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WOFFORD COLLEGE NEWS LETTER

OCTOBER 1, 1943 Vol. II

No. 1

DEAR ALUMNUS IN UNIFORM:

A year ago when we began this News Letter there were less than three hundred of you; now you number more than eleven hundred. The hundreds of letters you have written to us during the year indicate that you like to hear about the goings-on here on the campus and about your brother Alumni. Later on in this letter we print excerpts from some of your more recent messages. We wish we had room for more of them. Keep on writing to us; many of the departments in the News Letter are a result of suggestions from you.

But enough of introduction! We give you, first, the names of men who were not included in the long August list. Some of them have been in uniform a long time; others were recently inducted.

Pvt. James R. Arnold, '39, A.

*Capt. Eugene H. Anthony, '39 A.
Ralph W. Atkinson, '40, Navy Chaplain.
Pvt. Robert P. Beckelheimer, '43, A.
Pvt. Loryca L. Boyd, '31, A.
Pvt. T. S. Bradford, Jr., '38, A.
Sgt. E. B. Brooks, '42, A.A.F.
Pvt. Joseph F. Buzhardt, '45, A.
Capt. J. P. Campbell, '33, A.
Capt. Robert E. Chewning, Jr., '28, A.
Pvt. Geo. D. Cooksey, Jr., '44, A.A.F.
Pvt. James W. Crocker, '36, A.
Pvt. Gary W. Culbertson, '40, A.
1st Lt. Kempson DeLoach, '37, A.
Pvt. Roy J. Ellison, '46, A.
Capt. Watson S. Fox, '32, A.
Wm. E. Fripp, Jr., '44, N.A.C.
Cpl. Terrence M. Genes, A.
Pvt. Loy M. Greer, '46, A.
Lt. T. B. Greneker, Jr., '46, A.
Pvt. Joseph D. Griffin, '31, A.
Pvt. Walter K. Hale, '43, A.
L. L. Hardin, Jr., '28, A.
Ensign Franklin R. Hartzog, '35, N.
Lt. J. F. Haselden, Jr., '37, A.A.F.
Cpl. Thos. O. High, '40, A.
Ted C. Hodges, '28, A.
1st Lt. Newton L. Howle, '41, M.
Pvt. Ephraim G. Jackson, '46, A.A.
Lt. Jarry A. Jackson, '46, A.A.
Fvt. Larry A. Jackson, '46, A.
Pvt. Larry A. Jackson, '46, A.
Pvt. Sidney W. Lancaster, '46, A.
Capt. Edward D. Kiser, '42, A.A.F.
Pvt. Sidney W. Lancaster, '46, A.
Capt. Edward B. Lyles, '32, A.
Pvt. Chas. W. Love, '44, A.
Lt. John R. McClurd, Jr., A.
Lt. (jg) W. J. McLeod, Jr., '27, N.
Cpl. Keith J. Marquis, '41, A.A.F.
T/Sgt. T. O. Melton, '39, A.A.F.
S/lst C. Wm. C. Martin, '41, N.
isoner of Japanese since the fall of Bataan. Supplement to August List

John N. Miller, Jr., '42, N. Capt. Carl H. Moody, '34, A.A.F. Cpl. Benjamin B. Morgan, '44, A. Pvt. Donald M. Nettles, '46, A. Lt. James T. Outz, '32, A. Pvt. Billy M. Ozburn, '45, A. Pvt. Horace H. Parham, A. 1st Lt. Fred S. Patterson, '43, A. Sot H. G. Pinson, '44, A. Sgt. H. G. Pinson, '44, A.
Sgt. Carl S. Pugh, '39, A.
Pyt. W. L. Rivers, '25, A.
Pyt. Thos. A. Robinson, '46, A.
J. Stokes Salley, Jr., '28, N.
Chaplain J. E. Scott, '29, A.
Pyt. Fulwood A. Smith, '45, A. Chaplain J. E. Scott, '29, A.
Pvt. Fulwood A. Smith, '45, A.
John D. Smith, A.
Pvt. Miles E. Smith, '39, A.
A/C Stan Smith, '43, A.A.F.
Pvt. Joseph H. Sowell, '46, A.
Pvt. Joseph P. Stabler, '41, A.
Pvt. John Staples, '32, A.
Pvt. Wm. C. Stedman, '46, A.
Sgt. Harry H. Stockdale, '42, A.
Roy M. Stockman, A.A.M. 3/c, '44, N.A.C.
Pvt. Ed. D. Sumner, '45.
Ist Lt. Wm. D. Tinsley, '25, A.
Maj. Maner L. Tonge, '26, A.
Pvt. Thos. G. Trogdon, '44, A.
Ist Lt. Samuel O. Turner, '39, A.A.F.
Wm. P. Walker, Jr., '41, A.
Wm. A. Wallace, '37, A.
Pvt. Billie C. Watson, '43, A.
Lt. James E. Watson, '43, A.
Lt. James E. Watson, '43, A.
Lt. James E. Watson, '44, A.
Wm. M. Wham, '43, N.
Whitfield B. Wharton, '42, A.A.F.
Pvt. Edward O. White, '44, A.
A/C Albert S. Williams, A.A.F.
Capt. W. E. Willis, '31, A.
Pvt. Geo. A. Withers, Jr., '39, A.
A/S (R) Tyrus R. Wood, '43, C. G.
Pvt. David L. Wright, '46, A.
Pvt. John A. Workman, '40, A.

Changes and Promotions in Rank

Corporal: Pate C. Ackerman, '37; W. J. B., Crenshaw, Jr., '43; Carl R. Sproles, '44; Dan S. Ferguson, '43.

Sergeant: Ed. S. Clarke, '41; Chas. W. Huff, '44; Mack A. Pace, '38; Wm. A. Sieg-ler, '42.

Staff Sergeant: W. B. Carmichael, '37; Robert F. Morris, '39; Allen E. Hyatt, '29. Second Lieutenant: Wm. R. Berry, '43; Edward A. Bradley, Jr., '42; Harry H. Howle, '42; Frank A. McLeod, Jr., '41; Madison P. Mason, Jr., '36; Nolan D. Pace, '42; Geo. M. Reeves, Jr., '42.

Geo. M. Reeves, Jr., '42.

First Lieutenant: Carl E. Bailey, '42; John P. Coan, '41; Marvin L. Collins, '42; Jack D. Howle, '40; John F. Mabry, '39.

Captain: Richard S. Ballenger, '39; John H. Cantrell, '28; Joseph E. Gallman, '25; Walter N. Harrelson, '31; Dean S. Hartley, '41; Karl S. Jeffcoat, '29; James R. Rountree, '39; James U. Smith, '31; T. Mack Smith, '33; Jesse E. Stallings, '39; Brooks S. Stewart, '26; James L. Switzer, '40; Garland E. Taylor, '26; John K. Webb; Donald A. Yongue, '41; J. Lee Swofford, '41; Chas. E. Hill, '29; Aylette P. Evans.

Major: Joseph P. Alexander, '38; Herbert C. Hicks, Jr., '37; Andrew M. Jamison, '33; B. D. Lee, '25; G. B. Smith, Jr., '16.

Lieutenant Colonal: E. P. Stavenson, '26; Ralph K. Johnson, '29; W. E. Steele, '28,

Lieutenant Colonel: E. B. Stevenson, '26; Ralph K. Johnson, '29; W. E. Steele, '28.

Colonel: Julien C. Hyer, '13; C. H. Leitner, Jr., '29.

Lieutenant (jg): James B. Caldwell, '36; Newton F. Walker, '36; Chas. B. Wall, Jr., '41; Maurice E. Wall, '42; Francis E. Watson, '40.

Lieutenant (Navy): DeFoix F. Caldwell, '40.

Ensign: W. A. Faust, Jr., '44; Julian K. Jolliff, '43.

^{*}Prisoner of Japanese since the fall of Bataan.

Decorations

"Across the sea and athwart the sky hath passed the light of noble deeds unquenchable forever."

Add to the twelve Wofford men who have received a total of nineteen decorations to valor the following:

Major B. D. Lee, '25, Silver Star for action in New Guinea. (Major Lee also received the Purple Heart, but is now back on duty.)

Major J. R. Hellams, Soldier's Medal for helping to save the life of a British soldier in North Africa.

Captain T. Mack Smith, '33, Silver Star for action in North Africa.

Lt. J. F. Haselden, '37, D.S.C., for air combat over the Aleutians.

Note on Wounded

We hear that Capt. Richard Cecil of 564 Drayton Ave., Spartanburg, S. C., and Capt Leland A. Jackson of Star, S. C., are in hospitals in this country as a result of battlefield wounds. Major O. K. Williams, Jr., of Spartanburg and Lt. Defoix F. Caldwell of Spartanburg are also in the hospital. (Lt. Caldwell is in the Naval Hospital in New Orleans). May we suggest that those of you who knew them drop them a card or letter. We know they'll appreciate your remembering them. And while we are talking about letters, Lt. Harwood Beebe tells us that he wrote to two or three classmates, using the APO numbers and city of embarkation, both of which we furnished in our August letter, and the letters were through all right. For those who do not have APO numbers listed, we renew our promist to forward (without opening) any letters that you may wish to write to other alumni. Address the letters to your friends in care of K. D. Coates, Editor, the News Letter, Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C. Or if you prefer, you can write a card asking for the address of any alumnus in service and we'll do our best to get it for you.

From the Campus

President Greene will deliver the Joseph M. Carr lecture at Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio, on October 20. At the same time Mount Union will confer on him the honorary LL.D. degree. President Greene's son-in-law, Dr. W. A. Mabry, is professor of history there. ... When this letter went to press, officials expected between seventy-five and one hundred Wofford students to register at Converse and the Junior College. They will register as Wofford students and will receive Wofford diplomas, the agreement between the two college being that, as soon as the war is over and the aviation student training detachment now located on the campus is withdrawn, these students will transfer to Wofford . . . Modern lighting fixtures are being installed in the class rooms . . . Most of the faculty have had a one week's vacation. The vacations were staggered, with only two or three being away at one time . . . Professor Shuler is back at home and improving slowly . . . The aviation student put on a big inter-unit track meet on Snyder Field, September 11. Furman, P. C., Erskine, and Wofford competed. Wofford won. A big Army Air Force Air Circus was a feature. Several score planes of every kind thrilled a large crowd of spectators at the airport in the afternoon. The whole affair was a part of a big recruiting campaign for the Army Air Force . . . Incidentally, we hear that the aviation students who go from here to classification center are making an excellent record on both their physical and mental tests, which speaks well for the military staff, physical education department, and the faculty . . . Mrs. Helms was a recent visitor on the campus . . R. D. Utsey and J. W. Price are assisting in the Physical Department until they go to dental school and to the Army . . . The "Rec" Hall has finally been completed and furnished under the able direction of Captain Hexter's wife. Visitors tell us it is one of the most attractive in these parts . . A number of benches have been strategically located on the campus for the convenience o

Late Summer Graduation

Ten men received diplomas in the Chapel of the College on Thursday night, August 26, in what was probably the first public late summer graduation in the history of the college. Dr. Snyder delivered the baccalaureate address. We thought it was one of the two or three best speeches he has made in the past fifteen years. He spoke on "Things to Remember." Dr. Greene, in informal remarks, noted that this was the first class to graduate in which every member, except one, was a three-year man. He declared that Alma Mater was sending them forth with confidence and pride.

The graduates included: Walter Keith Hale, Jr., Barney M. Hiers, Robert Newton Wells, A. B. degree. Robert P. Beckelheimer, James Louis Gilliam, Jr., Ephraim G. Jackson, Larry H. McCalla, Jr., Kenneth Gordon Nix, Billie C. Watson, and James N. Hilton (now a lieutenant in the Army and stationed at Camp Croft).

Items Mostly About You

From your letters, from your friends and relatives, and from the papers, we picked up the following items about you: The Spartanburg Herald recently reported that Captain Thomas W. Edwards, '27, commanding officer of the Brookwood American cemetery in Surrey, England, has been honored by election to honorary membership in the British Institute of Embalming—the fifth resident of the U. S. ever so honored . . . Sgt. Geo. B. Harper.'28, radio operator on a Flying Fortress, was picked up on the North Sea 45 minutes after his ship had been shot down after a raid on Wilhelmshaven. The ship remained afloat long enough for the crew to get into dinghies and signal for help.

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Cpl. Wesley B. Carroll, '19, is at O. C. S. . . . Lt. Tom Epting, '39, recently found himself instructing a company of infantrymen containing 40 Wofford boys, recently sent to Camp Croft. Pvt. Perry Judy, '45, "jeeped" him around . . . 1st Lt. John F. Mabry, APO 34, N. Y. got through the North African campaign without a scratch and then hurt his hand (not

seriously) in a softball game. . . . Col. A. J. Becker, who did graduate work in chemistry about 1911 and who won the Silver Star in the First World War, is at Camp Forrest, Tenn.

Lt. Albert Lancaster is in the Pacific somewhere, APO 301 . . . Captain James M. Copeland is a regimental chaplain, APO 700, New York City . . . Albert S. Williams, '45, is an aviation cadet . . . Major G. B. Smith, Jr., '16, is at Cherry Point, N. C.

Captain Edward B. Liles is on desert maneuvers in Arizona . . . Capt. Garland E. Taylor is an Intelligence Officer in the Air Force and is at Alliance, Nebraska. . . Robert Dantzler is about to complete his "boot" training for the Navy at Bainbridge, Md. . . Pvt. Morrell Thomas was stationed at Clemson College in August, but expected to be sent North soon.

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Marion H. Wright, '43, is now in the AAF . . . Ist Lt. Carl E. Bailey is on temporary duty at P. C. and may be stationed at Wofford for a while . . . Warren G. Ariail, of the Marines, is at San Diego, Calif . . . Lt. Edward A. Bradley, Jr., is at Camp Grant, Ill. (He sends us a check to help pay the cost of this letter.) . . . Major R. Kinard Johnson is commanding officer of a Pre-flight group at Texas Tech. Lubbock, Texas . . . Cpl. Pate C. Ackerman is in the AAF at Ontario. Calif. . . . Capt. O. A. Jeffcoat, Jr., is stationed at Charleston . . . Captain Joseph E. Gallman sends a financial contribution for the News Letter. . . Sgt. Wm. Siegler is at Camp White, Oregon.

Cpl. Rullie L. Hallman, Jr., is in the Medical Corps, APO 930, San Francisco . . . Major Bernard A. Foster is in the Office of the Provost Marshall, Washington, D. C. . . . His brother, Capt. Ralph V. Foster is at APO 88, Shreveport, La. . . . His brother, Capt. Julian A. Foster, is at Pittsburgh, Calif. . . . His brother, Major Donald C. Foster, is at New York City. . . . His brother, A/C Howard G. Foster, is at the Univ. of Georgia, USNR. . . . His brother (who was planning to enter Wofford this fall) is at Bronson Field, Fla. . . . Lt. Ingram B. Garner, Jr., is stationed at Orlando, Fla.

Ensign Melmuth S. Willis is at Quonset Point, R. I. . . . Leo D. Gault, '45, is at the Naval Training Station at Bainbridge, Md. . . . Sgt. Howard E. Moody recently received the Oak Leaf Cluster and the Purple Heart in England.

Lt. (jg) Albert Vermont is assistant naval attache at the American Embassy in Costa Rica... Capt. J. Gordon Hughes is somewhere in the Pacific, APO 7092 (SF)... 1st Lt. Doug J. Jones is in the Pacific, APO 81 (LA)... Just as we went to press three letters came to us: Major J. P. Alexander, APO 828 (NO), enclosed a welcome check to help finance the News Letter and mentioned having seen in recent months Captain Wm. F. Harrison, '41, and 1st Lt. Kempson DeLoach, '37. "Seeing a Wofford man is a memorable event."

From Cpl. Jack Partlow, APO 758, came these words: "During the Tunisian campaign and also here in Sicily, it has been a real pleasure to have a way of knowing just what was going on back home and also just what my former classmates are doing. Thanks for those letters." Capt. Guy E. Carr writes that he saw Ralph Flynn in Africa. "I surely was glad to see somebody from Wofford . . . I have a wonderful group of men." . . . Cpl. Carl R. Sproles is at Grenier Field, New Hampshire.

From the Faculty

"Wofford takes pride in the number of her alumni in service at home and abroad, and in their record. She is honored that many have been cited for conspicuous courage and intelligent leadership in crisis. Others will show the same spirit with the same opportunity. But for most of you it will be the faithful following of the daily round of common duty. No distinction is to be made. All service ranks the same with God: there is no great nor small. We are carrying on here looking for your return to the campus, either as visitors or to your places in class."

-A. Mason DuPre.

Hello, boys! Take a look at the Registrar's office. Not the counter and the glass partition—I don't mean that. Beyond the counter—women only. Miss Woodward is boss, and she can speak a Yankee "No" with no bad after effects. And when Miss Bridges figures quality points, there is no arguing. Or is it her blond smile that makes students forget to argue?

-W. C. Herbert.

From Your Letters

Note: From recent letters to the College and to members of the Faculty, we have taken excerpts in the belief that you would like to see in quotes what some of you are saying. In our next News Letter we hope to mention every man who writes between now and then and to quote at least a line from his letter. Don't be modest about writing. If you don't like to see yourself in print, there are scores of your classmates who do!

"... I have been in China and India since early in '41, spending most of my time with the Flying Tiger group in China. I came back as a casualty, but am thankful that I am able to leave here tomorrow to go back to duty. I had the pleasure of helping to write Lt. Henry P. Elias' citation for the Silver Star, but also the sad experience of attending his funeral."

-JAMES U. SMITH, Capt. AAF, writing from California.

"I understand that quite a few changes have been made at Wofford since this time last year (July). I keep contact through the Alumni Bulletin and am grateful for this source of information about the happenings at the Alma Mater and also about the boys that I know in the service... I have been at Camp Lee ever since I entered on duty in June, 1942, and have grown to like the Army (from experiences here)."

-LT. RAYMOND L. DENNIS.

"... Within the past year I have visited many foreign parts and have had the opportunity to use my French a great deal. I have studied the Parisians and their accent, which has been a wonderful experience ..."

-M. J. Moony, Ph. M.

"I was stationed at Congaree Army Air Base as Executive Officer when I was taken sick . . . I am feeling better and hope to be out before long (written in July) . . . I have been with Uncle Sam for 16 years now and am beginning to feel like an old timer. I guess I'm over my recruit days anyhow . . ."

—MAJOR O. K. WILLIAMS, JR.

"I am now stationed at Marianna, Florida, having reported here the 21st of August, 1942. We have here another officer who is a graduate of Wofford, 2nd Lt. Olin O. Kemp. . . . Thank you for past issues of the News Letter."

Joseph E. Gallman, Captain, Q. M. C.

"... The other First Year Advanced ROTC boys and I are in an anti-tank battalion now... We were on the rifle range last week. Most of the boys made good scores in their

Marvin Collins is a 1st Lieutenant here. He's a company commander . . . I certainly do miss the old Alma Mater and wish I could be back next year. DAVID PRINCE, '44, Camp Wheeler, Ga.

- "... I have been very fortunate in having thoughtful friends, fellow classmates, and members of the faculty who have tried to make living in these far off places pleasant by sending words of encouragement from time to time ..."

 —Gus N. Trakas, SK2c, USNR, Pacific Theater of Operations.
- "... Just a card to let you know that I received the August News Letter. This is the only medium through which it is possible to keep any contact with former classmates and friends, and it is a most worthwhile service . . ."

 S/SGT. W. B. CARMICHAEL, '37, Chanute Field, Ill.
- "... Of course it is natural that I should look forward to getting-the News Letter and hearing what is going on at the school because Wofford to me actually is 'home.'... In looking over the list of Wofford men in the service, I find that about two-thirds of the men from class '30 on, I either know personally or their names are familiar... There is one Wofford man in my regiment, Capt. R. S. Ballenger... and we often get together and talk over the good times we used to have back at school... We are right in the middle of the desert and it is a far cry from the cool, shaded Wofford campus... The training is hard, but that is something we can never get too much of. We hope that when we finish out here we will be ready for combat."

 1st Lt. John W. Shuler, from maneuvers in the Western Desert.

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- "... One of the foremost thoughts with us throughout the past months is the question, 'Where do we go from here?—and when?"... leaving John Bull's little island... disembarking at Oran—bivouacked in Algeria—first shot at Jerry during battle of El Guettar, then to Fondouk—up country to Mateur—now the North African campaign is over and done—Some are betting we'll go home. Personally, I don't think so, for we've a job to do over here first."
 —Scr. Johnnie M. Jones.
- "... There isn't anybody over here except us and the natives and they don't care what we wear; so we wear what we please. Usually, I wear shorts and shirt and helmet, or coveralls and helmet. We don't ever wear a tie or dress formally, so I wouldn't be a prospect for a dress uniform just now. Maybe I will order one for the entry into Tokyo, because I want to look my best for the little yellow brethren ..."

 Lt. Fred S. Patterson, South Pacific.

"Yesterday I received a News Letter after it had made a roundabout trip to S. C., Ohio, Nashville, and finally here (Maxwell Field) . . . It was a thrill to read all about the old school. No matter how long you've been away from Wofford you don't forget it and what it stands for—and especially the friends you made there among the students and faculty . . . This is a swell life (AAF training), but I'm looking forward to the day when Wofford will again open her doors to the returning men of the classes of '44, '45, and '46."

A/C CLAUDE GATLIN.

- "... At the time it (a letter) arrived, I was in a foxhole during the campaign for Munda airbase. The entire battle was exciting all the way through ... I could not expect an outsider to believe some of the uncanny things that happened ... Since leaving the States I have had quite a lot of interesting experiences in travel ... New Zealand is truly a land of beauty and wonder, filled with interesting people and sights ... New Caledonia, Guadacanal—New Georgia. The only Wofford man that I have met so far is Ensign Grover Hollowell ... When we were together, Wofford and its men were our main topic of conversation—the school we love so much ... I anxiously await the next News Letter."

 CPL. RAY PRICE HOOK, '42.
- "... Within the last month or so I've changed my work somewhat ... Now I'm dividing my time between Ground School and the Operations Unit ... The latter work is fascinating. The new assignment also gives me opportunity to fly a bit from time to time—as a passenger. There's a possibility of some sea duty within the near future."

 Lt. Albert Stanbury (faculty member).
- "... I shall never forget the haunting cry of a native call echoing through the tall jungle grass at sunset ... The most beautiful sunrise I have ever seen, too, was in New Guinea. Our chief objective had been taken ... Frequent alerts disturbed our slumber at night, but the smiles were returning to faces here and there, and the conversations breathed of home and pleasant memories ... I had strolled down to the beach in the early hours of morning for a few minutes alone and to have a look out to sea for security, when the whole eastern sea and sky lighted up like coral ... I must have watched the colors changing and the light growing for fifteen minutes ... My men have received ten citations for gallantry in action, one having been cited twice. They're really a grand group of men ... I am in excellent health. health.

CAPT. SHELDON M. DANNELLY.

- ". . . For sentimental reasons, on the trip over here, I wore—all the way—the ROTC trousers I wore as a Junior and Senior ROTC student at Wofford in 1932-34. Please tell that to Sgt. Stewart. Naturally, wherever I see a Wofford man we talk and talk—and I know that I shall see many here."

 1sr Lr. Herbert Hucks, Jr., somewhere in North Africa—written in late May.
- ". . . I especially appreciate the messages on page 4 from the faculty . . . I'm right here on the same field with Lt. Col. Jack W. Bowman."

 Lt. Col. Ernest B. Stevenson, Elgin Field, Fla.
- "... You can imagine what a pleasant surprise I got a few weeks ago when I was stationed temporarily at Glenview, Ill. I was in the theatre one night when I saw a familiar-looking lady ... Then I saw her officer-husband, Lt. Albert Stanbury ... We had a nice long talk the next day ... I am in a night-fighter squadron in the Navy and we have plenty to do ..." ENSIGN JULIAN K. JOLLIFF, VF(N)-76 FPO, N. Y.
- "... I know by the News Letter that a lot of Wofford men are over here (Mediterranean theatre), but so far I haven't been able to contact any personally. I did find out where a few were and signaled to them ... I'll admit that it's not funny to listen to whistles of bombs and watch tracers of machine guns, but there's something thrilling to watch the reaction of the same boys that the general public thought was going to the dogs a few years back ..."

DEWEY L. ("SNAG") CALVERT, '42, Flot. 9, N. Y.