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Dear Alumnus:

This letter goes to over four thousand of you (more than nine hundred in uniform). According to a recent check of our files, Wofford men are serving their country in England, Ireland, North Africa, Iceland, India, China, Australia, New Guinea, Guadalcanal, Alaska, South America, Panama, a majority of the forty-eight states, and on the sea lanes and skyways all over the world. Many of you in the far places of the world will get this communication after commencement is over, but you will know that you were much in our thoughts at this season.

Brevity, we are told, is the soul of wit. And so here, as briefly as we can put it, is information about commencement, news of the campus, the regular students, the aviation students (nearly five hundred of them), alumni in service, and other matters that we may have room for.

### Commencement Program

- Saturday, June 5, 4:00 P. M.—ROTC commissions presented in Chapel.  
Approximately 25 seniors will receive commissions.
- 5:00 P. M.—Class Day exercises in front of Main Building.
- 6—7 P. M.—Reception in front of Main Building.
- 8:00 P. M.—Alumni Banquet, Cleveland Hotel.  
Alumni Speaker, Col. Geo. W. Wannamaker, '15.
- Sunday, June 6, 11:30 A. M.—Baccalaureate Sermon at Central Methodist Church by Dr. John W. Rustin, Pastor, Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church, Washington, D. C.
- 8:30 P. M.—Baccalaureate Address at Bethel Methodist Church, by President Walter K. Greene.
- Monday, June 7, 10:30 A. M.—Graduation Exercises in Chapel and Formal Inauguration of Dr. Walter Kirkland Greene as President. Commencement Address by President Rufus C. Harris of Tulane University. Approximately 62 seniors will receive diplomas, at least 20 *in absentia*.

### Class Reunions

This is the year for the reunion of the following classes: 78, 83, 88, 93, 98, 03, 08, 13, 18, 23, 28, 33, 38, 40, 42.

We hope that you are planning to be present. We believe that you will enjoy a day or two on the campus, again meeting friends that you have have not seen in a long while. You may be sure that your friends and your Alma Mater will give you a hearty welcome. Send word to your classmates to meet you on the campus Saturday, June 5.

It is our belief that you will enjoy the alumni banquet to be held at the Cleveland Hotel, Saturday evening, June 5, at 8 P. M. The price of the dinner is \$1.25 per person. In view of the rationing situation, if you are planning to be present, please tear off the form on the back of this letter and return it to Mr. J. K. Davis, Wofford College, by June 1.

### Attention, Alumni!

The appeal of the College to its alumni for contributions to the Living Endowment is meeting with a generous response. If you have not mailed in your card, stating what amount of endowment you are willing to sponsor, do so now.

### The Regular Students

A few weeks ago fifty-four ERC students were called into service, and in late June another twenty-five of them will go. Immediately after Commencement both Senior (25) and Junior (35) ROTC students will put on uniforms of the regular Army (still others are in the Naval Reserve), so that of the approximately two hundred now in school, very few will be left to go to summer school and fewer still to return in September. Wofford students will enroll this summer and next September at the Spartanburg Junior College and at Converse College.

### The ROTC Rated "Excellent"

The ROTC, Lieutenant-Colonel Edwin W. Grimmer commanding, held its annual inspection on May 3 on the grounds of the Junior College and received an efficiency rating of "Excellent." The ROTC has for many years enjoyed a War Department rating of "Excellent," and the fine reports that we are continually receiving of the good work that Wofford ROTC-trained officers are doing indicates that the rating is deserved. Recently, the ROTC Rifle Team was selected as one from four colleges to represent the Fourth Service Command in the National Rifle Matches. First Lieutenant E. L. Culler, '29, and T/Sgt. W. B. Stewart, together with Col. Grimmer, make up the ROTC instructional staff. Incidentally, Sergeant Stewart is completing his thirteenth year at Wofford, the longest period of service of any officer in the history of the unit.

### Phi Beta Kappa

Phi Beta Kappa recently initiated the following men: from the class of '43, Rembert Burgess, Jimmy Crawford, Floyd Denny, Harry Harvin, Fletcher Padgett, and Albert Watson

(Crawford is in the Army in California). From the Alumni: Dr. W. E. Burnett, '18, of Temple University; Dr. W. S. Hoole, '24, of North Texas State Teachers' College; Dr. Elford Morgan, '27, of Converse College.

### Wofford Men in the Nation's Colleges

More than fifty Wofford alumni are connected as teachers or treasurers with South Carolina colleges. Wofford alumni also teach or were teaching before the war in the following colleges outside the state: Duke, University of North Carolina, University of Georgia, Vanderbilt, North Carolina State, Emory, Michigan State Normal, University of Kansas, University of Missouri, University of Tennessee, Yale, Texas Technology, University of Texas, Harvard, Brown, Baker University, Alabama State Teachers', De Pauw, Lenoir-Rhyne, Stoneleigh, West Point, Purdue, Wesleyan, University of Kentucky, University of New Mexico, Louisiana State Normal, Oklahoma Southeastern Teachers', North Texas State Teachers', University of Indiana, Birmingham-Southern, West Texas Teachers', Colorado College of Agriculture, Appalachian State, University of Alabama, Olivet, Bessie Tift, Florida Woman's College, High Point College, University of Mississippi, Lambuth College, New York University, and Brooklyn Polytechnic.

### The Aviation Students

The nearly five hundred aviation students come from twenty-eight states, with men from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois predominating, but with a good sprinkling from the South. The first group was graduated and went on to pre-flight school in the middle of May. Dr. J. M. Rast addressed them at the formal exercises. The aviation students have no easy schedule: Reveille at 6, classes and supervised study halls from 8 till 4:30, after that military drill and retreat, followed by supper, study in barracks from 8:30 to 9:30, and taps at 10 P. M. There is "open post" only on Saturday afternoons and Sundays. A Bible class is taught each Sunday morning at 10 in the Chapel. A five-page mimeographed pamphlet is given to each incoming aviation student. It gives a brief account of the history of the College, its accomplishments and standing in the educational world, lists the faculty and their hobbies, and summarizes Wofford's military record.

### The Faculty

The following faculty members are in uniform: Captain LeRoy Cox, '24, with the Army Air Forces in Chicago; Lt. (j.g.) Albert Stanbury at Glenview, Illinois; Lt. James C. Loftin with the Chemical Warfare Service in Maryland. Dr. O. B. Ader is teaching for the government in New Mexico. Dr. C. B. Waller is walking around on crutches after a knee injury, and expects to throw away the crutches soon. Dr. Chiles, Professor Trawick, and Professor Salmon will teach at Converse this summer. Dr. Snyder has written a number of articles recently for religious publications. Miss Mary DuPre, Librarian, assisted by Mrs. R. C. Wingfield, is helping the aviation students to find reference books as willingly as she helped many of you—and is just as insistent that they not speak above a whisper! We would like to mention all the other people who, along with the faculty, help to make a college—maybe next time. In our April News Letter we promised the men in uniform personal messages from faculty members. We haven't forgotten, and along about August you'll be hearing from some of them through this Letter.

### Promotions and Changes in Rank

Corporal: John C. Hart, '43; Samuel T. Holland, '41; Judson M. Woodruff, '39.  
2nd Lt.: Cannon F. Page, '38; Archie F. Beckelheimer, '42.  
1st Lt.: A. D. Cudd, Jr., '35; R. D. Guilds, Jr., '41; John H. Nolen, '40; Jack H. Padgett, '39; Thos. N. Snyder, '37.  
Captain: Edgar N. Braddy, '40; James M. Copeland, '34; John W. P. Graham, '37; Cleo B. Mooneyham, '34; Chas. C. Moore, '27; James A. Patch, '39; R. E. Poole, '28; W. T. Lander, Jr., '40; Rembert C. Stuckey, '26; Pringle L. Peebles, '41.  
Major: Ben C. Boyd, '35; Grover B. Eaker, '34; James J. Lancaster, '40; Benjamin W. Rushton, '31.  
Lt. Col.: Albert B. Bullington, '33; Jos. H. Moore, '37.  
Ensign: John L. Thomason, '42; Herbert S. Williams, '37; Lewis P. Jones, '38.  
Lt. (j.g.): J. W. Murph, '41; Frank H. Powell, '35; Chas. F. Cecil, '39.  
Lt. (Navy): R. L. Dargan, '28; B. Shockley Hall, '31.  
Lt. (Marines): Roddey L. Bell, '42; James W. Norton, '35.

### Decorations

*"Across the sea and athwart the skies hath passed  
the light of noble deeds unquenchable forever."*

Add to the seven Wofford men who have received a total of ten decorations the following: Lt.-Col. Joseph Harold Moore, '37, awarded the "Legion of Merit" by the War Department on April 2, 1943, for "meritorious performance" in the Philippine campaign. He previously had received the D.S.C. and the D.F.C.

Lt. Rogers D. Littlejohn, '44, recently awarded the "Air Medal" for many flights under hazardous conditions over France and Germany and waters adjacent thereto.

Lt. Dean S. Hartley, '41, recently cited to receive the "Air Medal" for saving the life of his section leader during combat with Jap Zeros on Guadalcanal. The citation says in part: "First Lieutenant Hartley's air discipline not only destroyed one enemy plane, but probably saved the life of his section leader."

### New Names for the Alumni-in-Service List

Note: This list, together with the Christmas Bulletin (557 names), the February News Letter (208 names), and the April News Letter (52 names), contains the names of all the

men we now know to be in the service (except the 54 ERC men, whose names will appear in a later Letter). If we have omitted any names or made any errors, won't you please let us know?

Cadet Joe S. Amos, '40, AAF, Canton, N. C.  
Joseph M. Aycock, '33, Army, Spartanburg, S. C.  
CPO Neetum G. Bagwell, '40, Marines, Pageland, S. C.  
Mahlon H. Bagwell, '40, Army, Dover, N. J.  
Russell H. Berry, '45, Navy, Spartanburg, S. C.  
D. L. Bishop, '45, AAF, Spartanburg, S. C.  
R. E. Blackwood, '45, Marines, Spartanburg, S. C.  
Randolph B. Bradford, '42, Army, Spartanburg, S. C.  
E. Alva Bradley, Jr., '42, Army, Rembert, S. C.  
W. W. Boyd, '45, AAF, Spartanburg, S. C.  
Robert M. Cecil, '45, Army, Spartanburg, S. C.  
Wm. P. Covington, '45, Navy, Bennettsville, S. C.  
Wendell E. Cole, '46, Army, Spartanburg, S. C.  
R. J. Craig, Jr., '45, AAF, Spartanburg, S. C.  
Capt. Clarence M. Creech, '26, AMC, Spartanburg, S. C.  
Lt. John G. Floyd, '29, Army, Spartanburg, S. C.  
Claude Gatlin, '45, AAF, Great Falls, S. C.  
H. W. Gibson, '45, AAF, Spartanburg, S. C.  
Robert Lee Gobble, Jr., '43, Army, Spartanburg, S. C.  
Lt. John H. Graves, Jr., '35, NAC, Darlington, S. C.  
Geo. B. Hartzog, Jr., '41, Army, Walterboro, S. C.  
John M. Harrelson, '27, Army, Drayton, S. C.  
M. D. Heaton, '44, AAF, Piedmont, S. C.  
Sgt. Chas. W. Hicks, '43, AAF, Spartanburg, S. C.  
Earl D. Hope, '43, AAF, Arcadia, S. C.  
Eustace M. Horton, '46, Army, Spartanburg, S. C.  
Mikell G. Hughes, '45, AAF, Hickory Grove, S. C.  
Maxie F. Johnson, '39, Army, Campobello, S. C.  
Frank B. Kirkland, '32, Army, Charlotte, N. C.  
2nd Lt. Alton L. Koon, '32, Army, Nicholls, S. C.  
2nd Lt. John R. McClurd, '37, Army, Shelby, N. C.  
Sgt. Frank A. McLeod, Jr., '41, Army, Sumter, S. C.  
Capt. H. S. McChesney, '36, Army, Woodruff, S. C.  
Herbert L. Mathias, '46, Army, Lexington, S. C.  
Robert O. Purdy III, '43, AAF, Monroe, N. C.  
M. R. Rash, Jr., '43, AAF, Spartanburg, S. C.  
Henry B. Rollins, '45, AAF, Greensboro, N. C.  
Shuford S. Shull, '41, Army, Myrtle Beach, S. C.  
Ed. H. Sims, '43, AAF, Orangeburg, S. C.  
James O. Smith, '44, Marines, Duncan, S. C.  
Geo. W. Taylor, '45, Army, Pelzer, S. C.  
Corp. Geo. E. Thompson, Jr., '36, Army, Spartanburg, S. C.  
Lt. Ray C. Tindall, '35, Navy Chaplain, Owensboro, Ky.  
Lt. (j.g.) Walter C. Trammell, '39, Union, S. C.  
Lt. Sam O. Turner, '39, Army, Union, S. C.  
Capt. James A. Ward, '37, Army, West Hickory, N. C.  
Wade Ward, '36, Army, Albany, Ga.  
L. F. Watson, Jr., '45, AAF, Spartanburg, S. C.  
John L. Williams, '44, AAF, Suffern, N. Y.  
H. W. Wood, '45, AAF, Spartanburg, S. C.

### From Men in the Service All Over the World

Lt. R. D. Guilds, Jr., writes from Fort Jackson and encloses a sizable check to help pay the cost of this news letter. . . . Ensigns Henry Cecil, John Thomason, and Ferman W. Bishop dropped by recently on their way to sea. . . . Corp. Wm. Siegler writes from Oregon. . . . First Lieutenant J. O. Eidson sends us a copy of his new book, *Tennyson in America*. . . . Corp. Judson Woodruff writes from Florida about an interesting stay in Wisconsin. . . . Major Grover Eaker writes from Louisiana about his appreciation of the News Letter. . . . Word comes to us indirectly from Capt. W. B. Pollard in Panama. . . . Ensign Herbert Williams writes from Virginia about his interest in the News Letter. . . . Lt. Eugene Hamer writes from the South Pacific and asks for back numbers of the News Letter. . . . Sgt. Johnnie M. Jones writes from North Africa. . . . Capt. James L. Rogers (AMC) writes from Georgia for back numbers of the News Letter. . . . Lt. Karl S. Jeffcoat writes from North Africa of the beauty of the fall in England. . . . Lt.-Col. Russell C. King (AAF) writes from Mississippi, mentions his two brothers, Capt. E. H. King and Capt. C. R. King, both in the Army, and says, "It is always a pleasure to meet a Wofford man and to learn of the great things the school has done." . . . Major C. Gerald DuBose writes from Arkansas, "There are many fond memories and thoughts I have of Wofford." . . . Capt. Fred R. Atkinson, from Virginia, writes, "We look with pride to the part our men are taking in the present struggle to save civilization." . . . First Lieutenant Wm. H. Blackwell writes from Mississippi in appreciation of the News Letters and says further, "It is far too easy to lose many of the ties that formerly existed between him and his institution. It should not be that way." . . . Capt. W. T. Lander, Jr., writes from Texas, and mentions Lt. A. J. Hydrick and Capt. James A. Patch, who are also in Texas. . . . First Lieutenant Harry P. Williams, Jr., writes from Kentucky, and asks about the basketball and baseball teams. . . . Word comes via the newspapers that during the fighting in New Guinea some time ago Lt. Billy Pettis gave the following order to his gun crew when a fleet of Jap dive bombers came hurtling at them: "Stick to your guns and give them all you've got!" Some of the bombers, it is reported, didn't get back home! Lt. David L. Benson writes from the South Pacific about the ingenious methods used to get the mail through to the soldiers. . . . Lt. Bjorn Ahlin is in England or North Africa. . . . Capt. J. P. Alexander, Jr., is in the Canal Zone. . . . Floyd M. Ashley is in North Africa. . . . Capt. Geo. A. Baker is in Alaska. . . . Major Ralph C. Berry is in the Pacific. . . . Lt. Robert H. Blackburn is in Hawaii. Lt. Douglas E. Cannon is somewhere across the Atlantic. . . . Lt. Horace H. Carter is in Australia. . . . Capt. Richard F. Cecil is in North Africa. . . . Harold V. Cole is in Africa. . . . Lt. Wm. J. Colvin is in the Pacific. . . . Corp. Geo. T. Crouch, Jr., is across the Atlantic. . . . Joe C. Dannelly is across the Atlantic. . . . Lt. Byron S. Davis is across the Atlantic.

MR. J. K. DAVIS,  
Wofford College,  
Spartanburg, S. C.

Dear Mr. Davis:

I am planning to be present at the Alumni Banquet at the Cleveland Hotel on June 5 at 8 P. M., and I am asking that you reserve.....plates.

Name.....

Address.....



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