

the opposite of what most fellows are doing right now) and held a commission of 2nd Lieutenant in the Infantry also - so now he is a 2nd Looie, twice, sorta' confusing, figure out his status. Anyhow, Lt. Maness, we wish to join your Mother in congratulating you on your latest success. Lt. Maness, at the expiration of his furlough reported to Enid, Okla. where he will be stationed as an Instructor.

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Mother Gets Medal, Clusters for Her Son

Mrs. Elsie Martin of Fallston, mother of the late First Lieutenant Robert Webb Martin, who was reported missing in action in 1943 and officially classified as dead in August, 1944 received the Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster posthumously awarded her son from the commanding officer of Morris Field in Charlotte at a ceremony held there January 25, 1945.

A portion of the letter from the war department received by Mrs. Martin read as follows: "I have the honor to inform you that by the direction of the President, the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, has been awarded to your son, the late First Lieutenant Robert W. Martin, who made the supreme sacrifice in defense of his country. The citation is as follows: Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster. 'For participating in 14 sorties against the enemy!'"

Lt. Martin was employed by the Cleveland Mill & Power Company of Lawndale, prior to entering the Army in November, 1941. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Martin of route 2, Lawndale, have also received the Purple Heart Medal, presented posthumously to Lt. Martin.

Lt. Martin was the grandson of Mrs. Belle Wesson.

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Returned from Overseas

Lieut. John Schenck 3rd, Private Junior Richards and Sgt. Harry Philbeck have all recently reached the States after overseas duty. Lt. Schenck is now spending a 21 day furlough with his wife, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schenck Jr. After his furlough he will report to Welch Hospital in Daytona Beach, Fla. for a rest period after which he will be reassigned to duty. Fellers, you should have seen Mr. John Jr's, happy grin when his boy phoned from New York - his happiness was infectious, he had us all grinning, we were so happy for him. Lt. John looks grand, the picture of health, and is wanting to go back overseas.

Pvt. Junior Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Richards, phoned his Dad from Massachusetts the other day and you can bet his Dad was doing some grinning too - said he just took the day off and went around telling all the folks that Junior was back. Junior was wounded in the foot some months ago, his foot has not healed yet and he will be hospitalized for awhile yet, but its great to know he's back in the States.

Sgt. Harry Philbeck, brother of Mrs. John Francis Carpenter is now at a hospital in Rome, Georgia. Harry has been overseas for a period of 2 years and is he and all his family thrilled to have him back again - They are expecting him home next week and we know the Philbecks will have a great re-union.

Feb. 19th - Mr. and Mrs. Davie Cline have just received a telegram from their son, Pfc. D. A. Cline, Jr. that he has arrived in the States. D. A. has been serving in the Pacific Area for two years or more and you all can well imagine the joy that his telegram from Kansas City has brought to his folks - says he'll be home soon - and we know that Mr. and Mrs. Cline are going to begin counting the days now, so hurry up D. A. - we'll all be so glad to see you.

