



# In Memory Of Clemson's Heroes Who Have Died

(The following tributes were written by cadets who knew and loved these men. They were read at the memorial service in the field house Monday, together with the names of six former Clemson men who have been reported missing. The deaths of three more former students are reported elsewhere in this issue. As Clemson's total of war dead mounts, her determination that they shall not have died in vain mounts with it. The Tiger expresses sympathy for families and friends of these heroes.)

## John W. Smith

John William Smith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith, was born November 23, 1913, in Greenville, S. C.

"Bill," as he was known to all of his friends, received his education in the Parker School system and entered Clemson in September, 1932. While at Clemson Bill majored in chemistry and took part in many campus activities.

Before his enlistment in the air corps he was connected with the DuPont Corporation in Tennessee. He received his aerial training at Randolph and Kelly Fields respectively.

According to the official report, Bill was killed when his plane crashed during a routine flight near Elgin, Alabama, in March, 1942.

For some time we have endeavored to contact Bill's parents, but to no avail. Wherever they are, however, we see, on this memorial day our sympathies, our prayers, and our pride for the Clemson Tiger who gave his life in the performance of duty. We are sure that he died as the other noble sons of Clemson—marching along to victory.

## Daniel W. Smith

Daniel Willard Smith, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Smith, was born at Williston, S. C., on January 14, 1920. After graduating from the Williston High School he entered Clemson. While at Clemson, Dan as he was known by his many friends, was a member of Tiger Brotherhood, Phi Kappa Phi, and a member of the Track Team for four years.

Having acquired his degree in electrical engineering, he accepted a job with Westinghouse until he was called to active duty on November 6, 1942, as a second lieutenant. He was stationed at Fort Mon-

mouth, New Jersey, where he was trained as an instructor.

After finishing his training on the 8th of February, 1942, Dan was assigned to the school from which he graduated.

It was on the 10th of April that Dan's fine life was ended when he was struck by a fast train at Little Silver, New Jersey. It is said that Dan gave his life as beautifully as he had lived it. He gave his life for his country and for the principles which were instilled by his mother and father and his religious background. May there be many more that will serve and love his country and fellow-man as he did.

## Henry P. Bascot

Henry Parrott Bascot, '37, was born in Florence, S. C., December 13, 1915. He spent his early boyhood in Virginia and New York City. In 1933, he returned to his native state, where he graduated from High School and entered Clemson College. During his student days at Clemson, Henry was an outstanding cadet. He was a Corporal his sophomore year, Staff Sergeant his junior year, and Battalion Executive with the rank of Captain his senior year. He was a member of the swimming team during his four years in college winning state championships during his sophomore, junior and senior years. He was a member of the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior platoons, as well as holding office in several campus organizations. Upon his graduation in 1937, he attended Randolph Field, Texas, where he trained as an aviation cadet, earning his wings at Kelley Field, Texas, where he graduated with honors. At Barksdale Field, Texas, he received his commission as first lieutenant, and later served as an instructor at this field.

From Barksdale Field, he was sent to other posts to assist in the training of parachute jumpers, then detailed to Fort Benning, Ga. While attached to the 27th Bombardment Group, Savannah Air Base, Savannah, Ga., he was detailed to take part in Army maneuvers in Tennessee. While returning from these maneuvers his plane developed engine trouble. While trying to land at the Chattanooga, Tenn. Air Port in a driving rain, both motors failed and his plane crashed and he met his

death.

It was from the lips of Captain Colin P. Kelley, that he received his last orders, and after his death, Captain Kelley said of him, "There lies one of the finest and most experienced young fliers the Army has known. Next week he was to be made captain to take my place."

Henry married Miss Martha Jane Van Loan of Shreveport, Louisiana. A son, Henry, was born six months after his father's death.

A good and faithful servant of his country.

## J. A. Groce, Jr.

Lieut. J. A. Groce, Jr., architectural student of the class of 1941 from Lyman, S. C., graduated from the Wellford Lyman High School. He, the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Groce, was very interested in violin, art, and piano.

At Clemson Lieut. Groce was a member of the Architectural Fraternity, the Pershing Rifles, the Spartanburg County Club, the Sophomore, Junior and the Senior Platoons, and he was the best drilled sergeant of the third battalion, first regiment.

After graduation, he was transferred from the infantry to the air corps. He received his wings at Valdosta, Ga., and later was attached to the 16th Bomber Squadron at the Hattisburg Air Base, Hattisburg, Mississippi. His life ended in an accident on September 5, 1942, just after he had been made leader of his squadron.

He became a member of the Wellford Baptist Church of Lyman, S. C., when he was nine years old and continued his membership until his death.

## Allison P. Rhodes

Allison P. Rhodes was born in Wallhalla, South Carolina, in 1919; graduated from Wallhalla High School in 1937 and entered Clemson College with the class of 1941.

While at Clemson, "Dusty" as he was known to his fellow cadets, was a company commander, a member of the Senior Platoon, and a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

He entered the naval reserve as an engineering officer in July, 1941. Before being sent into the combat zone, "Dusty" took special officers' training at Georgia Tech, Washington, D. C., and Bowden College at Brunswick, Maine.

He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade and sent into the Pacific theater of war. It was there that he met his death.

"Dusty" Rhodes gave his life his youth, for a cause he believed in. He fought and accepted death, alone, many miles from his home and loved ones. Many of us fear death, none of us understand death, but perhaps this quiet, unassuming youth faced the darkness and the uncertainty with this thought of Tennyson's in his mind: "For 'tho' from out our bourne of time and place

The flood may bear me far, I hope to meet my pilot face to face

When I have crossed the bar." Allison Rhodes made the supreme sacrifice. He gave up man's most guarded possession, the only thing which man has not been able to create—Life!

He gave his life so that you and I, your children and my children might have a better, a freer world in which to live.

## Robert E. Agnew

In reverence to the memory of Lieutenant Robert Earle Agnew, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Agnew, Donalds, S. C., mechanical engineer, class of 1940, member of A. S. M. E., we pause to pay tribute.

Robert joined Turkey Creek Baptist church when ten years old; attended Shoals Junction grammar school and Ware Shoals High School. He entered Clemson College in September, 1937, and enrolled in the School of Engineering. During his senior year he took the Civilian Pilot Training course. He was the first student to solo. Graduated a second lieutenant in the Army.

Received a vocational scholarship from Calloway Mills at LaGrange, Ga. Worked for six weeks and was awarded a government scholarship for basic training in C. P. T. for being one of the best pilots from Clemson. This made him very happy.

After three weeks of basic training, Robert joined the Army Air Corps. Sent to Randolph Field as a Flying Cadet and on to Kelly Field; graduated as a second lieutenant in the Air Corps, March 15, 1941. Was made an instructor at Moffett Field, California.

Robert was killed on November

3, 1941, when his plane crashed into a mountain side on an official flight returning from Salt Lake City, Utah.

In one of his last letters to his parents he wrote the following: "If I should die in a plane crash, I will die happy; everything will be all right."

## W. A. Johnson

Lt. W. A. Johnson, born in Hartsville, S. C., July 31, 1921. Moved to Hamlet, North Carolina, at the age of six, graduated from Hamlet High School in 1939. Received his discharge at the end of his sophomore year to join the army air corps. Received his wings at Moody Field, Valdosta, Georgia, on August 5, 1942. While in training, he married the former Martha Leach of Hamlet, North Carolina, March 7, 1942. After receiving his wings he was stationed at McDill Field, Florida, and at Myrtle Field, Myrtle Beach, S. C. Due to an explosion of the plane's motors, he met his death at 9:15 a. m., November 15, 1942, while piloting a bomber six miles from the Columbia Air Base.

He was always a cheerful and likeable boy, always full of fun and laughter. During his high school and college days he was friendly and liked by everyone who knew him. However, in spite of his love of fun and laughter, he was level headed and always thought and saw straight through problems that confronted him and his friends. He was a brave boy and possessed a courage which was far above the average. He demonstrated this courage many times in his life, but one of the most notable times was when he safely brought down a bomber with one motor on fire, thereby saving the lives of the seven members of the crew. He was very patriotic as was his father before him, and often said that he considered his life a cheap price for the privilege of living in the United States.

He never met enemy fire and never fought in battle, but the principle was the same. His main purpose in life was to serve his country to the best of his ability. This he did, and for this reason his life is not wasted but inspires the rest of us to gain that certain something which will give us the courage to take his place and finish his job for him.

## William P. Brady

William Perry Brady, '37-'40, was born in Columbia, South Carolina, in 1919. He attended school in Columbia, later graduating from Porter Military Academy in Charleston. He entered Clemson College in 1937, remaining until the middle of his junior year in 1940, when he left school to enter the Army Air Corps. While in Clemson, William was a corporal his sophomore year, and first sergeant his junior year. He was a second lieutenant of the Pershing Rifles and a member of Sigma Phi. Upon leaving college he went to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for his primary training in the Air Corps, later being sent to Randolph Field, Texas, where he finished second in his class of 230. He graduated in October, 1940, from Kelley Field, Texas, where he won his wings and commission, being the only South Carolinian in his class of 230 members. At the time of his death, February 18, 1942, Bill was flying a pursuit plane in formation, three in a squadron. It is said that his plane and that of another pilot locked wings above the clouds and crashed to the earth. The crash of his plane occurred twenty miles northeast of Jackson, Mississippi. At the time of his death, William was flying his plane to a port of embarkation for foreign duty. On February 19, 1941, William married Miss Betty Wilson of Columbia. A son was born to them three months after William's death.

A faithful soldier of his country.

His parents and loved ones will always cherish the following from his Majesty, the King of England. "The Queen and I offer you our heartfelt sympathy in your great sorrow. We pray that the Empire's gratitude for a life so nobly given in its service may bring you some measure of consolation."—George R. I.

## Joe H. Meadors, Jr.

Joe H. Meadors, Jr., was born at Little Rock, Dillon County, South Carolina, on May 26, 1914, the son of Joe H. and Earle Bethea Meadors, and grandson of the late Rev. W. P. Meadors, a widely known and prominent Methodist minister of the South Carolina Conference.

Joe was educated in the Dillon Public Schools from which he entered Clemson College in September, 1933. Upon completion of the sophomore year he attended the Murdock School of Cotton of Memphis, Tennessee, to prepare himself for his chosen line of work. At the time of his enlistment in the Air Corps he represented the Latta Cotton Company in Eastern North and South Carolina.

He received his training in the Air Corps at Barksdale Field, Louisiana. He was graduated on November 29, 1941, and was commissioned a second lieutenant, as a bombardier assigned to the 33rd Bombardment Squadron. Following his graduation he was assigned successively at Langley Field, Va., March Field, California, and Hickam Field, Hawaii, from which he was transferred to Australia.

A message from the War Department stated that he was killed on April 21, 1942, in an airplane accident near Townsville, Queens-

land, Australia.

Joe was a lifelong and active member of the Dillon Main Street Methodist Church. The hundreds of messages of sympathy received by his parents and loved ones attest to his popularity with those with whom he came in contact.

## Raymond A. Sloan

Raymond Anderson Sloan was born in Marion, South Carolina, April 26, 1918. He was a member of the Methodist Church. He graduated from the Marion High School in 1935, and entered Clemson College that fall.

Raymond, or "Soph," as he was affectionately known on the campus, was cheer leader, photo editor of Taps and secretary to the Dance Association.

He was eager to fill his place of service in the world, and after graduating from Clemson in 1939, joined the Army Air Corps. He received his "wings" at Kelly Field, Texas, March 23, 1940. In November he was sent to the Philippines on foreign duty. He was an outstanding officer, an excellent pilot, and in a few months was made assistant to the Chief of the Philippines Army Air Corps and stationed at Nichols Field, Manila, where he was when hostilities began. On February 11 he was mortally wounded on Bataan where he was serving in the Infantry, their planes having nearly all been destroyed on December 8. He died that night in hospital Number 2. The day before the engagement in which he was killed, he was made a captain. The untimely death of Capt. Raymond Sloan brings sorrow to his Alma Mater and in the hearts of the great number of friends has been made a vacancy which is hard to fill. He is buried on Mariveles, a beautiful mountain on the tip of Bataan. Though the flag of the Rising Sun flutters angrily over this spot, Clemson men will sing with all their might: "In the beauty of the lilies, Christ is born across the sea. With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me. As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free. While God is marching on."

## William B. Inabinet

William Burness Inabinet was born to Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Inabinet in Bishopville, South Carolina, on September 7, 1918. Together with his parents and two brothers, who survive him, he was a life-long member of the Bishopville Methodist Church.

"Boogs" graduated from the Bishopville high school and entered Clemson in 1937. He was vitally interested in all high school sports and participated in football, swimming, and tennis. Tennis was his favorite and he kept it up as long as he lived.

He dropped out of college at the end of his sophomore year and enlisted in the army air corps. On September 6, 1940, he began his

training at Randolph Field. Led by an insatiable desire to get into the thick of things, "Boogs" joined the Royal Air Force. After finishing preliminary training at Glendale, California, he went to Canada. In September, 1941, he sailed to England, having been commissioned a pilot officer in the R. A. F.

January 8, 1942, he went out on a flight over France as part of a fighter command. On the return trip he crashed into the English Channel. A month later his body washed ashore and was identified. He was buried February 11, with full military honors.

His parents and loved ones will always cherish the following from his Majesty, the King of England. "The Queen and I offer you our heartfelt sympathy in your great sorrow. We pray that the Empire's gratitude for a life so nobly given in its service may bring you some measure of consolation."—George R. I.

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CREDIT OFFICIALS ON CAMPUS Hugh Agnew, secretary of the Anderson Production Credit Association, and J. R. Jackson, of Asheville, N. C., field representative of district No. 14, comprising the Southeastern district, were on the campus Monday of this week. They conferred with W. G. Crandall, professor of vocational agricultural education, on problems pertaining to commercial credit.

To help meet the war demand for trained physicists, the University of Texas has created a new degree, Bachelor of Science in Physics.

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Three cadets, R. H. Pettit, D. W. Walker, and W. M. Stuck, inspect one of the five foot Vernier Calipers built by professors of the Physics department in the Physics workshop. Professor E. J. Brown was instrumental in the building of this instrument.

## Work Of YMCA At Clemson Is One Of Largest Influences On Cadets

By FRED BAKER The Clemson College YMCA plays a far greater role in the life and activities of the student than most of us realize. It is not only doing great service in religious activities, but is also a vital factor of almost all of our everyday affairs.

Our Y is a student organization similar to many other associations in colleges and universities throughout the nation. It differs in part from others however, in that it is a community building and that moving picture facilities are in regular use. Another of the services of the Y is the reserving of rooms for transients and visitors, and the furnishing of rooms for members of the faculty and those students who are unable to obtain rooms in barracks. Sunday Vespers services, cooperation with campus groups in bringing visiting entertainments, choruses and musical groups to the campus, providing entertainment to companies by open houses, the sponsoring of intramural athletics and payment of salaries to directors and assistants for this work, all is part of the program of the Association at Clemson.

The work of the YMCA is far from being confined to the building itself however, as it also sponsors such groups as Evening Watches and Freshman Forums. Students give voluntary leadership to these groups and more than sixty members of the faculty, ministers, YMCA secretaries, and visitors go into barracks each week to meet with the cadets and discuss problems of interest to them.

As a result of these many substantial number of men in YMCA

## Tom Clemson

Dear Tom: Mr. Holzendorff and I wish to express our appreciation and the appreciation of the YMCA as a whole for the splendid service local faculty members and ministers are doing each Thursday night by conducting these Evening Watch programs on company halls. We also wish to thank the Evening Watch leaders, The Tiger staff, the administration and every one who has done something toward the aiding of bettering these programs.

I would like to encourage all cadets to participate in the campus Go-To-Church drive. Take your dates to church this Sunday. Let's get a 100 per cent attendance.

May each of you have a very Merry Christmas.

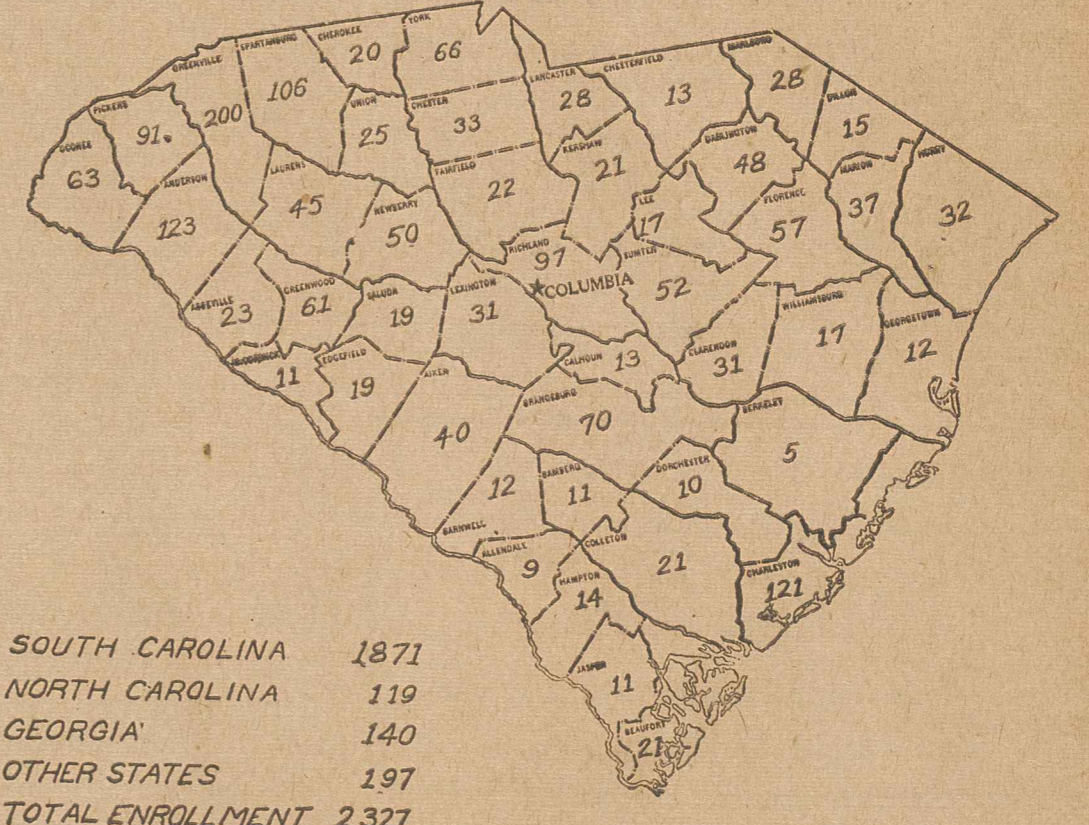
Sincerely, "Ellie" Hayward

work. More than 30 Clemson graduates have given whole or part time to religious duties, including ministers, YMCA secretaries, and directors of spiritual activities and services in schools and colleges. Quite a few of the present day campus people assisted with the work of the YMCA as council members and cabinet members during student days, and many of them have continued after graduation.

The work of the Clemson Association is observed by the students mainly from its day to day services. However, its real worth to the state of South Carolina and to the people of the state is measured in terms of the helpful influence that is exerted in the lives of the students as developed here and it is recognized in their services and activities as they go out from Clemson.

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