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Lieut. James T. Underwood, Dawson Springs, a flying fortress copilot, was in the first daylight sweep made over Berlin by the Eighth AAF by a bomber group.

"There was intense action all the way into the target and back to the coast," Lieut. Underwood told officers after returning to home base. "Veteran German fighter pilots, numbering over 200, rushed in against us in head-on attack and continued turning through the entire wing." The sky duel lasted five hours. Four other Kentuckians played vital roles in the large scale American bombing of German war industries. 5-5-44

Uhl, Robert H
U. S. Army

~~Lieutenant~~ 2-16-45
France 2-16-45
Germany 6-24-45
Austria Mar. 1945

1-18-46
Both Sgt. Tom Uhl and Lieut. Robert Uhl have been spending furloughs at home in Bowling Green. Lieutenant Uhl is on a 20-day leave from Vienna, Austria, and he expects to return there where he will be stationed for six months.

Sergeant Uhl is now stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he is attached to the 129th Airborne Engineering Battalion, while his brother is with the 756th Tank Battalion. Both are former Western students. Sergeant Uhl returned from overseas duty in Europe last summer.

Uhl, Thomas
Sgt. U. S. Army

(13th Airborne Div)
France 3-2-45

Sergeant
E.T.O. 8 months

U.S. again 10-9-45

Discharge 2-1-46

Tom Uhl, former Westerner, who is now in the paratroopers, is in France, according to word received here recently. 3-2-45

Tom Uhl, former Western student, visited in Bowling Green this week, enroute to Camp Atterbury, where he will receive his discharge from the army. He returned from Europe last summer. 2-1-46
Linda Hayes, Ruth, Burdy

Udegraft, George S
Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps

Captain 2-11-44

~~Major~~ 6-15-45

~~Major~~ 3-1-46

~~Major~~ 3-1-46

~~Major~~ 3-1-46

Underwood, James F.
U. S. Army Air Corps
Kelly Field
San Antonio, Tex.

Underwood, J.T.
Student Flight Lieut.
Texas

~~Lieutenant~~ (Pilot)
U.S. Army Air Corps
England 5-5-44

Nov 11, 1942
ROTC

J. T. Underwood, member of last year's junior military class now in training as an army air corps cadet in Texas, has been made a student flight lieutenant, which is indeed no small honor. Underwood was affiliated with Pershing Rifles while at Western and a member of the 41 drill team.

2-10-44

George S. Updegraff Now Captain

Promotion of George S. Updegraff, commanding officer of the 321st College Training Detachment to the rank of captain was announced in a War Department order received at headquarters of the detachment. Promotion of the officer was effective Feb. 4.

Capt. Updegraff came to Western Sept. 1, 1943, from Turner Field, Albany, Ga. to become plans and training officer during the absence of Lieut. A. M. Collins, who was sent to Randolph Field, Texas, for a four weeks' special course. Capt. Updegraff became commanding officer of the detachment on Spt. 14 to succeed Capt. P. E. Leurig who was relieved of the command because of illness.

A native of Topeka, Kansas, the officer was engaged in the advertising business in New York before his entrance into service three years ago.

He was graduated from the infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga., and later transferred to the Air Corps.



Capt. Updegraff

Overseas Assignment Is Given Captain Updegraff

4-27-44

Capt. George S. Updegraff, who has been commanding officer of the 321st College Training Detachment since Sept. 14, 1943, has received orders to report for an undisclosed overseas destination.

The officer, a native of Topeka, Kan., will leave Saturday to visit his family for 10 days before reporting to his port of embarkation.

CAME HERE SEPT. 1, 1943

Capt. Updegraff came to the 321st C. T. D. Sept. 1, 1943 from Turner Field, Albany, Ga., to become plans and training officer during the absence of Lieut. Alfred M. Collins, at Randolph Field, Texas, for a special four week's special course.

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illness.

The officer was engaged in the advertising business in New York before entering the service three years ago.

He was graduated from the infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga., and later transferred to the Air Corps. He received his captaincy on Feb. 4.

A directive is expected from Maxwell Field this week naming a new commanding officer for the post.

GIVEN FAREWELL PARTY

A farewell party was given at the Helm hotel last evening in honor of the outgoing "E" Squadron and the new student officer staff.

Guests included Capt. Updegraff, officers of the detachment staff, enlisted staff personnel, members of

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Visiting on the Hill in civilian clothes this week has been George Updegraff, former major in the Army. He was the commanding officer of the 321st Cadet Training Detachment at Western, and was sent from Western to Alaska. He has been discharged since December 13 and visited in Bowling Green while en route from California to New York. 3-1-46

Successor To Collins Here

9/5/43

Lieut. Updegraff To Be On Staff For Student Training Detachment

Lieut. George S. Updegraff has arrived from Turner Field, Ga., to join the staff of commissioner officers of the 321st College Training Detachment at Western.

Lieut. Updegraff was assigned to the local training group to replace Lieut. Alfred M. Collins, plans and training officer, during September, while the latter is in San Antonio for a four weeks special course.

The new staff officer was attached to the cadet detachment at Turner Field, which is near Albany, home of an Advanced Twin Engine Training school.

He is residing at the Howard apartment, 610 Fifteenth street.

A squadron of air students was transferred to the Nashville Army Air Center yesterday for reclassification. The men will be placed in pilot, navigator or bomber groups, and sent to training centers in the Southeastern area for further training.

Capt. Paul M. Leurig, commanding officer, is in a Nashville hospital, for observation of a heart ailment.

In his absence staff officers are carrying out the administration of the training program.

Overseas Assignment Given Capt. Updegraff

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the Western faculty and flight instructors of Owensboro Aviation. Representing the latter group were Lyman E. Gavol, resident flight supervisor; J. Howard Fry, Jr., and Thomas Trent.

Dean F. C. Grise represented the college in the absence of Dr. Paul L. Garrett, president.

Other faculty members present were: Dr. A. M. Stickles, Dr. Gordon Wilson, Dr. George V. Page, Dr. Earl A. Moore, Dr. James E. Cornette, Dr. James Poteet, Dr. Horace McMurry, Ted Hornback and Norris Barbre.

Aviation Student Grunke, captain of the outgoing squadron, served as host and Dr. W. M. Willey was toastmaster.

The program included talks by the guests, group singing and three skits presented by the aviation students entitled, "Evening Inspection," "Soldier of the Week," and "Revelie or Kentucky Weather."

The dinner was followed by a dance at the K. C. hall.

Upton, Arvin E.
Major U. S. Army
Lieutenant Adj. Gen. Dept.

1175/73

Captain 2-16-45
France 12-7-45
Major 3-1-46

Capt. Arvin E. Upton, AB '33, has been promoted to the rank of major. Now stationed in Paris, France, Major Upton is a member of the office of Foreign Liquidation Commission, an agency for the distribution and sale of surplus food products. After graduating here, Major Upton received the law degree from Harvard.

3-1-46

12-7-45
Capt. Arvin E. Upton, AB '33, is assisting today in the world's largest salvage operation underway in the European Theatre—that of disposing of billions of dollars' worth of United States war stocks.

Sale of the vast stores of war-making equipment now being inventoried throughout England and the Continent has been assigned to the organization of the Army-Navy Liquidation Commission, headed by John C. Virden, Cleveland industrialist now serving as ANLC's Central Field Commissioner of Europe.

Captain Upton, who lived at 612 N. E. Taylor Building, Louisville, before entering the service, is assistant chief counsel. He came to the ANLC from the Contracts Division, Judge Advocate General Office in Washington.

Prior to entering active duty with the Army, Captain Upton was a member of the law firm Ogden, Golphin, Tarrant, and Strick of Louisville.

The officer is a graduate of the Harvard University Law School.

Van Meter, Charles
U. S. Navy

Van Meter, John
U. S. Army
Glider Pilot training

Van Meter, Leslie
Lieut., U. S. Naval Air Corps

VanMeter, Raymond Lewis
Ensign, U.S.N.
Corpus Christi, Texas

Played football at Western

Van Meter, Samuel
U. S. Army
Quartermasters Corps - Ark.

Vance, Edward
U. S. Army

**Former Western Grid
Star, Ray Van Meter,
Killed In Accident**

Raymond L. Van Meter, 38, Hopkinsville, former Western State College football star, was killed in a highway accident in Christian County Saturday night.

Van Meter and his brother-in-law, Kenneth Miller, 36, Hopkinsville, were returning from Nashville, where they had attended the Kentucky-Vanderbilt basketball game when their car collided with one driven by Sgt. Kenneth Owens, Fort Campbell.

Owens also was killed. Miller and three other men riding in Owens' car were injured.

Van Meter graduated from Elizabethtown High School and attended Western from 1936 to 1940. He was a three-letterman in football. During World War II Van Meter was a pilot in the Naval Air Corps.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. May Van Meter; three children, Ed Ray and Judy, and several brothers, one of which is Leslie Van Meter, Owensboro, also a former Western football star.

Van Meter operated a grocery at Hopkinsville.

Funeral services were held today at a Hopkinsville funeral home. Burial was in Riverview Cemetery.

1-31-55

Lieutenant and Mrs. Raymond Van Meter were recent visitors on the Hill. Lieut. Van Meter is with the Naval Air Corps at Corpus Christi. When a student on the Hill, he was a star football player. 2/12/43

NAME OF SENDER W. K. S. J. C.
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Great Lakes, Ill.

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 1943

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 CITY AND STATE Bushington, Ky.

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<u>P. 92 U. S. M. T.</u>	<u>36-38</u>

HOME ADDRESS 401 Walnut St. - Dawson Springs Ky.
STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE

(Note to colleges: If more than one college is listed above, forward this card at once to school listed immediately below yours.)

(OVER)

Corporal-Technician Richard S. (Billy) Vaughn, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Vaughn, now stationed with the 149th Infantry Band at Camp Shelby, Miss., has been the favored son of headlines lately. He was the subject of a lengthy article in the Camp Shelby publication and also the Louisville Times concerning his ability as a composer and arranger of music. The articles outline his musical career which started largely in Glasgow, "by ear", first on a banjo and later on the piano.

His ability was quickly recognized at Camp Shelby and he was soon placed in charge of orchestral arrangement. He is credited with having composed seven numbers which are played regularly by the 149ers, who are enthusiastically proud of his accomplishments. Billy says that his ambition for postwar work is to team up with an old friend who played with him in orchestras here and at Western Teachers College and to form their own orchestra, plugging his compositions and arrangements.

"I just want to do the arranging and composing," he states, "and maybe later confine myself entirely to composition. My greatest ambition is to have a happy home and children and to avoid the horrible night life most musicians have to lead." Billy seems to be another local young man who is making a name for himself in this war, or, perhaps, we should say, despite this war.

Vaughn, Woodrow W.
U. S. Navy
Western 1939-1945
Princeton, Ky.

Vance, Joe
U. S. Navy

Vance, Marion
U. S. Army

VANCE, Richard P.

Sergeant, U.S. Army
Korea 1-18-46

Feb. 1943

First Sergt. Richard P. Vance is stationed in Korea with the 60th Military Government Company. He has been in the Army since February, '43 and left for overseas duty last September. While at Western, he was active in the Pershing Rifles. His home is in Dawson Springs, while his wife, the former Olive Fothergill is living in Danvers, Massachusetts, 1-18-46

Vaughn, James D.
U. S. Army - Medical section

Western 1939-40

Vaughn, Richard S. (Billy)
Corporal, U. S. Army

Western

Veach, Steely E
U. S. Navy
"Sea Bees"

Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va.
U. S. Naval Construction Center

Steely Veach, Seaman 2/c, who is stationed at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va., is spending a furlough with his parents at Harlan, Ky. Seaman Veach who attended Western Teachers College, was prominent in music circles during his stay here. 2-15-44

Veach To Audition For Opera Of Air

2-16-48
Steely Veach, tenor, voice major at Western Teachers college, left Monday for New York to audition for the Metropolitan Opera Auditions of the Air.

Mr. Veach's audition will be held on Wednesday afternoon in the NBC studios.

A pupil of Richard Shell of the voice department, Mr. Veach began his music career at Western in the fall of 1942. He studied with Andrea Johannsen until he left for the service in 1943. While in the Navy, he studied with Conal O'Conal Quirke, Richmond, Va., and Theodore Walstrum in New York.

At Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore, he was a pupil of Karl Laufkotter, tenor buffo of the Metropolitan.

11-24-44
Lieut. Tom C. Venable, a graduate of Western, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and also the Presidential Citation for "exceptionally meritorious achievement over enemy occupied continental Europe."

Thomas
Venable, Tom Calvin
Ground Crew Duty, U. S. Army Air Corps
Atlantic City, N. J.

Lowery Field, Colo. (Oct. 16, '42)
Aviation Cadet, Santa Ana, Calif. '41
Lieut., U.S. Army Air Corps, 9/27/43
Italy 1-17-44
Awarded the Air Medal 7-3-44
" " Distinguished Flying Cross 11-24-44
Continental Europe
Discharge June 1945
2 college Fall Quarter 1945

Bowling Green, Kentucky

VENABLE MADE SENIOR PREXY

Class Elections Now Completed

Election of the class officers for the year 1945-46 has been completed.

Tom Venable, Bowling Green, former lieutenant in the Army Air Corps with eight months overseas



TOM VENABLE 10-26-45

service to his credit, was elected president of the senior class. Serving with him will be Mary Choncorf, Gary, Indiana, vice-president; Virginia Price, Elberton, Georgia, secretary; Betty Lou George, Idabel, Oklahoma, treasurer; Clyde Pool, Crofton, sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. Whitmer's Flag Sees World With Lieut. Venable

7-25-44

A small American flag which J. R. Whitmer obtained in a Norway collection several years back while leading a student cruise abroad, and which he loaned to Tom Venable 20 months ago when Venable entered the army, is again making history.

The flag, Mr. Whitmer said, was bought as part of a collection, which he said was a more complete one than could be obtained in other cities. The American emblem is now somewhere in Italy with Tom Venable.

Lieut. Tom Venable, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Venable of Bowling Green and Hopkinsville, attended Western for two years. He was a sophomore when he was called for induction. His wife, the former Miss Helen Botts, resides at 849 Tenth street.

In a letter written January 25 to Mr. Whitmer, Lieut. Venable gives an interesting account of the travels and experiences of the little flag.

The letter reads as follows: "Dear Mr. Whitmer: I have always agreed with people who believe that inanimate objects could talk, many would tell tales that would make human story-tellers blush with envy. I believe that your flag is one of the objects. I knew a little of its story before you loaned it to me and am writing this to tell you what it has seen with me.

"To start with, it has seen 24, one-half, of the 48 states. It has flown over 14 foreign countries and islands. It has been unfurled only

twice since I left the states—once in South America and once in Africa. I am not going to unfurl it here until this continent, too, is free. But the little flag has "flown" over 9,000 miles of foreign lands and waters. It has flown at an altitude of 19,000 ft. Perhaps this is a record. I wish I could tell you where it has flown, but cannot, for reasons of military security.

"Some day I will tell you about it. I wonder if it has ever been in Italy before? Perhaps you can tell me. I have been greatly impressed

by the way the rest of the world lives. How lucky we are to live in a country so rich, so clean and which offers as many opportunities as it does.

"We have a great obligation to bring the world the wonders that we enjoy. Some day I hope you will lend the little flag again to someone who will go out to see a cleaner, purer, and better world."

Another New Family Arrives
The Clyde Vincents have arrived from Washington, D. C., to make their home in Bowling Green and they evidently intend to make it a permanent one, too, as they've bought a home out on Herrington avenue and Clyde is opening up law offices here—Mrs. Vincent, the former Diane Teater Grolock of Findlay, Ohio, has a daughter, Jacqueline Grolock, who lives with them and when at Vincent, she also has a son, Eugene Grolock, who's in the marines and stationed at Parris Island—Clyde, who's one of the Brownsville Vincents and brother of Representative Bev Vincent, was graduated from Western in 1927 and from the U. of K. in 1931 and went to George Washington University there and got Logan—he went to Washington in 1933 with Senator M. M. his law degree in 1937 and practiced law in Washington until he enlisted in the naval reserve several months ago—he had reached about a rank of lieutenant (full grade) when he was discharged about a month ago because of an eye strain—and that's when they decided to return to Clyde's home state to make their home—and of course, they picked Bowling Green—they're members of the Baptist church—we're very glad to have this new addition to our city 5/5/43

Vincents, Dencil M.
Pvt., U. S. Army
Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Vincent, Glyde
Lieut. U. S. Navy
Honorable discharge, April '43

Vincent, Norris
U. S. Army
Camp Shelby, Miss.

Graduated 37