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Christmas Greetings

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DEAR ALUMNUS IN UNIFORM:

This is the final issue of the NEWS LETTER. Wartime restrictions have been lifted and it will now be possible for you to get the *Wofford Alumnus*, a new publication that will go to all alumni. Write to the College and give them a permanent mailing address so you will be sure to get it.

We wish we could in this final edition give you an accurate summary of the contribution you have made to your country, but that is impossible. Here are, however, some tentative figures:

Died: 70 (This is about twice the national average), including 3 majors, 10 captains, 31 lieutenants, 2 ensigns, 5 sergeants, 5 corporals, 14 privates.

Number in Service: Approximately 2,000, including one rear admiral, one brigadier general, 13 colonels, 44 lieutenant colonels, 118 majors, 263 captains, 324 lieutenants, 10 flight officers, 3 commanders, 11 lieutenant commanders, 90 lieutenants (Navy), and 40 ensigns.

Decorations (incomplete): Air Medal, 90; DFC, 17; DSC, 7; Bronze Star, 27; Silver Star, 22; Legion of Merit, 5; Croix de Guerre, 7; Soldiers Medal, 2; Navy Cross, one.

ON THE CAMPUS

You will want to know what is going on and what is being planned for the future on the campus.

As to sports: There will be a basketball team. Already eight or ten games have been scheduled and others will be arranged. As last year, this year's team will be mostly green, but some returned veterans may help out.

There will also be a baseball team in the spring, and next fall a football team. Coach Ted Petoskey will have charge, and alumni can count on hard-fighting teams.

As to the building program: Carlisle Hall is being remodeled. There will be new floors, new wiring, and new walls. The woodwork will be repainted. The dining room will be modernized and enlarged. The lobby downstairs will be beautified and made more home-like.

The college will begin tearing down the buildings on the block between Calhoun and

College streets in January. Eventually a memorial Chapel and a science building will be erected on that block. The rest of the block will become a part of the campus. This will give the campus a wider frontage on North Church street and will increase the beauty of the campus.

Approximately 150 students enrolled for the fall term. Additional students expected to register for the second semester in February may bring the total enrollment for the year to nearly 200.

Dr. Tennis is expected to be back at the beginning of the second semester. Dr. Tennis has been with the Red Cross Field Service in Europe.

Dr. Wallace, who has been working on a special project at Aiken, S. C., will be back at his home on the campus after Christmas. Dr. Lever, who has been living in Dr. Wallace's home, has bought a home in the Converse Heights section.

FROM PRESIDENT GREENE

This is our last communication, through the medium of the NEWS LETTER, to Wofford men throughout the world. From now on we shall keep in touch with our Alumni through *The Wofford Alumnus*, the official publication of the Wofford Alumni Association.

We are fervently grateful to the more than 2000 sons of Wofford for the part they have played in our nation's contribution to the preservation of contemporary civilization. Many of them have returned to civilian life; many others are still on the high seas or in the armies of occupation; and others have made the supreme sacrifice at home and abroad. Wofford will not forget her living sons or her honored dead.

Many Wofford veterans will doubtless return to complete their interrupted studies, and they will receive a happy welcome. Wofford veterans who have graduated are cordially invited to return to the campus and renew the happy associations of former days.

Our thoughts are centered upon the building of THE WOFFORD OF TO-MORROW—a Wofford that will hold in tender memory the heroic sacrifice of her sons who have died, and a Wofford that will symbolize the dreams and aspirations of those who live.

COLLEGE CREDIT FOR COURSES COMPLETED IN ARMED SERVICES

(By Dean C. C. Norton)

Wofford has a definite policy on academic credit earned by men in the armed services. The American Council on Education has catalogued practically all courses given in the armed services and has evaluated these courses for college credit. Wofford accepts the recommendation of the Council. Credit is given in a wide variety of subjects, especially the natural sciences. Wofford also gives 6 semester-hours credit in Basic Military Science, provided the student has not previously earned such credit in the R.O.T.C.

Men in service who take correspondence courses from standard universities may have as much as 6 semester-hours credit by this method.

College work done in schools set up by the government for armies of occupation will be evaluated in the same manner as the officer and technical training given in training men for military duty.

Transcripts, properly certified, should be obtained by men in service when they have completed a course of study. If they desire to have the proper authorities to send these credits directly to Wofford, we will keep them on file until the men return to college.

R.O.T.C. STAFF

Coming to Wofford College in July of this year, Major Davis G. Hughes of Union, S. C., replaced Edgar L. Culler, Jr., of Orangeburg as P.M.S. & T.A. limited service officer who finished Clemson in 1939. Major Hughes served five years at Fort Benning, Georgia, with the Twenty-Ninth Infantry School. Assisting Major Hughes, Technical Sergeant George W. Mason of Atlanta, Georgia, replaced Staff Sergeant H. B. Avrett of Athens, Georgia, in October. Sgt. Mason has had nine years Regular Army service, having been assigned to Fort Knox, Ky., and two years in Hawaii. Leaving there three weeks before "Pearl Harbor" for reassignment to the 13th Armored (Black Cat) Division for training in California and Texas, he finally landed at LaHavre, France, and went into action at Zweibrucken. He participated in the Battles of the Ruhr after crossing the Rhine at Frankfurt, then across Germany into Austria, his outfit capturing Braunau (Hitler's birthplace) just before the German command surrendered unconditionally.

R.O.T.C. AT WOFFORD

By MAJOR HUGHES

Consisting of three advanced (junior) and eighty-two (82) basic (freshman and sophomore) students, the present R.O.T.C. company is a mere shadow of its former self, when back in the thirties there was a battalion of 332 enrolled (1936-37). Since its organization in 1919 with 108 students, the unit hit a wartime low in 1943-44 with a total of only sixty enrolled. It was during 1943 that granting of Reserve Commissions was discontinued by the War Department.

On November 1, 1945 the advanced course was re-established at Wofford, making it the first institution in the State, and one of the first in the country, to enable students to again receive Reserve Commissions upon graduation. Any Army or Navy veteran returning to College, having had one year or more active service, is permitted to start with the advanced (junior) class. Students enrolled in the advanced course receive an Officer-type uniform and commutation for rations (at present about twenty dollars per month). They will get five cents per mile to and from the six-week summer camp and will receive the pay of an Army Private while at camp. Upon successful completion of the advanced course they will be

appointed Second Lieutenants of Infantry in the officers' Reserve Corps.

This year there was not sufficient interest in the organization of a Band to get one started. By next year there should be a Band to delight the spectators at Football Games and to reduce the ONE-TWO-THREE-FOUR during drill periods. Work has begun to select two Rifle teams for the Service Command competition in connection with the Hearst awards, and a challenge to compete with the University of Pittsburgh, R.O.T.C. team has also been accepted.

WAR VETERANS AT WOFFORD

(Ed. Note: We asked Dr. C. E. Cauthen, faculty adviser to veterans, to write the following.)

Wofford is honored to have among its students in the fall semester twenty veterans of World War II. Numerous inquiries and formal applications indicate that this number will be substantially increased in the second semester. While it is too early (November 15) for an accurate estimate of veteran enrollment in February, it seems not improbable that the total may reach forty or fifty by the end of the year. There were five in 1944-45.

Former Wofford students will perhaps be interested in the answers to the two questions which are most frequently put to the counsellor at Wofford by persons not living on the campus. Almost invariably the first (after "How many?") is: "How is the veteran 'adjusting' to academic life?" The answer seems to be simply that but for the discharge emblem which he wears on his coat lapel, neither faculty member nor fellow-student would probably know that the man is a veteran. True, his average age is a bit higher, but since Wofford has always had a considerable number of mature students, the age of the veteran does not distinguish him from the other members of the student body. As in the case of other students he differs as to quality of preparation, studious habits, and consequent achievement. Some are doing excellent work; some are not. But on the whole it would appear that the former Wofford student now returned to complete his course is a more serious and effective student than he was before entering service.

The veteran at Wofford apparently does not consider himself as one apart from the civilian students. He has naturally been interested in forming a club, to which he has given the name "Apamachos" (Veterans of War), but he has shown an interest in various other student organizations also. In the cases of married and older men, extra-curricular campus activities have quite understandably made less appeal than to the average student but the same is true of the older and married non-veterans. The answer to question one is that the veteran has adjusted quickly and easily to college life. While there are veterans' problems, such as that of making seventy-five dollars per month subsist a family of two or more persons (which it actually can), there is as yet no veteran's problem at Wofford. We do not think, nor have we ever thought, there will be.

Question number two has frequently been: "How is Wofford adjusting to the veteran?" This breaks down into a number of questions related to academic credit for training during service, curriculum offerings, acceleration, living accommodations, etc.

In the matter of accreditation Wofford allows every credit to which the military training of the veteran entitles him. Specifically, credit for all work taken at other institutions under such programs as ASTP and CTD, is transferable by the conventional college transcript and is allowed wherever the course fits into the Wofford curriculum. In the case of formal correspondence courses given by the Armed Forces Institute, similar credit is given. Recommendations of the American Council on

Education are followed in the case of training acquired during the course of training for military service. For example, credit is allowed for meteorology and navigation studied during pilot training. Provision is also made for credit through subject examinations in fields where the veteran has acquired proficiency through independent study. Finally, credit for basic R.O.T.C. courses is given to all men completing basic military training in the armed services.

Some curriculum changes have been made at Wofford in the interest of a more effective program of general education for the veteran and non-veteran alike. Wofford adheres to the increasingly accepted view that the liberal arts program is that best adopted for training leaders and citizens for a free America. Acceleration is provided by summer sessions which in effect make possible a continuous program.

For the unmarried veteran Wofford provides the same living accommodations as those provided for other students. As yet the problem of providing living quarters for married couples has not been solved but it is believed that some progress is being made toward a solution. Meanwhile the college is anxious to render all possible assistance in finding accommodations in the city.

A few facts about the veterans already at Wofford will be of interest to all Wofford men. Eight are former Wofford students as follows: Harwood Beebe, Spartanburg, Senior class; J. L. Brooks, Spartanburg, Junior; James Burwell, Spartanburg, Freshman; H. W. Gibson, Batesburg, Junior; R. K. Isley, Spartanburg, Junior; H. D. Mahaffey, Spartanburg, Freshman; M. R. Mahaffey, Jr., Spartanburg, Junior; M. L. Thomas, Jr., Spartanburg, Senior. They all agree that the college campus is much to be preferred to the various other fields in which they have operated.

The names of other veterans are: D. C. Burnette, Greer, Sophomore; J. H. Cely, Jr., Easley, Sophomore; A. L. Durant, Aynor, Freshman; J. Q. Hill, Lyman, Sophomore; W. R. Hornung, Boiling Springs, Junior; W. B. Hubbard, Anderson, Sophomore; H. D. Laurens, Drayton, Freshman; J. K. Roper, Spartanburg, Special; J. B. Rowell, Lake City, Freshman; W. B. Royster, Townville, Junior; W. H. Swann, Jr., Lyman, Freshman; H. A. Thompson, Greenwood, Freshman.

These men represent many branches of the service, including the Air Corps, Infantry, Artillery, Signal Corps, and Paratroop divisions of the Army, as well as the Navy and Marines. They have served in practically every theater of operations, and have their share of decorations. The latter include two Distinguished Flying Crosses (Laurens and Roper), six air medals, with a total of twenty-eight Oak Leaf Clusters (Beebe, Burwell, Gibson, Hornung, Laurens, Roper); five Presidential Unit Citations (Beebe, Durant, Laurens, H. D. Mahaffey, Swann), and one Purple Heart (Durant). They are preparing themselves to be doctors, engineers, preachers, teachers, and business men. It is a good group.

DECORATIONS

Capt. Charles K. Branton, '37—Bronze Star for action in France and Germany.
 Capt. Francis M. Lineberger, '36—Bronze Star for action in France and Germany.
 Lt. Wm. E. Fripp, '44—DFC for action in the Pacific.
 T/Sgt. Joseph Addison Durant, '43—Oak Leaf to Bronze Star for action in Germany.
 Major Geo. N. Trakas, '35—Bronze Star for meritorious service in Germany.
 Capt. Douglas E. Cannon, '37—Bronze Star for action in Mediterranean theatre.
 Col. Julien C. Hyer, '13—Legion of Merit for action in the ETO.
 Capt. Thos. Nelson Snyder—Bronze Star for action in France.

IN DEFENSE OF THEIR COUNTRY

*Nor shall their glory be forgot
 While Fame her record keeps
 And Honor points the hallowed spot
 Where Valor proudly sleeps.*

Lt. J. Aubrey Faust, '43, listed as missing in action in France; later listed as dead.
 First Lt. A. Owens Wood, '40, died January 20, 1945, en route to Japan as prisoner of Japanese.

ADDITIONS TO ALUMNI IN SERVICE

Chaplain Glynn Aubrey Oglesby, '43, Senior Chaplain's Office, NTC, Great Lakes, Ill.
 Chaplain Preston B. Bobo, '33.
 Capt. Andrew Kerhulas, '41.
 Pvt. Donald R. Higgins.
 Capt. Oliver W. Leonard, Jr., '37.
 Pfc. Judson M. Little, '36.
 Cpl. Louie L. Lockman, '28.
 AEM 2/c Milton S. McBride, Jr., '46, Bks B, NAS, Wildwood, N. J.
 S/Sgt. Earl A. McDowell, '43.
 S/Sgt. Harold E. Mahaffey, '38.
 Capt. Richard I. Manning, '43.
 Francis Gerald Michaux, '31, Camp Shelby, Miss.
 Cpl. Jim W. Miller, '40.
 William S. Mitchell, '46, USM Academy, Kings Point, N. Y.
 Marshall B. Moore, '43.
 Major Verder E. Moore, '36.
 Capt. Wm. J. Nelson, '37.
 Chaplain W. W. Pendleton, '30.
 Commander Tom C. Phifer, '29, Naval Unit, Edgewood Arsenal, Md.
 Capt. Joseph M. Rothrock, '30, Fort Benning Reception Center, Ga.
 Pfc. Geo. D. Sanders, '39.
 QM 3/c Robert H. Schrimpf, '47, USS, I ST 973, FPO, S. F.
 Hugh T. Shaw, '32.
 Sgt. T. A. Shealy, '39, 167th Gen. Hosp., APO 562, N. Y.
 C. N. Sprott, Jr., '27.
 Pfc. T. H. Taylor, '37.
 L. R. Wehrle, '41, Sqd 10, Napier Field, Dothan, Ala.
 Clyde O. Wells, Jr., '47.
 Capt. Hyatt D. Whetsell, '32.
 Lt. John M. Wrightson, '39.
 James W. Younginer, '35.
 Dr. David Anthony Allen, '43, Spartanburg, S. C.
 Joe Allen, '35, Spartanburg, S. C.
 Howard B. Bissell, '43, Spartanburg, S. C.
 Cpl. James E. Brannon, '47, USAAF, Box 2244, TAAF, Tonopah, Nev.
 Col. T. A. Broom, Hq. 16 Corps, APO 197, N. Y.
 S. 2/c Paul Frederick Burrell, '40, USNTC, Bainbridge, Md.
 David N. Busbee, Jr., '30, Naval Ord., Camden, Ark.
 Joel E. Cannon, '39.
 Sgt. Cooper W. Cecil, '37, Co. A, 172nd Engrs., APO 758, N. Y.
 S. 1/c David W. Cecil, '43, Naval Bks., Washington, D. C.
 Pfc. J. S. Christopher, '42, Station Hospital, Camp Wheeler, Ga.
 Capt. Lowell L. Christopher, '31.
 Capt. Charles R. Clarke, '29.
 Pvt. Sam F. Cooper, Jr., '47, AAF, Scott Field, Ill.
 Pvt. Wm. S. Crane, Jr., '41, Sqd. D, 242 AAF BU, Grand Island, Neb.
 T/Sgt. Wm. R. Fike, '36, 347th AAF Band, Percy Jones Hosp., Fort Custer, Mich.
 Chaplain Francis L. Garrett, '40.
 Lt. John L. Gunter, '39, USS Boham-AG-71, FPO, S. F.
 S. 1/c Quincy Halliday, Jr., '47.
 Arthur B. Johnson, Jr.
 Capt. B. R. Johnson, '26.
 Lt. Geo. R. Jones, '43.

Walter W. Keller, '38, Co. 4246, Bks. 426U, USNTC, Bainbridge, Md.
 Ensign Lewis E. Kirkley, '41, NTC, Miami, Fla.

ADDRESSES

Lt. Byron S. Davis, '42, Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.
 Capt. David C. Gibson, '41, Bldg. 3072, Cinder City, Quantico, Va. (Sept.)
 Cpl. Warren S. Cromley, '46, 68th AAF Weather Sta., APO 922, S. F.
 Sgt. Milton L. Evans, '43, Hq. 554th AAF BU, 4th Ferrying Gp., P. O. Box 1-87, Municipal Airport, Memphis, Tenn.
 Pfc. Earl G. Mink, '45, Hq. and Hq. Co. 387th Inf., APO 445, S. F.
 Pvt. Thos W. Bell, Jr., '48, Btry. C, 7th Bn., 3rd Regt., FARTC, Fort Bragg, N. C.
 Ph. M. 3/c Chauncey W. Lever, '46, Med. Dept., USN, PRC, Lido Beach, L. I., N. Y.
 Lt. Carl P. Whitlock, '41, 5025 N. Newhall St., Philadelphia, Penn. (Sept.)
 Lt. Jack D. Daniel, '45, Sqdn. H, Box 585, Spence Field, Moultrie, Ga. (Oct.)
 Maj. James D. Sumner, Jr., '41, ASF 3rd Serv. Com., Richmond Rectg. Dist., 512 Parcel Post Bldg., Richmond, Va.
 Lt. Commander W. A. Stanbury (faculty member), Quonset Point, R. I.
 S/Sgt. Horace C. Smith, '42, 485th AAF BU (SS) Kearney, KAAF, Nebraska.
 Col. Julien C. Hyer, '13, APO 408, Hq. 15th Army, N. Y.
 Chaplain Woodrow D. Caviness, '40, 25th Naval Construction Bn., FPO, N. Y.
 Pvt. Walter W. Griffin, '45, Hq. Sep. Center, Records Bureau, Fort Bragg, N. C.
 Major Burt L. Mitchell, '40, Fort Bragg, N. C.
 Capt. Albert B. Wolfe, '34, Batteny Genl. Hosp., Rome Ga.
 QM. 2/c Wm. P. Covington, '45, USS Owen DD 536, FPO, S. F.
 Lt. Claudius D. Chewning, '45, Co. B, 66 Med. Tng. Bn. Med. Tng. Gp., ASFTC, Camp Crowder, Mo. (October)
 Lt. Col. Wm. H. Willis, '27, APO 21225, S. F. (Aug.)
 Chaplain J. Claude Evans, '37, USS Denebola, AD 12, FPO, S. F.
 Sgt. J. C. Bagwell, '34, Hq. and Hq. Co., STC, APO 853, Miami, Fla.
 Pfc. Homer P. Hines, '45, 59 Vanderhorst St., Charleston, S. C.
 Pfc. Lawson H. Bowling, '45, 59 Vanderhorst St., Charleston, S. C.
 Capt. Roland H. Bonnette, 2212 Marshall St., Columbia, S. C.
 Capt. Charles K. Branton, '37, Btry A., 179th FA Bn., APO 403, N. Y.
 Ensign F. J. Pegues, '45, BOQ, Room 284, Hutchinson, Kansas.
 S/Sgt. Geo. E. Love, '39, Sqdn D, Herington AAB, Kansas.
 Sgt. John R. Love, '36, Sq. M., 327 BU, Box 205, Drew Field, Fla.
 S/Sgt. W. W. Deaton, '43, AACS, APO 925, Manila, P. I.
 Pfc. Glennie C. Smith, '45, Hq. and B. Sv. Sq. 13th ASQ, APO 903, S. F.
 Howard M. Pegram, '29, Sp (T.) 1/c, NAPS Instr. Tome Bldg., USNTC, Bainbridge, Md.
 Cox. Robert W. Arnold, '43, USCG Bks., 920 Broadway Ave., Houston, Tex.
 L. D. Sharpe, '39, USS Grand Forks PF-11, FPO, S. F.
 S/Sgt. Allen E. Hyatt, 807 Hanshaw St., Ithaca, N. Y.
 Lt. Wm. E. Fripp, '44, Marine Fighter Sqdn. 224, 2nd Marine Air Wing, FPO, S. F.
 F/O Jack L. Smith, '40, 1306 AAF Bn., ATC, APO 882, N. Y.
 Sgt. Allen O. Clark, '44, Hq. 2nd Bn., 23rd Marines, 4th Div., FPO, S. F.
 Cpl. Ephraim G. Jackson, '43, 880th Ord. HAM Co., APO 526, N. Y.

ITEMS ABOUT YOU

So many of you have been discharged that we shall not attempt to give your names . . . We haven't found one of you that was sorry to get out of uniform . . . Though we do hear that a number intend to remain in the Army or Navy as a career . . . Henry Cecil, '42, has been promoted to lieutenant, senior grade, USNR . . . Lt. Col. Robert S. Moore was in town in November. He's stationed in Frankfurt, Germany, with the occupation forces . . . Major Milton Maness was by to see us in November. He was in a B-29 over Japan when the war ended . . . Lt. A. C. Holler is at Box 711, RAAF, Roswell, N. M. . . . Kenneth G. Nix is at AST Unit 3878, 2221 Calhoun St., New Orleans, La. . . .

About the five Foster brothers, Major Bernard is in the office of the Provost Marshall in the Munitions Building in Washington; Capt. Ralph is out of the army and getting ready to operate a printing plant in Spartanburg; Capt. Julian is on his way to the U. S. after nearly three years in New Guinea, Leyte, Luzon, and Japan—he is with the 32nd Division; Major Donald, after serving three years in the AAF in Italy, is at the Air Corps School in San Angelo, Texas; Lt. (jg) Howard returned from South Pacific duty in April and is now stationed at Quonset Point, Rhode Island.

Lt. James A. Stanton, III, '38, is on the USS Fargo, a light cruiser soon to be commissioned. Previously he served aboard the USS Brooklyn, for 28 months and took part in the invasion of Sicily, Anzio, and Southern France. Maj. Dan W. Willis was recently put in command of the 1307th Engineer Construction Battalion in the Philippines.

FROM YOUR LETTERS

I am writing to ask for information . . . about Wofford's plans for the future. Maybe you could include some information in the next LETTER telling us if we can get credit for the courses we have completed while in the Navy—such courses as Navigation, Aerology, and Aircraft and Diesel Engines. Then, too, many of us will come back with wives. Does Wofford have any plans that could help us find housing near the campus? . . . I want to thank you for keeping us "on the campus" with the NEWS LETTER. I hope to be back . . . for the '46 fall opening.

(Ed. Note: See partial answers to your question in another place in the NEWS LETTER.)
 Ensign Dendy Garrett, '45,
 USS PC 1085, FPO, N. Y. (Sept.)

The September issue of the NEWS LETTER reached me today through my family. After reading every word of it, I was thankful to receive news of all the Wofford men in the service. Some of them were traced through the Spartanburg papers, while the others remained unknown.

I enjoyed reading the letters of the men that I know and did not know. It is interesting just the same—they are Wofford graduates or former students. I am still interested in the activities of Wofford and note with interest the "Wofford of Tomorrow," which was featured a few weeks ago in the Spartanburg papers. It was an interesting reminder of the good old days on the campus and ones I shall never forget.

It has been impossible for me to visit the campus for the last year, but I have hopes of being in Spartanburg in a few days. If so, it will be nice to be on the campus again.

I did not have much luck in running into Wofford men in my nine months at Fort Knox. The only Wofford man I have met is Lt. Rupert Hodges, a recent graduate of West Point. I met him last week at the Officer's Club and we had a time talking about the good ole days and wondering the whereabouts of all the

classmates. If I do get home, I want to see all the men stationed at Croft and the lucky ones in civilian clothes.
 Lt. Geddes M. Cox, Jr., '42,
 Army Ground Forces Replacement
 Depot No. 2,
 Ford Ord, California. (Sept.)

I just want you to know that everything concerned with Wofford has always been in my thoughts, and the probability of my return to the States within the next two months has heightened this. I am looking forward to seeing you all before Christmas at the latest. I hope Haley Thomas has already been to see you—if not, I'm sure he will soon. We spent a delightful day and night together not long ago. It really was swell to see him . . . I also saw Tommy Lawton not long ago. He and I have been in the same division for over 18 months and this was the first meeting we were able to arrange. He is already on his way home (Sept.). I am scheduled to start the first lap on Wednesday . . . I am anxious to hear the plans for Wofford's immediate future . . . I am planning to resume my schooling but otherwise my plans are rather indefinite . . . Please excuse the repetition about coming home but that is about all I can think about now. Two years over here under conditions as they were is a terribly long time. . . .

M/Sgt. Harry L. Harvin,
 Reg. HQ. S-3, 141 Inf.,
 APO 36, N. Y.

For sometime now I have been reading the NEWS LETTER while bouncing along the Burma road, taking convoys to China. Since my work is over on the road I find time to thank you for news of Wofford and Wofford boys . . . I haven't seen any fighting except a few Chinese bandits and some wild Negas, so my work is rather dull, and I am really low on points. I was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation and the Distinguished Unit Meritorious Service. The latter I received 3 times. I hear they are giving those to WACS in the States, so I can see why they don't carry points. I have been on leave up into Tibet and it's really nice there. Well, at least it is cold there. At present I am stationed at Tezpur, packing and in general policing-up India. I saw Capt. Wilmer Sims, '42, for a while and talked to Capt. Carlisle Ramseur '42. They are both gone now. I hear from S/Sgt James H. Wannamaker and Ranny Brown very often. "Sunny" is really "sweating it out" on Okinawa. . . .

1st Lt. James C. Pruitt, '43,
 3724 Trk. Co., APO 629, N. Y. (Sept.)

This is the first letter of any type that I have written to Wofford since I left there. I have often thought about the school, however, and the many friends I met in the three years I was there. Since I've been away, about the only means of communication that I've been able to get about the fellows is through the Wofford NEWS LETTER. . . .

Now that the war is over my main thoughts are returning to Wofford as quickly as possible but right now I figure it'll be delayed until September, 1946 . . . I'm in the Military Government, which is just about on its way to the Japanese cities (October) . . . I hope that on my return to Wofford I will find a good physical training program and more athletically inclined men. Competitive games are the best morale builder in the world. My regards to everyone there—the finest aggregation of men ever to be assembled—Wofford men.

T/Sgt. Joseph D. Parker, '44,
 84th Mil. Gov't. Hq. and Hq. Co.
 Presidio of Monterey, Calif.

I am sending you a clipping about my classmate of the class of '43, T/Sgt. Addison Durant. I thought you would be interested in his citation (Oak Leaf to Bronze Star) and the fact that he has been promoted. Sgt. Du-

rant is now in Berlin (October) and should be on his way home soon.

I was wounded in France in November and spent a month in a hospital in England. In April I came down with pneumonia in Germany and have been hospitalized ever since. I got home in July and am now a patient at Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, North Carolina. I wear the Purple Heart and 4 battle stars.

Sgt. Hollis M. Owens, Jr.,
 Avondale, N. C. (Home address).

I received yesterday (October, 15) the September NEWS LETTER and have enjoyed reading it as I have each issue you have sent to me.

I am very proud of the record of Wofford men in this war and I am glad that hostilities are over so that we can return to our normal pursuits. Each of us went into this war as a distasteful job that had to be done and I hope we will all now work toward a lasting peace with the same determination and fortitude as was displayed in the prosecution of the war.

Our division will return to the United States soon and I feel sure that my address will be Box 1498, Sanford, Florida when the December issue of the LETTER is distributed.

Thanking you again for the fine planning and untiring effort of you and your staff in keeping us so well informed during the war about the activities of Wofford College and Wofford men, and with all good wishes to my friends on the campus. . . .

Brigadier General J. C. Hutchinson,
 Hq. 31st Inf. Div., Del Monte, Mindanao.

I have been receiving regularly the NEWS LETTER by way of Clinton, and am still enjoying every copy . . . Last spring, while at Fort Schuyler, N. Y., I asked for assignment in Educational Services, and in July reported to Washington for 5 weeks' additional training, then received orders to the Pacific. However, just before V-J day the orders were changed to Great Lakes for the demobilization program. Being given there an opportunity to state preference of the various Naval Personnel Separation Centers, I chose Charleston. So I am glad to be back in home territory as Educational Services Officer. It is the most interesting assignment yet, and affords an opportunity to encourage men to return to school . . . Please extend my sincere regards to Dr. Snyder, President Greene, and all the Wofford Faculty members, whom I still consider the finest in the land.

Lt. Commander B. Shockley Hall,
 1 Meeting Street, Charleston (Oct.)

I was sorting out my mail, and I ran across a copy of the September NEWS LETTER. After re-reading it I decided to drop a line. I suppose I am the only Wofford man in Korea (Ed. Note: See Pickett Lumpkin's letter in another portion of this letter), but if you know of any I sure would like to know their addresses. I came to Korea with the initial occupation forces, and since then have seen quite a bit of the country. My division—the 7th—is located here in Seoul, the capital of Korea. The city is very modern with a population of over a million, but one does not have time to see all of the sights . . . The NEWS LETTER is very welcome. I may be back on the campus next spring, so I will "sweat it out" over here until then.

1st Lt. Richard B. Burnett, '42,
 Cn. Co. 184th Inf., APO 7, S. F.

Now that the war is won, I suppose the NEWS LETTER will be folding. Just another one of the good things that did come out of this war along with the bad . . . Right now I am in Jinsen, Korea, and the American sailors are buying the junk of the ages from the natives. Koreans are moving unsalable rem-

nants from their highest shelves and old wedding presents from their attics at fantastic prices. . . . The end of the war has really caught me out at the end of the trolley line with the power cut off. I have enough points to be released from active duty but at this end of the world there is no one to supply relief and orders. . . . I have spent almost three years on small landing craft at such choice places as Guadal, New Georgia, Bougainville, New Guinea, Leyte, Okinawa, and now Korea. . . .

The last time I saw Albert Lancaster was Iloilo, Panay, P. I., on the 4th of July, some time after he had left Leyte, where I was based in the spring. . . . I was glad to see the letter from Pete Moody and know he was doing O.K.

Lt. Commander Pickett Lumpkin, '37.
LCT 6, Flotilla 15, FPO, S. F.

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Your card finally caught up with me. . . . I went overseas in May, 1944, as co-pilot on a B-24 and was assigned to a squadron in Italy. We were shot down in June and I was a POW for 3 months in Bulgaria. Returned to the States in October and have been in Miami for redistribution, then in Albany, Georgia, for a refresher course and am now in Orlando, Fla. (April) attending Air Inspector's School and will start out as air inspector on some base somewhere this month. Some Year!

Robert M. Murphy, Jr.

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The September issue of the NEWS LETTER reached me here last week after being forwarded from my home. . . . As for myself: I entered the Army in February, 1942, and was stationed at the AAF Navigation School in San Marcos, Texas. I remained there as Personnel clerk until I came overseas in August of this year.

I am assigned to the wing A-2 office of the 7th Fighter Wing here in the Hawaiian Islands. We are very near Honolulu. I get to go swimming at Waikiki Beach every Sunday. I look forward to the day when I can visit Wofford again and see old friends. Thanks for the. . . . job you have done with the NEWS LETTER. I often wonder what has become of friends and classmates and the NEWS LETTER answers many of my questions. I especially enjoyed Dr. Snyder's note to us.

Sgt. Shuford S. Shull, '41,
Hq. and Hq. Sq., 7th Fighter Wing,
AAF, Ft. Shafter, Oahu, T. H.

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At present I am serving in the capacity of transport commander aboard a vessel named for Aiken, South Carolina. In my command are 2,000 officers and enlisted men returning to the States for separation. In Antwerp, Belgium, I met Law Epps, '44, and I was fortunate in having him visit me the last 3 voyages, but recently I was informed that his unit moved to Bremen, Germany, APO 751. Last month I was fortunate in having Major Sam Robertson, '41, as a passenger on my ship going to the states.

1st Lt. Joe Hodge,
Pier 2, OTD, BAB, NYPE,
1st Ave. & 58th St. Brooklyn, N. Y.
(October).

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Although this is the first letter I've written to any of you at the college, Wofford is still

in my memory and I can hardly wait for the war to end so I can resume my studies (written in July).

I've been overseas for the past 20 months, mostly down south; however, I am now enjoying Hawaii. The only two Wofford men I've come in contact with are Lt. Bob Murphy (Navy chaplain now stationed here and Ed Blackwood (4th Marine Division). Both these men saw action on Iwo Jima, however, were lucky enough not to get a scratch. I expect to return to the States soon for a leave, and Wofford is sure on my list for a visit.

T. O. Bonner, '45, MMR 3/c,
CBMU 564, FPO, S. F.

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I just received a copy of Vol. III, June, '45, NEWS LETTER. . . . I am very glad to know where different friends are. So far I have met only one Wofford man overseas. We came over on the same boat in December, '43.

At present (August) I am with the 101st AAA AW Bn. A-T, Hq. Btry. This outfit is made up of the Georgia National Guard and has been overseas quite a long time and earned the Presidential Unit Citation. . . . I have traveled over the Pacific quite a little—Guadalcanal, Finchaven, Luzon. But it has been my luck to miss the fighting as I was busy loading and unloading a few boats. . . .

Cpl. Roy L. Tyler, Jr.
APO, 75, S. F.

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I am looking forward with interest to your last NEWS LETTER. The status of Reid H. Montgomery and I was the same: first lieutenants in the USMCR, Personnel-Classification Officers, serving under Marfairwest. Reid was with MAG-35 at El Centro, and I was with MASG-46 at El Toro. I think that's the information on us. Reid is now out and is sight-seeing on his way home.

Again, I wish to say that we appreciate what you have done to get the NEWS LETTER out for us. We realize that it was no small undertaking on your part. It meant far more than a formal bulletin, and did more good than scores of circular letters could do in normal times.

Vernon Peele, '31, (Dec.)
Columbia College,
Columbia, S. C.

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I have just received my September issue of NEWS LETTER. It was indeed refreshing to read about Wofford men all over the world, while I am on the other side of the Globe.

I can tell you now that I am located at Guiuan, Samar, in the Philippine Islands. Guiuan is a typical native village of about five thousand population. The one land mark is an old Spanish Catholic Church about 400 years old. The natives live meagerly in their huts thatched with fronds from the palm trees. Many of the natives speak English as it is taught in the public schools which go as high as the sixth grade. It seems that all the little children know enough English to say "Money, Joe." They have learned to take advantage of the American's generosity.

I have been a Chaplain in the Navy for about two and a half years, and hold the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Best of all—I am coming home soon. My home address is Route 5, Union, S. C.

John L. Bobo, '23, (Nov.)
USNTS, Navy 3149, Box 11,
c/o FPO, S. F.