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James T. O'Connor, who left western in 1940 to go to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy is now a Second Lieutenant in the Army. He spent a year at the Academy and was later employed at the Pratt-Whitney Airplane Corporation in Hartford, Connecticut. He resigned his position and enlisted in the Army in May 1942. He received his commission from the Officers Candidate School of the Chemical Warfare Service in December 1942. He is now located at Pine Bluff Arsenal, Pine Bluff, Arkansas in the Post Engineers Office. Lt. O'Connor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. O'Connor of Bowling Green. 2/26/48

Lieut. H. L. Oakley, USNR, junior grade, has been promoted to senior lieutenant. He is director of a basic school at the naval air technical training center, Chicago. Lieutenant Oakley is the son-in-law of Mrs. A. B. Chaney, 835 Eleventh street. 1-17-44

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Oakley, Lacy.  
Lieut. U. S. Navy Air Force

th. Commander Promoted to Lieutenant sig 1-17-44  
Lieut. - Commander 3-15-46  
Terminal leave 3-15-46

Oates, William Mason  
U. S. Army

Sergeant

A One-Man Newspaper

And this is about our own Bill Oates who formerly announced programs and commercials over WLBJ—his Uncle Sam's Private Oates' now and is stationed in Fresno, Calif., where, not so long ago, he married a Fresno girl, Mildred Holden—anyway, it was decided that the camp needed a paper so Bill was assigned the job— took his two weeks of hectic activity to get the first edition whipped into shape but he "dood" it and we hear that it went over with a bang immediately and is very popular—Bill's chief cook and bottle washer for it, too, and does the news-getting, news-writing, editing, make-up, etc., so one gathers that the young man is kept very busy—Bill said in a recent letter to friends here that Fresno has a population of around 75,000 and he thought, through Mildred, he had met most of them—that they were all swell people and that he likes California . . .

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Lieut. Comdr. H. L. Oakley has been placed on terminal leave. He has been stationed with the ATC at Memphis, Tennessee. He and his wife, the former Josephine Chaney, are now in Columbia, Missouri, where the navy man is working on the masters degree. Both are Western graduates. 3-15-46  
Mrs. Oakley's brother, Miliza C. Ellis was discharged from the Air Corps in October; he was a captain. Now he is employed in Hopkinsville. Another brother, First Lieut. James C. Ellis, a B-24 pilot, was killed in action over Europe. They are the sons of Mrs. A. B. Chaney, Bowling Green.

Oates, William C.  
U. S. Army

Honorable medical discharge, June 1945

Western 1935-36

O'Connor, James T.  
Corporal, U. S. Army  
Lieut. U. S. Army (Chemical Warfare)

Belgium 2-13-45

O'CONNOR, William

Cadet, U.S. Navy Air Corps

11-23-45

O'Daniel, Philip B  
Lieutenant, U. S. Army  
Class 1939

2nd Lieut. Philip B. O'Daniel, Lebanon, has been selected to attend the Officer's Communication course of the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma: 10-27-44

Lieut. O'Daniel is a graduate of Western, class of '39.

Oelze, Katherine  
American Red Cross

1934 Life Certificate

As a Red Cross case worker, Miss Katherine Oelze, recently was photographed for the Courier-Journal. Miss Oelze attended Western for two years, completing her Life Certificate in 1934. Later she received the Master's degree at the University of Kentucky in social work. 3-10-44

Oldham, John  
U. S. Navy

Aviation Cadet instructor  
at Memphis, Tenn. 11-10-44

-W.K.T.C.-

When coach John D. Hinkle, at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, heard that a boy named John Oldham was there, he immediately put him in a pair of sneakers and found the same thing Coach Diddle did last fall. Now John is playing on the Great Lakes team, and when the Hilltoppers meet DePaul in Chicago on February 19, he will be there, as the Navy team plays Notre Dame on the same program.

-W.K.T.C.-

John Oldham, who is stationed at Great Lakes, Illinois, was on the Hill last week. John is a former member of the 1942-43 basketball squad. He has been playing with the strong Great Lakes team this year. 3-24-44

Cliver, James  
Ensign, U. S. Navy Air Corps  
Pensacola, Fla.

*Franklin (Red)*  
*Graduated in plane operation at Norfolk Va., 1945 after having served as typhoon leader in Pacific area.*

Participated in football and track at Western

Grade. 1940

O'Leary, Genevive  
WAVES

*Estrogen*

11-21-43

# Detachment Has New Commander

Lieut. H. D. Osteen  
Assumes Duties  
On Hill 5-1-44

Lieut. H. D. Osteen Saturday assumed command of the 321st College Training Detachment at Western to succeed Capt. George S. Updegraff, who has been ordered to report for overseas duty.

Lieut. Osteen was transferred to the 321st C. T. D. Feb. 1, from the Army Air Force War Service Training Detachment, Glenn Falls, N. Y.

A native of Sumter, S. C., he entered the service fifteen months ago.

Lieut. Osteen, Mrs. Osteen and their young child reside at 334 Fifteenth street.

A contingent of aviation students, described as a medium sized group, arrived in Bowling Green last night to become members of the local detachment. The soldiers were transferred here from Walnut Ridge Basic Flying School at Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Students of an out-going squadron were transferred Saturday to Spence Field, Moultrie, Ga., to an advanced flying school where they will be given on the line training before being assigned to pre-flight school.

Osteen, H. D.  
Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps  
Western Air Crew  
Training Detachment at Western 5-5-44

O'Nan Benton  
Corporal, U. S. Army

From Morganfield

Orendorf, Martha  
Librarian, Camp Cambell, Hopkinsville, Ky.

Former Librarian at training school

## Miss Orendorf To Take Librarian Post At Army Camp

Miss Martha Orendorf, since 1938 librarian in the Western Teachers College Training School, is to leave tomorrow for Camp Campbell, near Hopkinsville, to accept a War Department position as librarian of No. 1 Service club in the army camp. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Orendorf, 1553 Chestnut street.

Aug. 9, 43.

Ormes, Joseph F 15113429

Ormes, Joe  
U. S. Army Air Corps

Cadet, Second Student Squadron

44-4 KAAF

Kingman, Arizona 1-12-44

Owen, Douglas Brown  
Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps  
England.  
3/14/45  
5-27-45  
W. S. again

Osborne, Elvin C.  
U. S. Navy

Good to have...

Owen, Murrell  
U. S. Army

Murrell Owen, who attended Western from September '36 to '41, was wounded in action somewhere in the Pacific theatre of war. 1/23/43

Owens, Wentzel W.  
Sergeant, U. S. Army  
France. 2/2/45  
Western, '42-'43

Western '36-'41

Owen, William R.  
U. S. Army

OWENS, John S., (Jack)

Flight officer, U.S. Army Air Corps  
Killed in plane accident, Nov. 3, 1945 in India.

*Killed after the accident  
in Europe & Asia*

Western 1940



Wentzel W. Owens 2-2-45

Wentzel W. Owens, who attended Western in '42 and '43, has been promoted from corporal to sergeant, according to an announcement made from the headquarters of Maj. Gen. Paul L. Williams, U. S. Troop Carrier Base in France.

A message center clerk, Sergeant Owens is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Owens, Indianapolis, Indiana. The men of The Troop Carrier Service Wing, of which Sergeant is a member, are responsible for keeping The Troop Carrier planes and gliders in operation.

**Former Western Student  
Believed Killed In India**

12-18-45

Flight Officer John S. "Jack" Owens, Calhoun, a former student of Western Teachers college, is believed to be one of the victims of an airplane crash in India which claimed the lives of 40 homeward-bound American soldiers and four crewmen. Dispatches from Calcutta report search parties have identified the wreckage of an Air Transport plane in which the large number of soldiers were being flown home.

Flight Officer Owens was reported missing Nov. 3 in the area where the plane's wreckage was found. The Air Transport Company headquarters reported that deep snow was hampering the search for bodies of the victims.

His wife, Mrs. Joe Evelyn Rudd Owens, resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Owens at Calhoun. He attended Western, withdrawing in November 1940. While attending school he resided at the home of Mrs. Ora Brand, 1370 Center street.

Prior to entering the Air Transport Command, Flight Officer Owens was an instructor at the Owensboro municipal airport.

Owens, Willey Ted  
U. S. Army

Owsley, Roy H  
Major, U. S. Marine Corps  
Pacific area

AB 1928

Marine Maj. Roy H. Owsley, Ab '28,  
was promoted to his present rank  
while serving somewhere in the Pa-  
cific. 3-30-45  
An expert on municipal govern-  
ment in civilian life, Major Owsley  
helped organize the Kentucky Mu-  
nicipal League and later served as  
first executive director of the Main  
Municipal Association at Augusta,  
Main, leaving that post in 1940 to  
become assistant director of the  
American Municipal Association in  
Washington, D. C.