pacific.

TURNER B. TURNBULL, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army. Home address: Durant, Bryan County. Mrs. Margaret McBee, Aunt, Durant. Born October 30, 1921. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated High School, Boulder Colorado; attended Bacone College, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Member Oklahoma National Guard, enlisted September 18, 1939. Commissioned Second Lieutenant Officers' Training School, Fort Benning, Georgia. Served as Paratrooper, Airborne Command, in African, Sicilian, and Italian campaigns. Commissioned First Lieutenant in Italy. Hospitalized four months in England. Died June 7, 1944, in action Normandy Beachhead, France.

DIXON E. WALKER, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. R. E. Walker, Father, 1552 North St. Louis Ave., Tulsa. Born September 13, 1921. Enlisted June 15, 1938. Graduated Central High School, Tulsa, 1937. Stationed Harlingen, Texas. Died February 29, 1944, in airplane crash off Madagorda Peninsula, Texas.

CHARLES R. WALLACE, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Mangum, Greer County. Mrs. Grace J. Wallace, Wife, 101 Crittenden, Mangum. Born November 27, 1912. Enlisted May 19, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Citation of Honor. Died April 20, 1944, on board American transport ship sunk by enemy action Mediterranean Sea.

GERARD N. WARREN, Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Miriam E. Warren, Wife, 514 South Victor, Tulsa 4. Born December 25, 1922. Enlisted February 22, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served with Air Transport Command flying supplies over "The Hump" (Himalaya Mountains). Died December 27, 1943, in India.

KENNETH HUGH WEST, Seaman, Second Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Frank B. West, Mother, 839 North Delaware, Tulsa 4. Born November 14, 1924. Enlisted May 6, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Member of Armed Guard on U.S.S. *John Winthrop*. Died October 4, 1942, at sea Atlantic area.

MELVIN B. WHITE, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Rush Springs, Grady County. Mrs. Mary E. White, Mother, Rush Springs. Born January 7, 1914. Enlisted January 29, 1942. Expert with rifle and bayonet. Served as Paratrooper, Airborne Command. Died February 15, 1944, in action in Italy.

MAX WINDROSSE, Fire Controlman, Third Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Hooker, Texas County. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Windrosse, Parents, Hooker. Born August 10, 1920. Enlisted January 20, 1942. Graduated Hooker High School, 1938. Attended Panhandle A. & M. College, Goodwell. Member a cappella choir. Talented in writing and art. Employed and subsequently promoted to Manager of Office Supply Department, McGill Manufacturing Company, Valparaiso, Indiana. Trained at Great Lakes Training Station, Quantico Marine Base, and in anti-aircraft at California base. Sailed for duty overseas March, 1943. Died December 12, 1943, by drowning in action Southwest Pacific.

ARTHUR WITTKOPP, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: El Reno, Canadian County. Mr. and Mrs. Karl Wittkopp, Parents, Rt. 1, El Reno. Born January 24, 1920. Enlisted January 6, 1942. Served with Field Artillery. Died March 4, 1944, in action in Italy.

THADDEUS J. WORLEY, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Sand Springs, Tulsa County. Mrs. Josephine Ann Worley, Mother, 406 Lincoln, Sand Springs. Born September 17, 1920. Enlisted April 1, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Received wings and commission Ellington Field, Houston, Texas, May 24, 1943, graduating as First Pilot. Served as Troop Carrier Pilot flying "The Hump" (Himalaya Mountains). Died February 18, 1944, in line of duty airplane crash near Sumpra Bum, Northern Burma.

G. DAVID WYNNE, Seaman, First Class, U. S. Coast Guard Reserve. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Lulu May Wynne, Mother, 3232 East 7th St., Tulsa 4. Born February 1, 1921. Enlisted August, 1942. Attended public schools Tulsa. Prior to enlistment employed as draftsman by U. S. Engineers and by Dupont. Served twenty months in American Defense areas. Died May 5, 1944, Morehead City, North Carolina.

MORRIS JOE YOUNGBLOOD, Corporal, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Tuttle, Grady County. Mrs. Chess T. Youngblood, Mother, Tuttle. Born January 30, 1925. Enlisted August 4, 1943. Died April 9, 1944, in airplane crash Majove, California.

GLENN ALVIN ZINK, Seaman, U. S. Merchant Marine. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Emma Zink, Grandmother, 1521 South Florence Ave., Tulsa 4. Born December 23, 1924. Enlisted December 23, 1942. Graduated Will Rogers High School, Tulsa. Died July 10, 1943, in line of duty on first assignment, ship torpedoed Atlantic Ocean.