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# WOFFORD COLLEGE NEWS LETTER

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*"Though we from thy walls have parted . . ."*

**DEAR ALUMNUS IN UNIFORM:**

This letter is the last in Volume II and is the 12th we have written to you since October, 1942, when approximately 300 received a two-page mimeographed letter.

Until this issue, the letter has been sent to you every two months. From now on it will reach you quarterly. More and more of the letters are being sent overseas. We hope that by the time the next one is sent to you, most of you will be much closer home.



**FROM PRESIDENT GREENE**

We asked Dr. Greene to tell you about the improvement program at Wofford. Here is what he has to say.

It occurs to me that you might be interested in reading about the progress we are making in our program of promotion and rehabilitation. This program involves something like a million dollars and comes to its culmination in 1954—the year that marks the hundredth anniversary of the founding of our College.

At the present time we have progressed approximately one-fifth of the way to our goal. Marion District provided the funds for the remodeling of Snyder Hall; Orangeburg District for the remodeling of Carlisle Hall; Spartanburg District is raising the funds to beautify the campus; and the other eight districts of South Carolina Methodism are pledging the funds to build a Student Activities Building and a War Memorial Chapel. The Student Activities Building will probably be erected on the ground lying between Science Hall and the Library. The War Memorial Chapel will be built on a plot of ground recently purchased and extending from the main gate to Calhoun Street.

Funds are coming in to endow a Chair of Religion and Philosophy in memory of Dr. Carlisle and a Chair of English Language and Literature in honor of Dr. Snyder.

The old S. C. A. building will be transformed into a new science hall to house the departments of geology and geography and of biology.

It is our purpose to add two wings to the present Library in order to provide much needed space for additional books and a more adequate reading room.

Main Building, of course, is to be remodeled

when the funds become available. It will be given a new coat and a new inside.

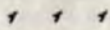
We have a new Infirmary equipped in the most modern manner.

Our plans, also, call for a swimming pool to be added to Andrews Field House.

There are several other projects which round out the total program, such as the increase in endowment, the establishment of more endowed scholarships for worthy students, and the Living Endowment sponsored by the Alumni for the purpose of establishing a retirement fund for teachers.

You have not, as yet, been called on to share in this program of development, although quite a few of you have voluntarily responded to the Living Endowment. Neither is this description given you by me of the progress we are making to be interpreted by you as a call of your Alma Mater for aid at this time. *You have a more important job to do right now for your beloved country.* When it is all over over there and you return to this glorious haven of freedom, that will be the proper time for you to think of how you may best show your affection for your College. No one here who carries on in your absence has any doubt about the ultimate proof of your affection.

W. K. GREENE,  
President.



**NEWS FROM THE CAMPUS**

President Greene took a short, well-earned vacation in July at the home of his daughter in Alliance, Ohio. He tells us the rehabilitation program is coming along nicely. . . . Dean Norton is teaching in summer school (both terms) as well as acting as dean of the summer school. . . . Mr. Davis is "sticking to his knitting" in the treasurer's office as you would expect him to. . . . Dr. DuPre, Dr. Wallace, Professor Salmon, and Professor Bourne are at their homes on the campus. Professor Salmon and Professor Bourne will teach part time at Converse this fall. We understand that Dr. Wallace is about to finish his one-volume history of South Carolina. . . . Dr. Chiles still likes a good movie, good music, and good talk. He will be at the college in September to teach what French and German students there are. . . . Professor Pettis and Professor Shuler taught in the summer school. . . . Dr. Waller will be at the Junior college this fall. . . . Professor Patterson (this really deserves a very special page all by itself) was married in July to Miss Harriet Julienne of Spartanburg. We



know you join with all of us here in wishing him and his wife the kind of happiness they both deserve. . . . Dr. Tennis is in training for work with the American Field Service of the Red Cross. He is at a camp somewhere in the south and will probably be overseas before very long. . . . Professor Herbert, Dr. Nesbitt, and Dr. Cauthen worked in various parts of the state for the rehabilitation program during the month of July. . . . Professor Trawick is teaching in the summer school. You may have already heard that he is a proud grandfather now. . . .

There were 83 enrolled in the first session of summer school, approximately 40 of them undergraduates, most of whom are staying on for the second session. There may be as many as one hundred students for the regular session, but officials do not expect any more. Much will depend upon the progress of the war in Europe. . . .

The campus family was saddened this summer by the death of Dr. Snyder's daughter. She was at her father's home at the time of her death.

Dr. Pugh is in New England, where his wife is a physician at a summer camp. . . . The editor of this sheet is still acting editor of the *Journal*, afternoon daily in Spartanburg. He says he likes the work but misses the bull sessions (in and out of class) with students. . . .

Miss Woodward is doing her usually efficient job in the registrar's office. . . . Miss Price and Miss Humphreys, in the treasurer's office, make life as pleasant as it is possible for it to be for those who are in the act of paying their "hard-earned" money to Mr. Davis. . . .

Miss Bennett, secretary to the president, has a new office. The president's office was divided into two sections, Miss Bennett having the outer one. Students and visitors coming into the entry way between the president's and treasurer's office can still "pass the time of day" with her—and usually do. . . . Miss DuPre hasn't changed. She still manages to keep the library neat and quiet. She says it's too quiet now! . . . Mrs. Helms ("Mom" to those of you who stayed at Snyder while she was there) is back at the college looking after her boys, and liking it. They're all pretty young these days. . . . Cap'n Jones is still keeping the campus folks straight as well as protecting the property. . . . Coach Petoskey is playing baseball with Birmingham this summer, we hear. He'll be back in the fall. . . . Captain Culler, commanding officer of the R. O. T. C., conducted a summer session of the unit, the second, we believe, since the war began. The R. O. T. C. will continue next fall.

On July 12 in the college chapel a plaque and service flag were placed on the wall in honor of all 1,300 of you in the service. Dean Norton said some very nice things about you, all of them true, we think. We know you don't like heroics, and so we won't quote him.

#### 40th C. T. D. NO MORE

On June 30 the last contingent of the AAF students left us. They were good for us in more ways than one. We hope we did them some good, too. Anyway, they were a decent and considerate lot, and we think you would have liked them.

The officers, too, are gone, except two or three who are staying over a while to help the government "settle up" with the college. Most of the officers have been with us since the unit was established. Consequently we came to consider them—the commissioned as well as the non-commissioned—as part of Wofford. Certainly they fitted into our ways.

We asked Major Hexter to write you a personal letter for himself and his brother officers. Major Hexter, the genial and efficient commanding officer of the 40th C. T. D., has been "on the ball," or should I say "on the beam"? from the first day he got here. The excellent reputation this unit has made is in large meas-

ure due to his ability and that of his fellow officers and the permanent party. Here is his letter to you:

While you have been away to the wars, your venerable campus has been invaded by a horde of irreverent foreigners! They came as skeptics—thoroughly imbued with the superiority of their distant homelands somewhere from the wrong side of the Mason-Dixon line. Nor were they made easier victims of our Southland charms by being crowded four to a room in Carlisle Hall, or by covering in three months as much physics as is normally covered here in approximately a year and a quarter. Furthermore, Coach Petoskey didn't confirm their preconceived notion that the South was a land of peaceful leisure. In his dedication, air-crew students paraphrased Pistol-Packin' Mama with a song entitled "Lay That Bull-whip Down, Petoskey." All in all, there were quite a few obstacles not included in Coach Petoskey's obstacle course, which went by the name of the Burma Road (running parallel to Cleveland Street behind the homes of Dr. Snyder and Dr. Wallace).

Perhaps the initial crack in their frosty attitudes occurred just after their first mess wherein Wofford cooks and Maggie, averaging twenty-five years college service, swept the field in a surprise attack of flavor and variety. And the public-speaking classes helped, too, with their ability to let razor-keen youngsters blow off much of their pent-up steam.

But—while I need not tell you who have been afforded its benefits—it was the spirit of Wofford that did the trick. It was the campus in spring. It was the kindly wisdom of Dr. Snyder in his daily contacts on the campus with groups of three and four air-crew students. It was the intense verve of Professor Pettis and the drawing humor of Professor Coates. It was Dean Norton's anecdotes (at my expense, usually) every four weeks during graduation exercises. All of the faculty, the business department, and the registrar's office did their parts.\* Further than this in a description of the personality of Wofford, I cannot nor need not go. Sufficient to say, the invaders became converts. They came to scoff and departed to spread the glory of Wofford's traditions. In evidence of this is Exhibit A—my file of letters from pilots, bombardiers, gunners, and cadets who have passed through Wofford College to become self-appointed alumni more than 1,800 strong.

Just how these synthesized Woffordites—produced after five months of intensive training—resemble you bona fide alumni of a more leisurely production schedule, can be judged by their serious moments. Their thoughts, too, are known to be directed to a prevention of the war of 1970.

Dr. Wallace and Dr. Cauthen in their history classes and Dr. Nesbitt and Professor Bourne in their geography classes have imprinted upon young and receptive minds the need of avoiding the next war. No concrete plans were ever offered for consideration, but the question, "What are you personally going to do to maintain peace once it is won?" has been raised in a variety of ways and wordings.

As surely as you, who have met the enemy in the flesh, are fighting for peace and realize your personal obligations to make that peace permanent after winning it, so these young men, too, feel their obligations to do the same.

They evidence the same spirit of service that is exemplified by the huge enrollment of Wofford's sons in the armed forces. And they reflect the same mature attitudes in considering world conditions as a basis for prevention of war.

Some of you who will return to Wofford may meet men of the Air Forces who studied here in your absence, for many will return to complete their interrupted studies. When you do, you will be given fresh evidence of the wise and kindly spirit that, thanks to Dr. Greene, has made the duty assignment at Wofford College so thoroughly satisfying to the officers and men

of the permanent party and the air-crew student body. In the meantime, Wofford sons can well be proud of Wofford's contributions to the nation—in war, and for peace.

A. N. HEXTER,  
Major, AAF.

#### PROMOTIONS

Corporal: Francis M. Lancaster, '42; Milford Smith, '45; Claude G. Batchelor, '43; Hollis M. Owens, Jr., '43; David T. Daniel, '45; John G. Parrott, '32.

Sergeant: James H. Kelley, '39; Gene M. Chewning, '41; Henry T. Williams, '39.

S/Sergeant: Charles W. Huff, '44; Francis R. Capers, '40.

Second Lieutenant: James C. Wall, '44 (Marines); Donald A. Taylor, '39; John F. Barry, '43; Wm. R. Gaffney, '45; Cameron Bruce Littlejohn, '35; Kenneth C. Talbert, '44, AAF; Ed. H. Sims, '43; Laurie T. Hartzog, Jr., '41; Ralph K. Bogan, '44, A.

First Lieutenant: T. A. Bell, '38; Harwood Beebe, Jr., '44.

Captain: J. E. Watson, '43; Julian A. Mason, '36; Horace Carter, '39; J. Russell Cross, '35; Holman C. Gossett, '34; Albert C. Stacpoole, '38; James H. Martin, '35; Fred S. Patterson, '43; Joel E. Robertson, '41; Milton B. Maness, '41; Wilmer A. Sims, Jr., '42, AAF; Donald A. Yongue, '41.

Major: T. P. Mason, '36; Richard C. Byars, '29; Wilton C. Kennedy, '27; James D. Sumner, '41.

Ensign: Barton Irby, '42; Howard G. Foster, '45; Paul A. Wood, '45; Howard C. Ottey, '43.

Lieutenant-Colonel: Thos. T. Taylor, '31.

Lieutenant-Commander: Ralph B. Praytor, '32; Pickett Lumpkin, '37.

Lt. (jg): John L. Thomason, '42.

Master Sergeant: W. J. Milligan, '45.

#### ADDITIONS TO MEN-IN-SERVICE LIST

1st Lt. Lafayette Adams, '37, A.

Sgt. Douglas C. Anderson, '40, A.

Pvt. M. K. Fort, '41, A.

Pvt. J. L. Harris, '44, A.

Lt. (jg) Thos. W. Herbert, '29, N.

S. 2/c Samuel H. Jaudon, '46, N.

2nd Lt. Adolphus A. McLeod, '36, A.

Lt. D. R. McLeod, '36, A.

Lt. E. B. McLeod, '32, Marines.

Ensign Donald N. Smith, '36, N.

Ensign Clyde E. Wall, Jr., '45, NAC.

Major Miles W. Whitlock, '31, A.

Major Cecil B. Lawter, '35, AAF (Chaplain).

A/S Chaucer W. Lever, '46, N.

Chaplain Wm. E. Rone, A.

T/Sgt. Vernon D. Schroder, AAF.

Pfc. Simon F. Parrott, Jr., A.

J. W. Blanton, Jr., S. 2/c, '46, N.

#### DECORATIONS

So far in this war thirty-four Wofford men have received a total of eighty-seven decorations. Below is the latest list of additions. If you know of anyone who has not previously been listed as having been decorated, please let us know.

1st Lt. Harwood Beebe, Jr.—Air Medal, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters (a B-25 pilot, he flew 48 missions in Mediterranean Theatre).

Lt. Col. Herbert C. Hicks—DSC (for action in France on D-Day).

1st Lt. John E. Bomar—2nd Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal (for action in SWP).

T/Sgt. Thos. O. Melton—Legion of Merit (for action in Guadalcanal fighting, August to October, 1942).

Lt. Edward B. Turner—Recommended for Air Medal, Navy Cross, and DFC for action in SWP).

Lt. Richard C. Kennan, Jr.—DFC, Air Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster (for action in SWP).

Lt. Laurie T. Hartzog, Jr.—Air Medal (for action over Italy and Germany).

S/Sgt. Francis R. Capers—Air Medal (for action over continental Europe).

S/Sgt. James M. Isom—Bronze Medal (for action in Italy).

Lt. John H. Franks—Aid Medal (for helping sink four Japanese vessels off Paramushiro in May).

Lt. Laurie T. Hartzog, Jr.—Air Medal (for action in Italy).

T/Sgt. Vernon D. Schroder—Air Medal, 5 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters (for action in Italy).

#### IN DEFENSE OF THEIR COUNTRY

*Nor shall their glory be forgot  
While fame her record keeps  
And Honour points the hallowed spot  
Where valor proudly sleeps.*

Lt. Guy W. Wilkes, Jr., '42—Killed in action in France, June 20, 1944.

Capt. W. M. McLeod, '21—Died in Columbia, S. C., in June, 1944. He had received a medical discharge from the Army in May, after active service in North Africa and Sicily.

Major Frank C. Hodges, '29—Killed in action in Burma-India theatre, May 21, 1944.

Capt. Ralph S. Bryant, '37—Killed in action over occupied Europe on April 29, 1944.

Capt. Wm. P. Buhman, '40—Reported killed in action at St. Lo, France, July 24, 1944.

#### ITEMS ABOUT YOU

We acknowledge with grateful thanks financial contributions from the following: Lt. Guy W. Wilkes, Jr. (recently reported killed), Sgt. Walter Martin, Jr. (recently returned from the Caribbean area), Lt. Carl E. Bailey, Capt. J. Russel Cross, Capt. Albert C. Stacpoole, Wilmer A. Sims, Jr., '42, and Capt. Herbert Gale Peabody.

2nd Lt. Eddie M. Robinson, '43, is at APO 95, New York. . . . 2nd Lt. James B. Westmoreland, '43, is at APO 94, New York. . . . 1st Lt. Wm. C. Stackhouse, '40, is at APO 95, New York. . . .

Major Cecil B. Lawter, '35, was at Miami Beach in July after 21 months service in African and European theatres. Major Lawter is a chaplain. . . . Captain John W. Speake, '31, is an 8th Air Force medical officer in England. . . . Pvt. Wm. H. Gillespie, '45, is at Camp Pickett, Va., in the same outfit with Ben A. Brown, '35. . . . Cpl. Francis M. Lancaster, '42, has served through the Tunisian, Sicilian, and Italian campaigns as an aircraft armorer. . . .

Lt. James R. Lyles, Jr., '33, is stationed at Groton, Connecticut. . . . Cpl. Hollis M. Owens, '43, is in an infantry regiment at Fort Jackson. . . . Capt. Henry G. Wolfe, '35, is at CATS, Box 106, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. . . . A/C Wm. F. Cline, '44, is at Craig Field, Alabama. . . . Pvt. Andrew T. Sumner, '45, was wounded in action on Saipan in July. . . . Cleveland S. Harley, '46, was home in July for a furlough, after participating in the



western invasion on D-Day. He is a petty officer, 3rd class, and the mine sweeper he was in was sunk. . . .

Second Lieutenant Adolphus A. McLeod, '36, is at Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga. . . . First Lieutenant John Earl Bomar, '40, returned in June from the Southwest Pacific, New Guinea theatre. He was tanned to a nice attractive brown. We think we mentioned before that he spent eight days in the jungle when his plane was forced down. While overseas, he saw Lt. John P. (Pep) Coan, '41, and Captain Gale Peabody, '40, in Australia, and Lt. Dick Rouquie, '40, in New Guinea. . . . Captain Milton B. Maness, '41, is stationed at Hendrix Field, Florida. . . . Lt. Col. Thos. T. Taylor, '31, after seeing service in Africa and Sicily, is now in England. . . . Pvt. W. S. Dowis, Jr., '45, is with an infantry division at Camp Pickett, Va. . . . Sgt. Henry T. Williams, '39, is at APO 937, c/o Postmaster San Francisco. . . . Lt. John W. Shuler, '41, was slightly wounded in Italy in the spring, but is back in action. . . . Major Cecil G. Huskey, '39, was reported slightly wounded June 6 in France. . . . Second Lieutenant Wm. R. Gaffney, '45, AAF, is the proud father of a five-months-old daughter. . . . Captain Turner M. (Mac) Smith, '33, was recently pictured in "Life" magazine reviewing a color guard with Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley. Capt. Smith has two children, Mac, Jr. and Marjorie. . . . First Lieutenant Herbert Hucks, Jr., '34, is now at APO 790 in Italy, after many months in Africa. . . . Chaplain (captain) James H. Martin, '35, is at APO 827, New Orleans. . . .

Captain James M. Isom, '34, is at APO 85, New York. . . . Capt. Chas. Lamarr DuBose, '41, AAF meteorologist stationed in San Francisco, dropped by to see us on his way to Washington recently. . . . Lt. Harwood Beebe, Jr., '44, came by to see us in June, after having one 48 missions as pilot of a B-25 in the Mediterranean. He saw Pic. E. O. Page, Jr., '44, in a hospital in Italy (ankle injury) and flew 11 missions with Lt. Chas. W. Hicks, '44, though he didn't know it till afterwards. . . . Lt. Geo. D. Cooksey, '44, was reported missing in action over Europe in June. . . . Lt. Douglas S. Finch, '43, AAF, is at APO 16153, San Francisco. . . . Captain H. Price Edwards, '36, at Fort Bragg, N. C. . . . Pvt. Geo. W. Wannamaker III, '45, is at APO 5585, San Francisco. . . . Major Miles W. Whitlock, '31, at Fort McClellan, Alabama. . . . 2nd Lt. John F. Barry, '43, AAF, is in Egypt. . . . Lt. Glenn Swofford, '44, was married late in June. . . . Pvt. R. O. Purdy, '43, is at Las Vegas, Nevada (LVAAF, Sq. 2). . . . Major W. Craig Kennedy, '27, is at Camp Lee, Virginia. . . . Pvt. Paul L. Barrett, '38, is with the headquarters company, IRTC, Camp Wheeler, Georgia. . . . Capt. Jordan A. Dean, '33, is at Hq. SF, the Pentagon, Washington, D. C. . . .

Lt. (jg) T. W. Herbert, '40, is at 13 Patton Hall, NTS, Princeton, N. J. . . . 1st Lt. Brunus W. Pinson, '36, is at APO 795, N. Y. . . . Pl. Francis M. Lancaster, '42, is at APO 650, N. Y. (Mediterranean theatre). . . . Pvt. Sidney Lancaster (his brother), '46, is at an AAF base unit, FAAF, Florence, S. C. . . . 1st Lt. Albert Lancaster (their brother), '37, is in New Guinea or an island off the coast. . . . Sgt. R. Hallman, '43, is at APO 502 (Hospital unit), San Francisco. . . . Pic. Martin W. Beckard, '38, is at APO 79, N. Y. . . . 1st Lt. Marion D. Ogburn, Jr., '42, is at APO 961, San Francisco. . . . Major Richard C. Byars, '29, living at 220 Danville Ave., Colonial Heights, Petersburg, Va. He is married and has an eight-months-old son. . . . S/Sgt. Howard E. Oody, '44, is a prisoner of war in Germany. We have his address if you want to write to him. . . .

Capt. Carl H. Moody, '34, is at AAF Overseas Repl. Depot, Greensboro, N. C. . . . John Gross, '31, is in Hawaii as an American Red Cross Field director. He had previously been Columbia Air Base, Fort Jackson, Camp

Toccoa, and Charleston Navy Yard. . . . Capt. J. L. Switzer, '40, is with an Amphibious Corps, FPO, San Francisco. . . . Capt. Julian A. Mason, '36, is at APO 472, N. Y. . . . Major T. P. Mason, '36, is at APO 253, N. Y. . . . Edward D. Sumner (Marine Corps), '45, is at FPO, San Francisco. . . . Capt. Ralph V. Foster, '34, APO 88; Major Donald C. Foster, '39, APO 374, and their brother-in-law, Lt. Wm. P. Law, Jr., were together in Naples early in May. . . . Ensign Howard G. Foster, '45, NAC, another of the Foster brothers, is in Chicago for amphibious training. . . . Lt. E. M. Atwell, '41, is at APO 5209, San Francisco. . . . Capt. Virgil P. Foster, Jr., '42, is at APO 339, N. Y. . . .

Pvt. J. L. Harris, '44, is at Camp Adair, Oregon. . . . Capt. Dan W. Willis, '32, is at APO 928, San Francisco. . . . Lt. E. M. McLeod, '30, USMCR, is at FPO (Marine Branch), San Francisco. . . . Capt. C. L. Chapman, '39, is with the Army Service Forces Training Center, Camp Plauche, New Orleans. . . . Chaplain (Lt.) J. L. Bobo, '23, USNR, is with the Replacement Depot, Camp Parks, California. . . . Lt. Arthur B. Hammond, '42, is at APO 557, N. Y. . . . Sgt. Woodrow W. Deaton, '43, is in New Guinea. . . . Dewey L. Calvert, '42, BM 2/c, was by to see us in early July, on his way to OCS back from a long service in the Mediterranean on an LCT. His campaign ribbon bears four stars for Tunisia, Sicily, Salerno, and Anzio. He went into the last three places on D-Day. He also is wearing a Purple Heart he got at Anzio. Remember the two broken front teeth that gave him the nickname of "Snag"? Well, he had them pulled and two of Nature's very own teeth are growing in their place and are almost as long now as his other teeth! Honest!

. . . Lt. John W. Ballenger, '42, was wounded, not seriously, in the European invasion in June. . . . Lt. Col. Robert S. ("Bob") Moore, '40, was wounded—but not very seriously, he says—in Italy in May or June. . . . Cpl. Milford Smith, '45, is at APO 5367, San Francisco. . . . Sgt. Douglas C. Anderson, '40, is at APO 5375, San Francisco. . . . S. 2/c Samuel H. Jaudon, '46, is on a destroyer escort, FPO, San Francisco. . . . Capt. Robert F. Haynes, '37, is at APO 464, N. Y. (Italy). . . . S/Sgt. Chas. W. Huff, '44, APO 650, N. Y., is also in Italy. . . . Pvt. John H. ("Jack") Felts, Jr., '45, is taking Army Pre-Medical training at Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y. He reports that Thornton Crouch, '43, is somewhere in the Caribbean, APO 832, and that Billy Patterson, '44, is at Chapel Hill, completing Naval pre-flight (this was in June). He reports further that his English prof was at Duke with Dr. Stanbury, and also knew President Greene. It's a small world.

Lt. Col. W. A. Cauthen, '26, is at Fort Fisher, N. C. . . . Cpl. David T. Daniel, '45, is at APO 95, New York. . . . 1st Lt. Wm. C. Stackhouse is at APO 95, N. Y. . . . Lt. James W. Griffin, '40, is at APO 94, N. Y. . . . M/Sgt. Wm. J. Milligan, '45, is in charge of records and personnel at a B-24 Liberator Combat training school in Northern Ireland. . . . Chaplain Wm. E. Rone is at McClelland Field, California. . . . Pfc. Joseph P. Foster is at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. . . . Lt. Laurie T. Hartzog, Jr., '41, is at APO 520, N. Y. . . . John L. Edens was wounded in July in France. . . . 2nd Lt. J. Aubrey Faust, '43, was reported missing in action in France in June or July. . . . Lt. Ralph K. Bogan, '44, is at Camp Rooker, Alabama. . . . CM 2/c Dewey L. Calvert, '43, is at Remmselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York. . . . Capt. D. A. Yongue, '41, is at APO 88, N. Y. . . . J. W. Blanton, S. 2/c, is at Lee Field, Green Cove Springs, Florida. . . . Cpl. John G. Parrott, '32, is at Camp Hood, Texas. . . . Pfc. Simon F. Parrott is at APO 951, San Francisco. . . . Pvt. Robert L. Lewis is at APO 15334, N. Y. (Italy). . . . Capt. Fred E. Gillespie, '42, was reported missing in action in France in June or July.

FROM YOUR LETTERS

Except for being overseas, I like New Guinea better than Louisiana. It is winter here and warmer than South Carolina in the summer. I never thought I'd do it, but I made my last jump to become a paratrooper on the last day of my fifth year in the Army (July 4). Jumping is really a thrill, and I can't see why I haven't been doing it for the past three years. It is the easiest thing I've ever done for \$100 per month. . . . Major F. S. Holcombe and Captain Emmet Walsh, both paratroopers, are here. MAJOR ERNEST L. RHINEHART, '39, APO 468, San Francisco (July).

The other day I saw something which may be of interest to you. The shells were flying and when artillery or mortar fire landed in our position, we ducked into our foxholes. After a rather lengthy bombardment, I was checking my men and found one of them sitting in his hole, calmly reading. The book was, believe it or not, "The Collected Essays of Charles Lamb." Even in the midst of battle, English Lit can still be studied and enjoyed, apparently. . . . I'm now the only Wofford boy left here and I am hungry for news of college and friends. . . .

LT. WM. J. B. CRENSHAW, '43, APO 29, N. Y. (France) (July).

The April copy of the NEWS LETTER brought sunshine to foggy old England for me. It was the second copy I had seen, the other being one that Cpl. Billy Ezell lent me while we were in South America. . . . Have been in England for some time now and have seen a good bit of it from train windows and the backs of GI trucks. I am now waiting for a trip to France and Berlin. . . . Like every other Wofford man, my thoughts often turn to the days that I was a carefree—many times too carefree—student. . . . In two years of army life and five boat trips I've covered a lot of ground and met a good many Wofford men. When I came to Spaulding, I felt sure that I would meet them at every turn, because they tell me there are quite a few here. However, no luck so far. . . .

SGT. GENE M. CHEWNING, '41, APO 634, N. Y. (May).

I'm working in the adjutant's office of regimental headquarters—a paragraph-trooper, they call me. But I like it fine. . . . The office is full of officers and one has to be "on guard" constantly. . . . There are definite advantages that come from being in a headquarters company. You have swell food and barracks, nice "co-laborers," and best of all, reveille passes. . . .

PVT. MORREL L. THOMAS, '45, Hq. Co., Fort Monmouth, N. J. (May).

. . . I am . . . stationed at Camp Pickett, Va., but at present (June) my regiment is on a two-weeks bivouac on the Camp Butler reservation. Ben Brown, '45, and Wm. H. Gillespie, '45, are also in my division, but not in my regiment. Both of them were in ASTP at Boston U. before we came here. Kenneth DuBard, '45, left Boston several days before I did. He is now in an Air Bourne division. . . . Several weeks ago I was at Camp Pickett theatre and spotted a familiar face. . . . It was Addison DuRant, '43. He was a corporal then. . . . I went to Durham for a few hours one Sunday. In the bus station there I saw Keith Edwards, '46, with his father, also a Wofford man. Keith is going to Duke now, expects to go into the service soon. . . . This time I'm writing by candlelight; next time—what? It's always interesting, wherever I am, to read about all the old acquaintances from Wofford days. PVT. W. S. DOWIS, JR., '45, Camp Pickett, Va. (June).

I was assigned to Wheeler for basic training, at the completion of which I was stationed in the personnel office here and once more shoved behind a typewriter. . . . Have run into two

Wofford men here. 1st Lt. Tom Epting, '39, is here. . . . Tom Stroud, '42, of Greer, came down here at the same time I did and is now a member of the training cadre, I think. . . . PVT. PAUL L. BARRETT, '38, Hq. and Hq. Co., IRTC, Camp Wheeler, Ga. (June).

I am in the Marshall Islands. I understand they were pretty good news at home at one time. They will soon be overshadowed by attacks on other islands. As you probably have read, the Marshalls are coral islands ringed about a navigable lagoon. The coral is lovely to look at, but offers dangers, as I have had reason to find out. It is hard, and will take the bottom out of a ship like a giant can opener.

The important islands have been almost completely denuded by the initial shellings and bombings. Some of the smaller islands still have their lush growth of coconut palms and they are exotic with a pounding surf in the background and a golden tropical moon riding high.

Dawn here is the most majestic and overwhelming I have ever witnessed. There is no rosy-fingered dawn. The eastern sky suddenly flames like a forge under bellows and abruptly the sun rises red-eyed and gigantic.

We perform minor engineering miracles which would shock a well-trained mechanic because of their unorthodoxy. Replacing shafts and screws is quite tedious when no dry dock or marine railway is available. We solve the problem on LCT's by backing them sternwise into a sandy beach. Low tide comes, and behold, we have a perfect workshop.

ENSIGN JOHN L. THOMASON, '43, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco (May).

I have been here since last August and am quite pleased with the camp. This may be partly due to the fact that I have my family here with me. . . . My section of the Hq. personnel has the payrolls, bonds, insurance, and allotments for the entire center. It keeps me quite busy.

Just about the most important news is the fact that we have a new daughter, Julia Harrington, who arrived Sunday, April 30. Julia and baby are getting on fine.

I have run across lots of Wofford boys down here—Lon Bouknight is a captain, Holman Gossett is also captain and married recently while on leave. . . . Last week I met Lt. Abbott (Forrest Abbott), who finished Wofford last year. I also ran across Watson and about ten other boys who finished last summer. . . .

CAPTAIN J. RUSSELL CROSS, '35, Hq., IRTC, Camp Blanding, Fla. (May).

My folks have been forwarding the NEWS LETTER to me and I have enjoyed every single word of each copy. I'm still hoping to run across some of our alumni over here, but thus far luck has been against me.

You may be a bit confused at my address being an engineer outfit, as I'm listed at Wofford as being in the Air Corps. . . . Perhaps you'd like to know just what I am classified as. I believe I can claim to be Wofford's only phototopographer. I'm working with tri-metrogen mapping. We do all sorts of charts, large and small. At the moment my own job is in the computation department. And I thank goodness for the trig I learned from Dr. DuPre. I work out various factors in converting aerial photographs to maps of a definite scale. It's very interesting, and no two problems are exactly alike. Never dreamed I would like math so well!

CPL. JAMES H. WANNAMAKER, JR., '43, APO 713, Unit 1 (New Guinea), c/o Postmaster, San Francisco (May).

. . . Calling you from here wouldn't be very practical right now. You see, the International Telephone and Telegraph Co. belongs to several parties, namely, Japan, headhunters of New



Guinea, and us. Then, too, it is a party line and the natives and Japs wouldn't get any kick out of the message. The only way left is hog-calling—and I don't believe I could quite make it go to S. C. . . . I was very interested in the Wofford NEWS LETTER. It gives facts—about quite a few of the boys I used to know. . . .  
CAPT. FRED S. PATTERSON, '43,  
APO 322-1, San Francisco, Cal (May).

I'm pretty busy flying this old transport of mine. . . . I've now accumulated 400 plus hours of combat flying time. . . . I got married just after my graduation as a flying officer in the AAF. We spent five very happy months together before I came out here thirteen months ago. . . .  
1ST LT. RICHARD C. KENNAN, JR., '44,  
APO 713, Unit I (SWP) (June).

My leg is taking its time about regaining its strength, so I'm now on "light duty" for several weeks. I've left the hospital, but it will be a little while before I rejoin my outfit. In the interim I'm getting a chance to do a little sightseeing on my own. . . . I've finally run into another Wofford man. I met Dave Evans, with whom I took basic and came overseas, and we really had a bull session checking up on the other fellows. . . .  
PVT. HARRY L. HARVIN, '43,  
APO 36, N. Y. (Italy), (July).

I have left the New Hebrides, the South Pacific war and headed north to fresher pastures. . . . Happily, it won't be too long now (I keep telling myself) until I have more excitement than I can comfortably use. But no matter what the excitement, it is always a pleasure to read the latest NEWS LETTER. . . . There is little more to write about, although I could describe the scenery in Espiritu Santo (Lee Swofford spent several "years" in Efate, a few hundred miles away), and I'm sure he feels the same way I do, only more so. Really, there are some places that are more beautiful and colorful than technicolor jungles. There is only the drawback of flies, mud and mosquitoes. I'll take South Carolina. . . .  
CAPT. DEAN S. HARTLEY, JR., '41,  
USMCR, VMF, FPO,  
San Francisco (July).

Just a few days ago I met an old classmate in this area (SWP) and we talked until late that night about good old Wofford. . . . As for myself, I have been around quite a bit in the past two years. I have seen many wonderful things and some very horrible ones. I have been in quite a bit of action. . . .  
One of my biggest disappointments was when Wofford dropped athletics. I hope it can be resumed even in a larger field after the war. While at Wofford I played under J. L. Carson and Phil Dickens, two wonderful coaches, and also under Major B. W. Rushton in high school. With four years under these men, I never heard of them using in any way dirty playing or players. Wofford taught them all well. . . .  
JOHNNY W. JONES, '45, EM 3/c,  
USS, LST, FPO, San Francisco (May).

Captain Julius E. Clark, Jr., is at APO 9, New York. . . . I know some of the APO's in the NEWS LETTER and almost every name from '39 to '42. What a thrill and wonderful memories each one I remember gives me! . . . We are running about the best hospital in this area, and I am proud of my outfit and the work it is doing. . . .  
CPL. ERIC H. COOK, '42,  
APO 380, New York (June).

As you see, I am in Italy—like it much better than Africa, although I would not take anything for my experiences there. . . . An interesting place I have visited (one among many) was Pozzuoli, where St. Paul landed in Italy.

. . . I was grieved to hear of Cullen Bryant's death. He was from near Mullins, my old home town. . . . At my former station I went to see him at a hospital and he came by to see me on his way to Italy. . . . He was a fine man. . . .  
1ST LT. HERBERT HUCKS, JR., '34,  
APO 790, N. Y.

I'm still looking for a Wofford man here in the SWP. No luck so far. Although he doesn't know it, I narrowly missed seeing Sheldon Dannelly some months back. I've covered New Guinea from tip to toe, and a good many of the adjacent islands, since leaving Australia. Since the first of the year, I've participated in three amphibious landings, all successful. Thus far, I've come out unscathed, despite a number of close calls. . . . Best wishes for Wofford's continued successful operation.  
LT. ALBERT LANCASTER, '37,  
APO 920, San Francisco (June).

Some of the letters in every issue are from the boys I knew while at Wofford, and it is great to hear about their experiences since being in the service. I have been in foreign service since November of 1942, having spent about eleven months in North Africa and six months in Italy. I was on the Anzio Beachhead a great part of the time that it remained as such. Wade Mathis was wounded there. I wish that I could have visited him, but did not know at the time that he was there. I've also been in Rome, which is a very beautiful city. . . . I haven't had the pleasure of seeing a Wofford man since leaving the states. . . . I am hoping to be back in school after the war is finished.  
CPL. CLAUDE G. BATCHELOR, '43,  
APO 464, New York (June).

I am still in San Francisco, but expect to be on my way before very long. . . . My flotilla is composed of LCT's. . . . I expect everything to be quite different this time—the day of the "poor man's war" seems to be over. It won't be hard to get used to plenty, but I rather guess I won't have as much fun. . . .  
LT. COMMANDER PICKETT LUMPKIN, '37,  
Fleet Post Office, San Francisco (July).

I do want to say that the NEWS LETTER is very much appreciated by all of the Wofford men whom I have seen in this theater. Without it, it would be too easy to lose touch almost completely with those friends we had in those pleasant days at Wofford. I have run into a lot of Wofford men over here and have been fortunate enough to see some of them several times. Among those I have seen are Captain Sheldon Dannelly, Lt. Horace Carter, Lt. T. E. (Oscar) Evans, Lt. J. P. (Pep) Coan, Lt. John Bomar (who, I believe, is already back in the states), Lt. Billy Pettis, Captain Dick Rouquie, Major A. E. Toney, Cpl. Townes Holland, Sgt. Harold McClintock, Captain Lee, and a number of others. . . . My own service in this theatre has been interspersed with being with or running into men who went to Wofford. On our trip over here thirty-one months ago, Dick Rouquie, Major Toney, and I were on the same ship. When I left them at Darwin, I found that the base commander of the first base in which I served was a Colonel Patterson, who finished at Wofford in 1914 or thereabouts. Then, when I was with the — division, I saw Sheldon Dannelly and Lt. Little, who finished, I believe, in 1935. . . . I am at present a base censor at one of the Australian bases. . . . It is a fairly interesting job, but quite an inactive one, and I frequently wish that I could be back in a combat unit. . . . I recently received a letter from Lt. Col. Robert S. Moore. . . . He spoke of seeing very few Wofford men in his area. . . . My best wishes to all Wofford men. . . .  
CAPTAIN HERBERT GALE PEABODY, '40,  
Base Censor,  
APO 922, San Francisco (June).

I have been receiving all issues of the NEWS LETTER and find them all most interesting. . . . Last month I returned on a hospital ship after thirty months overseas. For the past seven months I have been in bed, in hospitals, with a tropical fever. I expect to move on June 1st to a hospital in Virginia, for their rehabilitation program. . . . I will most certainly visit Wofford at the first opportunity.

SGT. WALTER MARTIN, JR., '41,  
LaGarde General Hospital,  
New Orleans, La. (May).

I have been receiving the NEWS LETTER on time and have never missed one so far. . . . I've heard from quite a number of the boys and they miss Wofford as much as I do. It seems that we gained something there that boys from many other schools failed to get. . . . It will be a happy day for many of us when the re-classes of '39, '40, '41 and '42 have their reunion after the war is over. . . . I heard from Harry Howle, '42, and he said he went by Wofford just a few days ago. Carlisle Ramsour just wrote me after having a very interesting 52-day trip to many points of the globe as pilot of a C-54. . . .  
LT. CARL E. BAILEY, '42,  
Emergency Rescue School,  
Keesler Field, Miss. (May).

I finally got out of O'Reilly and am now at Camp Fannin, Texas. I am on limited service because of my filariasis. I am in the hospital now with malaria. This makes my second attack since coming down here. It is certainly hard to get rid of the stuff. I trust that everything is going fine on the campus. Do you plan to open as usual this fall? (Ed. Note: Yes.)  
LT. BAKER LUCAS, '40,  
Camp Fannin, Texas (July).

. . . I'm still in command of what is commensurate with a squadron but what is now called a section. I sometimes think I would like to be a private—until I get to thinking about mud, foxholes, and hiking, and then I change my mind. . . . I've given up trying to get out of the country.  
MAJOR C. E. STEARNS, '37,  
Gunter Field, Alabama (May).

I have just received the latest issue of the NEWS LETTER, and enjoyed it very much. . . . I like to read about my old classmates and the fellows I knew at Wofford. They are doing a great work.  
SGT. JAMES H. KELLEY, '39,  
929 Kansas Ave., Topeka, Kansas (June).

(Ed. Note: A news release sent us about Sgt. Kelley says in part: "Now a classification specialist of an Army Air Forces recruiting team traveling twenty counties in Eastern Kansas, Sergeant Kelley is responsible for interviewing applicants for the Women's Army Corps and channelling their civilian abilities into military jobs. . . . Of his job as member of a traveling Air Wac recruiting team, Sergeant Kelley has this to say, 'Classifying men for the AAF was a good job, but this new assignment has its advantages, too. The scenery is better.'")

Just received my June NEWS LETTER, and was very happy to learn that dear old Wofford won't be closed, regardless of conditions. . . . I'm now in the midst of basic flying, which, incidentally, is great! I have been stationed at Miami Beach, Tishomingo, Okla., Salt Lake City, Wichita Falls, San Antonio, and Stamford during the past twenty months, but have seen only one Wofford man.  
A/C DEWEY B. NETTLES, '44,  
Class 44 I, Box 313, USAAF,  
AC Det. Perrin Field, Sherman, Texas.

Please put my name on the mailing list of your Wofford Service man's NEWS SHEET. I am very interested in keeping up with all Wofford men and my classmates. . . .  
CHAUNCEY W. LEVER, '46, A/S,  
Co. 882, USNTS, Camp Peary, Va.

. . . In 1941 . . . I got as far as San Francisco on my way to the Philippines when war broke out. . . . After six months with the — Infantry, I spent another six months in the hospital recovering from a broken back and skull—result of a jeep accident. . . . Since then I've been on limited service and have served as ROTC instructor at the University of California at Los Angeles. At present I am in the Training division of the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation. . . . I've been married fourteen months. . . . We're both very happy living in Westwood village, but I'm still anxious to get back to South Carolina to see you all! . . . I certainly would be glad to see one of the boys I knew back at Wofford, so tell them to look me up if they're ever in Los Angeles. . . .  
CAPTAIN ALBERT C. STACPOOLE, '38,  
Trans. Corps, L. A. Port of Embarkation, Wilmington, Calif.

I am now stationed at a surgical technician's school at Billings General Hospital near Indianapolis, Indiana. . . . It was swell receiving my first NEWS LETTER. . . . These plans for post-war improvement are something for all the fellows who plan to come back to school to look forward to. . . .  
PFC. H. W. KOOPMAN, '44 (July).

I am still stationed at Fort Pierce, Florida. . . . I was kept behind as an instructor. That is not the way I would have had it been the one writing the orders. . . . But I learned long ago that orders are orders. . . . I was kept as an Engineering Officer. I was under the impression that an English major knew little or nothing about engines, but apparently the Navy has different ideas. . . .  
ENSIGN GEO. W. WHITAKER, '43,  
USNATB (June).

I came here in March and have been seeing Wofford men around ever since. . . . The first class was a bunch of V-12's who later became ensigns. . . . Upon my first visit to the base theatre I found myself sitting beside an old Carlisle Hall Wofford pal, Paul Wood, '45. Wood received his commission in June. The following week we received a class of newly-commissioned officers who are here for indoctrination. . . . Just this Sunday I was taking in a movie at the base, and when the lights came on I found Howard Ottey, class of '43 or '44, sitting beside me. . . . I hope the following classes continue to produce Wofford men. It's a swell feeling to know there's another Wofford man here. . . . Since I can't go back to sea, I've applied for overseas duty. . . .  
JIMMY TRIBBLE, '44, Bkr. 2/c,  
Camp McDonough,  
Plattsburgh, N. Y. (July).

I have enjoyed the NEWS LETTER and in each issue see some familiar names I try to locate as I ferry here, there, and everywhere around the world. . . .  
Since the last issue, I transferred from New Castle Army Air Base, Wilmington, Delaware, to Nashville, Tennessee, and have had a promotion, too. Be sure to have my address changed so I'll not miss a copy. . . . Regret to read in last week's "Advocate" of the death of Lt. Guy Gilkes. Guy was a swell fellow. . . .  
CAPT. WILMER A. SIMS, JR.,  
Municipal Airport, Box 141,  
Nashville, Tennessee (August).



. . . If you only knew how much it means to hear from so many people at one mail call—on one large sheet of paper! . . . As far as I know, there are no Wofford men on this aircraft carrier—certainly none from Spartanburg or I would have recognized them; however, there are a lot of men aboard, so one or two may be lurking somewhere. . . .

GM 3/c JOHN A. PEARSON, '40,  
FPO, San Francisco (August).

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. . . I'm at a school for radio operators. I've been here since June 7 and will be here, if all goes as scheduled, until the middle of October. It is rather monotonous wearing ear-phones and pounding a typewriter or hand sending with a key day after day. My year of physics makes the little theory that we get quite a "breeze."

We live in a hotel—a summer resort in the mountains of Pennsylvania. There is an ex-

cellent golf course and some tennis courts here, but we have little time to use them.

S. 2/c DONALD H. FRASER, '46,  
NTS, Bedford, Pa. (August).

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You may be interested to know that Sgts. William P. Mabry and Guy D. Adams and Cpl. William H. Alexander, all of the class of '45, are with me and have the same temporary address as I.

I haven't seen any other Wofford men, but I certainly would like to run into some of my former schoolmates. . . . My love for the old school has not faded a bit. The men—both professors and students—with whom I was associated gave me a kindred spirit with Wofford that time and distance cannot break. The Alma Mater, when I hum or sing it to myself, still clasps my heart and makes me walk with pride. . . .

CPL. DAN S. FERGUSON, '43,  
APO 15335, N. Y. (Italy) (Aug.)