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DEAR ALUMNUS IN UNIFORM:

The editor and the college are extremely grateful to you for all your expressions of appreciation for the NEWS LETTER. For our part, we can honestly say that the long hours that go into the preparation of the letter and into the keeping of the records have been neither "tedious" nor "tasteless," as the old hymn states. On the contrary.

Scores of you sent us Christmas cards. We wish we could acknowledge each one of them personally. The same goes for your letters. But if we do not write personal notes to you, that does not mean that we are not appreciative of your letters. We particularly would like to get communications for the NEWS LETTER from some of you who have not yet written to us. Address your replies either to the editor, Kenneth Coates, or simply to Wofford College NEWS LETTER. Either way, we'll get them.

The addresses of many of you change so often that we have not thought it worth while to try to make corrections on the addressograph plates. That explains why there are so many corrections in ink on the envelope. We hope you don't mind.

NEWS FROM THE CAMPUS

The second semester began in February with about eighty students—twenty less than enrolled in September. There are four or five veterans in the group, among them Morrell Thomas, '45.

There will be two sessions of summer school, with the student body composed mostly of teachers. The summer school may be somewhat larger than usual because of the new teacher re-certification law.

The basketball team is doing right well, considering the scarcity of 4-F's on it. We have won from Newberry, High Point, and Davidson (this was written February 1st), and lost to Davidson, Carolina, Clemson, and Catawba. We hope to have a baseball team, but prospects aren't too bright, since most of the freshmen will be eighteen before the baseball season ends. There is some fair material if we do have a team. Plans are being made for plowing up and resodding the football field, in the hope that next fall will see an end to the European war at least. If the world situation has not changed for the better by then, we are not likely to try to put a team on the field.

There has been one Lyceum attraction so far—a lecture by an American correspondent who

spent thirteen years in Japan. . . . Dr. Greene and Mr. Davis attended a gathering of Methodist schools and colleges at Atlantic City some time ago. There was considerable discussion there of the proposal for postwar compulsory military training and its effect upon colleges like Wofford. Dean Norton has been preaching at Pickens since January—in addition to performing his regular college duties. The library is being repainted inside.

We are indebted to Dr. Charlie Nesbitt of the faculty for the following three paragraphs:

Many Things Go On As Usual:

The old bell rings for classes and chapel; the chapel cold on wintry mornings; Prof. Herbert turns chapel lights on and off, and leads the singing; chapel singing by the boys as good as usual, but far less volume; boys gripe about tests and quizzes; term papers are written at the very latest minute before due; the library is something of a mystery to a lot of boys; books scattered about in the chapel and in classrooms, on the chapel steps and benches outside; lost articles announced and reclaimed in chapel; boys being drafted on becoming eighteen; Dr. DuPre's daily walks to the library; Dr. Snyder's frequent walks to the main building and the library, and his occasional chapel talks, as stirring as ever; Dr. Norton's reading of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" in season; Prof. Pettis smoking his pipe, still likes Virginia history and ham, and to shop at Aug. W. Smith Co.; Dr. Pugh reads "our morning lesson" on his days to lead chapel, and carries his books in the green bag under his arm; Dr. Chiles walks with his stately and measured tread to and from his classes, never in a hurry but always on time, and carries his books in a black bag; the publications board functions in dignified but efficient manner; Prof. Salmon's portfolio bulges almost to the explosion point, but it never does; most of the professors complain that the boys do not study; Ed. K. Jolly operates the canteen at a profit; boys still laugh at professors' jokes.

Things That Are More or Less Different:

No more exams just before the Christmas holidays, only twice a year now, on the semester basis; no more Bible 1, 2, 3, or Ethics for all seniors, instead there is a choice of these courses and times to take them, just the requisite number of hours before graduation; Carlisle Hall silent and deserted most of the time, with a small crowd of navy boys from the airport contingent there; new partitions in the administrative

Lt. David L. Bishop, Jr., '45, B-17 pilot, is a prisoner of war in Germany. He was first listed as missing after a raid over Germany November 26 . . . Capt. Dean S. Hartley, Jr., '41, was back in this country in January after considerable flying in combat missions over Guam and other islands in that vicinity . . . Capt. C. B. ("Slim") Mooneyhan, '34, stationed at Plattsburgh, New York, in January . . . Lt. Maloy Rash, '43, is with the transport command. He was married on January 2 to Miss Josephine Pearson, of Winnipeg, Canada . . .

Lt. Wm. A. Sondley was married on Jan. 6 to Miss Marjorie McCurry of Columbia . . . T/5 Perry R. Stevens, '47, was at APO 412, New York, in December . . . Sgt. Melville H. Reid, '43, was with a convalescent hospital unit, APO 887, New York, in January . . . Capt. John B. Cannon, Jr., '34, was at APO 444, New York, in January . . . Cpl. Jacob F. Strait, '43, was at APO 95, New York, in January . . . Lt. Marion D. Ogburn, Jr., '42, was at APO 98, San Francisco, in January . . . Capt. Dean Hartley, Jr., '41, was in to see us in January after a period in Guam and other points. He says he ran into Ensign Howard Foster one day on another central Pacific island . . .

Missing in Germany, Dec. 12, 1944: Lt. Sam O. Turner, '39.

Missing over the Aleutians, December, 1944: Lt. John H. Franks, '45.

Missing on the western front: Cecil Hawes. Capt. W. E. Rogers, Jr., '37, is at APO 256, New York . . . Lt. (jg) Robert L. Murphy, '39, USNR Chaplain, was married on Nov. 24 to Miss Anderine Farmer . . . Sgt. E. C. Krug, '40, was with a general hospital unit, APO 17172, New York, in November . . . Major John Eddie Smith, '36, was at Coffeyville, Kansas, in December . . .

Hollis M. Owens, '43, was wounded in France November 20 (shrapnel in the leg). Hollis is with the Third Army . . . Archie J. Lewis, Jr., '46, was wounded in Italy in October . . .

At least three Wofford men took part in the invasion of Leyte: Private David L. Wright, '46, who was wounded, but is now back with his unit; Lt. (jg) Henry S. Cecil, '42; and Lt. Commander Pickett Lumpkin, '37 . . . Colonel Joseph Harold Moore, '37, back home on furlough, spoke to Wofford students at chapel services in November . . . Major Ben C. Boyd, '35, was wounded in action in Europe, October 31. Back home on furlough in January, he is now at Northington General Hospital, where he will be for a number of months before being reassigned to duty . . . Private Beacham F. Greene, Jr., '46, was slightly wounded in Italy, November 7 . . .

Major J. D. Sumner, '41, was in Spartanburg in December for a few days. He is at Walter Reed Hospital recovering from wounds . . . Major Maner L. Tonge, '26, was at APO 926, San Francisco, in December . . . Cpl. Paul L. Blackwell, '46, was at APO 357, San Francisco, in December . . . Pvt. Donald W. Barrett, '44, was at Dalhart, Texas, in December . . . S/Sgt. Driftwood H. Rucker, '43, is at APO 454, New York . . .

Lt. Jack H. Padgett, '39, APO 2, was doing liaison work with the First Army in Belgium in December. He was slightly wounded at Brest, for which he received the Purple Heart. Jack has a five-months-old son whom he hasn't seen. He also has a two-year-old daughter . . . Pfc. Steele Munn, '45, was at APO 726, Seattle, Washington, in January . . . Lt. Bryan Crenshaw stopped by to see us in January. He is at home on sick leave . . .

Lt. Arthur B. Hammond, '42, returned to the States in November, after a tour of duty as a B-17 navigator in the European Theatre. Arthur's wife is living in Macon, Georgia, while he is in the service . . . Captain Sam S. Wood, '36, was with an infantry unit, APO 96, San Francisco, in November . . . Captain E. H. Thomason, MC, '29, of Olanta, was with an Air Service Command Ordnance depot in England, in November. His wife and three children are staying in Olanta . . . Major Wilton

Craig Kennedy, '27, was at APO 11175, San Francisco, in November . . . Lt. Jim Hodge, '44, was at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, in December . . . Lt. (jg) Nolen Penland, Jr., '38, has a new baby daughter, born in October . . . Lt. T. F. N. Jefferies, '31, was married, October 7, 1944, to Miss Thelma Maysie Couchman, in Greenville, Pennsylvania . . .

Ensign F. I. (Mike) Brownlee, Jr., '39, was at San Diego, California, in October. His wife is teaching math in the Spartanburg high school . . . Lt. Edward B. Turner, '41, recently shot down five Jap planes in one aerial battle off the Philippines . . . Cpl. Wm. H. Timmerman, '45, was at APO 212, New York, in November . . . Lt. R. R. (Rusty) Odom, '42, was with an amphibious unit, FPO, San Francisco, in November . . . J. Claude Evans, '37, was at USNTS at Williamsburg, Virginia, in December for training as a naval chaplain . . . Wm. A. Rock, Jr., '41, was also at USNTS in Williamsburg in December . . . Major Burt L. Mitchell, '40, was twice wounded in France, but is now back with the 9th army in Germany. Frederick E. Medlock, '46, was at an aviation cadet school in December . . . Lt. (jg) Lewis P. Jones, '38, is somewhere in the Pacific . . . Major J. Paul Alexander, '38, was at APO 573, New York, in December . . .

Lt. Albert Stanbury, USNR, faculty member on leave, is either at Norfolk, or doing a tour of duty at sea . . . Lt. Charles Rupert Jamison, '41, USNR, was married at Evansville, Indiana, to Miss Gloria Johnson on Thanksgiving evening . . .

Major B. W. Rushton, '28, was at APO 339, New York, in December . . . Morrell Thomas, '45, has been given an honorable discharge from the army, and is now back at Wofford (but not taking ROTC, he tells us!) . . . Rev. Robert N. DuBose, '36, after serving as a chaplain all the way from Guadalcanal to Bougainville, is now director of religious activities at Duke University. Incidentally, Bob christened the first American baby born in the Solomons since the beginning of the war . . .

Corporal Randolph Bradford, '42, was stationed at Lafayette airport in Louisiana in January. He was home for a brief furlough in December . . . An AP dispatch tells us that the new control building of the 21st bomber command on Saipan was designed and planned by Colonel John Beverly Montgomery, '33. There was also a feature story in a Honolulu paper about the Wofford colonel. Some very nice things, all of them deserved, we are sure, were said about Beverly . . . Pfc. Richard B. Gable, '43, was at APO 655, New York, in December . . .

Major Homes A. Jones is chief of Military personnel, Los Angeles Port of Embarkation . . . S/Sgt. Leonard R. Taylor, '42, was somewhere in Italy, in December . . . Cpl. Edward P. Walsh, Jr., '46, was at APO 200, New York, in December . . . Capt. Nicholas C. Black, Jr., '39, was at APO 17827, New York, in November . . . S/2c James W. Price, '43, was with the Navy recruiting station in Memphis, Tenn., in October . . . Lt. (jg) James Allen Knight, '41, is a chaplain in the Navy and was at the USN hospital on Long Island in October . . . Pfc. Willie B. Turnage was wounded in France, and was at home in December. He had previously been reported missing . . . Lt. Robert M. Courtney, '41, was at APO 758, New York, in November. After seeing action in Italy, he took part in the invasion of southern France . . .

Lt. Donald L. Linn, '44, was at APO 454, New York, in November . . . Capt. Wm. T. Lander, Jr., '40, was at APO 15533, San Francisco, in November . . . S. I/c Thos. O. Bonner, '44, was at FPO, San Francisco, in November . . . Lt. James M. Griffith, '42, was at APO 140, New York, in December . . . Lt. John L. Williams, '44, was at Gunter Field, Alabama, in December . . . S/Sgt. Francis R. Capers, '40, returned to the states in December and will be reassigned to duty at the redistribution station

at Miami Beach. Sgt. Capers is a B-24 gunner . . .

Capt. Harwood Beebe, '44, was assigned to the operations office of the Headquarters of the AAFTC not long ago. Captain Beebe returned to the states in May, 1944, after 48 missions from Italian bases . . . 1st Lt. Wm. F. Moore, Jr., '38, was at APO 17604, New York, in December . . . Major John K. Webb, '33, was at APO 447, New York, in November . . . 1st Lt. Leroy Webb, '36, was at APO 230, New York, in November . . .

Pfc. W. S. Dowis, Jr., '45, was in an Infantry unit at APO 78, New York, in October . . . Capt. John W. P. Graham, '37, was at APO 472, New York in November. Capt. Graham is a paratrooper . . . Capt. Claude S. Finney, '29, is with the Army medical corps at APO 141, New York . . . Lt. Col. Guy O. DeYoung, '39, was somewhere in the vicinity of Aachen in November . . . Lt. Edgar M. Atwell, Jr., '41, was somewhere in the Pacific in November . . . Lt. Donald A. Taylor, '39, was at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, in November . . .

Major Evander H. Thompson, '32, was at APO 16701 A, San Francisco, in November . . . 1st Lt. Roddey L. Bell, '42, was somewhere in the central Pacific in November (Marine Corps) . . . Cpl. Horace A. Roberts, Jr., '43, APO 713, unit 1, landed on Morotai island during the invasion in an LST. This was his fourth invasion jump . . .

Major Sam B. Mitchell, Jr., '36, was at APO 565, San Francisco, in December . . . Captain Nick C. Black, Jr., '39, was at APO 17827, New York, in December . . . Sgt. Ed. S. Clark, '41, was at APO 270, New York, in September . . . Ensign D. N. Smith, '36, is on an LST in the Pacific . . . Pfc. T. O. Lawton, '45, was at APO 36, in December . . . Pfc. Nick Karalekas, '45, was in an English hospital in January, recovering from wounds received in Germany . . . Capt. Billy Pettis, '32, son of Professor Pettis, is now the proud father of a son.

FROM YOUR LETTERS

I hear from my old classmate James Rountree frequently. He and I roomed together in Carlisle Hall for three years . . . It is quite different here from New Guinea. It's been raining practically all the time since I've been here . . . I haven't seen much excitement here except for air raids, bombing, and some dead Japs. The natives here are very civilized and regard us as their best friends . . . It's pouring down rain now and I have three in my tent; they come in by the dozens when it rains . . . Major Ernest L. Rinehart, '39, APO 468, Philippines (Dec.)

I had the good fortune of meeting David Wright, brother of Marion Wright, here at the hospital. Though I did not know him personally, we talked of those we knew and had quite an enjoyable chat . . .

As for myself, I've been isolated on this "rock" for over a year . . . The islands of the Pacific are good to study from afar. However, I will say for those nature lovers that the scenery is almost unbeatable, though I'd prefer the worst in the states to it . . . Sgt. Wm. Siegler, '42, APO 709, San Francisco (Dec.)

I noticed the outfit that Eddie Robinson, '43, and Bill Stackhouse (I believe Chaplain Stackhouse), '40, were in. I haven't seen them, but I wasn't far from them . . . About the 20th of August I ran into Capt. Edel Clark, '40. He was in a motor convoy and I was on a hike. He stopped and we chatted a while. It's surely good to see a friendly face . . . I just missed seeing my brother, Ben Hill, Jr., '35, in England. He is a major now. My younger brother, Hutson C. (Collie), '45, is on his way overseas . . . I had a letter from J. H. Wannamaker, '43, and he's now a sergeant . . . I'm

a section leader in a motor platoon . . . and the work is very interesting . . .

1st Lt. Wm. R. (Ranny) Brown, '43, APO 90, New York (Nov.)

By now you have heard of my being wounded. I am well now, and ready to return to duty . . . In your latest NEWS LETTER, I noticed a Wm. Siegler of APO 709. I asked my ward boy if he knew of him. It so happened that he was in the ward next to mine—we had a swell time talking of Wofford and mutual friends. Since he finished in '42, I didn't know him personally, but he was a Wofford man, and that was grounds for friendship.

Pvt. David L. Wright, '46, APO 709, San Francisco (Dec.)

I'm overseas now, somewhere in England. I had an opportunity to visit London for a short time. I saw some interesting sights there, but the one I enjoyed most was Westminster Abbey . . . While in London, I saw Billy Brooks, '42, who is now a lieutenant in the Air Corps. He was at Wofford my freshman year, and this was the first time I had seen him since then. It seems like Wofford has the world pretty well covered with her "fighting sons." I haven't been anywhere in the army yet without seeing someone from Wofford . . . Glad to see we're getting back into athletics next year . . . Lt. Donald L. Linn, '44, APO 454, New York (Dec.)

The NEWS LETTER came to me in Belgium, but things have been moving so fast that this is the first opportunity to let you know of my whereabouts . . . My first ocean voyage ended in England. Then came France, Belgium, an eight-hour pass to Holland, and now we're in Hitler's own domain . . . Today is the second time I've seen the sun since we hit the continent. Addison DuRant, '43, is in the same regiment as I am . . . Pfc. David H. Prince, '44, APO 78, New York (Dec.)

I have just completed a very pleasant half hour. We were just sitting here making plans for our basketball season when the messenger put on my desk a copy of the Wofford NEWS LETTER . . . I stopped making plans until I had read every word of the letter . . . I enjoyed especially the letter of Ralph Atkinson and his account of meeting Aycock. It isn't hard to imagine the jubilation with which they greeted each other . . . Lt. (jg) Walter Trammell, '39, Hq. Sq. Det., FAW Boca Chica, Fla. (Nov.)

It is very interesting to find out about the Wofford men and where they are today . . . I have had this duty (Ed. Note: sea duty) only a month, but like it fine. We have just reached our destination. It happened to be my pleasure to meet another Wofford man on the trip—Alphus Owings, now a major in the army . . . Ensign Ralph F. Patterson, '40, FPO New York (Nov.)

The training here has been rather tough, but I've had it comparatively easy. I've been an acting sergeant all the way through, and it really gives me the lucky breaks . . . I haven't run across any Wofford boys here . . . I will be looking forward to the next letter and to an early return to Wofford . . . Robert D. Utsey, '43, Camp Blanding, Fla. (Dec.)

I used to receive the NEWS LETTER periodically before leaving the states, but one only begins to appreciate news from "home" when one gets as far from home as this place is . . . The "Do You Remember?" column was particularly interesting—yes, most of it I remember very, very pleasantly, but do I re-

member Dr. Chiles' uncanny faculty for knowing as soon as I entered the room whether I was prepared or not—even down to the very portion of the lesson which I had failed to prepare!

Major Marion W. Beacham, '37,
APO 447, in France (Dec.)

We are listening to the Army-Navy game tonight and it brings back good memories of school days at Wofford and football weekends. This English autumn resembles the football season weather very much also. I was with Fred Buzhardt, '45, in New York the night of the Army-Notre Dame game. . . . I have heard that a number of Wofford men are around here, but I haven't had much time to run into anyone. . . .

Lt. Claude Gatlin, '45,
APO 559, New York (Nov.)

(Ed. Note: Claude was reported missing over Germany in December.)

I always like to know what my former classmates are doing and where they are stationed. . . . I have had the pleasure of seeing only one Wofford man since I have been in the army. The reason, I suppose, is that I am stationed on a somewhat isolated place. . . . I was very sorry to hear of Lt. Fowler's death. . . . He was a good friend. . . . When I read the Wofford News Letter, it is almost like a short furlough back to the campus, and when I read the letters from the boys I know it is almost like having a short chat with them. . . . I hope the NEWS LETTER continues for the duration. (Ed. Note: It will.)

Cpl. John F. Anderson, '44,
Foster Field, Texas (Nov.)

I was ordered to report here on November 4th to attend the U. S. N. Hospital Corps school. The school is fine, and the faculty manage to keep us pretty busy with a great many courses. . . . The only thing I find distasteful is the weather. . . . Donald Linn's letter gave one of the best descriptions of the Wofford spirit that I have read. . . . It describes the way we all feel who have attended Wofford. . . . While home on Boot Leave about two months ago, it was my pleasure to see Dr. Wallace. He is residing in Aiken while doing a research project for the Graniteville Mfg. Co.

S. 2/c Chauncey W. Lever, '46,
Bainbridge, Md. (Dec.)

Never in my life, even in school, was I ever able to find time to write unless there was nothing else to do. . . . Such is the case now. . . . I am in a hospital, though I haven't earned the Purple Heart. I am only flat on my back with a slight case of trench feet. . . . Except for the condition of my feet, I'm in good health. As for the weather—which should be defined in France as a "condition of the mud; whether it contains a relatively large or small amount of water"—I wish to say nothing. For mud and rain are for me no longer fit subjects for either prose or poetry. . . .

Lt. Archie Beckelheimer, '42,
APO 44, New York (Nov.)

My brother Pete, '46 (David L. Wright) is still in the South Pacific. He recently sent me a watch band made from the aluminum of a downed Jap Zero. I frequently see Capt. DuBose over in Frisco. He's still with the Air Force weather station over there.

Marion H. Wright, '44,
Stockton Field (Nov., 1944).

(Ed. Note: Marion got his wings late in January.)

As you know, I am a Glider Pilot. I had a long tour of duty in the states and was then sent overseas by boat. We landed in England and I was stationed there until we flew to Italy shortly before the invasion of Southern France

. . . . I flew my glider in on the invasion but had to crash land. Both of my legs were broken. . . . I was flown back to the states, landing at Miami. (I assure you it was a great feeling to be home again.) I'll have a slight limp, but not bad, I'm told. I shall be here for six or eight months yet. . . . I sincerely hope the time is not far distant when we may gather again on the campus of good old Wofford.

Capt. Edward D. Brown, '37,
O'Reilly General Hospital,
Springfield, Mo. (Dec.)

The NEWS LETTERS surely do touch the soft spots and bring back pleasant memories of Wofford. . . . I entered the army shortly after finishing school in 1942. . . . I applied for OCS and was accepted April, 1943, and was sent to Camp Lee, Virginia. I sweated that out for three months, received my commission. . . . In February, 1944, I found myself in England. . . . The first of September I received a battlefield promotion and am now a first lieutenant. . . . I have done nothing very exciting or heroic but have tried to uphold the traditions of our school.

1st Lt. Nolen D. Pace, '42,
APO 230, N. Y. (Oct.)

The folks sent me the NEWS LETTER a couple of weeks ago and needless to say I enjoyed it an awful lot. I thought I'd drop you a line and tell you about seeing some of the Wofford boys over here. I was in Rome about a month ago and while there I ran into Capt. Jim Patch, and we were together for several days. I also saw Capt. Jimmy Flynn, Capt. Doug Cannon, Major Buddy Fowler, and Capt. Jim Isom. It was really great to see all those boys and we had quite a big time talking over old times. Lt. Billy Jenkins was in town at the same time but I didn't get to see him, though some of the others did. Some time back in the summer I saw Capt. Ralph Flynn and Major (then captain) Aus Yongue in Rome also.

Capt. John W. Shuler, '41,
APO 85, New York (Oct.)

I have been in England only a short time, so I have had very little chance to see what the country is like. From the warm welcome we were given at the dock, I would say that the English are very friendly. . . . A band was playing on the dock and everyone was in the best of spirits. . . . Pfc. Nick Karalekas, '45, and Lt. Eddie Robinson, '43, are in my outfit, and came over on the same ship with me. I talked with Eddie several times and spent a few evenings with Nick. We always talked about Wofford. One of the subjects that always comes up when I talk with a Wofford man is that last chapel service we had on our own campus. We always discuss the impressive service and Dr. DuPre's fine address. Recently I have received letters from Jack Guilds, '45, who is in France; Kenneth DuBard, '45, who was with a paratroop outfit in England; and Russell Berry, '45, who was at Pensacola, but may be an ensign by now. (Ed. Note: He is.)

Pfc. W. S. Dows, Jr., '45,
APO 78, N. Y. (Oct.)

In the last year I have been in four army headquarters. My work has been in the G-3 section. At the present time we have two Wofford men in our headquarters. They are Major Rushton (former PMs&T at Wofford), '28, and Captain Burt Mitchell of the class of '40. Burt only recently joined us. He had just recovered from a few wounds that he had received while fighting with a front line division. . . . While in England some two or three months ago I ran across Captain J. W. P. Graham, class of '36, I think. Also while in England I talked to 1st Lt. Preston B. Hardy, '42, on the telephone several times but never actually got to talk to him face to face. Just a few days ago I bumped into Col. Wanna-

maker, '15, here in France. I had a long talk with him. He said George (his son) is now in the South Pacific. Recently I also talked to an officer who was beside Lt. T. O. Fowler when T. O. was killed in France. He spoke very highly of Fowler and stated that he was one of the best officers he had ever worked with.

Capt. Virgil P. Foster, Jr.,
APO 339, N. Y. (Oct.)

Sincerest thanks for the Wofford News Bulletins which have reached me faithfully for many months now. To one who is stationed up here in damyankee land it is a bit of home itself to read again and again, as I do, of Wofford's activities on the campus and the far corners of the world. . . . Although I am surrounded up here by people more familiar with the activities of Yale, Harvard, Brown and Columbia, they have been compelled by persistence to acknowledge the existence of a college known as Wofford. . . . Since my entry into the Coast Guard in 1942, I have been stationed here at the U. S. Coast Guard academy. Of the thousands who have passed through this school there have been three or four Wofford men and we have had several bull sessions.

S. F. Logan, Y2c, USCGR,
New London, Conn.

My copy of the NEWS LETTER came yesterday and it was good to have the news about all of the fellows. . . . I have just recently rejoined my outfit after two months in the hospital. . . . I had quite a chat with Jesse Stallings back in England. . . . We hated to see T. P. Mason go. Our tanks worked with his infantry a good bit. He was always cool, and was one of the most courageous men I knew. We will always remember him as a credit to his country. . . . My brother-in-law, Ruple Harley, visited me in the hospital. He's a proud papa now.

Major Travis M. Brown, '36,
APO 253, N. Y. (Dec.)

I brought the last edition of the NEWS LETTER over with me from the states and I've read it many times while standing here in the fox holes. I never tire of reading of my friends and former classmates. . . . My outfit is a part of the Third Army and we are in almost constant action. . . . If we ever get a breathing spell I hope to locate some of the Wofford men that I understand are around here. . . . I've had some close calls but haven't been hurt yet.

Pvt. Hollis M. Owens, Jr., '43,
APO 26, New York (Dec.)

It was rather coincidental that on the same day I received the NEWS LETTERS, another man, Chaplain (Major) Cecil B. Lawter, '35, was assigned to this area as Chaplain of the Sacramento Air Service Command, succeeding the writer on this assignment. . . . My son, Wm. E. Rone, Jr., is now a student at Wofford. Here's hoping he will stay at least two jumps of the powers that be, rather than just one jump as his dad did. Please keep sending the NEWS LETTERS as they are very helpful. . . .

Captain Wm. E. Rone, '25,
McClellan Field, Cal. (Oct.)

I should have written long ago to thank you for the NEWS LETTER. It has been reaching me in due time and I enjoy it more than I can say. It is good to read of classmates and of the happenings at the old school.

I think that the December issue made me more homesick for Wofford than I've been in some time. The letter from "Mom" and the article, "Do You Remember" did it.

I have been overseas for twenty-three months. I am the Executive Officer and acting First Lieutenant on an L.S.T. I was in on the Solomon Island, New Guinea and Philippine Campaigns. I feel that I have seen plenty and could

stand to read about it all for a little while.

Lt. (jg) G. Ramon Aycock, '40,
FPO, San Francisco (Jan.)

It is a bitter cold night up here in Belgium with everything encased in ice and snow and I find myself thinking of my friends back at Wofford as I so frequently do.

This afternoon Capt. C. H. May, of Spartanburg, Wofford '32, was in to see me on business. Capt. Raymond B. Lark, also of Spartanburg, Wofford '38, is still with our Headquarters and is doing a fine job. As a matter of fact, I see Wofford men almost everywhere I go.

Thought you might be interested to know that I was selected to spend a week at the U. S. Army University Center, Cite Universitaire, in Paris, studying the plans of the War Department for carrying out its program of Orientation, Information and Education. This is the most stupendous program any country has ever undertaken and I know that Wofford will do her share in it.

I shall always be glad that my only son, George, went to Wofford. He is now a private first class with the Air Forces in New Guinea, and it is one of my most cherished wishes that he may be able to return to Wofford and finish his work. You know, he had only two years before he entered the Army.

Col. Geo. W. Wannamaker, '15, M.A. '17,
APO 303, N. Y. (Dec.)

I was among the troops who cut the Cherbourg Peninsula. . . . Then we traveled through France. . . . then into Belgium, and finally into the steel and concrete of the Siegfried line. I was wounded in Germany and came back to a hospital in Paris. (Ed. Note: Guy later was transferred to a hospital in England.) . . . We had a meeting of Spartanburg and Greenville boys in London. . . . There were several Wofford boys present. . . . It did me much good, as I have been away from home over two years. . . .

Capt. Guy E. Carr, '39,
APO 640, New York (Dec.)

We were recently bivouaced in a Frenchman's garden and one day in my French that Professor Bourne tried to hammer into my head I attempted a conversation with our host and was surprised to learn his name—August DuPre. . . . He was very nice to us while we were his guests. I returned from Panama, after two and one-half years, last February, and shipped over here this July. During my short visit to the states I married a WAC lieutenant from Oklahoma, and she's now at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. . . .

Major Joseph Paul Alexander, Jr., '38,
APO 517, New York (Dec.)

Just recently I was reminded of the English classes back at Wofford as a result of a trip through Westminster Abbey. . . . One thing you should have seen last spring was the expression on Captain Joe Robertson's face when we Wofford men had a session together while at Benning. I do believe he was really glad to see us—the freshmen during his senior year. He expressed it fairly well when he remarked, "No matter where Wofford boys get together, they're always glad to see each other and are a great group to know."

Lt. John C. Bunch, '44,
APO 17804, New York (Dec.)

This is my first letter of appreciation for the Wofford News Letters. . . . They are most helpful. . . . Being moved about as much as I have since joining the Marine Corps, I thought I would run across some of the old Wofford gang. Unfortunately, I haven't. . . . Even though the Wofford enrollment is low, I'm glad that, in spite of all the difficulties, she still carries on.

Lt. James C. Wall, '44,
FPO, San Francisco (Dec.)

Have just finished reading from cover to cover the September NEWS LETTER. I have been with the present outfit almost a year and a half. Even though it is a Yankee outfit, I'm proud to be a member of it. . . . It was the first division to parade through Paris. . . . Even in combat, there is school. I attend a class every other day when conditions permit. . . .

Pfc. Paul A. Betsill, '45,
APO 28, New York (Dec.)

Since coming to this part of Italy, I have been to Pisa and Leghorn once, and to Florence twice. I saw many of the historic and artistic relics of those cities. . . . So far I have never been assigned, and consequently have not been in combat, although I am not complaining.

Cpl. Dan S. Ferguson, '43,
APO 532, New York (Dec.)

I brought one issue of the NEWS LETTER with me, having the thought in mind that I might run up on some Wofford boy. Sure enough, the first night here I slept in a tent with Gale Peabody. . . . It wasn't long before we were talking about a lot of people we knew. . . . About a month later, I met a fellow who asked me if I knew Bob Kilgo, from Darlington. . . . He took me down the road in a jeep to see Bob. . . . We had chow together at his outfit and talked over old times. . . . Have a full day from early morn till a long time after the sun has gone down in the west. It's beautiful watching the sunset across a sea of billowy clouds from the plane. Some of the views out here are magnificent, but none can compare with those of our homeland. . . . It's a great comfort to know that those who care for us are praying for us. . . .

Major Sam B. Mitchell, Jr.,
APO 565, San Francisco (Dec.)

It is very hot where I am now, day and night. However, my tent is right down on the beach, about ten yards from the water, and we do get a little breeze at night. . . . The natives here are really the story book type, very black, wear very few clothes, all smoke pipes, bushy hair, rings in their noses. . . . Our biggest pest here are land crabs—millions of them—and ants. . . . Our only means of entertainment are the movies. We never miss a show either. Priority runs about like this: A-1, good food; A-2, mail; A-3, movies.

1st Lt. R. R. Odom (Marines),
FPO San Francisco (Jan.)

I am on an LST, and I was surprised to learn how nice they are. We have plenty of space, good beds, good food, and a good group of officers. . . . I have seen only one Wofford man since I came into the Navy. While I was at a hospital, I ran into Kenneth Herbert. He is a doctor and attached to a Marine outfit. We surely had some good chats talking about the boys we knew and the good times we had. I heard that Ben Smith was in the army. Wish I knew his address. Do you know what ever happened to Joe King? (If someone will send us the addresses of Ben and Joe, we'll forward them to Don.—Ed.)

Ensign Don N. Smith,
FPO San Francisco (Nov.)

Greetings from Jerry land! We came here by way of Metz, and incidentally my battalion was the first in the city. And we've been plenty busy, you can bet. I see very few men from Wofford. While in England, I was in contact with Sonny and Preston, but didn't get a chance to see either. Ediel is up here somewhere, but still am not able to locate him. . . . The next time you are by old 212 Snyder, think of the times I stayed in bed just so I wouldn't make it up! (This letter was written to "Mom" Helms.—Ed.)

Capt. W. C. Stackhouse,
APO 95 New York (Dec.)

I've seen only one Wofford man since leaving the states—Lt. Dennis. I met up with him in England and have been seeing him quite frequently in France, as well as in Belgium, ever since. . . . Give my regards to all on the campus. . . . Wish I could be there watching the new students "stray in." . . . Can't give you much of a description of the cities over here. . . . I can say, though, the French, and even more so the Belgians, were glad to see us. . . .

Sgt. Ed. S. Clark,
APO 270, New York (Sept.)

At present I'm faring well, enjoying movies, radio, and good food. This afternoon Chaplain Cox and I had a long talk about you, ("Mom" Helms.—Ed.) Snyder Hall, and life at Wofford. Naturally, he's an excellent minister, and I'm glad he happened to be my battalion chaplain. . . . Tell Doc Posey to keep those floors shining!

Pfc. Thos. O. Lawton,
APO 36, New York (Dec.)

Jasper Ayer is the only other Wofford man with my unit, but I have two good friends married to Spartanburg girls — Capt. James Creel and Capt. P. D. Seabrook. So Spartanburg is pretty well represented here. Many of the officers were at Croft. . . . I talked via telephone with Bud Steagall prior to my departure. He had received word from John Anderson. He, Ediel, and Fletcher Padgett had gotten together somewhere in France. . . .

Capt. Nicholas C. Black, Jr.,
APO 17827 New York (Dec.)

At present I am in a hospital in England, taking it easy, recovering from a wound I received in Germany. The other day I was given a Purple Heart because of it. You can safely bet that I don't care to add an Oak Leaf Cluster to it. . . . I have plenty of time to myself, and many of my thoughts are of the wonderful days I spent at Wofford. . . . After I left England, I went through France, Belgium, and ended up in Germany. . . . Then I was wounded below my right shoulder—the wound is healing up fine. . . .

Pfc. Nick Karalekas,
APO 204 New York (Jan.)

During the long hours of the watch, it is very easy for thoughts to return to college days again, and the many good times we had there. . . . The only Wofford men that I've knowingly bumped into were Billy Hall's older brother, that finished, I believe, around '34 (Lt. B. Shockley Hall.—Ed.) He was at Fort Schuyler in 1943—on the staff there; and Luke Jones, an ensign at SCTC in Miami last January. . . . Arthur Goldfinch and family spent last Easter with us in Long Beach. . . . He is a captain now, with Patton's army. . . . Besides gunnery officer aboard, my other duties entailed at first being welfare officer and ship's service officer, but since we have gotten two more officers aboard my jobs have been curtailed, until now I'm just gunnery officer and movie officer. (We have movies every night—the latest, too.)

Lt. (jg) V. F. Platt, Jr., (USS, PCE)
FPO San Francisco (Jan.)

I think it's just about time to keep my promise and drop you a line or so. . . . I'm stationed at a B-29 base now, taking phase training and waiting for a crack at the Japs. . . . I have a swell crew, and am really looking for a chance to see what they can do. I have two gunners on my crew who were cadets at Wofford. . . . They often speak of Ted Petoskey and his cross-country trips all over the country. . . . Wish I could tell you more about the B-29. . . . but I can tell you that it's a little larger than those 65 H. P. Taylorcrafts that I flew for Bob Turner when I was in school.

Captain Milton B. Maness, '41,
Geneva, Nebraska (Feb.)