Dear Alumnus:

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

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

Commencement Program

Saturday, June 5, 4:00 P. M.—ROTC commissions presented in Chapel.
Approximately 25 seniors will receive commissions.
5:00 P. M.—Class Day exercises in front of Main Building.
6—7 P. M.—Reception in front of Main Building.
8:00 P. M.—Alumni Banquet, Cleveland Hotel.

Sunday, June 6, 11:30 A. M.—Baccalaureate Sermon at Central Methodist Church by Dr. John W. Rustin, Pastor, Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church, Washington, D. C.
8:30 P. M.—Baccalaureate Address at Bethel Methodist Church, by President Walter K. Greene.

Monday, June 7, 10:30 A. M.—Graduation Exercises in Chapel and Formal Inauguration of Dr. Walter Kirkland Greene as President. Commencement Address by President Rufus C. Harris of Tulane University.

Class Reunions

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

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

It is our belief that you will enjoy the alumni banquet to be held at the Cleveland Hotel, Saturday evening, June 5, at 8 P. M. The price of the dinner is $1.25 per person. In view of the rationing situation, if you are planning to be present, please tear off the form on the back of this letter and return it to your classmates to meet you on the campus, again meeting friends that you have not seen in a long while. You may have room for.

The Regular Students

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

The ROTC Rated "Excellent"

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

Phi Beta Kappa

Phi Beta Kappa recently initiated the following men: from the class of ’43, Rembert Burgess, Jimmy Crawford, Floyd Denny, Harry Harvin, Fletcher Padgett, and Albert Watson.
The first on April 2, 1943, for Letter had received some of them through this Letter.

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

Cadet Joe S. Amos, '40, AAF, Canton, N. C.
Joseph M. Aycock, '33, Army, Spartanburg, S. C.
CPO Neelum G. Bagwell, '40, Marines, Pageland, S. C.
Mahlon H. Bagwell, '41, Army, Dox, N. J.
Russell H. Berry, '45, AAF, Spartanburg, S. C.
D. L. Bishop, '45, AAF, Spartanburg, S. C.
R. E. Blackwood, '45, AAF, Spartanburg, S. C.
Ralph B. Bradford, '49, Army, Spartanburg, S. C.
E. Alva Brayford, Jr., '42, Army, Merced, S. C.
W. W. Boyd, '43, Army, Spartanburg, S. C.
Robert R. M. Cecil, '45, Army, Spartanburg, S. C.
Wm. P. Covington, '48, Army, Bennettsville, S. C.
Wells E. Cole, '46, Army, Spartanburg, S. C.
R. J. Craig, Jr., '45, AAF, Spartanburg, S. C.
Cpt. Clarence M. Creech, '26, AMC, Spartanburg, S. C.
Lt. John G. Floyd, '29, Army, Spartanburg, S. C.
C. H. Gathlin, '46, AAF, Great Falls, S. C.
H. W. Gibson, '45, AAF, Spartanburg, S. C.
Robert C. Goble, Jr., '43, Army, Spartanburg, S. C.
Lt. John H. Graves, Jr., '36, NAC, Darlington, S. C.
Geo. B. Hartzog, Jr., '41, Army, Walterboro, S. C.
Lt. John H. Harrell, '27, Army, Drayton, S. C.
M. D. Heaton, '44, AAF, Piedmont, S. C.
Sgt. Chas. P. Hicks, '43, AAF, Spartanburg, S. C.
Sgt. W. H. Litton, Jr., '42, AAF, Spartanburg, S. C.
Earl D. Hope, '43, AAF, Arcadia, S. C.

From Men in the Service All Over the World

Lt. R. T. Goulds, Jr., writes from Fort Jackson and encloses a sizable check to help pay for this news letter... Ensigns Henry Cecil, John Thomason, and Ferman W. Bishop dropped by recently on their way to sea... Cpt. Wm. Siegler writes from Oregon... First Lieutenant J. O. Eisen writes to us a copy of his new book, Tycoon in America... Cpt. J. W. McGuff writes from El Paso about the new recruits... Cpt. Grover Eaker writes from Louisiana about his appreciation of the News Letter... Word comes to us indirectly from Capt. W. B. Pollard in Panama... Ensign Herbert Williams writes from Virginia about his interest in the News Letter... Lt. Eugene Hamer writes from the South Pacific and asks for back numbers of the News Letter... Cpt. John C. Jones writes from North Africa... Capt. James L. Rogers (AMC) writes from Georgia for back numbers of the News Letter... Lt. Karl J. Seiffert writes from North Africa of the beauty of the fall in England... Lt.-Col. Russell C. King (AAF) writes from Mississippi, mentions his two brothers, Capt. E. H. King and Capt. C. K. King, both in the Army, and says, "It is always a pleasure to meet a Wofford man and to learn of the great things the school has done..." Cpt. W. B. Blackwell from York, South Carolina, "...There are many fond memories and thoughts I have of Wofford."... Cpt. Fred R. Atkinson, from Virginia, writes, "It's our privilege to have the pride to the school that our men are taking in their effort to save civilization."... First Lieutenant Wm. H. Blackwell writes from Mississippi in appreciation of the News Letter and says further, "It is far too easy to lose many of the ties that formed between us and our institution. It should not he be that way."... Cpt. C. J. Anderson, from Texas, writes and mentions Lt. A. J. Hydrick and Capt. James A. Patch, who are also in Texas. First Lieutenant Henry P. Williams, Jr., writes from Kentucky, and asks about the basketball and baseball teams... Word comes via newspapers that during the fighting in New Guinea some time ago Lt. Billy Pettus gave the following order to his gun crew: when a fleet of Jap dive bombers came hurtling at them: "Stick to your guns and give them all you've got." Some of the bombers, it is reported, didn't get back home! Lt. David L. Benson writes from the South Pacific about the ingenious methods used to get the mail through to the fighting men. Lt. Allen K. Smith, from England, asks in England, "...Is it in the Canal Zone?..." Floyd M. Ashley is in North Africa. Cpt. Geo. A. Baker is in Alaska. Major Ralph C. Berry is in the Pacific. Lt. Robert H. Blackburn is in Hawaii. Lt. Douglas C. Cannon is somewhere across the Atlantic. Lt. Horace H. Carter is in Africa. Capt. Richard F. Cole is in Africa. Lt. Wm. J. Colvin is in the Pacific... Cpt. Geo. T. Crouch, Jr., is across the Atlantic... Joe C. Dannerly is across the Atlantic... Lt. Byron S. Davis is across the Atlantic.

Wofford Men in the Nation's Colleges

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

The Aviation Students

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

The Faculty

The following faculty members are in uniform: Capt. LeRoy Cox, '24, with the Army Air Forces in Chicago; Lt. (j.g.) Albert Stanbury at Glenview, Illinois; Lt. James C. Lottin with the Chemical Warfare Service in Maryland. Dr. O. B. Adler is teaching for the government in New Mexico. Dr. C. H. W. Walker is walking around the United States in a military drill and retreat, followed by study, by barracks from 8:30 to 9:30, and taps at 10 P.M. There are three Sundays a month. A Bible class is taught each Sunday morning at 10 in the Chapel. A five-page mimeographed pamphlet is given to each incoming aviation student. It gives a brief account of the history of the College, its accomplishments and standing in the educational world, lists the faculty and their hobbies, and summarizes Wofford's military record.

Promotions and Changes in Rank


2nd Lt.: Cannon F. Page, '38; Archie P. Beckheimer, '42.

1st Lt.: A. D. Cudd, Jr., '35; R. D. Guilds, Jr., '41; John H. Nolan, '40; Jack H. Padgett, '39; Thos. N. Snyder, '37.

Captain: Edgar N. Braddy, '40; James M. Cleeland, '34; John W. P. Graham, '37; Cleo C. Moore, '34; Chas. C. Moore, '27; James A. Pritch, '39; R. E. Poole, '28; W. T. Lander, Jr., '40; Rembert C. Stuckey, '26; Pringle L. Peoples, '37.


Ensign: John L. Thomason, '42; Herbert S. Williams, '37; Lewis P. Jones, '38.

Lt. (j.g.): J. W. Murphy, '41; Frank H. Powell, '35; Chas. F. Cecil, '39.


Decorations

"Across the sea and without the sky has passed the light of noble deeds unmatchable forever."

Add to the seven Wofford men who have received a total of ten decorations the following: Lt.-Col. Joseph Harold Moore, '37, awarded the "Legion of Merit" by the War Department on April 2, 1943, for "meritorious performance" in the Philippine campaign. He previously had received the D.S.C. and the D.F.C. Lt. Rogers D. Ladd, '41, recently awarded the "Air Medal" for many flights under hazardous conditions over France and Germany and waters adjacent thereto.

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

New Names for the Alumni-In-Service List

Note: This list, together with the Christmas Bulletin (557 names), the February News Letter (508 names), and the April News Letter (52 names), contains the names of all the
Mr. J. K. Davis,
Wofford College,
Spartanburg, S. C.

Dear Mr. Davis:

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

Name...........................................................................................................

Address........................................................................................................