



## OKLAHOMA WAR MEMORIAL—WORLD WAR II

### PART XII\*

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Biographies of others from Oklahoma who gave their lives in the service of their country in World War II will be published in future numbers of *The Chronicles* as part of the War Memorial sponsored by the Oklahoma Historical Society.—Muriel H. Wright.

JOE SAM ALLEN, Ensign, U. S. Navy. Home address: Chickasha, Grady County. Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Allen, Parents, 1226 South 6th St., Chickasha, Oklahoma. Born May 7, 1921. Enlisted August 27, 1942. Decorations: Asiatic Campaign Medal; Bronze Star; "Victory Medal," World War II; Order of the Purple Heart; Air Medal awarded posthumously. Graduated Chickasha High School in May, 1940; attended the University of Oklahoma in 1940-41. Pledged Sigma Nu Fraternity. Member of Baptist Church. Served as Pilot of "Hellecat" fighter plane in night fighting, 41st Naval Air Squadron. His Citation with the Air Medal stated in part: "A skilled and fearless airman, Ens. Allen courageously participated in many extremely hazardous missions during the pioneer period of

night fighter operations and his tireless energy and unselfish efforts contributed materially to the excellent combat record achieved by his squadron and greatly assisted in the development of an important new phase of naval aviation." Reported missing in action on Luzon December 14, 1944. Died December 15, 1945 (official date), in action over Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

TROY L. ANDERSON, Jr., Private, First Class, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Patsy M. Sharpe, Mother, 1035 East Jessamine, Fort Worth, Texas. Born September 4, 1926. Enlisted September 4, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated Horace Mann Junior High School and attended Senior High School, Tulsa. Member First Methodist Church. Active in Boy Scouts. Died October 5, 1944, in action of Peleliu, Palau Islands, Central Pacific.

JAMES ELROY APPLEMAN, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Alva, Woods County. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Appleman, Parents, Alva. Born July 21, 1925. Enlisted July 30, 1944. Graduated Alva High School in May, 1944. Member of Methodist Church. Died April 6, 1945, in action in Germany.

CLAUDE L. ARMSTRONG, Private, U. S. Army, Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Frances J. Armstrong, Wife, 1307 North Yale, Tulsa. Born September 13, 1922. Enlisted March 29, 1944. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated Roosevelt Junior High School and attended Central High School, Tulsa. Member of Garden City Baptist Church. Awarded Expert Rifleman Medal. Died February 11, 1945, in line of duty and buried at sea off L. S. T. 577 in the Pacific.

LEONARD L. ARMSTRONG, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Soper, Choctaw County. Mrs. Ella Armstrong, Mother, (Mudsand Rte.) Soper. Born February 21, 1924. Enlisted March 15, 1944. Decorations: Purple Heart awarded twice; Combat Infantry Badge. Wounded in action December 25, 1944. Died April 5, 1945, in action in Germany.

DOUGLAS BAKER, Lieutenant, Junior Grade, U. S. Navy. Home address: Lindsay, Garvin County. Mr. and Mrs. John Baker, Parents. Rte. 4, Lindsay. Born August 27, 1921. Enlisted June 30, 1942. Decorations: four Air Medals; three Distinguished Flying crosses; two Silver Stars; Order of the Purple Heart. Attended the University of Oklahoma in 1942. Served in Naval Air Squadron. Last flight took off from the carrier U. S. S. *Lexington*. Died December 14, 1944, in action over Luzon, Philippine Islands.

PAUL S. BENNETT, Captain, U. S. Army. Home address: Sperry, Tulsa County. Mrs. Helen G. Bennett, Wife, Sperry. Born Febru-

ary 4, 1911. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Decorations: Silver Star; Order of the Purple Heart. Member of the Oklahoma National Guard, enlisted May 27, 1927; advanced from rank of sergeant to Second Lieutenant on June 3, 1933, and successively in rank later, to Captain in the National Guard on October 1, 1935; graduated from Field Artillery School in 1936. Served in the Field Artillery of the 45th Division. Died July 9, 1944, in action on Saipan, Marianas Islands.

WAYNE PAUL BENSON, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Douthat, Ottawa County. Mrs. Mittie Benson, Mother, Douthat. Born February 2, 1922. Enlisted in 1942. Attended public school at Picher, Oklahoma. Died November 12, 1944, in action in Lorraine, France.

MILLARD C. BENTLEY, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Davis, Murray County. Mrs. Sue Edwards Bentley, Mother, Rte. 1, Davis. Born October 14, 1918. Enlisted October, 1939. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended public school at Davis, Oklahoma. Died August 1, 1944, in action in France.

CHARLES R. BETHEL, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Charles Bethel, Wife, 2112 East Sixth, Tulsa 4. Born February 1, 1921. Enlisted August, 1943. Decorations: Bronze Star; Combat Infantry Badge; Order of the Purple Heart. Died June 13, 1945, in action of Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, East China Sea.

DAVID ALBERT BETTINGER, Seaman, First Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Bromide, Johnston County. Joe L. Bettinger, Father, Big Canyon, Oklahoma. Born April 22, 1920. Enlisted June 9, 1939. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated Bromide High School, 1939. Died March 2, 1942, in line of duty in the Java Sea.

TOMMIE JEWEL BIBB, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Three Sands, Noble County. Mrs. Jessie Smith, Aunt, Three Sands. Born June 16, 1924. Enlisted November 19, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served during landing on D-Day, wounded in action June 16, and returned to combat duty July 28, 1944. Died August 14, 1944, in action in France.

WILLIAM CHESTER BIGGS, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Ravia, Johnston County. Mrs. Marie Biggs, Wife, Ravia. Born September 29, 1919. Enlisted January 16, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart awarded twice; Bronze Star. Graduated Chilocco Indian Agricultural School, Chilocco, Oklahoma, in May, 1940. Member of the Baptist Church. Creek Indian descent. Served with the 45th ("Thunderbird") Division. Died January 4, 1945, in action in Northeastern France.

TOBIAS RAPHAEL BILLER, Seaman, First Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Okarche, Kingfisher County. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Biller, Parents, Okarche. Born January 29, 1923. Enlisted December 16, 1942. Graduated from St. Gregory's College, Shawnee, Oklahoma, in 1942. Member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Served in the Submarine Corps. Died October 7, 1943, in line of duty in the Kuril Islands (or Japanese Chishima Islands), off Kamchatka.

WALTER EARL BLAYLOCK, Seaman, First Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Poteau, Le Flore County. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blaylock, Parents, Rte. 1, Poteau. Born February 9, 1921. Enlisted April 7, 1939. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart; Presidential Citation. Graduated Poteau High School in May, 1938. Served in Submarine Corps. Died August 10, 1945, in line of duty aboard the submarine U. S. S. *Pickrel* at sea, out from its Manila Bay base.

ROY BOYD BLANCHARD, Technical Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Glencoe, Payne County. Richard W. Blanchard, Father, Glencoe. Born June 19, 1920. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; two Bronze Stars; Combat Infantry Badge; American Defense Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal. Graduated Glencoe High School in May, 1939. Member of the Christian Church. Member of Oklahoma National Guard, enlisted in 1938, in 179th Infantry. Served with the 45th Division. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. Died February 18, 1944, in action at Anzio Beachhead, Italy.

LEROY BEN BLANKE, Corporal, U. S. Army. Home address: Nowata, Nowata County. Mrs. Jennie Blanke, Mother, Rte. 2, Nowata. Born April 22, 1919. Enlisted May 12, 1942. Decorations: Unit Citation for action in the St. Lo campaign; Battle Participation Star, European Theater of Operations. Attended Nowata public schools. Member of Church of Christ. Died August 3, 1944, in action in France.

BUELL DEAN BLUBAUGH, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Ponca City, Kay County. Mrs. Pearl Blubaugh, Mother, 414 North 7th Street, Tonkawa, Oklahoma. Born October 16, 1922. Enlisted February, 1943. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; three Battle Participation Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign. Graduated Tonkawa High School in May, 1942. Attended Northern Oklahoma Junior College, Tonkawa. Member First Baptist Church. Served as Paratrooper in 11th Division, Airborne Command. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. Served in New Guinea and participated in the Leyte and the Manila campaigns, Philippine Islands. Died April 18, 1945, in action near Mt. Macolod, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

DWIGHT KENDALL BOOTH, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Enid, Garfield County. M/Sgt. and Mrs. Brainard D. Booth, Parents, 923 West Elm, Enid. Born September 19, 1924. Enlisted December 15, 1942. Decorations: Air Medal and Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Graduated Thomas Jefferson High School, San Antonio, Texas; attended Texas A. & M. College. Member of Madison Square Presbyterian Church and Albert Pike Chapter Order of DeMolay, San Antonio, Texas. Outstanding student and athlete. Graduated Altus Army Air Field, receiving wings and commission in September, 1944. Sailed for duty overseas in January, 1945, and served as Pilot on a B-26 "Marauder" in bombing raids over Germany. Died April 16, 1945, in action during operational flight over Wittenberg, Germany.

ROBERT EVIN BOOZE, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Stratford, Garvin County. Mrs. Ina Ruth Booze, Wife, Rte. 2, Byars, Oklahoma. Born May 23, 1919. Enlisted December 23, 1943. Attended grade school, Vian, Oklahoma. Died December 16, 1944, in action in Germany.

WILLIAM RUFUS BOST, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army. Home address: Cleveland, Pawnee County. Mrs. Jessie O. Bost, Mother, 800 West Delaware, Cleveland. Born November 2, 1915. Enlisted March, 1941. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Oak Leaf Cluster; Combat Infantry Badge; American Defense Medal; three Battle Participation Stars, European Theater of Operations. Graduated Cleveland High School in 1933. Attended Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater, 1934. Attended Tulsa Business College and later employed in Tulsa. Member of Boston Avenue Methodist Church. Served in Medical Corps, 216th General Hospital and 300th General Hospital, in all grades from private to master sergeant. Chosen for Infantry Officers' Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia, and commissioned in April, 1943. Sailed for overseas duty as an officer of replacement in January, 1944, and later assigned to the 85th Division in command of a machine gun platoon. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. Wounded in action at Fondi, Italy, on May 21, 1944, and rejoined the 85th Division in August, 1944. Died October 10, 1944, in action at Mt. Monterenzio, Italy.

ARCHIE LEONARD BOSWELL, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Rush Springs, Grady County. Mrs. Lola Boswell, Mother, Shamrock, Texas. Born November 14, 1925. Enlisted February 19, 1944. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated 10th Grade, Sterling, Oklahoma. Member of Baptist Church. Died January 27, 1945, in action in France.

JAMES V. BOYLES, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Checotah, McIntosh County. Mrs. Edna A. Boyles, Wife, North Broadway. Checotah. Born January 27, 1922. Enlisted November 28, 1943.

Served in the Third Army, European Theater. Died December 19, 1944, in action in Luxembourg, Belgium.

**TIM LUTELLAS BRADLEY**, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Muskogee, Muskogee County. Mrs. Fannie Carmean, Mother, Cassville, Missouri. Born October 4, 1918. Enlisted September, 1940. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Silver Star awarded posthumously. Attended Central High School, Muskogee. Sailed for duty overseas in November, 1943, and served in India and Burma. Died June 1, 1944, in action in North Burma, Asiatic area.

**CARL CLINTON BRAND**, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Eufaula, McIntosh County. Mrs. Robbie Brand, Wife, 2536 Florida Ave., Stockton, California. Born November 3, 1911. Enlisted September, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Eufaula Junior High School. Member Christian Church and Junior Chamber of Commerce. Served with the 90th Division. Promoted from Private to Sergeant on the battlefield July 16, 1944. Died July 26, 1944, in action near Blosville, France.

**LEWIS OTHEL BRANSCUM**, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Big Cedar, LeFlore County. Mrs. Eunice D. Branscum, Wife, Page, Oklahoma. Born September 6, 1924. Enlisted July 18, 1944. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Combat Infantry Badge. Attended public schools at Big Cedar and Muse, Oklahoma. Awarded Machine Gun and Hand Grenade medals. Died June 19, 1945, in action on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, East China Sea.

**THOMAS LEROY BRASEL**, Seaman, First Class, U. S. Naval Reserve. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. C. R. Brasel, Brother, 720 South Wheeling, Tulsa. Born October 28, 1926. Enlisted March 13, 1944. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died October 30, 1944, in line of duty in Southwest Pacific.

**ROBERT LEE BREWSTER**, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Fairland, Ottawa County. Mrs. May E. Brewster, Mother, Rte. 1, Fairland. Born November 30, 1925. Enlisted June 27, 1944. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Bronze Star. Graduated from High School, Wyandotte, Oklahoma. Sailed for duty overseas December 31, 1944, landing in the Philippines in February, 1945; in active combat from February 26 to March 21, and from April 1 to April 4. Died April 4, 1945, in action on Luzon and buried in Legaspi Cemetery, Philippine Islands.

**LEON EARL BRIGGS**, Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Tahlequah, Cherokee County. Mrs. Anna Lou Hullinger, Mother, Loop Rte., Tahlequah. Born April 28, 1925. Enlisted August 12, 1943. Decorations: Air Medal; Oak Leaf Cluster. Attended Tahlequah High School. Member First Baptist Church. Sailed for duty overseas in December, 1944. Served as Tail Gunner

on B-17 Bomber; became member of "Caterpillar Club" for emergency parachute jump on his first mission. Died April 7, 1945, in action near Hannover, Germany.

ONIE ARVILEE BRISCOE, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Walters, Cotton County. Oscar J. Briscoe, Father, 623 Wash St., Walters. Born June 7, 1926. Enlisted September 6, 1944. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Walters High School. Member Assembly of God Church. Died June 14, 1945, in action on Mindanao, Philippine Islands.

JESS CALVIN BRUTON, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Sallisaw, Sequoyah County. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bruton, Parents, Rte. 2, Sallisaw. Born April 1, 1924. Enlisted May 30, 1944. Decoration: Combat Infantry Badge. Finished grades in grammar school. A letter in behalf of the officers and men of his company in the 88th Division stated: "He was one of our efficient and top fighting men." Died April 18, 1945, in action in Northern Italy and buried in the U. S. Military Cemetery at Mt. Beni, Italy.

BILLY LEONARD BUNCH, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Duncan, Stephens County. Mr. Luther Bunch, Father, 1303 Oak Ave., Duncan. Born March 24, 1923. Enlisted June 7, 1944. Decorations: Combat Infantry Badge; two Battle Participation Stars, European Theater of Operations; Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated Duncan High School in May, 1941. Attended the University of Oklahoma, 1941-43. Member of Methodist Church. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. Died April 18, 1944, in action in Italy.

WILLIS S. BUOY, Technician, Fifth Grade, U. S. Army. Home address: Ocheleta, Washington County. Mrs. Lucy Ann Buoy, Mother, Rte. 2, Bartlesville. Born June 29, 1908. Enlisted June 5, 1942. Decorations: Bronze Star: Oak Leaf Cluster; Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated from 8th grade and was outstanding athlete in Truscott School, Hogshooter Creek. Member of Baptist Church. Served in the Heavy Artillery, Seventh Army. Decorated for heroism in France, in 1944, for having saved many of his comrades in action against the Germans. Wounded in action during early winter 1944-45. Died March 30, 1945, in action in Germany.

JOSEPH DENNIS ("JOE D.") BURDEN, Private, First Class, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: Blair, Jackson County. Mrs. J. M. Huling, Mother, Blair. Born September 23, 1918. Enlisted June 6, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Blair High School. Stationed in the Philippine Islands and was at Corregidor at the time of the surrender to the Japanese on May 6, 1942. Served with the 3rd Battalion, Fourth Marines. Died October 24, 1944, in line of duty in the East China Sea.

MAURICE THURMAN BURRESS, Chief Electrician's Mate, U. S. Navy. Home address: Weatherford, Custer County. William Henry

Burress, Father, Weatherford. Born April 11, 1916. Enlisted July 15, 1934. Decorations: Presidential Unit Citation; Naval Commendation Ribbon; Submarine Combat Insignia; Bronze Star Medal. Graduated from High School, Harrison, Arkansas, in May, 1934. Member of Methodist Church. The Presidential Unit Citation was awarded for "outstanding performance and distinguished service" aboard the U. S. S. *Greenling* in war patrol; the Commendation Ribbon, "For distinguishing himself by outstanding service in a United States Submarine during a war patrol of that vessel"; the Submarine Combat Insignia, for "splendid performance of duty" aboard the Submarine U. S. S. *Barbel* in offensive war patrol in heavily patrolled enemy waters. The Citation with the Bronze Star Medal stated in part: "As Electrician's Mate in Charge, his skill and proficiency in maintaining his department in a high state of readiness materially assisted his Commanding Officer while conducting attacks which resulted in sinking more than 20,000 tons of enemy shipping." Departed aboard the U. S. S. *Barbel* from Fremantle, Australia, January 5, 1945, for patrol area in the South China Sea. First reported missing February 18, 1945. Died February 19, 1946 (official date), in line of duty aboard the Submarine U. S. S. *Barbel* lost in South China Sea.

RICHARD BURTON, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Okemah, Okfuskee County. Mrs. Velma O. Burton, Wife, 115 South 8th St., Okemah. Born September 27, 1918. Enlisted November, 1940. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Silver Star awarded posthumously. Served as Automatic Rifleman, his Citation with the Silver Star stating that, under heavy artillery and mortar fire by the enemy, he himself opened fire on the enemy and eliminated the hostile strongpoint thus making way for his squadron to continue the advance. He was later struck by enemy artillery fire in this advance. Died August 1, 1944, in action in France.

GILBERT NICHOLS ("NICK") BURWELL, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols Burwell, Mother, 7006 Nichols Road, Oklahoma City. Born June 7, 1923. Enlisted July, 1942. Decorations: Air Medal; Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Oklahoma City public schools; graduated from Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana, in June, 1942. Member of Methodist Church. Attended preflight school at San Antonio, Texas, and had primary training at Spartan school, Tulsa, Oklahoma, followed by basic and advanced training in other U. S. air fields, receiving wings and commission at Lawson Field, Fort Benning, Georgia. Served as Pilot on P-51 "Mustang" with the 4th Fighter Squadron, 52nd Fighter Group. Died June 23, 1944, in action over Ploesti, Italy.

GROVER CLEVELAND BUSBY, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Rosa Lee Busby, Wife, Rte. 2, Flatonia, Texas. Born August 18, 1912. Enlisted



March 14, 1944. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated Capitol Hill High School, Oklahoma City. Member of the Baptist Church. Awarded Rifleman, Machine Gun, Carbine and Sn' machine Gun medals. Died January 16, 1945, in action in Eastern France.

**BOBBIE RALPH BUTLER**, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Percy Butler, Father, 2211 East Realing St. Tulsa. Born November 5, 1925. Enlisted August 15, 1944. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Graduated Grover Cleveland Junior High School, Tulsa, in 1941, and from Central High School, Tulsa, in 1944. Member of Springdale Baptist Church. Of Cherokee Indian descent. Oklahoma State interscholastic High Jump champion in 1943 and 1944, winning both meets at the University of Oklahoma and at Oklahoma A. & M. College. Sailed for duty overseas on January 6, 1945, and volunteered for infantry scouting. Died February 23, 1945, in action near Kempen, Germany.

**LEONARD V. BYRUM**, Corporal, U. S. Army. Home address: Snow, Pushmataha County. Ottis D. Byrum, Father, Snow. Born December 5, 1919. Enlisted April 13, 1942. Attended public school at Finley, Oklahoma. Served as Technician, Fifth Grade, in 104th Engineers. Died April 1, 1945, in action on Okinawa, Ryūkyū Islands, East China Sea.

**ROGER WILLIAM CAFFEY**, Technician, Fifth Grade, U. S. Army. Home address: Seminole, Seminole County. Mrs. Joan Caffey, Wife, Seminole. Born October 6, 1924. Enlisted June 2, 1943. Decorations: Silver Star; Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Seminole High School. Member of Assembly of God Church. Served in Medical Detachment, 18th Infantry. The Silver Star Medal was awarded for gallantry in action within the vicinity of Mortain, France, the Citation stating in part: "Observing a seriously wounded German soldier, deserted by his own medical men, and obviously suffering from shock and pain, Corporal Caffey voluntarily exposed himself to heavy sniper fire, administered first aid and evacuated the enemy casualty. The exceptional courage with which Corporal Caffey performed his merciful deed reflects great honor upon the Army Medical Department." Wounded in action in the vicinity of Hachkerchen, Germany. Died March 1, 1945, near Nrederaw, Germany.

**PAUL PERKINS CAMPBELL**, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Ramona, Washington County. Mrs. Emma Campbell, Wife, Rte. 1, Bartlesville. Born September 22, 1913. Enlisted September 16, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated Ramona High School in 1932. Died August 6, 1944, in action in Percy, France.

**CHARLES RALPH CANTRELL**, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Haskell, Muskogee County. Mrs. Hatty M. Cantrell, Mother, Rte. 1, Haskell. Born April 13, 1909. Enlisted October 28,

1942. Decorations: Two Battle Participation Stars, European Theater of Operations; Order of the Purple Heart awarded twice. Attended public Schools, Black Gum, Oklahoma. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. Died November 12, 1944, in action in Lorraine, France.

JAMES H. CAPE, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Ada, Pontotoc County. Mrs. Clarca J. Cape. Mother, Rte. 5, Ada. Born July 7, 1922. Enlisted December 26, 1942. Decoration: Combat Infantry Badge. Completed 8th grade in public school, Bebee, Oklahoma. Served in the Seventh Army, European Theater of Operations. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. Died April 10, 1945, in action in Western Germany.

ORVAL OTIS CATHER, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Pawnee, Pawnee County. Mrs. Okla Cather, Mother, 453 Harrison, Pawnee. Born May 22, 1922. Enlisted June 30, 1942. Attended Prosperity public school. Member of Methodist Church. Sailed from Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, for the Philippine Islands on February 6, 1945. Died February 11, 1945, in line of duty when his ship was torpedoed by an enemy submarine and sunk north of Mindanao, Philippine Islands.

HAROLD LEE CLARK, Seaman, Second Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Seminole, Seminole County. Nolon Ival Clark, Father, Seminole. Born July 4, 1926. Enlisted June 8, 1944. Graduated High School, Bowlegs, Oklahoma. Member of Baptist Church. Died February 16, 1945, in line of duty aboard the LCS (L) (3) sunk in resisting an enemy torpedo attack in Marveles Harbor, Bataan Peninsula, Philippine Islands.

WILBUR FRANK CLARK, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Shawnee, Pottawatomie County. Mrs. Bessie Clark, Mother, 121 North Louisa St., Shawnee. Born May 11, 1919. Enlisted June 8, 1944. Decorations: Combat Infantry Badge; Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated Shawnee Senior High School in 1938. Member First Baptist Church. Sailed for duty overseas in November, 1944, and served with the 63rd Division, Seventh Army, in Italy, France, and Germany. Died April 9, 1945, in action in Western Germany.

HARRY CLINTON CLARKE, Electrician's Mate, First Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Yale, Payne County. Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Clarke, Parents, 530 East Chicago, Yale. Born May 14, 1913. Enlisted December 18, 1933. Graduated Yale High School in May, 1931. Member of Baptist Church. Served on the U. S. S. *Saratoga* and on the U. S. S. *Langley*. Reported missing in action since March 1, 1942. Died December 15, 1945 (official date) in line of duty at sea.

STERLING LOUIS CLIFT, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Granite, Greer County. Mrs. G. R. Clift, Mother, Rte. 4, Apache. Born January 5, 1912. Enlisted November, 1943. Decora-

tion: Order of the Purple Heart. Member Missionary Baptist Church. Served as Paratrooper, Airborne Command. Sailed for duty overseas in August, 1944, and was in active combat in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. Wounded in action September 17, 1944. Died April 7, 1945, in action in Germany.

CARL WAYNE COALE, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Dacoma, Woods County. C. E. Coale, Father, Dacoma. Born December 10, 1921. Enlisted December 3, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served as Pilot on P-38 "Fighter" plane. Died December 27, 1944, in action twelve miles northeast of Bastogne, Belgium.

JAMES CLARENCE COLE, Technical Sergeant, Fourth Class, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Sallisaw, Sequoyah County. Mrs. Myrtle Cole, Mother, Rte. 4, Sallisaw. Born December 9, 1922. Enlisted February 2, 1942. Attended public schools in Sequoyah County. Died March 23, 1945, during Japanese bombing attack on Biak Island, and buried with full military honors in the U. S. Armed Forces Cemetery at Bosnek, Biak Island, Southwest Pacific.

BILLIE EDWIN COLSTON, Seaman, First Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Marietta, Love County. Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Colston, Parents, Marietta. Born June 27, 1923. Enlisted May 26, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart; Presidential Citation. Attended Love County public schools and graduated from the 8th grade in 1939. Served aboard the U. S. S. *Crescent City*. Reported missing in action in September, 1944. Died September 16, 1945 (official date) in action on Peleliu, Palau Islands, Central Pacific.

DOWAL D. COPLEN, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Stigler, Haskell County. Mrs. Geraldine Coplen, Wife, Rte. 1, Stigler. Born March 29, 1924. Enlisted February 18, 1943. Sailed for duty overseas in the spring of 1944 and served with the Paraglider troops in the Philippine Islands. Died March 31, 1945, in action on Luzon, Philippine Islands.

GRANT ARTHUR CROOK, Seaman, First Class, U. S. Naval Reserve. Home address: Seminole, Seminole County. Mrs. Lessie A. Crook, Mother, 313 West Evans St., Seminole. Born September 24, 1906. Enlisted February, 1942. Decorations: American Service Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with four Battle Participation stars; Philippine Liberation Medal with two Battle Participation stars; World War II Victory Medal; Order of the Purple Heart. Served aboard the U. S. S. *Franklin*. Died March 19, 1945, in line of duty when the U. S. S. *Franklin* was hit in a Japanese air attack, during a mission off the coast of Japan in support of the Okinawa operations.

CLARENCE DAVIS CUNNINGHAM, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Davenport, Lincoln County. Mrs. Viola M. Cunning-

ham, Mother, Davenport. Born April 18, 1923. Enlisted February 29, 1944. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Silver Star awarded posthumously. Attended Davenport public school. The Citation with the Silver Star stated in part: "Perceiving a wounded enlisted man lying in an exposed position, Sergeant Cunningham, a rifleman disregarding personal safety crawled forward over 100 yards of open terrain to administer medical care and evacuate his wounded comrade. Shortly thereafter, when two members of his squad were wounded, Sergeant Cunningham again remained in the exposed terrain and skillfully administered medical treatment to the casualties and evacuated them to an aid station." Died March 23, 1945, in action in Staudernheim, Germany, and buried in the American Cemetery at Stromberg, Germany.

CHARLES B. DICKERSON, Technician, Fourth Grade, U. S. Army. Home address: Sparks, Lincoln County. Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Dickerson, Parents, Sparks. Born May 20, 1914. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Member of the Oklahoma National Guard, enlisted May 7, 1934. Served with the 45th Division. Died July 11, 1943, in action in Sicily.

KENNETH ARNOLD DUNHAM, Private, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve. Home address: Claremore, Rogers County. Mrs. Marie Johnson, Sister, 733 East 4th St., Claremore. Born June 13, 1925. Enlisted August 12, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Attended public schools in Rogers County. Served as Automatic Rifleman in the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign. Died May 31, 1945, in action near Nahu, Southern Okinawa, and buried with full military honors in the U. S. Marine Division Cemetery on Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, East China Sea.

GLENN VERNON EAGON, Seaman, First Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mr. and Mrs. Arvil A. Eagon, Parents, Drumright, Oklahoma. Born August 18, 1925. Enlisted August 13, 1943. Attended public schools in Drumright and Tulsa, graduating from Will Rogers High School, Tulsa, in May, 1943. Member of Memorial Christian Church, Tulsa. Completed the course (Fire Control-Rangerfinder-Spotters) in the Fleet Service School, on November 13, 1943. Assigned to the U. S. S. *Liddle* (commissioned December 6, 1943) and served aboard the vessel in the Atlantic, leading convoys to Bermuda Island, Wales, Gibraltar, and Tunisia. Sailed from New York City September 21, 1944, on the U. S. S. *Liddle* for Hollandia, New Guinea via the Panama Canal, thence proceeding as an escort vessel with a convoy to Leyte, Philippine Islands, arriving November 24, 1944. Died December 7, 1944, in line of duty on the flying bridge of the U. S. S. *Liddle* when that point was struck and damaged by the crash and explosion of a Japanese suicide plane, while the vessel was patrolling between Ponson and Leyte, in Ormoc Bay, Philippine Islands.

OTIS EAVES, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Bethel, McCurtain County. Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Eaves, Parents, Rte. 1, Lane, Oklahoma. Born April 29, 1918. Enlisted September 1, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Member of the Baptist Church. Served with the 45th Division. Died May 26, 1944, in action in Rome, Italy.

LESLIE LEE ELLIOTT, Coxswain, U. S. Navy. Home address: Stigler, Haskell County. Mrs. Beatrice Elliott, Mother, Rte. 1, Stigler. Born July 28, 1917. Re-enlisted June 12, 1940, having previously enlisted in May, 1935, and served in the Navy. Attended Stigler High School; and Junior College and Business College in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Died February 28, 1942, in line of duty aboard the U. S. S. *Houston* sunk in engagement with a large force of the Japanese navy, in Soenda Strait about five miles off St. Nichols Point, Java, the Netherlands Indies.

HARVEY A. EMBRY, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: McLoud, Pottawatomie County. Mr. and Mrs. John Embry, Parents, Shawnee. Born January 24, 1923. Enlisted January 12, 1943. Completed 8th grade in public school. Member of the Christian Church. Died July 16, 1944, in action in France.

EUGENE L. FARTHING, Corporal, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Opal R. Farthing, Mother, 227 West Fairchild, Midwest City, Oklahoma City 10. Born February 26, 1926. Enlisted December 22, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Awarded Good Conduct Medal and cited for meritorious achievement. The Midwest City post of Veterans of Foreign Wars was named in honor of him. Died June 25, 1945, in action in Celebes Island, Netherlands Indies.

MAX EMIL FELDER, Flight Officer, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mr. and Mrs. Emil J. Felder, Parents, Canton, Oklahoma. Born February 1, 1925. Enlisted March 4, 1943. Decorations: Air Medal; Order of the Purple Heart; Presidential Citation. Graduated High School, Canton, Oklahoma, in 1942. Employee in Oklahoma City Air Depot. Sailed for duty overseas in March, 1945. Died April 10, 1945, in action when his plane was struck by an enemy jet-propelled plane over Orienburg, Germany.

WILLIAM MEREDITH FRANKLIN, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Binger, Caddo County. Mr. and Mrs. William T. Franklin, Parents, Rte. 2, Binger. Born April 20, 1924. Enlisted August 20, 1944. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended public school. Served as Rifleman in Company L, 307th Infantry. A letter from his Commanding Officer stated in part: "In the battle in the vicinity of Shuri, when exceptionally heavy enemy action was encountered, William in the performance of his duty as rifleman, unwaveringly moved to the front of the fight to aid his buddies and

the advance of his unit. . . . To all who knew him, William's passing was a personal tragedy. He was a fine comrade and an excellent soldier." Died May 18, 1945, in action on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, East China Sea.

WARREN VERNON FRAZIER, Fireman, First Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: El Reno, Canadian County. George V. Frazier, Father, 1115 West Pine St., El Reno. Born January 2, 1922. Enlisted February 6, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended El Reno High School. Served aboard the destroyer U. S. S. *Pillsbury* and participated in a night battle in McKassar Strait, with the Japanese navy off the Netherlands Indies in February, 1942. Died March 1, 1942, in line of duty aboard the U. S. S. *Pillsbury* sunk in the Battle of Java near Bali Strait, Netherlands Indies.

WILLIAM FORBES FREEMAN, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Ardmore, Carter County. Mrs. Bertha F. Freeman, Mother, 112 Fourth St., N. W., Ardmore. Born July 30, 1923. Enlisted September 30, 1942. Decorations: Air Medal and Order of the Purple Heart, both awarded posthumously. Graduated Ardmore Senior High School in May, 1941. Outstanding as football player. Attended the University of Oklahoma. Employed as a riveter in Consolidated Aircraft Company, San Diego, California, before entering the army. Member of First Christian Church, Ardmore. Received commission as Second Lieutenant and wings as Bombardier from Midland Army Air Field, Midland, Texas January 15, 1944. Began additional training in England in the Eighth Air Force, December 3, 1944, and his crew's plane a "Flying Fortress," became the "lead plane" of the Squadron. Died February 16, 1945, in action in bombing mission over Gelsenkirchen, Germany.

A. L. FULLINGIM, Seaman, Second Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Antlers, Pushmataha County. Mrs. E. L. Leatherwood, Sister, Antlers. Born July 15, 1918. Enlisted December 17, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended High School, Ringwood, Oklahoma. Member of the Methodist Church. Died July 6, 1943, in line of duty aboard the U. S. S. *Helena* sunk in the Battle of Kula Gulf.

HERSHAL GUS GAITHER, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Pryor, Mayes County. Mrs. Madonna Gaither, Wife, 2539 East 16th St., Tulsa, Oklahoma. Born February 28, 1916. Enlisted January 28, 1943. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Air Medal. Graduated Pryor High School. Member of Baptist Church. Served with General Chennault's "Eagle" Squadron as Navigator-Bombardier, in China. Died March 29, 1945, in line of duty on return from bombing mission near Chihkiang, Hunan Province, China.

HUBERT LESSIE GAITHER, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Bennington, Bryan County. Mrs. Lillie Mae Gaither, Mother, Bennington. Born December 26, 1921. Enlisted July 25,

1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; one Battle Participation Star, European Theater of Operations; Combat Infantry Badge. Served in the American Defense Theater of Operations. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. Died December 4, 1944, in action in France.

JAMES HAL GALLAWAY, Major, Field Artillery, U. S. Army. Home address: Durant, Bryan County. Mrs. Mary Jane Gallaway, Wife, 1002 West Elm St., Durant. Born May 9, 1910. Enlisted April 23, 1940. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Bronze Star Medal. Graduated High School, Vernon, Texas. Graduated the University of Oklahoma, B. A. degree, in 1934. Died December 17, 1943, in action in Belgium.

LORENZ DALE GILSTRAP, Seaman, Second Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Stigler, Haskell County. Mrs. Nola Mae Gilstrap, Wife, Ajo, Arizona. Born October 18, 1914. Enlisted October 23, 1944. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Graduated High School, Keota, Oklahoma, in 1934. Served aboard the U. S. S. *Franklin*. Died March 19, 1945, in line of duty when the *Franklin* was hit in a Japanese air attack, during a mission off the coast of Japan in support of the Okinawa operations.

IRVING GOLDBERG, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Nell N. Goldberg, Wife, 15 West 7th St., Tulsa. Born October 29, 1913. Enlisted December 10, 1941. Graduated Columbia University, New York City. Member of Jewish Church. Served with the 4th Division, Third Army, European Theater of Operations. Died April 1, 1945, in action in Germany.

SCOTT HENDON GRANT, Private, First Class, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: McAlester, Pittsburg County. Mrs. Hattie Grant, Mother, Rte. 1, McAlester. Born August 22, 1925. Enlisted September 20, 1943. Died June 17, 1945, in action on Okinawa, and buried with honors in the U. S. Sixth Marine Division Cemetery on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, East China Sea.

JOE GUOLADDLE, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Carnegie, Caddo County (family home in Kiowa County). Mrs. Tosickah Guoladdle, Mother, Carnegie. Born April 17, 1913. Enlisted August 2, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Attended public school. Member of Baptist Church. Kiowa Indian descent. Served with the 8th Cavalry Regiment. Wounded in action in Asiatic theater and returned to active combat. Died April 12, 1945, in action on Luzon, Philippine Islands.

ROBERT FREEMAN HACKWORTH, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Hendrix, Bryan County. Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Hackworth, Parents, Rte. 1, Hendrix. Born March 22, 1921. Enlisted October 8, 1942. Decoration: Bronze Star Medal. Attended public

schools in Bryan County. Sailed for duty overseas in September, 1944, and served in European Theater of Operations. Died April 10, 1945, in action in Western Germany.

THADDES LAVERNE HAMBY, Quartermaster, Third Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Frederick, Tillman County. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hamby, Parents, 611 South 10th St., Frederick. Born May 16, 1918. Enlisted December 13, 1939. Attended Frederick High School where he was a member of the band. Enrolled and trained in the Citizens' Military Training Camp. Served as Bugler, First Class, aboard the U. S. S. *Pennsylvania* in or near the Hawaiian Islands; transferred in November, 1940, to the carrier U. S. S. *Langley* and was in active service at the time of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and, later in the Central Pacific in the region of Guam, Midway, and Wake islands; trained and promoted to Quartermaster, Third Class, in Navigator's Division. Sailed on February 27, 1942, from Freemantle, Australia, aboard the U. S. *Langley* which was bombed by Japanese planes and sunk in the Indian Ocean, south of Java; survivors were rescued and transferred to the U. S. S. *Pecos* (bound for Freemantle, Australia) but this vessel was also bombed by the enemy and sunk. Died March 1, 1942, in line of duty in the Indian Ocean south of Java.

LESTER BLAINE HAMMERS, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Ruby Lee Hammers, Wife, 408 Southeast 28th St., Oklahoma City. Born July 10, 1908. Enlisted December 8, 1942. Decoration: Bronze Star Medal awarded posthumously. Attended St. John's Military Academy, Wisconsin. Member of the Methodist Church. Employed by the Urschel Oil Company before entering the Army. Served with the Engineer Corps, 96th ("Deadeye") Division and in active combat during the invasion of Leyte and Okinawa. The Citation with the Bronze Star Medal, awarded for heroic service on June 12, 1945, for having completed the mission of clearing an enemy minefield in an area infested with enemy snipers, stated in part: "After securing the field, Sergeant Hammers conducted his squad to safety and returned alone to make a final inspection prior to opening the route to critically needed supply trains." Died June 12, 1945, in action on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, East China Sea.

WILLIAM ALLEN HANCOCK, Gunner's Mate, Third Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Sand Springs, Tulsa County. Mrs. Patti Jean Hancock, Wife, Sand Springs. Born January 10, 1923. Enlisted January 17, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Sand Springs High School. Served aboard the U. S. S. *Indianapolis* which after setting a new speed record from San Francisco to Guam in delivery of an atomic bomb was sunk by two under-water explosions during a blackout when traveling at 17 knots per hour, approximately 450 miles from Leyte. Died July 30, 1945, in line of duty aboard the U. S. S. *Indianapolis* sunk in the Pacific Ocean.



**JAMES RANDOLPH HANNA, JR.**, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Fairland, Ottawa County. Mrs. Gertie Hanna, Mother, Rte. 2, Fairland. Born May 20, 1925. Enlisted October 27, 1943. Decoration: Combat Infantry Badge. Attended Fairland High School. Served with 34th Infantry, "Victory" Division in the Philippines. Died February 3, 1945, in action on Luzon, Philippine Islands.

**CORNELIUS BLISS HARDMAN, JR.**, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Ponca City, Kay County. Mrs. Virginia Helen Hardman, Wife, Sells, Arizona. Born January 23, 1922. Enlisted June 25, 1942. Decorations: Combat Infantry Badge; Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Pawnee Indian School at Pawnee, and Chilocco Indian Agricultural School, Chilocco, Oklahoma. Ponca Indian descent. Member of the Methodist Church. Served with the 87th Infantry ("Golden Acorn") Division in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium and was in one of the first units to break through the Siegfried Line. Died February 17, 1945, from wounds received in action in Luxembourg, Belgium.

**NATHAN HARJO**, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Okmulgee, Okmulgee County. Mrs. Lena Freeman, Mother, 321½ West Main, Okmulgee. Born November 3, 1922. Enlisted October 28, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Euchee Indian Boarding School, Sapulpa, Oklahoma. Member of Methodist Church. Won for the second consecutive year, the welterweight boxing championship of the Second Infantry Division. A letter from his Commanding Officers stated in part: "Private Harjo was held in high regard by all members of this command." Died April 8, 1945, in action near Varlosen, Germany.

**ROBERT ADRIAN HARP**, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Shawnee, Pottawatomie County. Mrs. W. A. Harp, Mother, Rte. 2, Shawnee. Born March 1, 1925. Enlisted August 10, 1943. Attended Shawnee High School. Member of Baptist Church. Sailed for duty overseas in April, 1944, and served as Paratrooper, Airborne Command, in Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, and Belgium. Died January 22, 1945, in action near Bergstein, Belgium.

**SOLON MILES HAYES**, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Stigler, Haskell County. Mrs. Lucille M. Hayes, Mother, Keota, Oklahoma. Born December 5, 1921. Enlisted July 26, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended High School in Chickasha, Oklahoma. Died April 8, 1945, in action near Bains on Luzon, Philippine Islands.

**WILLIAM EARNEST HAZEN**, Seaman, First Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Ponca City, Kay County. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hazen, Parents, Rte. 1, 1110 North Ash St., Ponca City. Born July 21, 1921. Enlisted June 10, 1940. Attended Ponca City Junior High School. Member of Baptist Church. Served with the U. S. Fleet

in the Asiatic area two years. Participated in and reported missing after the Battle of the Java Sea March 1, 1942. Died November 1, 1945 (official date) in line of duty in the Java Sea.

BOB HOWARD HORINE, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Muskogee, Muskogee County. Mrs. Amy L. Smith, Mother, 403 North S St., Muskogee. Born September 20, 1924. Enlisted February, 1943. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart awarded twice. Attended High School at Chelsea, Oklahoma. Served with the 85th Cavalry, Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized. Died December 11, 1944, in action in Kleinhau, Germany.

SAM KENNETH HOUSTON, Signalman, U. S. Navy. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Charlotte Sanderson, Mother, 1522 South Walker St., Oklahoma City. Born December 11, 1922. Enlisted August 7, 1940. Decoration: Submarine Combat Insignia. Attended Oklahoma City public schools; graduated High School, Grayville, Illinois, in 1940. Served with the submarine U. S. S. *Shark* in both the Atlantic and Pacific. Departed from Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands, September 23, 1944, on the *Shark* for patrol duty in the East China Sea. Died November 8, 1944 (official date), in line of duty aboard the U. S. S. *Shark* lost at sea.

LLOYD E. HOWARD, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Salina, Mayes County. James Howard, Father, Salina. Born May 12, 1920. Enlisted February 1, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended public schools at Turley, Oklahoma. Member of Baptist Church. Served with the Coast Artillery. Died April 7, 1942, in action in the Philippine Islands.

CLARENCE MAX HUETT, Private, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Tecumseh, Pottawatomie County. Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Huett, Parents, Tecumseh. Born April 1, 1920. Enlisted September 1, 1942. Decoration: Citation of Honor awarded posthumously. Graduated Tecumseh High School on May 30, 1939. Member of Broadway Methodist Church, Tecumseh. Trained and received wings as Artillery Liaison Pilot, a line of service which was later considered unnecessary and cancelled by the War Department. Sailed for duty overseas in April, 1944. Died May 30, 1944, off the southeastern coast of Italy.

HOWARD WINSTON HUMPHREYS, Corporal, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: Altus, Jackson County. Mrs. Gerald V. Humphreys, Mother, 411 North Hightower, Altus. Born December 9, 1920. Enlisted February 4, 1940. Decorations: American Defense Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal; Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Oklahoma City public schools and Altus High School. Sailed for duty in the Philippine Islands, with the First Separate Defense Battalion on May 4, 1940, and stationed at Cavite Naval Base; at the fall of the Manila Bay area the Battalion was evacuated to Bataan and consolidated with the 4th Marines

under General Douglas MacArthur's command; subsequently transferred to Corregidor and later captured by the Japanese at the surrender of Corregidor in May, 1942; prisoner of the Japanese for twenty-nine months in Camp O'Donnell, Cabanatuan, and Bilibid Prison, Manila; aboard a Japanese prison ship en route to Japan torpedoed and sunk by an American submarine. Died October 24, 1944, as a Japanese prisoner of war in the China Sea.

**WILLIAM LLOYD HUTTON**, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Mutual, Woodward County. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Hutton, Parents, Mutual. Born August 12, 1912. Enlisted December 21, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Mutual public schools; graduated High School, Winfield, Kansas, in 1931; attended Kansas University, Wichita. Member of Baptist Church. Served with Tank Battalion. Died August 10, 1944, in action near Ballon, France.

**JIMMIE D. JAMISON**, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army. Home address: Beggs, Okmulgee County. Mrs. M. D. Jamison, Mother, Beggs. Born June 15, 1922. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart and Silver Star awarded posthumously. Attended Beggs High School. Member of the Baptist Church. Member of the Oklahoma National Guard, first enlisted September 8, 1936; re-enlisted September 9, 1939, with rank of Sergeant, 179th Infantry, and later served with 45th Division. Entered Officers' Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and received his commission August 21, 1942. Died July 11, 1944, in action in Normandy, France.

**EVERETTE RAY JONES**, Flight Officer, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Hollis, Harmon County. Mr. and Mrs. Orville Fred Jones, Parents, Rte. 2, Hollis. Born March 7, 1914. Enlisted October 20, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Air Medal awarded posthumously. Attended Cameron State Agricultural College, Lawton; graduated Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater, in June, 1940. Member of Baptist Church. Teacher of vocational agriculture at Stigler, Oklahoma, when he enlisted. Member of Lions Club and a Mason (32nd degree). Served as Pilot of a glider carrying troops and supplies, as part of Airborne Army, in the invasion of Northwest Germany. The Citation with the Air Medal stated in part: "These officers serving as pilots of troop carrier gliders, formed part of a vast glider armada which successfully delivered thousands of Allied troops and equipment to designated objectives behind enemy lines in the greatest airborne assault in military history, . . . east of the Rhine." Died March 24, 1945, in action at a crossing of the Rhine River, in Germany.

**HOWARD MITCHELL JONES**, Pharmacist's Mate, First Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Hastings, Jefferson County. Lester F. Fite, Brother-in-law, 1116 Lipscomb St., Fort Worth, Texas. Born

November 17, 1917. Enlisted August 16, 1936. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated Hastings High School. Served at Cavite, Manila, and Bataan, Philippine Islands, where he was captured by the Japanese and imprisoned in Bilibid Prison in 1942. Died December 15, 1944, aboard a Japanese prison ship torpedoed in Subic Bay, west of Philippine Islands.

CHARLES CLARK KEGELMAN, Colonel, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: El Reno, Canadian County. Mrs. Marian E. Kegelman, Wife, 501 South Rock Island, El Reno. Born October 22, 1915. Enlisted June 27, 1936. Decorations: Distinguished Service Cross; Distinguished Flying Cross; three Oak Leaf Clusters; Order of the Purple Heart; European Campaign, African Campaign, and Asiatic-Pacific Campaign medals. Listed as the first American to be decorated in the European theater. Graduated El Reno High School in 1932; graduated Oklahoma Military Academy, Claremore, in 1934; attended the University of Oklahoma, 1934-36. Commissioned Second Lieutenant in American Air Forces in 1937, and stationed at Barksdale Field, Louisiana. Sent to England in April, 1942, as Commandant of the 15th Bombardment Squadron, American Air Forces. Served in twenty sorties against the enemy in North Africa. Serving in the Eighth Air Force, he led the first flight of American planes to participate in the aerial war over German occupied territory. (Kegelman was featured in *Target: Germany* published by Simon and Schuster, New York; and in report of "Battle of Europe" in the magazine, *Time*, for July 13, 1942.) Died March 9, 1945, in action on Mindanao, Philippine Islands.

LLOYD DENNIS KENNON, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Peek, Ellis County. Mr. and Mrs. Jess M. Kennon, Parents, Peek. Born October 16, 1923. Enlisted December 20, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated High School, Arnett, Oklahoma, in 1941. In partnership with his father as farmer and stockman before entering the service. Died April 2, 1945, in action on Luzon, Philippine Islands.

VEARL CLAYTON KERFOOT, Technician, Fifth Grade, U. S. Army. Home address: Quinlan, Woodward County. Mrs. Ada A. Kerfoot, Mother. Rte. 2, Quinlan. Born August 7, 1914. Enlisted October 8, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died April 15, 1945, in action in Germany.

RALEIGH WAYNE KILLGORE, Torpedoman, First Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Washington, McClain County. Robert E. Killgore, Father, Washington. Born March 28, 1914. Enlisted June, 1934. Served aboard the U. S. S. *Pillsbury*. Died March 2, 1942, in line of duty in the Battle of the Java Sea.

WILLIAM POTTER KIRBY, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Crowder, Pittsburg County. Mrs. Idell Kirby, Wife, Rte. 2, McAlester. Born May 8, 1918. Enlisted May, 1944. Order

of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Completed 8th grade in public school. Served in duty overseas five months. Died May 13, 1945, in action on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, East China Sea.

**EUGENE MARVIN KOHLMAN**, Corporal, U. S. Marine. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Frances Anna Smith, Mother, 1906 N. W. 14th St., Oklahoma City. Born April 5, 1920. Enlisted August 2, 1940. Decorations: Silver Star; Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Central High School, Oklahoma City. Member of Christian Church. Served with the Fourth Marines in Shanghai, China, and in Philippine Islands; taken prisoner by the Japanese at the fall of Corregidor. Died November 20 (or 22), 1942, of Beri Beri in prisoner of war camp, Osaka, Japan.

**LAWRENCE P. LAUDERDALE**, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Maysville, Garvin County. Mrs. Grace Lauderdale, Mother, Lindsay, Oklahoma. Born November 3, 1921. Enlisted August 30, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart with four silver stars (wounded four times). Completed 8th grade in public school. Served with Anti-aircraft, 45th Division, in North Africa and at Anzio Beachhead. Died April 18, 1945, in action in Italy.

**KENNETH EUGENE LAWSON**, Torpedoman, U. S. Navy. Home address: Grove, Delaware County. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lawson, Parents, Jay Star Route, Grove. Born March 26, 1924. Enlisted August 5, 1943. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Submarine Combat Insignia surmounted with three gold stars (three successful patrols). Graduated Grove High School in May, 1941. Member of Baptist Church. Served on the submarine U. S. S. *Shark* which departed from Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands, on September 23, 1944, for patrol duty in the East China Sea. Died November 8, 1944 (official date) in line of duty on the U. S. S. *Shark* lost at Sea.

**ROBERT EARL LEE**, Aviation Radioman, Third Class, U. S. Naval Reserve. Home address: Okeene, Blaine County. Mr. and Mrs. John Alvin Lee, Parents, Okeene. Born May 10, 1925. Enlisted April 13, 1943. Decorations: Air Medal; Gold Star; Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Served as Radio Operator on a carrier based torpedo bomber, First Carrier Task Force, and was cited for meritorious achievement in an aerial flight on a bombing attack against enemy warships in Kobe harbor, Japan, on March 19, 1945; and again for attacks against enemy positions on Ryukyu Islands from March 24 to 30, 1945. Died August 10, 1945, in action over Matsushima airfield, Northern Honshu, Japan.

**DONALD HENRY LEMONS**, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Norman, Cleveland County. Mrs. Ruby A. Lemons, Wife, Rte. 1, Norman. Born November 14, 1919. Enlisted June 23, 1943. Decorations: Air Medal; three Oak Leaf Clusters; Order of the Purple Heart. Served as Inspector in the Army Air

Forces before enlistment. Ordered to England November 28, 1944, to serve with the Eighth Air Force. Served as Waist Gunner on B-17 "Flying Fortress." 91st Bombardment Group. Died April 8, 1945, in action at Jarchou, Germany.

HOMER LEE LEWIS, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Elk City, Beckham County. Mrs. H. L. Lewis, Wife, Rte. 2, Clinton. Born March 21, 1923. Enlisted January 22, 1943. Decoration: Combat Infantry Badge. Awarded Expert Rifleman and Good Conduct medals. Attended St. Joseph's High School and Keen's Business College. Member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Communications Chief of Company B, 782nd Tank Battalion. Died January 17, 1945, in action at Saint Valery, France.

ROBERT DALE LLOYD, Torpedoman's Mate, Second Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Alice A. Lloyd, Mother, 327 East Zion St., Tulsa 6. Born March 7, 1921. Enlisted March 7, 1938. Graduated High School, Turley, Oklahoma. Member of Methodist Church. Served four years in submarine duty. Listed missing in action in March, 1944. Died January 9, 1946 (official date), in line of duty in the Pacific area.

LEONARD MANKILLER, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Welling, Cherokee County. Mrs. Martha Dickson, Mother, Rte. 1, Welling. Born December 2, 1919. Enlisted August, 1942. Decorations: Combat Infantry Badge; Bronze Star; Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Awarded Expert Rifleman, Machinegun, and Good Conduct medals. Served with the Third Army in European Theater of Operations. Died January 23, 1945, in action in Luxembourg, Belgium.

IVAN TRUMAN ("CHIC") MANKINS, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Shawnee, Pottawatomie County. Mrs. Ivan Mankins, Wife, Rte. 3, Seminole. Born April 6, 1925. Enlisted August 31, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Shawnee public schools. Died April 5, 1945, in action on Luzon, Philippine Islands.

DONALD J. MARTIN, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Manitou, Tillman County. Mrs. Iva Pearl Martin, Mother, Rte. 1, Manitou. Born May 16, 1925. Enlisted September 16, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Awarded Sharpshooter Medal. Served as Paratrooper, Airborne Command. Died May 4, 1945, in action on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, East China Sea.

JAMES ISIAH MARTIN, Seaman, First Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Lexington, Cleveland County. Mr. and Mrs. J. Carl Martin, Parents, Lexington. Born April 15, 1918. Enlisted April 29, 1942. Attended High School, Munday, Texas. Member of First Christian Church. During first two years in the Navy, served on the light cruiser U. S. S. *Raleigh* in the Aleutian Islands and in South

Pacific; transferred to the aircraft carrier U. S. S. *Hancock* on April 15, 1944, which served in the Atlantic and in the Pacific areas. Died April 7, 1945, in action at sea near Japan.

RAY EUGENE MARTIN, Electrician's Mate, Second Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Nowata, Nowata County. Mrs. Stella Martin, Wife, 400 South Willow, Nowata. Born February 7, 1925. Enlisted December, 1941. Decoration: Submarine Combat Award. Attended Nowata High School. Member of Baptist Church. Reported missing in action in September, 1944. Died January 16, 1946 (official date), in line of duty aboard the submarine U. S. S. *Robalo* in the Pacific area.

ARVLE C. MAXWELL, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Ada, Pontotoc County. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maxwell, Parents, Ada. Born December 15, 1920. Enlisted February 2, 1939. Decoration: Silver Star. Attended High School, Byng, Oklahoma. Member of Pentecostal Holiness Church. Served as Paratrooper, Airborne Command. Died April 18, 1945, in action near Manila, Philippine Islands.

CHARLES EARL McDANIEL, JR., First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: North McAlester, Pittsburg County. Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. McDaniel, Sr., Parents, 2652½ North Main St., North McAlester. Born March 18, 1922. Enlisted July 14, 1942. Decorations: Distinguished Flying Cross; Air Medal; 15 Oak Leaf Clusters. Graduated High School, Poteau, Oklahoma, in May, 1941. Member of Methodist Church. Sailed for duty overseas in April, 1944; completed ninety-eight missions. Died April 5, 1945, in action over Winterschied, Germany.

SYLVESTER DALE MCGURK, Lieutenant (Junior Grade), U. S. Naval Reserve. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Anna McGurk, Mother, 1026 North Dewey St., Oklahoma City 3. Born December 22, 1916. Enlisted June 19, 1942. Decorations: Philippine Liberation Ribbon; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal; Air Medal. Attended St. John's School, McAlester, and St. Joseph's School, Oklahoma City. Member of Catholic Church. Received wings at Pensacola, Florida, in September, 1943. Served as Pilot in Naval Air Operations and engaged in four major battles in the Pacific area. Member of the pre-dawn flight in support of the U. S. Marines attacking Iwo Jima. Died February 22, 1945, in line of duty at sea in the Pacific.

LEE ROY McKNIGHT, Technical Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Stillwater, Payne County. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McKnight, Parents, Rte. 4, Stillwater. Born September 26, 1912. Enlisted April 1, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Bronze Star Medal. Attended public school at Ripley, Oklahoma. Engaged in farming with his father west of Ripley before enlistment. Sailed for duty overseas in August, 1943, and served in action in the invasion

of France on D-Day. The Citation with the Bronze Star stated in part: “. . . when an infantry battalion was harassed by enemy mortar fire, Technical Sergeant McKnight, Squad Leader, led a Patrol through the intense fire into enemy territory and located the mortar position. The data he obtained enabled the supporting artillery to register on the enemy positions.” Died December 12, 1944, in action at Butzbach, Germany.

JAMES S. McNEIL, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Wetumka, Hughes County. Mr. and Mrs. Ben A. McNeil, Parents, Wetumka. Born April 11, 1923. Enlisted April 20, 1944. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Combat Infantry Badge. Attended Wetumka High School. Member of Nazarene Church. Died April 16, 1944, in action near Trapitz, Germany.

WILLIAM HAROLD MONCY, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Lora Lee Pratt, Mother, 1611 N. E. 11th St., Oklahoma City. Born November 24, 1923. Enlisted October 14, 1942. Decorations: Air Medal and Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Attended Central High School, Oklahoma City. Member of Y. M. C. A. Served as Radioman. Died August 17, 1944, in action near Lyons, France.

CLIFFORD QUINCY MORTON, Corporal, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Hammon, Roger Mills County. Mrs. Nomah Morton, Mother, Rte. 1, Hammon. Born October 9, 1918. Enlisted October 26, 1943. Decorations: Citation of Honor; Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Graduated Hammon High School in 1937. Attended Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater, two years. Member Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. Served as Radar Operator on Superfortress B-29. Died February 10, 1945, in action in the Pacific area.

ROY BENJAMIN MOSS, JR., Seaman, First Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Burlington, Alfalfa County. Mrs. Ben Moss, Mother, Burlington. Born December 7, 1924. Enlisted May 11, 1943. Decoration: Submarine Combat Insignia surmounted by three gold stars (three successful patrols). Graduated Burlington High School in May, 1942. Member of Christian Church. Served on the submarine U. S. S. *Harder*, Seventh Fleet. The *Harder's* heavy fighting during six days' patrol (next to its last patrol) off the coast of Japan was reported by the Navy Department as an “epic in submarine warfare.” Died October 2, 1944, in line of duty aboard the U. S. S. *Harder* lost at sea in the Philippine Island area.

RAY O. OAKLEY, Corporal, U. S. Army. Home address: Crawford, Roger Mills County. Mrs. Lanora J. Bullock, Mother, Crawford. Born June 22, 1922. Enlisted June 1, 1940. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart awarded twice. Attended Crawford High



School. Member of Baptist Church. Wounded in action in March, 1943, in North Africa. Died July 7, 1944, in action in Italy, and buried in the U. S. Military Cemetery at Fallonica, Italy.

**E. F. OGBURN**, Corporal, U. S. Army. Home address: Haworth, McCurtain County. Mrs. Lillian Ogburn, Mother, Haworth. Born August 4, 1922. Enlisted December 19, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Haworth High School. Member of Baptist Church. Served with the Twelfth Armored Division. Died March 19, 1945, in action in the Rhineland, Germany.

**GEORGE W. PADEN**, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Sand Springs, Tulsa County. Mrs. Sadie W. Paden, Wife, 111 East 7th St., Sand Springs. Born January 15, 1907. Enlisted April 7, 1944. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died December 25, 1944, in line of duty in the English Channel.

**ERNEST ELDON PAGITT**, Fireman, Second Class, U. S. Naval Reserve. Home address: Moorewood, Roger Mills County. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pagitt, Parents, Rte. 1, Elk City. Born October 4, 1922. Enlisted July 30, 1944. Decorations: Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with two Battle Participation stars; Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon. Attended High School, Leedey, Oklahoma. Member of Baptist Church. Died July 30, 1945, in line of duty in the Philippine Sea.

**BENNIE PANTER**, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Stilwell, Adair County. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Panter, Parents, Rte. 1, Stilwell. Born July 19, 1917. Enlisted April 2, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart and Presidential Citation awarded posthumously. Attended Stillwell High School. Member of Baptist Church. Died July 12, 1944, in action in France.

**JIM PANTHER**, Seaman, First Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Bunch, Adair County. Tom Panther, Father, Bunch. Born February 6, 1918. Enlisted November 2, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Union Graded School at Bunch, and graduated from Sequoyah Indian Training School, Tahlequah, in May, 1941. Died May 4, 1945, in line of duty at sea in the South Pacific.

**JAMES C. PARKER**, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Duncan, Stephens County. Mrs. Evelyn Parker, Wife, Marlow, Oklahoma. Born June 11, 1918. Enlisted June 7, 1944. Decorations: Combat Infantry Badge; Order of the Purple Heart. Wounded in action in Italy, April 16, 1945. Died April 22, 1945, in North Italy.

**ROBERT REED PARNELL**, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Virginia Parnell, Wife, 1816 N. W. 31st St., Oklahoma City. Born September 15, 1920. Enlisted March 28, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple

Heart; Silver Star awarded posthumously. Attended Central High School, Oklahoma City; graduated Fremont High School, Los Angeles, California, in 1939. Member of Methodist Church. Served fourteen months in the Guianas (South America) and in Trinidad before service in the European Theater of Operations. The Citation with the Silver Star for gallantry in action on January 11, 1945 stated in part: "Voluntarily leading a patrol approximately 1500 yards into hostile territory where considerable activity had been made, First Lieutenant Parnell successfully established a strong point and two road blocks and conducted an accurate, complete reconnaissance of the area." Died January 12, 1945, in action at Les Tailles, Belgium.

RUSSELL EDWIN PARRIS, Corporal, U. S. Army. Home address: Dale, Pottawatomie County. Mrs. Mattile L. Parris, Wife, 216 North Aydelotte, Shawnee. Born April 2, 1919. Enlisted November 25, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Attended Centerview school, Pottawatomie County. Member of Baptist Church. Awarded Expert Rifleman, Sharpshooter, and Good Conduct medals. Sailed for duty overseas in September, 1944. Wounded in action in Eastern France, November 16, 1944. Died November 23, 1944, in military hospital in France.

JOHN CLOYES PERKINS, JR., Second Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve. Home address: Mayfield, Beckham County. Mrs. Dean Perkins, Mother, Sayre, Oklahoma. Born February 12, 1923. Enlisted June 9, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated from high school in 1941. Served in Naval Air Operations. Missing in action June 7, 1944, flying a fighter plane over Rabaul, New Britain, Southwest Pacific. Died January 18, 1946 (official date), in action in Southwest Pacific.

GEORGE THOMAS PYLE, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Eva, Texas County. Mrs. Leeila K. Pyle, Wife, Eva. Born February 3, 1925. Enlisted April 24, 1944. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended High School at Wynnewood, Oklahoma. Served in European Theater of Operations beginning in February, 1945. Died April 4, 1945, in action in Seigen, Germany.

WOODROW W. RABON, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Madill, Marshall County. Mrs. Elmyra Sparks Rabon, Wife, Mill Creek, Oklahoma. Born November 10, 1912. Enlisted January 10, 1944. Decorations: Combat Infantry Badge; Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated High School, Stratford, attended Murray State School of Agriculture, Tishomingo, and East Central State College, Ada, Oklahoma. Member of Methodist Church. Died January 17, 1945, in action in Luxembourg, Belgium.

BURNIS RAGSDALE, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Atoka, Atoka County. Joe Ragsdale, Father, Atoka. Born April 25, 1917. Enlisted November 27, 1943. Decoration: Order

of the Purple Heart. Died November 3, 1944, in action in Nancy, France.

WARREN EUGENE RAINS, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Bentley, Atoka County. Mrs. Verda Rains, Mother, Bentley. Born November 9, 1921. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart awarded twice; Silver Star awarded posthumously. Graduated Atoka High School in 1939; attended Business College, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Member of Oklahoma National Guard, enlisted January 17, 1940. Died March 31, 1945, in action on Luzon, Philippine Islands.

JAMES A. RAY, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Hollis, Harmon County. Mrs. Elva Ann Ray, Mother, Rte. 2, Hollis. Born February 11, 1920. Enlisted February 6, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died April 23, 1945, in action on Luzon, Philippine Islands.

CLIFFORD CARL RECTOR, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Frederick, Tillman County. Mrs. Alma Rector, Mother, 214 North 5th St., Frederick. Born November 19, 1925. Enlisted February 10, 1944. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Frederick Junior High School. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. Died April 1, 1945, in action in Hershfeldt, Germany.

GLENN LARRY REDING, Aviation Radioman, Second Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Fort Towson, Choctaw County. J. M. Reding, Father, Fort Towson. Born September 29, 1921. Enlisted April 19, 1942. Decoration: Navy Commendation Ribbon with Citation. Graduated Fort Towson public schools in May, 1940. Completed Aviation Radio School, Memphis, Tennessee, December 12, 1942; completed Naval Air Gunners' School, Hollywood, Florida, January 30, 1943. Served in Naval Air Operations as Radio Gunner, Torpedo Squadron Seventeen, based on board U. S. S. *Bunker Hill*. The Citation with the Navy Commendation Ribbon stated in part: "Reding successfully defended the plane in which he was a crew member against determined enemy fighter opposition during a torpedo attack on a heavy combatant ship. His outstanding courage and skill contributed materially to the success of the attack." Reported missing in action over Rabaul, New Britain, Southwest Pacific, November 11, 1943. Died January 11, 1946 (official date), in action over Rabaul, New Britain, Southwest Pacific.

CURTIS LADELL REYNOLDS, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Byars, McClain County. Clarence Reynolds, Brother, Byars. Born January 8, 1922. Enlisted October 15, 1942. Decoration: Combat Infantry Badge; Order of the Purple Heart. Attended public school, Johnsonville, Oklahoma. Awarded Sharpshooter and Marksmanship medals. Served two years with the 136th Infantry. Died March 30, 1945, in action on Luzon, Philippine Islands.

EUGENE DONALD RIDDLE, Torpedoman's Mate, Third Class, U. S. Naval Reserve. Home address: Bokchito, Bryan County. Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Riddle, Parents, Bokchito. Born March 2, 1926. Enlisted April 20, 1943. Decoration: Submarine Combat Insignia with Citation. Attended Bokchito High School. Member of Baptist Church, and of 4-H Club, Boy Scouts, and Sons of American Legion. Completed training at U. S. Navy Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands; served as Torpedoman's Mate on board the submarine U. S. S. *Scamp* reported missing in December, 1944. Died December 6, 1945 (official date), in line of duty aboard the U. S. S. *Scamp* sunk by the enemy in the Pacific area.

LEON J. RINEY, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Ramona, Washington County. Mrs. L. J. Riney, Wife, Rte. 1, Hugo, Oklahoma. Born July 25, 1922. Enlisted August 1, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Romona public schools. Member of Baptist Church. Served with the Field Artillery. Died April 1, 1945, in action in Augustdorf, Germany.

FRED RILEY ROACH, Aviation Machinist's Mate, Third Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Lawton, Comanche County. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Roach, Parents, Rte. 2, Lawton. Born September 26, 1925. Enlisted September 16, 1943. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Air Medal with Citation. Served with the Naval Air Operations. Died May 11, 1945, in line of duty in Okinawa area, Ryukyu Islands, East China Sea.

THURMAN OTHEL RHODES, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Pearl Rhodes, Mother, 136 N. E. 11th St., Oklahoma City. Born June 4, 1924. Enlisted October 23, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart awarded twice. Attended Roosevelt Junior High School, Oklahoma City. Member of Central Christian Church, Oklahoma City. Served in Guadalcanal and New Caledonia, Southwest Pacific. Highly commended and praised by his Commanding Officer for his fine character and morale. Died March 15, 1945, in action on Luzon, Philippine Islands.

WILLIAM CLAYTON RHODES, Lieutenant (Junior Grade), U. S. Naval Reserve. Home address: Bristow, Creek County. Mrs. Sue M. Rhodes, Wife, 329 East 6th St., Edmond, Oklahoma. Born September 8, 1920. Enlisted June 4, 1942. Decorations: Distinguished Flying Cross; Air Medal; two Gold Stars; Order of the Purple Heart; American Defense Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal; one Battle Participation star. Attended Central State College Edmond. Member of Baptist Church. Served with Naval Air Operations. Died February 16, 1945, in action in Tokyo area, Japan.

JOHN DANNAL ("J. D.") ROSS, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Goodwell, Texas County. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ross, Parents, Rte. 1, Goodwell. Born May 27, 1924. Enlisted August 30,

1944. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated High School, Hooker, Oklahoma, in May, 1942. Attended Panhandle A. & M. College, Goodwell, in 1942-43. Member of Church of Christ. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. Sailed for duty overseas in January, 1945. Served with the 63rd ("Patch Flaming Sword, Blood and Fire") Division, Seventh Army in European Theater of Operations. Died April 9, 1945, in action in Germany.

RALPH TURNER ROWLAND, Seaman, First Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Rowland, Parents, 1136 N. W. 27th St., Oklahoma City 6. Born June 28, 1922. Enlisted October 18, 1940. Attended public schools in Oklahoma City; and John Brown Academy, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Member Wesley Methodist Church, Oklahoma City. Served aboard the destroyer U. S. S. *Edsal*, which with its crew was reported missing in action of Java Battle, near Christmas Island, Indian Ocean, March 1, 1942. Died November 25, 1945 (official date), in line of duty aboard the U. S. S. *Edsal* lost in the Java Battle, Indian Ocean.

EDWIN LEROY RUST, Seaman, First Class, U. S. Naval Reserve. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. O. W. Rust, Mother, 1947 East Marshall St., Tulsa 6. Born March 8, 1922. Enlisted August 18, 1942. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; nine Battle Participation stars. Attended Tulsa public schools. Served aboard the U. S. S. *Indianapolis* which after setting a new speed record from San Francisco to Guam in delivery of an atomic bomb was sunk by two under-water explosions approximately 450 miles from Leyte, Philippine Islands. Died July 30, 1945, in line of duty aboard the U. S. S. *Indianapolis* sunk in the Pacific Ocean.

LEE OTIS RUTLEDGE, Corporal, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Frederick, Tillman County. Mrs. Geraldine Rutledge, Wife, 2420 South Hudson, Oklahoma City 9. Born October 26, 1916. Enlisted April 13, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended public schools at Shawnee and at Frederick, Oklahoma. Member of Baptist Church. Died April 7, 1945, in action in Alsace Lorraine, France.

CHARLIE E. SAMS, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Gore, Sequoyah County. Johnson and Cinda Phillips, Uncle and Aunt, Rte. 1, Gore. Born August 17, 1925. Enlisted October 23, 1943. Completed 8th grade in Sourjohn Indian Day School, Sequoyah County. Member of Baptist Church at Cedar Springs near Gore. Died December 26, 1944, in action in Belgium.

CON ALBERT SANDERSON, JR., Gunner's Mate, Second Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Crescent, Logan County. Con Albert Sanderson, Sr., Father, Crescent. Born March 19, 1917. Enlisted June, 1935. Graduated Crescent High School in 1934. Member of Methodist Church. Served aboard the U. S. S. *Houston* and later

transferred to the U. S. S. *Asheville* in the Asiatic area. Died March 1, 1942, in line of duty about 300 miles south of Java in the Indian Ocean.

RAYMOND WILLIAM SCHONES, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Canute, Washita County. Mrs. Helen Irene Schones, Wife, Rte. 2, Canute. Born September 24, 1918. Enlisted June 28, 1944. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Canute High School. Member of Catholic Church. Died April 18, 1945, in action on Ie Shima, off Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, East China Sea.

JIM ED SLOCUM, Private, First Class, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: Ada, Pontotoc County. Mrs. Lela Guinn, Mother, 901 South Johnston, Ada. Born July 17, 1921. Enlisted April 13, 1940. Decorations: Presidential Unit Citation awarded U. S. S. *Houston* for action against the enemy from December 7, 1941, to February 28, 1942; Presidential Unit Citation ribbon bar with star; American Defense Service Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal; Victory Medal, World War II; Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Graduated Ada High School in May, 1938. Died February 28, 1942, in line of duty aboard the U. S. S. *Houston* sunk in engagement with the Japanese navy off Java, Netherlands Indies.

TOMMY GENE SMILEY, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Turley, Tulsa County. Jesse Lawrence Smiley, Brother, Turley. Born January 26, 1923. Enlisted February 5, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Cherokee School and Central High School, Tulsa. Member of First Methodist Church. Served as Paratrooper in 82nd Airbourne Division. Died April 7, 1945, in action in Germany.

CLIFFORD THOMAS SMITH, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: South Coffeyville, Nowata County. Mrs. Minnie Smith, Mother, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. Born May 26, 1925. Enlisted September 2, 1944. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Citation of Honor. Graduated from 8th grade, Hoffman School (rural). Died March 20, 1945, in action on Luzon, Philippine Islands.

WARREN ELBERT SMITH, Storekeeper, Second Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Porter, Wagoner County. Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Smith, Parents, Rte. 1, Porter. Born September 28, 1921. Enlisted November 10, 1939. Graduated Porter High School in May, 1939. Reported missing in action of Java February 13, 1942. Died February 25, 1946 (official date) in line of duty in Netherlands Indies area.

BILLY EUGENE SOUTHERN, Machinist's Mate, First Class, U. S. Navy. Home address: Okmulgee, Okmulgee County. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Southern, Parents, 1116 West 10th St., Okmulgee.

Born July 3, 1924. Enlisted July 3, 1941. Attended Okmulgee High School. Served in the Aleutian Islands one year and transferred to South Pacific in February, 1945, on his third tour of combat duty. Died May 4, 1945, in line of duty aboard the destroyer U. S. S. *Morrison* sunk in action off the coast of Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, East China Sea.

ORVIL AUDRA SPINDLE, Seaman, First Class, U. S. Naval Reserve. Home address: Coleman, Johnston County. Thomas P. Spindle, Father, Tishomingo. Born February 16, 1922. Enlisted December, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served in thirteen major battles, having worn on last report two silver stars and three bronze stars. Attended public school at Boggy Depot, Atoka County. Died July 30, 1945, in line of duty aboard the U. S. S. *Indianapolis* sunk about 450 miles from Leyte, in the Pacific Ocean.

CARLOS E. STEVENS, Private, First Class, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Norma Irene Stevens, Mother, 1724 N. E. 9th St., Oklahoma City. Born June 29, 1913. Enlisted June, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served in the Battle of the Marshall Islands and on Saipan. Died June 24, 1944, in action in the South Pacific.

ELMER RAY STEWART, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Alex, Grady County. Mrs. M. Luella Stewart, Wife, Alex. Born July 11, 1919. Enlisted December 18, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Graduated Alex High School in May, 1938. Member of the Church of Christ. Awarded Marksmanship Medal. Served in the 47th Infantry in the great drive from the Rhine to the Elbe rivers. Died April 7, 1945, in action near Ostwig, Germany.

LEWIS SUMMERS, JR., Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Tulsa, Tulsa County. Mrs. Nora E. Summers, Mother, 712 South 51st West Avenue., Tulsa 6. Born January 2, 1925. Enlisted January 26, 1943. Decorations: Combat Infantry Badge; Order of the Purple Heart; Bronze Star. Attended Central High School, Tulsa. Member of Glenwood Baptist Church. Awarded Expert Infantryman Badge. Sailed for duty overseas in February, 1945; landed at Le Havre, France, March 4, 1945; and served in Anti-tank Company, 341st Infantry. Died April 14, 1945, in action at Hagen, Germany.

MELVIN L. SUMTER, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Claremore, Rogers County. Mrs. Irene Sumter, Wife, Claremore. Born February 4, 1909. Enlisted September 7, 1943. Decoration: Presidential Unit Citation for action in European Theater of Operations. Attended public schools at Gore and at Fort Gibson, Oklahoma. Died February 7, 1945, in action in Germany.

**BILLY JOE TAYLOR**, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Poteau, Le Flore County. Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Taylor, Parents. Poteau. Born February 6, 1924. Enlisted March 9, 1944. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Presidential Citation. Graduated Poteau High School in May, 1942. Member of Baptist Church. Member of Boy Scouts. Served as Paratrooper with the 82nd ("All American") Airborne Division. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. Died June 23, 1944, in action during the invasion of Normandy, European Theater.

**JOLLY E. TERRY**, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Cache, Comanche County. J. D. Terry, Father, Cache. Born November 7, 1922. Enlisted February 9, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended public school at Cache. Served in the 60th Coast Artillery in the Philippine Islands and taken prisoner by the Japanese at the fall of Corregidor in May, 1942. Died December 14, 1944, in action at Puerta Princesa, Palawan, Philippine Islands, when the Americans as prisoners were attacked without warning by their Japanese guards.

**JOE TOMLINSON**, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Stonewall, Pontotoc County. Mrs. Veda Tomlinson, Wife, Rte. 2, Stonewall. Born June 18, 1915. Enlisted March 14, 1944. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died April 7, 1945, in action in Germany.

**LEE ROY TUBBS, JR.**, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Wheatland, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Nettie Tubbs, Mother, 3008 South Klein St., Oklahoma City. Born May 15, 1926. Enlisted September 25, 1944. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Distinguished Service Badge. Attended Wheatland public schools. Member of Methodist Church. Served overseas six weeks with the 22nd Infantry. Died April 14, 1945, in action in Germany.

**DENNIS LEROY UNDERSIDE**, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Perry, Noble County. Mrs. Mary F. Underside, Wife, 425 East Paden, Blackwell, Oklahoma. Born December 8, 1919. Enlisted November, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated Perry High School in 1937. Attended Northern Oklahoma Junior College, Tonkawa, and Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater. Member of Baptist Church. Graduated in advanced instruction at Blackland Army Air Field, Waco, Texas, in upper ten per cent of his class, and received wings and commission on April 15, 1943. Sailed for duty overseas in October, 1944. Died January 29, 1945, in action in France.

**ROBERT LEE VENATOR**, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Hanna, McIntosh County. B. F. Venator, Father, Rte. 1, Hanna. Born June 13, 1915. Enlisted January 15, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Eufaula High School.



Served with the 179th Infantry, 45th Division. Died February 18, 1944, in action on Anzio Beachhead, Italy.

WALTER JACKSON ("JACK") VETTER, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Alva, Woods County. Mrs. Faye Vetter, Mother, 917 Fourth St., Alva. Born January 17, 1919. Enlisted February 2, 1941. Decorations: Air Medal; five Oak Leaf Clusters; Silver Star; Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Attended Northwestern State College, Alva. Member of Oklahoma National Guard, Signal Corps, enlisted in 1938. Transferred from the 45th Division to the Air Corps in February, 1941; received wings and commission as Second Lieutenant in August, 1943; assigned to Foster Field, Victoria, Texas, as advanced flying instructor. Served in Italy and in France in 1944; attached to the 111th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron in October, 1944, completing fifty-nine successful missions in direct support of the advancing 45th Division. Died April 11, 1945, in action near Ingolstadt, Germany.

GILBERT VIDANA, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Verden, Grady County. Mr. Louis C. Vidana, Father, 4669 Seventh Street, Ecorse 18, Michigan. Born February 7, 1923. Enlisted February 26, 1943. Decorations: European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal; Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Attended Verden grammar school. Member of Catholic Church. Trained with 78th Infantry Division and sent to England as replacement. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. Attached to and served with the 12th Infantry Regiment, Fourth Infantry Division in France, Belgium and Germany. Died September 16, 1944, in Germany.

ROBERT LEAMON WALL, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Omega, Kingfisher County. Mr. and Mrs. Boone Wall, Parents, Rte. 1, Omega. Born March 14, 1924. Enlisted January 22, 1943. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart and Presidential Citation awarded posthumously. Attended Omega High School. Member of Baptist Church. Sailed for duty overseas in May, 1944, and served as Machine Gunner with the 35th Division during the invasion of France. Died July 18, 1944, in action in France.

TOM T. WILMETH, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Seminole, Seminole County. Mrs. Martha Wilmeth, Wife, 610 North Walnut, Seminole. Born December 6, 1918. Enlisted July 11, 1944. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Seminole public schools. Sailed for duty overseas in January, 1945. Expert Rifleman. Served with the 12th Armored Division, Seventh Army; wounded in action. Died April 22, 1945, in action in Germany.

YEOMAN DOUGLAS WILLIAMS, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Fort Cobb, Caddo County. Mrs. Ruth McEwin Williams,

Wife, Rte. 3, Fort Cobb. Born July 25, 1913. Enlisted May 30, 1945. Completed 9th grade in Washita School. Member of Catholic Church. Served with Headquarters 54th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion, Fort Bliss, Texas. Died July 1, 1945, at Fort Bliss, Texas.

EARNEST E. WILSON, Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Mrs. Wanda M. Wilson, Wfe, 44 Southeast 31st St., Oklahoma City. Born May 2, 1924. Enlisted February 10, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died October 6, 1944, in action in Dayeguang, Burma.

JAMES EDGAR WORTHLEY, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army. Home address: Stillwater, Payne County. Lt. Col. and Mrs. Leighton E. Worthley, Parents, 1012 West 4th St., Stillwater. Born December 7, 1924. Enlisted December 8, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated High School, San Francisco, California; attended Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater. Member of Methodist Church and of Kappa Sigma, Phi Eta Sigma, and American Legion. Promoted to First Lieutenant April 3, 1945. Died April 11, 1945, in action on Jolo, Sulu Archipelago, Philippine Islands.

ALBERT FRANCIS WOSIKA, Private, First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Geary, Blaine and Canadian counties. Mr. and Mrs. William Wosika, Parents, 315 South Evans, El Reno. Born October 5 1921. Enlisted September 7, 1944. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Graduated Geary High School in 1940. Member of Catholic Church and of Future Farmers of America. Sailed for duty overseas February 1, 1945, and served with the 40th Division in battles of the Philippine Islands. Died June 14, 1945, in action on Mindanao, Philippine Islands.

TRACY W. YOUNG, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army. Home address: Ponca City, Kay County. Mr. and Mrs. Fred F. Young, Parents, 300 South Franklin, Ponca City. Born May 23, 1921. Enlisted in spring, 1943. Decoration: Distinguished Service Cross awarded posthumously. Graduated Ponca City High School in 1940. Attended Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater, where he was member of Reserve Officers Training Corps, 1940 to 1943. Member of Methodist Church. Graduated and received commission from Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia, in the fall of 1943. Sailed for duty overseas in February, 1944. Served with the 306th Infantry Regiment in the Philippines. In the van of a spearhead attack, Young led his platoon in the face of sweeping enemy machine gun and rifle fire from a series of camouflaged foxholes of Japanese entrenched in the bamboo thicket atop a steep ridge near Omoc on December 11, 1944. The Citation with the Distinguished Service Cross, stated in part: "Although Young suffered a mortal wound, his men, inspired by his intrepid spirit, pressed home the assault and inflicted tremendous casualties upon the enemy." Died December 11, 1944, near Ormoc, on Leyte, Philippine Islands.