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SOME OF WOFFORD'S "LOST ENDOWMENT"



*"Representing nothing on God's earth now,
And naught in the waters below it;
As a pledge of a nation that passed away,
Keep it, dear friend, and show it,
Show it to those who will lend an ear
To the tale this trifle will tell,
Of liberty born of a patriot's dream,
Of a storm-cradled nation that fell."*

(Originally written on the back of a Confederate note such as those pictured above.)

DEAR ALUMNUS IN UNIFORM:

We'll tell you more about the picture at the top of this letter a little later. But first, you will want

NEWS FROM THE CAMPUS

President Greene Publishes Book

In the preservation in post-war America of the "Christian college ideal of liberal education . . . lies a sure basis of hope for the preservation of the freedom of the human spirit and the right of individual initiative," declares President Greene in a booklet recently off the press. Published in Spartanburg, the booklet "The Christian College in the Post-War World" carefully analyzes the present trends and faults in liberal education.

Among the aims of the Christian college, according to Dr. Greene, are the following: to place religion at the center of the college's purpose, to maintain high standards of education, to develop a love of truth and freedom, to stimulate intellectual curiosity and to render the greatest service to the individual, to the state, to the nation, and to the church.

In order to achieve these aims, Dr. Greene urges the importance of keeping the four-year college, building up the physical resources, reducing departmentalization, increasing the amount of individual academic counseling, making the library the center of instruction, recognizing the value of good teaching, emphasizing a college-wide program of physical education, and wisely using competitive scholarships to stimulate student achievement.

Pamphlet on Promotion and Rehabilitation Program

All alumni except you in uniform have just received a Bulletin outlining in detail the progress and the plans for rehabilitation of the physical plant. In it are sketches of the proposed Memorial Chapel, the Student Activities Building, the enlarged library, together with pictures of the buildings that are to undergo remodeling. Listed also under each project are the sums needed and the amount already collected—more than one hundred thousand dollars thus far. Also listed under each project are the names of those who have so far contributed.

President Greene emphasizes in the booklet that he is not asking men in uniform to contribute at this time, and he asks me to say it again here. If any of you would like a copy of the Bulletin you can get one by writing to Dr. Greene. The program President Greene has outlined for the next few years is an ambitious one, but we haven't found anyone yet who, after reading the pamphlet, doubts that it will be accomplished.

Of particular interest is an account of Wofford's "Lost Endowment" of more than 85 thousand dollars. During the Civil War, the 50 thousand originally left by Benjamin Wofford, together with other sums, was invested in Confederate bonds and notes. The College still has these bonds. President Greene is asking alumni not in uniform and friends of the college to give War Loan Bonds to the college to establish three endowment funds in honor of those who gave the original endowment.

Wofford civilian will return to the

campus for instruction, beginning June 13, when the first session of summer school begins. The Board of Trustees approved the plan in their regular February meeting. Students will have classes in the S. C. A. building and will room in selected private homes or in the houses on the block between College street and Calhoun street. You will remember that we told you some time ago about the purchase of the property.

The aviation students will continue to occupy the dormitories and most of the classrooms. Wofford was not among the list of seventy colleges from whose campuses the college training detachments were recently moved.

A pamphlet for prospective students is just off the press. It was edited by Dean Norton and is attractively gotten up. College officials do not anticipate a particularly heavy enrollment, conditions being what they are, but a larger group than the 100 who enrolled this year is hoped for.

On January 17, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Greene, a faculty club was organized. Dr. Snyder was elected president; Professor Bourne, secretary; Mr. Davis, treasurer; and Professor Coates, program chairman. The club will meet monthly.

Major Cox, AAF, now in St. Louis; Lt. Stanbury, USNR, now at Corpus Christi; and Captain Loftin, CWS, now at Bainbridge, Maryland, were recently on the campus for flying visits. Captain Loftin says his name is in the phone book and asks that Wofford men give him a ring.

Beginning February 8 and continuing through April 18, Dr. Snyder is giving a series of lectures to the Wofford and Converse students on "Standards of Satisfactory Living." In a foreword of the leaflet announcing the lectures, Dr. Gwathmey, President of Converse, spoke of "the warm humanity, the wide knowledge, and the wise counsel" of Dr. Snyder.

Dr. Chiles is teaching English. . . . Professor Salmon is teaching history to the aviation students. . . . Professor J. W. Bailey, '21, is teaching geography.

FROM THE FACULTY

The war comes pretty close home to us here, with the campus full of men in uniform. But to you Wofford men in camp and on the high seas and fighting fronts it may seem like child's play, and you are doubtless nearer right.

We are impressed with the eagerness and quality of the men sent to us for training, and we know they will give good accounts of themselves when in active duty as American airmen. We think of them as Wofford men, and many of them seem to think likewise, though they may not get the same deep and abiding sense of the Wofford alumni spirit in five months as you who spend four years here.

I am thinking especially of two groups of alumni as I write. One group, now in middle life, was in college with me in the early twenties. Perhaps not many of you are in the armed services, because of what the calendar does to us and Uncle Sam's liking for younger men. It may be that too many of us are in class 4-B: Baldness, Bridgework, Bi-focals, Bay-windows! But some of you are in *there pitching* at the enemy with the same will and spirit that we all did against, say, Furman in college days; only you will come out even better than we did then.

The other group I am especially thinking about is made up of the younger men we have taught in recent years. Most of you are scattered over the fighting fronts of the world, and our minds often turn to you because you were so recently in our college community. Many of you graduated and are now in the ranks of the alumni, but many did not get to finish four years before being called into military service. You were interrupted, as many of us were in the last war, but we expect many of you to return to us to finish the job so well begun. You will be somewhat older and more mature, and per-

haps much wiser than when you left us. We earnestly hope that we have also grown in the meantime so that we shall be more capable of giving you the instruction and the guidance you so richly deserve. The war is proving a sobering experience for all of us; so at home as well as out where you are.

To all of you, then, we send our best wishes, kindest regards, and deepest prayers that you may speedily finish up this dastardly job so that you can come back to us, back to your homes and loved ones and to the sweeter pursuits of peace, as well as the harder tasks of trying to build a better world. CHARLES F. NESBITT, '22.

The past year with the Air Force has been strenuous, but very satisfying when we think of the men we've sent on to help in your good work. Wofford College in Textile and Converse, along with Dr. Trawick, will return this June. It looks as if our student body will be able to achieve a Mark Hopkins' ideal with himself on one end of a log and Dr. Trawick on the other.

We are happy to report that the campus beautification program is well underway and gives promise of Wofford's increasing effectiveness. Many of the shrubs have been uprooted and transplanted, but like your faculty, will survive and show new vigor in their surroundings. With all the changes, there is more that remains the same than there is of the new. We have the same benches designed to keep you and your father, if not your grandfather, awake, and we are still able to put students to sleep with a minimum effort. A uniform doesn't change students nor army regulations a faculty.

LE GRAND TENNIS.

Since no one to whom this letter goes will know me as a member of the faculty, I write as an alumnus to give you my impressions of Wofford upon my return to the campus about a year ago.

Physically Wofford was much as I had left it in 1917, with the exception of the new field house and an improved athletic field. The same stately towers of the old and lovely administration building, the same architectural dignity of the faculty homes, the familiar location of walks and tennis courts, the overhead bridge on Church street from which we turned to follow the tracks toward Carlisle Hall, the campus trees, and other traditional features of the place stirred in me fond memories of old friends and good days. True there were some changes: new portraits added in the chapel, a different assignment of faculty residences (only Dr. Snyder is at the same stand), ROTC headquarters and firing range in the old gym, no "Fighters' Hole," paved walks and roads. But essentially Wofford looked as in former years.

The old faculty, too, was here in large part. To me and to you they are Wofford. Some of blessed memory had, of course, gone on. To our generation of students Wofford could never be quite the same without "Uncle Gus," "Uncle Dan," "Clink," and "Knotty," as we affectionately called them. But the other great of their day remain. I find that after twenty years' absence and a year of renewed contact they appear no whit reduced in stature from the old days. They are still intensely interested in and proud of you. They follow your careers closely, they thrill at the letters you write them from near and distant places. Because of them there is still that indefinable something which we sometimes call Wofford atmosphere.

What's new? A new President who is proving a worthy successor of the eminent men who preceded him and who is dreaming dreams and already bringing some of them to pass. Some new, scholarly, aggressively alert younger members of the faculty. An air of expectancy of important things about to happen. A new loyalty, I believe, among us who are alumni. A belief and determination among us that, despite ob-

vious difficulties, a great future as well as a proud past is Wofford's.

CHARLIE CAUTHEN.
P. S.—That colored picture of the main building is a bargain (25 cents) you should not miss. C. C.

Transplanting of shrubbery has improved the appearance of the Science Hall. These beautiful evergreens, which were scattered about, are now used as foundation plants, setting off the building and causing the grounds to appear larger. Also, within the building there have been additional improvements. A new lecture room has been made on the second floor and the temporary partition in Professor Shuler's Mechanical Drawing room has been replaced by a permanent wall. Fluorescent lights are now used throughout all lecture rooms and laboratories.

Professor Shuler's presence has been greatly missed. You will be delighted to know that he is continuing to regain his health and is with us again.

The odors from the chemistry labs are lacking, but there was quite a riot of smells last week which turned out to be "plant food" stored in the furnace room! It was being used for the above-mentioned transplanting of shrubbery.

Just the other day Dr. Loftin paid Wofford a short visit. He is doing research work in chemical warfare.

Several Wofford men have dropped by recently; we listened with interest to their experiences.

Best wishes from us in the Science Hall!
J. W. BOOZER.

FROM THE EDITOR

Every now and then your editor has a little time for riding one of his many hobbies. Statistics is one of them, and so for what they are worth here are a few:

By actual count there are 1,261 of you in uniform, of whom 443 are privates, 141 second lieutenants, 147 first lieutenants, 181 captains, 56 majors, 31 lieutenant colonels, 8 colonels, and 1 brigadier general. Approximately 175 are in the Navy and Marines, of whom 52 are lieutenants (both grades), 28 ensigns, 2 lieutenant-commanders, and one rear admiral.

You represent every class from 1911 through 1947, with a few from earlier classes. Six are prisoners of war, fifteen from your number have given their lives in the service of our country, and eighteen have been honorably discharged from the service. Some fifteen have been wounded (our records are quite incomplete on this point). We have no way of knowing how many have been in action, but the number is very large, we are sure.

Those of you who have been decorated have been listed from time to time in another place in this letter. As for the rest of you, we are persuaded that, as Dr. DuPré has so well put it, you are "faithfully following the daily round of common duty." No one except yourself has the right to ask more.

ADDITIONS TO MEN-IN-THE-SERVICE LIST

- Major Travis M. Brown, '36, A.
- James B. Daniels, '41, N.
- Pvt. M. D. Droter, '46.
- Lt. Tom H. Evans, '40, A.
- Sgt. J. C. Freeman, A.
- Ensign John H. Glominski, '44.
- Ensign Melvin L. Hagler, '44, NAC.
- Lt. Wm. H. Hall, '39, AMC.
- Lt. Howell M. Henry, '27, A.
- Chaplain E.B. Keisler, '29, A.
- Lt. Wm. B. Lyles, '35, AMC.
- John A. Pearson, '40, GM 3/c, USNR.
- A/C Frank J. Pegues, '45, AAF.
- Lt. (jg) R. W. Rainwater, '40, NC.
- Pvt. Perry A. Stevens, '47, A.

Ed Note.—Since we started sending the NEWS LETTER in October, 1942, this is the smallest number of additions we have yet printed.

PROMOTIONS AND CHANGES IN RANK

- Corporal: Eric H. Cook, '42, A.
- Flight Officer: David L. Bishop, '45, AAF.
- Sergeant: Henry B. Snyder, '40; Virgil S. Ward, '39.
- T/Sergeant: Herbert C. Shealy, '43.
- M/Sergeant: Marvin L. Sprouse, '39.
- 2nd Lieutenant: Henry F. Padget, Jr., '43; Wilbur W. Hursey, Jr., '45.
- 1st Lieutenant: John C. Burton, '38; James E. Roberts, '42.
- Captain: Robert H. Blackburn, '41; Wm. H. Blackwell, '38; Henry H. Crum, '35; Floyd A. Duncan, '38; John J. Little, '35; Fred S. Patterson, —; Raymond B. Lark, '38; Chas. W. Brockwell, '39.
- Major: Norris R. Fowler, '35.
- Lieutenant-Colonel: Barney B. Bishop, Jr., '20; Herbert C. Hicks, Jr., '37.
- Colonel: James C. Patterson, '14, A.

DECORATIONS

- Lt.-Col. Robert S. Moore, '40: Silver Star in Italian theatre. (Bob is a paratrooper.)
 - Lt. James E. Roberts, '42: Three Oak Leafs to Air Medal in European theatre. (Lt. Roberts recently got into the newspapers for bringing his bomber back to England with one engine. Lt. Roberts also wears the "Purple Heart.")
- Ed. Note: This brings to twenty-three the number of Wofford men who have been decorated.

ITEMS OF INTEREST ABOUT YOU

We gratefully acknowledge financial contributions to the support of the NEWS LETTER from the following: Capt. T. M. Ariail, '40; M. L. Infinger, '42; Lt. R. L. Dargan, '28; Ensign C. E. Lavender, '41; Capt. J. C. Loftin (faculty member); Capt. John W. Keller, '33; Capt. J. A. (Tony) White, '42.

Lt. John F. Mabry is organizing a central postal directory service for all undeliverable mail in Italy. . . . Lt. Col. Ralph K. Johnson is overseas. . . .

Lt. Thomas C. Ramseur, '42, is with a ferrying division, AAF, Homestead, Florida. . . . Ensign Geo. W. Whitaker, Jr., '43, is at Little Creek, Virginia, Flot. 4. George, by the way, is married. . . . A/C F. J. Pegues, —, is at the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. . . . Sergeant Henry B. Snyder, '40, is with a Coast Artillery unit at Fort Hero, N. Y. Many of you will remember Henry's famous essay on X². . . .

Captain John W. P. Graham, '37, is with a unit of parachute infantry, APO 472, N. Y. . . . Capt. Marshall G. Ligon, '37, is with a field artillery regiment, APO 302, N. Y. He has been overseas for some time. . . . Lt.-Col. Barney B. Bishop, Jr., '20, is with a station hospital, APO 553, N. Y. . . . Gregg C. Bissell, '44, Mus. 2/c, USN AAS, is with the station band, Kingsville, Texas. He was formerly at Corpus Christi. . . . Lt. M. K. DeLoache, —, is with the Finance Dept., APO 825, c/o Postmaster, New Orleans. . . . Master Sergeant Marvin Sprouse, '39, is attached to a Bombing Sqdn., APO 634, N. Y. . . . Pvt. Thos. M. Lyles, '33, is in an AGF Replacement Depot, Ford Ord, California. Incidentally, Tom's wife is a secretary at the 40th C. T. D. here at Wofford. . . . Michael D. Droter, Jr., '46, is at DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., in the Navy V-5 program. . . . A/C Marion H. Wright, '43, has been classified as a pilot in the Aviation Cadet training program. . . . A/S Loy M. Greer, '46, is waiting to be sent to Pre-Flight School. He was recently in town on a furlough. . . . Ensign Noland Penland, recently in Spartanburg on a visit to his wife and parents, has finished his

aining and is awaiting assignment. He expects to go to the West Coast.

Chaplain S. R. Crumpton, '32, is with an armored division at Camp Bowie, Texas. . . . Cpl. H. Humphries, Jr., '32, is at Station Hospital, AAFBS, Midland, Texas. . . . Captain Edgar N. Braddy, '40, is at APO 640, c/o Postmaster, N. Y. He is married to the former Miss Annie Laurie Day (Converse, '40). They have a young son, age eight months. . . . 1st Lt. John F. Mabry, '39, is at an Army Base Post Office in Italy, APO 790, Postmaster, N. Y. . . . Pvt. Paul A. Betsill, '45, is with a field artillery battalion, in the British Isles, APO 28, Postmaster, N. Y. He has been overseas since October. . . . A/S David T. Daniel, '45, is at Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va. . . . Flight Instructor Raymond L. Daniel, '44, has been released temporarily from the Army to Pan-American-Grace Airways, Limatambo, Box 5, Lima, Peru. . . . Lt. Chas. W. Hicks, '44, recently completed his 50th mission flying a twin-engine "Lightning." He has two ME-9's to his credit. . . . Seen in Spartanburg recently: Pvt. Carey Shealey, '43; Cpl. Bernard M. Cannon, '41; Cpl. Claude R. Edwards, '43; Pvt. Joe Hodge, '44; Capt. Richard Cecil, '34 (Capt. Cecil is still hospitalized); Lt. DeFoix Caldwell, '40 (medical discharge from Naval Air Corps); Lt. and Mrs. Caldwell are proud parents now; Cpl. Dan S. Ferguson, '43.

PACIFIC APO'S

Here is that list of Pacific APO'S we promised you. Some of them may be out of date. If your name should be in this list and isn't, don't you drop us a card or note?

Sgt. Walter Martin, Jr., '41, AA Gun Bn., APO 827, New Orleans; Capt. W. B. Pollard, '33, Coast Artillery, APO 835, New Orleans; Capt. B. F. Teal, Jr., '—, AAA Gun Bn., APO 835, New Orleans; Sgt. Charles H. Bonner, '36, ID PMGD, APO 834, New Orleans; Major A. E. Toney, '30, Transportation Corps, SW Pacific OCS, San Francisco; Major E. E. Rhoad, '29, APO 959, San Francisco; Capt. Geo. L. Partlow, '37, Infantry, APO 932, San Francisco; 1st Lt. Thos. B. Ross, '37, Infantry, APO 932, San Francisco; Pvt. Rullie Hallman, Jr., '43, Field Hospital, APO 930, San Francisco; Lt. James E. Watson, Fighter Squadron, APO 929, San Francisco; T/Sgt. Thomas O. Melton, Fighter Squadron, APO 8, San Francisco; Pvt. D. W. Keller, Jr., '39, Coast Artillery, APO 922, San Francisco; Capt. Ted S. Patterson, Coast Artillery, APO 922, San Francisco; 2nd Lt. Chas. L. King, '34, APO 4, San Francisco; 1st Lt. Albert L. Lencas, '37, Infantry, APO 713, San Francisco; Major Ralph C. Berry, '33, Hq. and Up. Sqdn., APO 710, San Francisco; 1st Lt. Baker Lucas, '37, Infantry, APO 709, San Francisco; Capt. David R. Stack, Jr., '—, Med. Bn., APO 565, San Francisco; Lt. David L. Benson, '35, Post-Officer, APO 503, San Francisco; Capt. Atson S. Fox, '—, QM. Serv. Bn., APO 502, San Francisco; Lt. Richard F. Rouquie, '40, I. Co., APO 290, San Francisco; Capt. James Gordon Hughes, '34, Infantry, APO 43, San Francisco; Cpl. Ray Price Hook, '41, Ser. Co., Infantry, APO 43, San Francisco; William L. Watkins, '31, Hq. Artillery, O 38, San Francisco; Lt. John M. Wright, '39, Infantry, APO 37, San Francisco; Lt. Sheldon M. Dannelly, '39, Infantry, APO San Francisco; 1st Lt. Horace H. Carter, 1st Hq., Infantry, APO 32, San Francisco; Wm. J. Colvin, '38, Infantry, APO 25, San Francisco; Lt. (jg) Grover C. Hollowell, Jr., 1st Flot. 5, Navy 60, Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco; Lt. (jg) Pickett Lumpkin, '37, LCT 5, Navy 60, Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco; Ensign John L. Thomason, '42, LST 38, 1st Postoffice, San Francisco; Colonel James Patterson, '14, General Hq. SW Pac., APO Billy J. Pettis, '32, APO 927, San Fran-

FROM YOUR LETTERS

A few days ago, while on official business in the office of the Provost Marshal of the III Corps, I saw on the desk of the Assistant Provost Marshal a copy of the Wofford College News Letter for February 1, 1944. When I first saw it I thought probably I had left it there on a previous visit, but I was most pleasantly surprised when I learned that it was the property of 1st Lieutenant Raymond B. Lark, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, who graduated from Wofford in 1938. I was delighted to meet this fine young officer and was further delighted this morning to see him wearing the bright, shiny new bars of a captain, his promotion having just come through. Thought you might like to have that item for the next News Letter. . . .

Even though I personally very much regretted to have to leave "Dixie" (Colonel Wannamaker was until January at Fort McPherson, Georgia—Ed.), I must admit the Presidio of Monterey is one of the finest posts that I have ever seen. Our headquarters is on the side of a mountain on a peninsula jutting out into the Pacific Ocean. Other high mountains which surround us are still capped with snow, which glistens in the sunshine, even though lovely flowers grow luxuriantly and bloom profusely all the year round. They say it never freezes here, nor does it ever get hot. There must be something to that, as woolen is the prescribed uniform here for the entire year.

You might be interested to know that my son, Pvt. George W. Wannamaker III, Wofford '45, who is in the Air Forces, was transferred from Miami Beach, Florida, to the Army Air Base, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in January, just about the time I was transferred from Atlanta.

COLONEL GEORGE W. WANNAMAKER, III Corps Staff, Presidio of Monterey, California (March).

I am in the radio program of the Air Forces, which I like very much. . . . Wofford looked good with all the snow, but that Spartanburg cold is really penetrating. . . . Right now, I am in the station hospital and may be here for some time. . . . I have been enjoying the NEWS LETTER. . . .

PVT. GEORGE W. WANNAMAKER III, '45, AAF, Barracks 806, Air Base, Sioux Falls, S. D. (March).

I received the February issue of the NEWS LETTER while I was on maneuvers in the mud of Louisiana. I really didn't have time to read it until my return to Camp Polk, and so I have spent today resting and reading about my old Alma Mater and all the news of the boys in service. . . . Major Frank S. Holcombe is the only Wofford man I know here; he is a paratrooper. I have been corresponding with my old roommate, Capt. James R. Rountree, who has been overseas about fifteen months. He has been ordered to return to the States and expects to be back by March 1st. . . .

MAJOR ERNEST L. RINEHART, '39, HQ AB Division, Camp Polk, La. (February).

Although my address has changed several times, the NEWS LETTER has reached me regularly and is most welcome. I look forward to the April letter with APO San Francisco roster. . . .

1ST LT. WILLIAM L. WATKINS, '31, HQ Artillery Div., APO 38, San Francisco. (February).

January 5-6 will be days I'll always remember, because during parts of those days I had a new experience: flew for the first time in my life! . . . For ten minutes I "guided" the ship and greatly enjoyed it. . . . Then the night of Jan-

uary 6, I came from an airport to this town in an open jeep, through rain, sleet, hail and snow—yes, all of them!—and in this "hot Africa." . . . Another big thrill came when I visited Carthage. . . .

1ST LT. HERBERT HUCKS, JR., '34, APO 763, c/o Postmaster, N. Y. (North Africa).

Since my last writing I have returned to combat in New Guinea. . . . Activity in this sector had been very quiet and limited until two patrols from my company entered the Japanese positions and stirred up a veritable hornets' nest. The first killed six Japanese without a single man getting hurt. . . . One of the patrols had to fight their way back to our lines after having been cut off and surrounded by Japanese forces of overwhelming strength. . . . Every individual fought with unselfish zeal and courage. . . . The patrol killed large numbers of Japanese, refusing to leave even a single one of their wounded behind. . . . Higher command says the entire group will be officially commended. . . . It seems that some of us will be returned to the States before the year is out. . . . Many of us have seen a lot of action, and have spent many months in the tropics, and have been overseas for nearly two years. . . . If I get that much-desired furlough in the States, I hope to visit Spartanburg and see the faculty and many of my friends there again.

CAPT. SHELDON M. DANNELLY, '39, Infantry, APO 32, San Francisco, Calif. (February).

I enjoy reading of old classmates, some of whom are near me. I have been in the tropics of the South Seas for almost a year.

WARREN B. HARRELSON, USNR, USS Chandeleur, c/o Fleet P. O., San Francisco. (January).

I am no longer on active duty, but am a staff sergeant in the Enlisted Reserve. I served from December, 1943, with the Special Training Battalion at Fort Jackson. Please continue to send me the bulletin. . . . I am now a math instructor for Air Corps Cadets at Clemson.

ERNEST LANDER, JR., '37. (January)

I hope this finds . . . everything going along nicely at Wofford. I haven't heard much from Wofford since my graduation in 1938. . . . After finishing at Duke, I joined the Virginia Conference and remained on till I joined the Army in July, 1942. . . .

CAPT. FLOYD A. DUNCAN (Chaplain) APO 606, c/o Postmaster, Miami, Fla. (February).

Last June I ran across Guy Wilkes, '42, while in the Red Cross at Oran, Africa, one evening, and in July we took Delbert Howle, '40, to Salerno. They both looked well and sent regards. . . .

ENSIGN C. E. LAVENDER, '41, USS Thomas Jefferson, c/o Fleet Postoffice, N. Y. (February).

Just received my appointment as A/C and classification as pilot. Roy Hames, '45, is also here in training as a bombardier. Capt. C. L. DuBose, '41, is stationed at San Francisco as a weather officer of the Bomber Command. . . .

MARION H. WRIGHT, '43, Sq. 6, SAAAB, Santa Ana, Cal. (February).

Had a safe and comfortable voyage and landed recently in North Ireland. . . . I am in the best of health, we have fairly comfortable quarters, the food is good. . . . Soon after my arrival, I was pleasantly surprised to learn that Capt. George Tate, '41, is stationed nearby. We had a long chat on the phone last night. . . .

You have no idea what the NEWS LETTER means to the men who are thousands of miles away from those beloved "twin towers. . . ."

LT. RAYMOND L. DENNIS, '41, Qm. Gr. Reg. Co., APO 813, P.M., N. Y. (February).

Have not written you since we were in Sicily, and that has been a long time, since we came over here Sept. 16. Just before Christmas, I had the good luck to run into Lt. Robert F. Haynes, who is in a tank outfit over here. . . .

CAPT. WILLIAM H. BLACKWELL, '38, Fighter Bomber Sq., APO 520, c/o P. M., N. Y. (Italy) (January).

The greater part of my time in the army has been spent overseas, yet time and distance cannot erase the pleasant thoughts and memories of the school which will always be dear to me. . . . Since being in Italy, I have really seen and learned what war is like. Seeing homeless women and children is a pathetic sight, and the living conditions under which some people exist are almost inconceivable. Such sights make one realize that we're fighting this war to keep our people and country free from such conditions. . . .

Sgt. LEONARD R. TAYLOR, '42, Ordnance Section, PBS, APO 782, P.M., N. Y. (January).

We are in combat again, and have been for some time, and with us are three other Wofford men: Major Bevin D. Lee, 1st Lt. Horace Carter, and 1st Lt. Tom Evans. Their addresses are all the same—Reg. Hq. Co., — Inf., APO 32, c/o PM, San Francisco.

We have all been overseas in the Southwest Pacific theatre for almost 21 months, and have been in the combat zone for better than seven months, so naturally we welcome word from the campus. We are anxious to get our work here completed as soon as possible, so we can enjoy again some of the privileges that only the United States affords. . . .

CAPT. JOHN J. LITTLE, '35, —th Inf., APO 32, c/o PM, N. Y. (January).

I'm no longer a replacement. I have joined a regular unit, which with luck should be my "home" for the duration. In addition, I have been given a job I like very much. . . . I have really been seeing some sights. . . . Circumstances have led me through some really historic places. . . .

PRIVATE HARRY L. HARVIN, JR., '43, Reg't Hq., —st Inf., APO 36, (Italy), P.M., N. Y. (January).

We are kept rather busy. The men come and the men go. Many of the men I have trained have made the supreme sacrifice. Others wear the honors bestowed upon the bravest, along with the gratitude of all of us. . . . When first they come in, they look upon me as one of the old soldiers. They receive their training, go out to meet the enemy, and return finer and more experienced soldiers than I will ever be. . . .

SGT. HENRY B. SNYDER, '40, Coast Artillery, Camp Hero, N. Y.

I'm at Mississippi State College now, along with about twenty-five other Wofford boys. We are really lucky to still be together. We are awaiting orders to go to OCS; however, I have decided to apply for aviation cadet training. . . .

JAMES H. CROUCH, '44 (January).

Since I last saw you, many things have happened to me—among them my marriage. . . . I have likewise been assigned to amphibious duty in the Navy. I have been at Little Creek since the middle of November.

ENSIGN GEORGE W. WHITAKER, '43, USNR, ATB, Little Creek, Va. (January).

Well, I can't come home now! I've been classified as a teletype operator and will take training here at Monmouth, probably. . . . From what I have seen of the North, I think I shall like it fine. . . . We're one hour from New York, and I hope to go there as soon as we get out. I want to look up Jack Guilds and some of the other fellows whom I know in New York. . . .

PVT. MORRELL L. THOMAS, '44,
Monmouth, N. J. (was at Clem-
son College).

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Since I wrote to you, I have been in an accident, and since the last of December I have been here. . . . It was an explosion. . . . I am now waiting for my eye to heal so that they can operate again. . . . California is a wonderful place to live. The weather is delightful. . . . Palm Springs is to California what Aiken is to South Carolina. . . .

CAPT. JOHN W. KELLER, '33,
Torney General Hosp.,
Palm Springs, Calif. (February)

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. . . . In March, 1943, I was graduated from the Medical College of South Carolina, and on April 1st began my internship. . . . in Iowa City. On December 27th I . . . was ordered to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Treasure Island, San Francisco. . . . Then on February 7th I was . . . told to proceed to the Marine Corps Air Station, Mojave, California. . . . It's good to see familiar names in print in the NEWS LETTER. . . .

LT. (jg) KENNETH H. HERBERT, '37,
MC, USNR U. S. Marine Corps Air
Station, Mojave, Calif. (February).

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Just a word to let you know that I am thinking of Wofford. I am the station hospital chaplain, and not long ago Captain Leland Jackson was in the hospital for a few days. We had several good old alumni meetings in his room. It was good to see this old friend. He was the first Wofford man I had met since being here at Truax. . . . Since then I have met Pvt. Robert L. Allen of Pacolet Mills. He came here as a student a few days ago. We also had a long session. . . .

CAPT. CHARLES W. BROOKWELL,
Chaplain, Hq. TS, AAFTTC,
Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin
(March).

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Yesterday I received the February issue of the NEWS LETTER, and at a very convenient time. I had a seat of honor (officer of the day), so during the wee hours of the morning when there was no one to disturb me I read every single line of the letter. . . . I found that there were a number of boys listed that I knew very well, and to get an idea of their whereabouts was quite pleasant. . . . I am living in a British home and am never lost for conversation. . . . My four years at Wofford have been very valuable to me. The relationship between students and faculty there has made it very easy for me to get along with the English. I am located very close to Jefferson Painter, my college roommate, and we hope to get together soon. He is with a fighter squadron, APO 637. He is a Thunderbolt pilot. . . .

1ST LT. RYAN D. GUILDS, JR., '41,
MP Company, Supreme HQ.,
APO 757, New York (February)

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I received my first copy of the NEWS LETTER the other day. . . . It is the first piece of news I have had about the college or any of the alumni since I left the place. . . . I regret to say that I have not seen any Wofford men as yet. . . .

1ST LT. ROBERT M. COURTNEY,
FA Bn., APO 464, c/o Post-
master, N. Y. Somewhere in
Italy (February).

. . . . Recently I had the pleasure of meeting a Wofford classmate whom I had known for several years (Dewey "Snag" Calvert) . . . I was delighted to receive the February issue of the WOFFORD NEWS LETTER so soon. It is always interesting to know how and what my fellow classmates are doing. . . .

C. A. GILFILLAN, '43, MoMM 3/c,
USSLS 197, Fleet Postoffice,
N. Y. (February).

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You certainly made some of us homesick with that rather nostalgic snow-covered scene on the last issue of the NEWS LETTER. What we wouldn't give to be back on the old campus again! The NEWS LETTER was most welcome, and I'm saving it to share with any old Wofford men I may run across here in England.

This country is just as it is painted in the story books. And I find my English history has been sadly neglected, so that defect is in the process of repair. As my bicycling ability returns, so shall my knowledge of England. At present, it's all uphill!

My regards to the many friends on the campus, and please carry more of their messages to us in the NEWS LETTER. I find their words both welcome and thought-provoking.

MAJOR WILLIAM C. HERBERT, '35, MC,
General Hospital, APO 645,
Postmaster, New York (March).

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I received the February issue of the NEWS LETTER today, and I can say without a doubt that I enjoyed it more than anything I have received in a long time. Even though I was able to attend Wofford only one year, . . . I am a Wofford man through and through. . . . I would like to hear something about Lt. J. E. Clark, Jr., '40, and Peter C. Baker, '39. . . . I haven't had the pleasure of running into anyone that I knew at Wofford while I was in Africa or since I have been in Italy. I keep thinking, maybe I will tomorrow. . . .

CPL. ERIC H. COOK, '42,
Gen'l Hospital, APO 380,
c/o Postmaster, N. Y. (Feb).

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A few days ago, I discovered that another Wofford man was living next door to me. He is Lt. Bill Watkins, of Anderson, '31. . . . A few minutes ago he brought the February 1 copy of the NEWS LETTER over. . . . I see many, many names of men I used to know at Wofford. . . . I opened my office to practice dentistry in Inman, S. C., in 1938. . . . I entered the Army as a lieutenant in 1942. . . . I am with a fine organization. . . . The men are appreciative of everything I try to do for them, and they are doing a great job in a skillful manner here. . . .

CAPT. CLARENCE V. McMILLAN, '38 (DC)
Med. Det., Ord. Bn., APO 957,
c/o Postmaster, San Francisco (March).

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. . . . The boys in the Pacific and Italy are doing a swell job. Spent ten days in London vainly searching for a familiar Wofford face. I will write soon if I see or hear of any Wofford men hereabouts. . . .

LT. GUY WILKES, '42,
—th Inf., APO 9, P. M., N. Y.
(England) (January).

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They are keeping us pretty busy over here right now. This is a far cry from those days from '32 to '36. I have been working with John Anderson for the past couple of days, and we get along quite well, considering he is an Infantryman and I'm a Tanker! My brother-in-law, Ruple Harley, is over here, and I ran into a much-decorated Gilroy Brannon the other day. . . .

MAJOR TRAVIS M. BROWN, '36,
(With an armored regiment),
APO 253, New York (March).