OKLAHOMA WAR MEMORIAL—WORLD WAR II

Part XIX*


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*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.


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


OSCAR LYNN FRENSLEY, Captain, U. S. Army. Home address: Duncan, Stephens County. Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Frensley, 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.


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.

