

Winners of 7th Army's Top Award

Clarke Cites 2d Armd Div Units

WORMS, Germany (Special)—Lt Gen Bruce C. Clarke, 7th Army CG, Tuesday presented the Superior Unit Award to the 1st Armd Rifle Bn of the 2d Armd Div's 51st Inf at ceremonies here.

The award recognizes superior performance as a result of training during the year ending June 30, 7th Army said. A plaque symbolizing the award was received by Lt

Col Charles R. Underwood, battalion CO.

Later this week, superior awards will be presented by Clarke to two other 2d Armd Div units—the 502d MP Co and the 17th Engr Bn.

"You have been singled out from more than 500 eligible units to receive this award," Clarke told the officers and enlisted men of the 51st who were assembled on the parade ground.

"This is the highest honor that I, as 7th Army commander, can bestow. I know you did not achieve this honor easily. The set of standards which you met or surpassed was exacting. It demanded that you excel in every respect.

"You have met the test, and I congratulate every officer and man who was here when this award was earned. I also congratulate the officers and men who have joined the 51st since that time, for you have joined a superior organization and have a splendid tradition to carry on."

Earlier, Clarke visited the 2d Armd Div's Combat A Hq at Mannheim and inspected training and preparations for the Gyroscopic movement of CCA, the 37th Tank Bn, the 41st Inf, and the 3d FA to Ft. Hood, Tex.

He was briefed on the progress made so far in preparing weapons and equipment to be turned over to the 4th Armd Div and the 8th Inf Div. He complimented CCA CO, Lt Col Charles W. Calvert, on the speed and efficiency with which preparations were being made.

Clarke addressed officers and noncommissioned officers of 2d Armd Div units, bidding them an official farewell.

"It was my privilege, as commander of the Ft. Hood post six years ago, to say farewell to the

2d Armd Div as it departed for Germany," Clarke said. "Now it is my privilege to do so again.

"I want to express to you the appreciation of the 7th Army for the fine record you have made while in Europe. You have lived up to the World War II standards of the 2d Armd Div, and you leave with lasting friendship in the 7th Army and in the communities of Germany where you have lived.

"You are the hard core of a fine division. I wish you the very best of luck. God bless you."

69th AAA S Battalions

MANNHEIM, Germany (Special)—Formal deactivation ceremonies for the 69th AAA Gp were to be completed Wednesday with casing of the group colors by Brig Gen Stephen M. Melnik, 34th AAA Brig CG, at Rhineland Casern at Karlsruhe.

The massed colors of two AAA groups and four battalions comprising the 34th AAA Brig will honor the retiring 69th AAA Gp standards.

Deactivation of the antiaircraft headquarters is the result of the current realignment of the 7th Army antiaircraft defenses.

Transfers Slated

Battalions of the 69th AAA Gp will be transferred within the 34th AAA Brig. The 7th AAA Bn at Mannheim will become a part of the 8th AAA Gp and the 552d AAA Bn will operate at Karlsruhe as a separate battalion of the 34th.

The 7th AAA Bn is equipped with the 75-mm Skysweeper guns and the 552d AAA Bn is a 90-mm gun unit.

The 69th AAA Gp, commanded by Col Kermit L. Davis, was formerly the 69th Coast Arty Regt at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. The present organization was activated July 1, 1955, at Karlsruhe.

Clark to Have MAAG Job in Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON (AP)—Brig Gen Dale O. Smith, chief of the U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group in Saudi Arabia and a former military aide to King Saud, has been reassigned to Okinawa.

He will be succeeded there by Brig Gen Albert P. Clark, Jr., now USAFE chief of staff at Wiesbaden, Germany.

An Air Force order placing Smith in command of the 313th Air Div in the Far East will take effect Nov. 1.

Smith, at 6-foot 7, the tallest general in the Air Force, has been head of the advisory group in Saudi Arabia and commander of the 2d Air Div at Dhahran since February.

The Air Force gave no reason for the transfer even though Smith's tour of duty in the Middle East was unusually short.

Smith served as American military aide to King Saud during the monarch's 10-day visit here last February.

Asian Flu Has Hit 12,039 In USAFE Units This Year

WIESBADEN, Germany (Special)—Asian flu has hit 12,039 USAFE officers, airmen, civilian employees and dependents up to Tuesday, according to figures compiled by the USAFE surgeon's office, USAFE Hq said.

personnel, including dependents, on a voluntary basis. However, a program of second inoculations planned for military personnel has not yet begun.

Now

The Topeka State Journal

HONORS FOR TOPEKAN

Charles C. Underwood Graduates
With Distinction at Missouri
University Next Week.

Charles Calvin Underwood, son
of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Underwood, of
Topeka, will be graduated from the
University of Missouri next week
and receive his B. A. degree in
journalism, climaxing a college rec-



Charles C. Underwood.

ord which has been so outstanding
it named him one of the repre-
sentative college students of
America.

Charles is a member of Alpha
Tau Omega fraternity and president
of the M. U. chapter; he is treas-
urer of Blue Key, campaign man-
ager of his campus political party,
was chairman of a committee for
a recent college celebration and
has been on the staffs of the campus
publications. He has specialized in
journalism and names writing his
hobby.

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and ask your cooperation. We
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service to you in the future, we
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Very truly yours,

THE TOPEKA STATE JOURNAL

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Business News Editor



Charles Underwood returned to his home in Holton this week from Columbia, Mo., where he attended the University of Missouri. Charles seems to have been born with "Luck" as his middle name. Last year he was employed by the late Wilbur Hawk on the Amarillo News at Amarillo, Texas. After Mr. Hawk's death he feared he might not be so fortunate, but he wrote Gene Howe who wrote him to come and go to work again as a reporter so he left Sunday for Amarillo. Charles is specializing in General Science and Journalism. The young man has had varied school experiences. Each of his four years of high school work was done in different schools, Topeka, Muscotah, Effingham and Holton, respectively. Not because of any dis-credit upon the lad's work as he was a favorite among the students, but because of his dad Ernest Underwood being with the state highway department and transferred to the different localities. Charles spent his first college year at K. S. C., Manhattan. Mrs. Underwood thinks Charles is not able to do himself justice by changing schools, she thinks it gives him



DAUGHTER TO UNDERWOODS

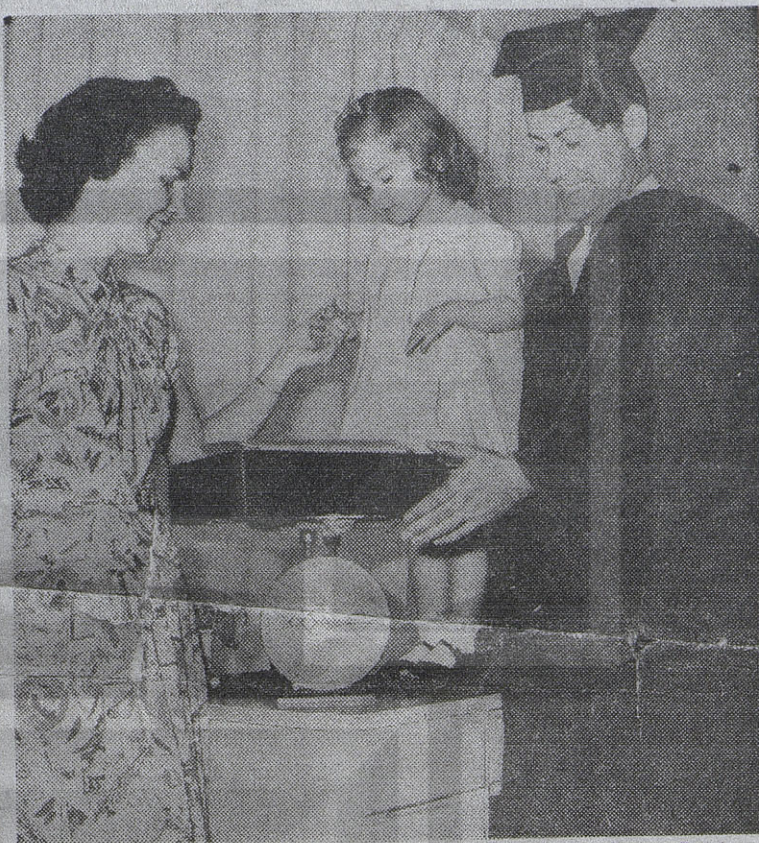
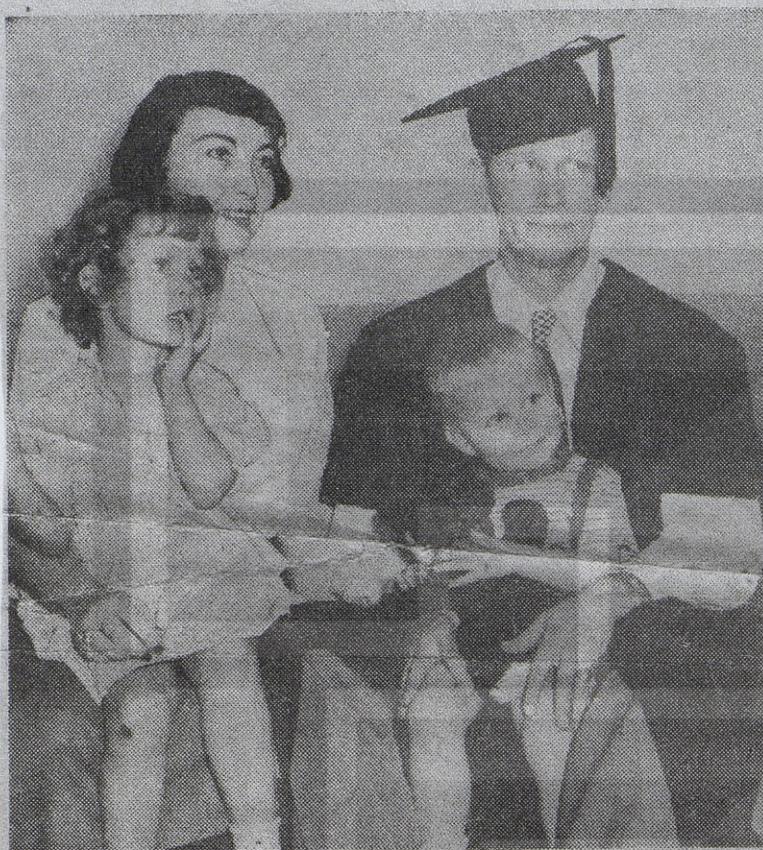
Maj. and Mrs. Charles C. Underwood are the parents of a daughter born August 6 in San Antonio, Texas. Major Underwood, formerly of Topeka, was taken prisoner by the Japanese at the fall of Bataan. He has completed his ex-prisoner-of-war orientation course at Fort Knox, Ky., and will be stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. The baby is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Underwood of Topeka.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED



MAJ. C. C. UNDERWOOD

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Tribune photos by Larry Graebner

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Two Who Shared Horrors of Prison Will Share Honors at Commencement

Two survivors of Bataan and Corregidor—both former newspapermen—will receive doctor's and master's degrees at university commencement exercises tomorrow. And their wives—who as sweethearts waited more than four years for the army officers to return—will be there to congratulate them.

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A daily bath is still a luxury after stretches of 45 days without enough water to drink. Fresh orange juice, hot dogs, baseball, clean sheets, children and the absence of barbed wire enclosures add up to a dream world for them, for these were the things they dreamed of in the delirium of physical exhaustion and waning hope. Thinks they not only dreamed of but also fought and suffered for. And they aim to preserve them.

"I like to write," says the major, with a kind of nervous earnestness. "And by staying in the military I feel I can be a spokesman for the seven out of ten who didn't come back." He strongly advocates military preparedness but, should there be another war, he feels he wouldn't come through as before. "You can't fight the law of averages forever."

The most horrible single experience of the war for Underwood is probably the 100-mile Death March to Camp O'Donnell in April, 1942. He was 24 years old then, a captain serving with the Fourth infantry regiment of the Philippine army. He was the only officer in his company who survived.

And one of Chunn's worst nightmares is remembrance of the night of terror spent in the hold of the Oryoku Maru, a Japanese ship in Corregidor waters, with men crammed so tightly that the dead could not fall, screaming for water and air in the suffocating hole. His story is told in a book, "Of Rice and Men," which he edited in 1946. The book was

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Chunn's weight, now a husky 185 pounds, had fallen to 112 by then and was destined for a drop to 70 pounds after he left Cabanatuan. Figuratively speaking, he died a thousand deaths before arriving at the prison camp in Korea where he remained until the liberation.

His name was scratched from one sailing list because he had pneumonia. All five ships were sunk at sea. The Oryoku Maru went down after American bombers completed 15 missions over the area, and Chunn was one of the few who escaped to shore under fire of both Americans and Japanese. Re-captured, the second ship he boarded was also strafed and bombed in Takao harbor, Formosa, January 9, 1945. That, he says, was one of the thirstiest days of his life. His buddies and he vowed that if they ever returned to America their New Year's toast from then on would be a glass of water in memory of those who died of thirst.

Underwood, once a reporter on the Amarillo, Tex., Globe News, was in Hitachi camp North of Tokyo on Liberation day. Both men remember well the 50-gallon oil drums of corned beef and louse powder that rained out of the skies in August, 1945.

When the Seventh army sailed into Jinsen harbor, Korea, the first man off ship, says Chunn, was one of his old classmates at

the University of Arkansas.

Homeward bound on an American troop ship, he slipped and fell from a ladder and broke his elbow and two ribs. "I wasn't used to wearing shoes," he explains.

Both men married their sweethearts within a short time after they returned to the States in October, though they spent several months recuperating in service hospitals. Chunn is still deeply affected by memory of his father's death ten days after Chunn's return, his health broken by the years of grief and waiting.

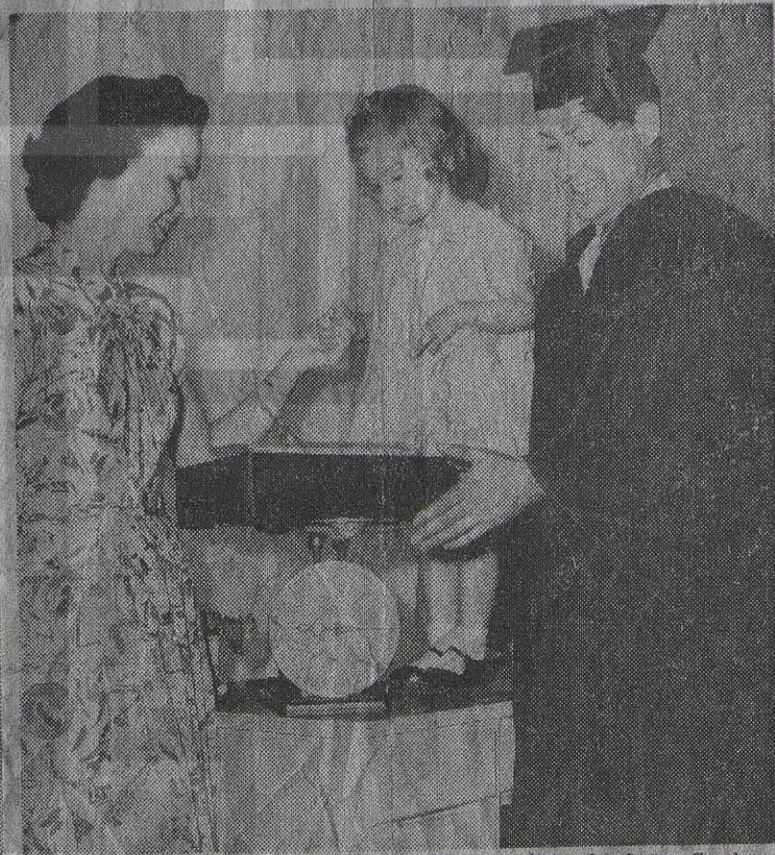
The prisoners of war had received few messages from their fiances or families during the time they were interned. They were allowed to send short—and sharply censored—postcards from time to time. Chunn said he sometimes wrote between the lines with lime juice, which grows visible when heat is applied, but "my parents had forgotten I was an amateur chemist and they never caught on."

The diplomas they receive Friday will make nice souvenirs. But Chunn, as he reluctantly mentions his Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart awards—and Underwood, who modestly admits having a Bronze Star among his medals, agree that no title conferred by a university can ever wipe away the memory of the years they spent as prisoners of war.

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NO WAR IN THIS D-DAY

BATAAN DEATH MARCH VETERANS GET M. U. DEGREES FRIDAY.

College Days, With Wives and Children, Dim Memory of Privation and Starvation in Philippines.

(By The Star's Own Service.)

Columbia, Mo., June 8.—Friday will be D-day—1950 style—for two veterans—and victims—of Japan's overrunning of the Philippines.

D-day—degree day. Ellsworth Chunn, 35, a member of the University of Missouri's journalism faculty, will become a doctor of journalism at the university's 1950 commencement tomorrow. Maj. Charles C. Underwood, 32, Topeka, will receive a master of arts diploma.

Less than a decade ago they were in Japanese prison camp, starved and suffering from the mental and physical tortures that scarred the Americans who went through the Philippine capitulation and lived.

Only Surviving Officer.

Before that Underwood was on Bataan—a captain in the Philippine army—the only officer in his outfit to survive. He made the 100-mile death march to Camp O'Donnell. And Chunn was at Corregidor. He remembers a night of terror in the hold of a Japanese prison ship in Corregidor waters, where men were jammed so tightly that the dead could not fall.

It's different today—this D-day minus one. The sweethearts—who were waiting through the long months of the early 1940s for liberation are wives—and mothers—now.

Underwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Underwood of Topeka, married to the former Miss Geneva Sullivan, whom he met while working on an Amarillo, Tex., newspaper, and they have two fine children, a daughter, Victoria Ann, 3½, and a son, Charles C., jr., 2.

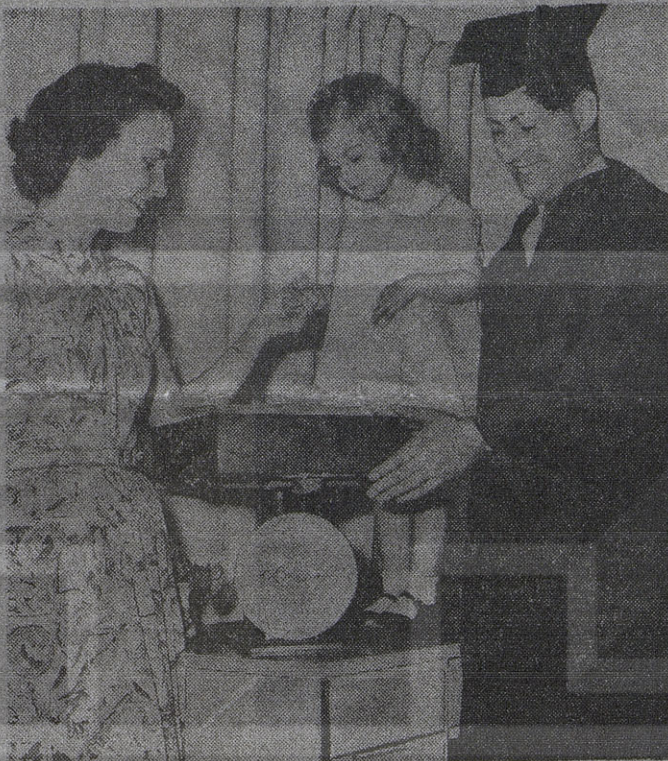
Chunn married soon after his return to the United States and he and his wife are parents of a daughter, Adele, 3.

Far in the past are the tragedies and hardships of war and prison. Chunn weighs 185 pounds now. His weight was down to 112 pounds when he was taken to Cabanatuan prison in Manila, and it was down to 70 pounds before he left. By coincidence, Chunn was lodged in a barracks only fifteen feet from where Underwood was quartered.

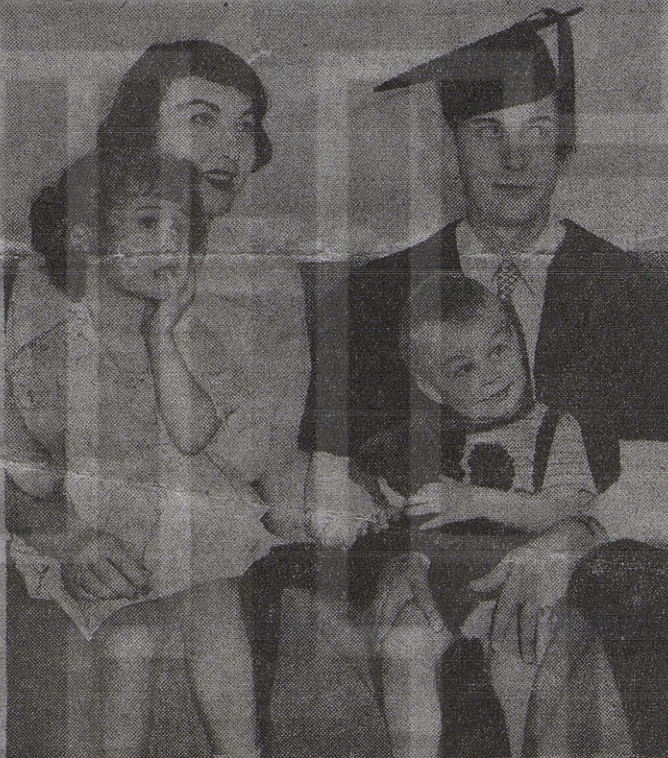
Still Seem Like Live

But daily baths, orange juice, hot dogs, clean sheets, both ball are still luxuries.

Home to Peace and Achievement.



Ellsworth Chunn, former Tulsa university instructor, with his wife and their 3-year-old daughter, Adele.



Maj. Charles Underwood, Mrs. Underwood and their children, Victoria Ann, 3½ years old, and Charles C., jr., 2 years old.

Chunn survived to complete the project. Underwood expects to leave soon after graduation for Washington, where he will be assigned to the army office of information. Chunn, who worked for the Chicago Herald-Examiner and he later taught at Tulsa university before the war, will continue as a member of the university faculty here.

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City Honors Colonel **Shifted to Washington**

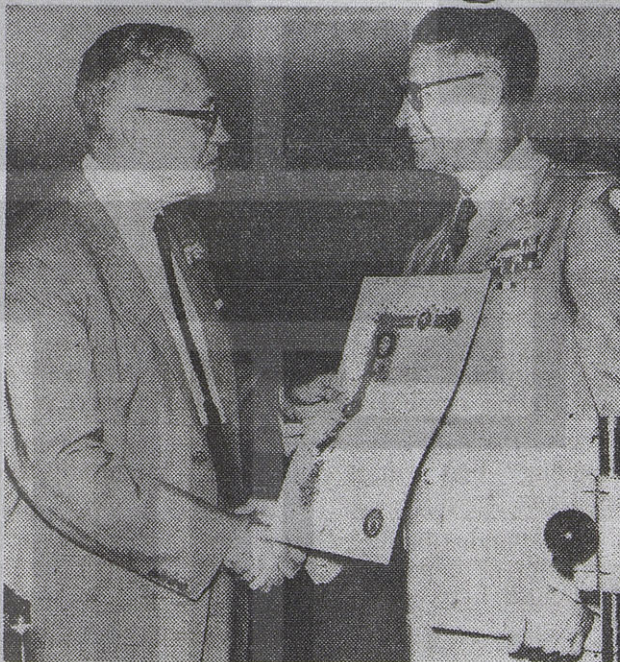
Col. Charles C. Underwood, information officer at 4th Army Headquarters, has been transferred to Washington, D. C., where he will serve as chief of public information, Department of the Army.

Underwood was honored at a regular session of the City Council by Mayor McAllister who named the officer an "Alcalde of La Villita" and thanked him for cooperating in many civic functions.

Underwood entered the Army in February 1941. During World War II, while serving in the Philippines, he was captured by the Japanese and imprisoned in Japan for the duration of the war.

Before his 4th Army assignment he was a military advisor in Turkey and served as a battalion and combat command commander in the 2nd Armored Division in Germany and Ft. Hood.

Underwood will depart Monday with his family for the new assignment.



MAYOR McALLISTER PRESENTS Alcalde scroll to Col. Charles C. Underwood, of the 4th U. S. Army Information Office, who is being transferred to Washington, D. C., as chief of public information of the department of the Army. The presentation was made Thursday in the City Council chamber.

Colonel Underwood to New Post in Pacific

By **TEX KEIRSEY**
Of Our Staff

A new assignment in the office of the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific, at Honolulu, awaits Col. Charles C. Underwood, former Amarillo resident.

He will be in the Public Affairs Office of Adm. Ulysses S. Sharp, who has command of all joint military affairs in the Pacific area, including Viet Nam.

Col. Underwood, a former Amarillo newspaper man, has been in the Pentagon at Washington for the past two years as Chief of Information, Department of the Army.

Prior to that assignment, he was Information Officer for the 4th U.S. Army, a five-state command with headquarters at San Antonio, where he was stationed from 1960 to 1964.

The veteran of the Bataan "Death March" of April, 1942, was commissioned as a full colonel in ceremonies at Fort Sam Houston in January, 1963.

Having been in the military continuously since 1941, when he entered the service at Ft. Sam Houston as 2nd Lieutenant with the 2nd Infantry Division, Col. Underwood now has passed his 25th year with the Army. He says he plans to complete his full 30 years, when retirement becomes compulsory.

Underwood came to Amarillo in 1935 and worked for three summers as a reporter for the

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COL. CHAS. C. UNDERWOOD

Daily News and Globe. He joined the staff as a full-time member in 1939, after graduating from the University of Missouri, and continued his work here until being called into the military service in February 1941.

His first assignment as a cub reporter is one that Underwood probably will never forget.

It was on an election night, and the entire staff was on duty. This reporter was working the city desk.

Some gamblers got into a knife fight in a small near-downtown hotel and slashed each other to pieces. The city

editor looked over the staff for someone to send on the assignment, and the only person available was the cub Underwood.

Given explicit instructions on how to handle the job, which was not child's play even for a trained reporter, Underwood headed out the door and joined himself to the police.

He produced a readable story, but the city editor will never forget his feeling of apprehension as he sent this cub on a job that would not have been easy even for a man who knew his way around.

Col. Underwood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest N. Underwood, make their home in Topeka, Kan. The father is 85 years old, and the mother is 83.

During the first summer that young Underwood spent on the Amarillo newspapers, his parents came down to visit him. The elder Underwood was introduced about the office.

"Your boy is getting along fine," the city editor told Mr. Underwood, "but he has one major fault he must overcome."

The father, eager to be helpful, was curious to know the trouble.

"Well, for one thing," the city editor jokingly told him, "he can't spell when he gets drunk."

"Hell! Who could?" demanded the good-natured Irishman.

Colonel Underwood's wife is the former Geneva (Jimmie) Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. A. E. Sullivan, now of Lubbock. She is a graduate of Amarillo High School and attended West Texas State for two years.

The Underwoods have three children. Victoria Ann, 20, has just completed her sophomore year at Texas Tech. Charles Jr., 18, has just finished high school at Fairfax, Va., and James, 9, will enter the fourth grade in the fall. The family lived at Fairfax while Col. Underwood was attached to the Pentagon.

Officers Named By 4-H Club

GOODWELL, Okla. — Officers of the Tri-County 4-H Club were elected Thursday at the close of a three-day camp held at Panhandle A&M College.

John Jefferies of Goodwell in Texas County was named president for the 1966-67 year. Other officers are Linda Davis of Cimarron County, vice-president; Vicki Messner of Beaver County, secretary, and Rodney Ross of Beaver County, song leader.

"Safety and You" was the theme of this year's meet. Instruction was given in procedures for water, gun and bicycle use.

Underwood also served on the faculty of the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Ga. His decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart, and Army Commendation Medals, Combat Infantry Badge, and the Glider Badge.

The family will sail from San Francisco, July 20, on the S.S. Lurline for Honolulu. Col. Underwood will be stationed at Camp Smith, the Pacific Command headquarters.

Underwood held the rank of lieutenant when he was captured in the Philippines in April 1942. He was a prisoner of the Japanese until August 1945, when he was recovered by the American military.

Prior to going to Fort Sam Houston in May, 1960, he was U.S. military advisor to a Turkish Infantry division in Sivas, Turkey. He formerly had served at Fort Hood as commanding officer of the 1st Armored Rifle Battalion, 51st Infantry, and as commander and executive officer of Combat Command A, 2nd Armored Division.

Other assignments have included that of deputy special assistant to the Secretary of the Army, and an aide-de-camp to the late Gen. Henry I. Hodes when he was commander-in-chief, U.S. Army, in Europe.

Man Killed In Car Crash

PERRYTON — A one-car accident six miles north of here Thursday took the life of Jimmy Lee Pickett, 26, of Perryton.

Authorities said his car ran off U.S. 83 in Beaver County, Okla., knocked down five guard posts and overturned six times.

Mr. Pickett, an employee of Baker Taylor Drilling Co., had been a resident of Perryton for two and one-half years. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Ann; a daughter, Connie Lee; his mother, Mrs. Millie Pickett of Seminole; a brother, Gerald Lynn of Seminole, and a sister, Mrs. Joyce Steer, also of Seminole.

Services are pending with the Somerville-Swearingen-Arnhart Funeral Home in Seminole.

Some Opposition to Water Plan Expected

BEAUMONT (AP) — Some Chamber of Commerce are expected to give qualified endorsement to the Texas Water Development board public hearing on state and area water plans here Friday.

The hearing will consist of a discussion on the Neches River Basin and Neches-Trinity Coastal Basin plan as well as the statewide plans.

The Texas Water Pollution Control Board also will conduct a hearing on water quality.

The City of Beaumont is expected to object to the proposed permanent salt water barrier that would be erected on the Neches River just above Beaumont. City officials say the barrier will affect water intake from the river.

However, the city is expected to endorse the plan as a whole. The Lower Neches Valley Authority and the Beaumont

Both groups have expressed satisfaction with the plan which would divert water from North-east Texas rivers rather than from the Neches and Sabine Rivers.

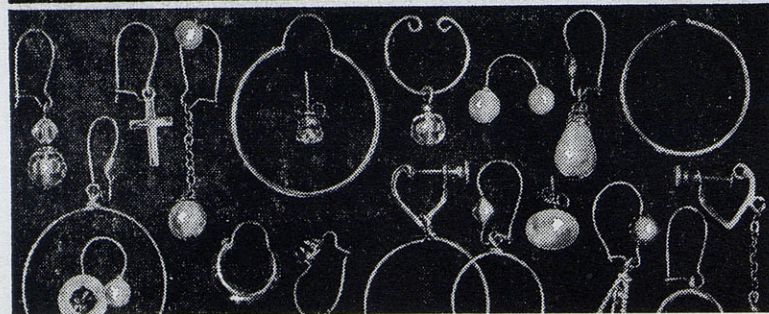
Mrs. Cleve Bachman of Beaumont will represent the Committee for a Balanced Water Plan which is calling for a more thorough biological and ecological (plant life) study.

"The board has done a wonderful job from the engineering standpoint," Mrs. Bachman said, "but we do not feel that they have taken adequately into account biological and ecological conditions."

Mrs. Bachman said she would object specifically to the salt water barrier and the drainage of 300,000 acres of coastal land.

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FIND THE NEWEST EARRINGS,



This summer Harry's renting a cottage with indoor plumbing—on what he saved at his Chevrolet dealer's

Cruise this vacation in Impala comfort with foam-cushion seats



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CHARLES C. UNDERWOOD, center, receives the eagles of a full colonel in the Army from his wife, Geneva, and his boss, Lt. Gen. Carl H. Jark, during ceremonies in the office of Gen. Jark, the commander of the 4th U.S. Army at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Col. Underwood is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Underwood, 916 Polk street, Topeka, former Atchison residents. Underwood, 45, currently is the deputy information officer for Headquarters, 4th Army. He was captured in the Philippines in 1941 and imprisoned by the Japanese until the end of the war. He accepted a commission after the war and has remained on active duty since. Col. Underwood and his wife have three children, Victoria, 16, Charles C. jr., 14, and James M. 5. They reside at Ft. Sam Houston.

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Who's in Charge Here?

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Former City Man Promoted to Colonel

Promotion of Charles C. Underwood, former Amarillo Newspaperman, to full colonel recently was marked with ceremonies held in the office of Lt. Gen. Carl H. Jark, 4th U.S. Army commander, at Ft. Sam Houston.

The eagles of rank were pinned on Col. Underwood by his wife, the former Geneva Sullivan of Amarillo, and Gen. Jark. Underwood, 45, currently is the deputy information officer for Headquarters, 4th Army.

A member of the Globe-News editorial staff from Oct. 1939 to Feb. 1941, Col. Underwood also spent the summer months of 1935 through 1939 as a reporter for the paper. He became a full-time reporter upon graduation from the University of Missouri in 1939.

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U.S. military advisor to a Turkish Infantry division in Sivas, Turkey. Previously he had served at Ft. Hood as commanding officer of the 1st Armored Rifle Battalion, 51st Infantry, and as commander and executive officer of Combat Command A, 2nd Armored Division.

Other assignments have included that of deputy special assistant to the Secretary of the Army, and as aide-de-camp to the late Gen. Henry I. Hodes when he was commander-in-chief, U.S. Army, Europe. Underwood also

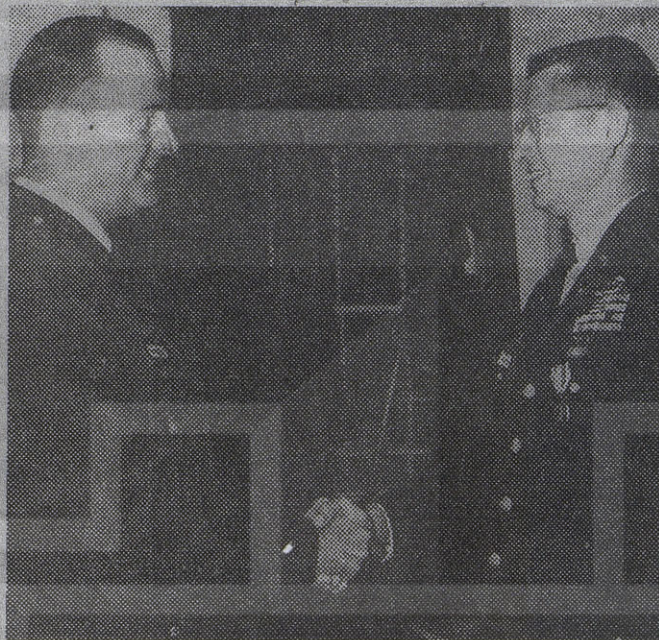
served on the faculty of the infantry school, Ft. Benning, Ga.

His decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart and Army Commendation Medals, Combat Infantry Badge and the Glider Badge.

Mrs. Underwood is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sullivan, former Amarillo residents.

The colonel and his wife have three children, Victoria, 16, Charles C. Jr., 14, and James M., 5. They reside at Ft. Sam Houston.

THE ARMORED SENTINEL, FORT HOOD, TEX



MEDAL—Lt. Col. Charles C. Underwood, executive officer of Combat Command A, 2nd Armored Division, receives a Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant from Maj. Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, III Corps, Fort Hood and 2nd Armored Division Commander. Col. Underwood received the commendation for "exhibiting outstanding initiative, organizational ability, and professional competence."

Two Division Officers Cited

Lt. Col. Charles C. Underwood, executive officer of Combat Command A, 2d Armored Division was awarded the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant last Monday.

Col. Underwood was commanding officer of the 1st Armored Rifle Battalion, 51st Infantry, from July 19, 1957 to June 30, 1958 and executive officer of Combat Command A from July 1, 1958 through March 27, 1959.

He was cited for "directing the activities of his battalion in such a manner as to develop its fullest capabilities". His battalion was the first in the 2nd Armored Division to receive trainees and the results achieved by the battalion were "outstanding".

Capt. Richard R. Edwards also received a Commendation Ribbon

with Metal Pendant as well as a Certificate of Retirement last Monday.

Capt. Edwards retires after 23 years honorable service. He ends his career as commanding officer of Battery D, and Intelligence Officer of the 1st Field Artillery Battalion, 16th Artillery.

He was cited for "vigor, enthusiasm and great determination seldom found in officers of his rank and position". It was because of his "organizational ability and unselfish, diligent devotion to duty" that enabled his outfit to complete their mission.

The certificates were presented to both men by Maj. Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, III Corps, Fort Hood and 2nd Armored Division Commander.

Topekans in Service

The Legion of Merit for meritorious service has been presented to Col. Charles C. Underwood at Ft. Shafter, Hawaii. He is the son of Mrs. E. W. Underwood, 916 Polk, and the late E. W. Underwood.

Colonel Underwood is retiring after 31 years of service.

The award was for his six years as public affairs and in-

Col. Charles
Underwood



formation officer at two military headquarters in Hawaii.

A 1939 journalism graduate of the University of Missouri, he was commissioned there in the ROTC program in 1939 and was an infantryman in the Philippines at the outbreak of World War II. He was captured on Bataan and was a prisoner of war of the Japanese for 3½ years.

Two Topekans have been graduated from Marine recruit training at San Diego. They are Dorian Dillard, son of Mrs.

Former Kansan 8/27 Receives Award

Col. C. C.
Underwood



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OAHU, Hawaii (Special) — Army Col. Charles C. Underwood received the Legion of Merit Aug. 19 at Camp H. M. Smith, Oahu, Hawaii.

The award was given Colonel Underwood for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service" during the past two years as chief of the Army's Public Information Division in Washington, D.C.

Colonel Underwood is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Underwood, 916 Polk, Topeka. In Hawaii he is serving as deputy public affairs officer on the staff of Admiral U. S. G. Sharp, commander in chief, Pacific.

Colonel Underwood is a graduate of Holton High School and received a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1939 and a master of arts degree in journalism in 1950 from the University of Missouri.

Col. Underwood Earns Second Legion Medal

The Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious service has been awarded to Colonel Charles C. Underwood, marking nearly six years as public affairs and information officer at two major U.S. military headquarters in Hawaii.

Underwood is retiring from the Army after more than 31 years of active service.

General W.B. Rosson, commander in chief, U.S. Army, Pacific, presented the Army's second highest decoration for meritorious service, acknowledging Underwood's 3½ years as information officer at USARPAC and 26 months before that as deputy public affairs officer at the joint services headquarters of the Commander in Chief, Pacific.

The award ceremonies in Rosson's office were attended by Mrs. Underwood, their son, James, and numerous friends from the Honolulu civilian community.

A 1939 journalism graduate of the University of Missouri, the colonel was commissioned there from the ROTC and was called to active Army duty in mid-1941 after two years as a

newspaperman in Amarillo, Tex. He was transferred to the Philippines late that year, fought as an infantryman in defense of the islands during the early months of World War II, and was captured by the Japanese on Bataan in early 1942. He spent more than three years as a prisoner of war before his liberation in September 1945.

He was commissioned in the regular Army in 1946 and subsequently served in a variety of staff and troop assignments through the 1950s, including successive command of a battalion and a combat command of the 2nd Armored Division at Ft. Hood, Tex.

Underwood participated in the Army's graduate studies program, earning a master's degree in journalism at Missouri in 1950. He served two tours in the Army's Office of the Chief of Information and was an information assistant to the Secretary of the Army. He has been in successive public affairs assignments since 1960.

This is his second award of the Legion of Merit.

