



OKLAHOMA WAR MEMORIAL—WORLD WAR II

Part XIX*

HARVEY BIRD BUNGARD, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Henryetta, Okmulgee County. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bungard, Parents, Paden, Oklahoma. Born December 11, 1921. Enlisted June 30, 1939. Decorations: Combat Infantry Badge; Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster; Order of the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. Graduated from High School, Wilson Consolidated School, in May, 1939. Trained in service at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Riley, Kansas. Served in 112th Cavalry (motorized), Pacific area. In active combat in New Guinea; awarded Silver Star and Purple Heart medals for meritorious service under heavy machine gun and rifle fire from the enemy on Leyte Island, and subsequently was in combat on Luzon Island, Philippine Islands. Died March 29, 1945, in action while on patrol near San Mateo, Bulacan Province, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

RANDOLPH D. BURCHFIEL, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Bristow, Creek County. Elizabeth Burchfiel,

* The purpose of the Oklahoma War Memorial—World War II, in addition to the publication of brief biographies of the State's war dead in *The Chronicles*, is the preservation of a record of the interests and achievements of each one of those who gave their lives in the service of their country in World War II. These records in the Archives of the Oklahoma Historical Society will hold their memory in honor and will be preserved for all researchers who may be interested in the history of Oklahoma in the future. Many records have been completed and have been placed on file in the War Memorial. Some are still to be completed, replies having not yet been received to letters of inquiry sent out by the Editorial Department in the Historical Society. We ask that at any time additional data are received by parents and relatives of any of Oklahoma's war dead such records be sent in to be preserved with those already on file. We urge parents and relatives to send a copy of the photograph of their Oklahoma boy lost in the war service to be preserved with his records in the Historical Society. Part XVIII, Oklahoma War Memorial—World War II appeared in *The Chronicles*, Vol. XXVI, No. 1 (Spring, 1948).—Muriel H. Wright.

Wife, Bristow. Born May 31, 1917. Enlisted August 6, 1941. Decorations: Presidential Citation; Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Order of the Purple Heart awarded twice; five bronze Battle Participation Stars, and Pre-Pearl Harbor and S. T. O. ribbons. Graduated from Bristow High School in May, 1934. Died April 13, 1945, in action, Neihiem, Germany.

ERNEST WILLIAM BURK, Private First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Gore, Sequoyah County. Mrs. Flora Marie (Burk) Flood, Wife, Manteca, California. Born October 15, 1920. Enlisted November 14, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Attended grade schools. Died February 10, 1945, in action at Novalichee Dam, near Manila, Luzon, Philippines Islands.

JAMES RALPH CLUCK, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Broken Bow, McCurtain County. Mrs. Susan Cluck, Mother, Broken Bow. Born November 27, 1925. Enlisted July 11, 1944. Graduated from Broken Bow High School in May, 1944. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Member of Methodist Church, and of Boy Scouts of America. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. Due Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two bronze Battle Participation Stars. Arrived on Mendora Island, Philippine Islands, in January, 1945, and after six weeks advanced training was assigned to Co. C, 19th Infantry Regiment of the 24th (Victory) Division, as Assistant Browning Automatic Rifleman, serving in combat during March and April, 1945. Died May 8, 1945, in action on patrol northwest of Davao, Mindanao Island, Philippine Islands.

MELVIN L. COATS, Private, U. S. Army. Home Address: Minco, Grady County. Mrs. Zelma Coats, Mother, Minco. Born November 4, 1922. Enlisted June 5, 1944. Graduated from eighth grade, Parish Hill, Oklahoma. Assigned to replacement center in Germany. Died March 5, 1945, in action in Germany.

MELVIN COBLE, Corporal, U. S. Marine Corps. Home address: Kingston, Marshall County. Mrs. Corley Coble, Mother, 612 West Main, Ada, Oklahoma. Born April 30, 1921. Enlisted June 4, 1942. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Served overseas 12 months. and after furlough home returned to duty in Pacific area. Died February 20, 1945, in action on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, Western Pacific.

FLOYD WEBSTER COULTER, Private First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Muskogee, Muskogee County. Elsie Coulter, Sister, 419½ North 5th Street, Muskogee. Born January 26, 1912. Enlisted February 12, 1943. Member of Episcopal Church. Died September 24, 1944, in action in Italy.

HAROLD O. DAKE, First Lieutenant U. S. Army. Home address: Chelsea, Rogers County. Mr. and Mrs. George C. Dake, Parents. Chelsea. Born January 8, 1922. Enlisted June 10, 1942. Decoration:

Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster. Died April 18, 1945, in action on Ie Shima Island, Japan.

ROBERT A. D. FRANCY, Private First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Broken Arrow, Wagoner County. Mrs. Clara S. Francy, Mother, Broken Arrow. Born May 24, 1926. Enlisted July 27, 1944. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Attended rural schools in home county. Served in the armed forces less than ten months. Died May 5, 1945, in action on Luzon Island, Philippine Islands.

OSCAR LYNN FRENSELY, Captain, U. S. Army. Home address: Duncan, Stephens County. Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Frenseley, Sr., Parents, 910 Hickory Street, Duncan. Born October 4, 1918. Enlisted June 19, 1941. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart; Silver Star. Graduated from Duncan High School in 1936, and from the University of Oklahoma in 1941. Member Reserve Officers Training Corps. Member of Baptist Church. Activities: High School Band drum major, wrestler, organizer Independent Men's Association; worked early as newsboy, and during University days and vacations employed in drug store and as pipe-liner with oil company. After enlistment served in Panama Canal Zone sixteen months. Served as Battery Commander, C Battery, 87th Armored Field Artillery, and was with the American First Army on D-Day in the invasion of France, June, 1944. Died August 2, 1944, in action near Boisbenatre, in the Battle for St. Lo, France.

LLOYD EDWARD GIBSON, Private First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Yale, Payne County. Mrs. Laura Gibson, Mother, Springdale, Arkansas. Born May 4, 1926. Enlisted July 26, 1944. Graduated from eighth grade, Eagle School, in May, 1940. Member of 4-H Club, and Eagle Sunday School. Six months in training, then sailed for duty in Pacific area. Commended for bravery by his commanding officers when he volunteered to move ahead of his company under heavy fire from the enemy. Died May 13, 1945, in action on Mindanao Island, Philippine Islands.

JIM BOB GOINES, Private, U. S. Army. Home address: Bixby, Tulsa County. Mrs. Lizzie Goines, Mother, Bixby. Born September 9, 1926. Enlisted November 13, 1944. Completed eighth grade at Leonard, Oklahoma, and attended High School at Bixby. Awarded Sharpshooter and Expert Rifleman medals. Died May 31, 1945, in action on Mindanao Island, Philippine Island.

LEMUEL E. GONDLES, Private First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Skiatook, Osage County, Mrs. Lillie B. Gondles, Mother, 523 South Linwood, Skiatook. Born August 17, 1923. Enlisted March 4, 1943. Graduated Skiatook High School in May, 1942. Member of Church of Latter Day Saints. Died March 7, 1945, in line of duty at Saarlautern, Germany.

ALVA J. GREGORY, Private First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Monroe, Le Flore County. Mrs. Noco Gregory, Mother, Monroe. Born March 7, 1925. Enlisted July 27, 1943. Died September 13, 1944, of wounds received in action at Brest, France.

CALVIN KENNEDY HEDRICK, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Okmulgee, Okmulgee County. Mrs. Polly Pearl Hedrick, Mother, 316 South Muskogee Ave., Okmulgee. Born June 4, 1922. Enlisted May 15, 1943. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Attended High School at Wilson, Oklahoma, and was lettered in football. Received wings in November, 1943, and served as Paratrooper in the 17th Airborne Division. Sailed for duty overseas in August, 1944, and began combat on January 1, 1945, with General Patton's Third Army. Died January 7, 1945, of wounds received in action in Belgium.

OLIE LEON LADD, JR., Private First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Calera, Bryan County. Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Ladd, Parents, Calera. Born December 25, 1925. Enlisted June 8, 1944. Decoration: Combat Infantry Badge. Graduated from High School at Achille, Bryan County, in May, 1944. Member of Boy Scouts of America. Served in the Armored Division. Died May 13, 1945, in action on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, East China Sea.

BILLY CHARLES MCLEOD, Private First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Blair, Jackson County. Mrs. M. H. McLeod, Mother, Blair. Born February 11, 1925. Enlisted June 6, 1943. Graduated from Blair High School in May 1943. Member of Methodist Church. Volunteered for American Air Force; received cadet training at the University of Nebraska and at Kent State College, Ohio. Transferred to 290th Infantry, 75th Division, sailed for duty overseas in November, 1944, and went into combat in the Battle of the Bulge on December 24, 1944. Died December 26, 1944, in action in Belgium.

ODIS O. ROBERTSON, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Blackwell, Kay County. Mrs. Bertha Robertson, Mother, Blackwell. Born March 18, 1921. Enlisted November 5, 1942. Decorations: Combat Infantry Badge; Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Blackwell High School. Died December 1, 1944, in action near Aachen, Germany.

CLAUD C. TROSPER, Private First Class, U. S. Army. Home address: Stilwell, Adair County. Mrs. Ellen E. Trospen, Mother, Bunch, Oklahoma. Born September 22, 1922. Enlisted March 31, 1943. Decorations: five Battle Participation Stars; Order of the Purple Heart. Attended Kentucky District School, Adair County. Died August 1, 1945, in action on Luzon Island, Philippine Islands.

REX L. WOOD, Sergeant, U. S. Army. Home address: Manitou, Tillman County. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Wood, Parents, Manitou. Born September 23, 1920. Enlisted in October, 1942. Died July 19, 1944, in action in Normandy, France.