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### Commands 3,000 Cadets

Colonel Boltos E. Brewer, a graduate of the University of Kentucky and Commandant of the University R.O.T.C., was assigned by the War Department on March 31 to take over the additional duties of Commander of the 1525th Service Unit which has been stationed at the famous old Phoenix Hotel in Lexington since the Fall of 1942. As the Alumnus goes to press Colonel Brewer is awaiting the arrival of the first group of the Army Specialized Training Unit which has been assigned to the University and will be accommodated for sleeping quarters in Patterson Hall and the three dormitories formerly used by men students on the Campus. Approximately 3,000 men will be under Col. Brewer's command when all the Army Specialized Training Units have arrived.

As a Kentuckian "Bruce" Brewer very naturally attended the University, was a student in Agriculture and completed his work with the class of 1907 although his degree was conferred later. As was the case with all students of those days, military was a four-year "job" and while his first position took him to the Philippines as a tobacco expert for the Bureau of Agriculture his eyes were attracted by the Army and he returned to the States to take the entrance examinations from civilian life and was received into the United States Army in 1911, returning directly to Manila on military duty. Having a leave of absence in 1915, Lieutenant Brewer returned to Kentucky and married Miss Frances Shely of Lexington and together they went to the Philippines and remained there until 1921.

A soldier's life offers much in the way of variety and we find the Brewers following the familiar pattern in the technicolored picture. There was the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1924; Command and General Staff School in 1925 and advancement from Second Lieutenant to Lieutenant Colonel by 1936. Meantime in 1932 Colonel Brewer was assigned to the University of Kentucky as Commandant and Professor of Military Science and Tactics. By special request from the president of the University he was permitted to remain in his native state and served two years over the regular term of duty on the Campus. In 1938 he was ordered to the 11th Infantry at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Harrison, Indiana, as Assistant Chief of Staff. In 1939 another order sent him to Fort Hayes, Ohio, where he was Chief of Staff of the Ohio Military Area and it was while on this post that his promotion to a Colonelcy was made.

Fortunately for Kentucky the next move for Colonel Brewer was back to the Bluegrass country and his Alma Mater and in April of last year he returned to Lexington, took up his present assignment, at least the first part of it with the R.O.T.C., and established his home at 432 Fayette Park. Colonel Brewer's three daughters are students in the

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## COMMENCEMENT CALENDAR

### Thursday, June 3

- 9:00 A.M.—Registration of Alumni, Student Union Building.
- 2:30 P.M.—Baccalaureate Procession forms on Plaza between Physics and Mining Buildings and drive leading to Administration Building.
- 3:00 P.M.—Baccalaureate Sermon, Memorial Hall; Dr. Robert Whitfield Miles, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Lexington.
- 4:00 P.M.—President and Mrs. Donovan at home to Trustees, Faculty, Alumni, Seniors, and Guests of the Graduating Class, Maxwell Place.

### Friday, June 4

- 10:00 A.M.—Meeting of the Board of Trustees, President's Office.
- 1:00 P.M.—Commencement Luncheon—Guests, Friends, Reunion Classes, Alumni, Trustees, and Faculty of the University; Student Union Building.
- 2:30 P.M.—Annual Meeting Alumni Association; Student Union Building.
- 7:00 P.M.—Commencement Procession forms on driveway in rear of Student Union Building.
- 7:30 P.M.—Commencement Exercises, Stoll Field. Address by Joseph C. Grew, former United States Ambassador to Japan.



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### Lest We Forget— Our Honored Dead

#### DECEASED

Lt. Harry E. Bullock, Jr., Ex, Lexington  
Lt. John R. Evans, Jr., Ex, Ft. Thomas  
A/C Emery Hill Johnson, Ex, Covington  
Seaman Ted H. Meyer, Ex, Webster Groves, Missouri  
Ensign Lewis Bailey Pride, Ex, Madisonville  
A/C George O. Young, Lexington  
Lt. Cornelius L. Reagan, Ex, Florence  
Lt. Col. Walter Franklin Wright, '14, Avoca  
Captain Sam Thomas Nisbett, Jr., Ex, Lexington and Murfreesboro, Tennessee  
Lt. Charles Addison Smith, '41, Pendleton  
Lt. Ben Perry DeHaven, '38, Lexington  
Pvt. Ras Sears Ware, Jr., Ex, Georgetown  
Lt. Karle Herman Rohs, '25, Cynthiana  
Cadet Sergeant Phillip Wood Hunt, Ex, Greenville  
Lt. Donald John Stone, Ex, Spencer, W. Va.  
Pfc. Robert Warren Alexander, Ex, Fulton  
Lt. (j.g.) Andrew J. Gardner, '39, Somerset  
Lt. Virgil K. Beasley, Ex, Lexington  
Lt. Fred Bruce Hill, '42, Somerset  
Pvt. William Benson Bywaters, Ex, Ashland  
Lt. John William Montgomery, Ex, Falmouth  
Lt. George S. Lawrence, '41, Cadiz  
Lt. R. Lee Crowe, Ex, Stanton  
Staff Sergeant William Breckenridge Back, Ex, Jackson  
S 2/c Wilbur H. Popplewell, Ex, Jamestown  
Lt. William Letelle Stephenson, '41, Lexington  
Lt. Lindsey Hatch Barclay, Ex, Arlington  
Sgt. Joseph R. Wallace, Ex, Lexington  
A/C Walter G. Rehm, Jr., '38, Lexington  
Lt. Marion C. Van Arsdall, Ex, Lexington  
Lt. John Sherman Cole, '41, Nicholasville  
A/C Benjamin S. Winfree, Jr., Ex, Hopkinsville  
Lt. Alfred John Cogdill, Ex, Lexington  
A/C John Kenneth White, Ex, Lexington  
Edwin Pardon Wiggan, Ex, Quicksand (Marine Corps)  
Lt. Com. Howard Robert Garner, Ex, Lawrenceburg and Louisville  
Lt. Mark Elmer Jacobs, Ex, Lexington  
Lt. John Joseph Archdeacon, '42, Lexington

#### CITATIONS

Major William Nelson Boaz, Ex, Paducah  
Lt. Thomas Wesley Spickard, Ex, Princeton  
Lt. Richard Samuel Starks, Ex, Midway  
Lt. Victor Edsel Comley, '42, Nicholasville  
Captain Gordon Sympson, '37, Bardstown  
Lt. Fred B. Hill, '42, Somerset  
Major Norce Whitaker, Ex, Roxana  
Lt. Lewis Page Johnson, Jr., '41, Crummies  
Lt. Col. Ben G. Crosby, '31, Spring Station  
Lt. Jack Reeder, Ex, Lexington  
Corp. Victor Natale, '40, Warren, Ohio

#### IMPRISONED

Lt. Ed A. Cave, Ex, Paducah  
Dr. Wilbert William Buckhold, Ex, Hazard  
Lt. A. P. Adair III, Ex, Paris  
Captain Edwin Wilson Rue, Ex, Harrodsburg  
Lt. Norman Aaron Wides, '39, Lexington  
Lt. J. L. Leggett, '37, Lexington  
Lt. William Henry Gentry, Ex, Harrodsburg  
Lt. Basil Jones Gilbert, Ex, Lexington  
Captain Thomas Spickard, Ex, Princeton  
Lt. Ben F. Van Sant, '40, Mt. Victory  
Lt. George Alger Van Arsdall, Ex, Harrodsburg  
Lt. Colonel James R. Hester, '29, Mayfield  
Cpl. Alfred Hicks Eckles, Ex, Hopkinsville  
Lt. Arch Ball Rue, Ex, Harrodsburg  
Captain William Walter Neal, '39, Lexington  
Lt. Albert W. Moffett, '39, Lexington  
Lt. Arthur Lee Milbourn, Ex, Lexington

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Captain Lee Gardner Miles, '35, Eminence  
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Ensign William Ross Yankey, '36, Lexington  
Lt. Alexander Blair, Jr., Ex, Henderson  
Lt. Woodrow Holbrook, '37, Whitesville

#### EDITORIAL

My what a big little word "if" is!  
If it were not for the War we would be planning for re-union classes, fourteen of them, and individually and collectively for the return of about 4,000 former graduates of the University. Now we can't make those plans but we hope that as many as can do so will find it convenient to route their travels through Lexington on or about Thursday and Friday, June 3 and 4.

The Alumni office staff will be delighted to carry out any arrangements a re-union class would enjoy. A breakfast, a luncheon, a dinner, although none of these have been scheduled, can and will be arranged if any Old Grads are returning to celebrate the great occasion of graduation.

It does seem very queer not to be telephoning to the Hillenmeyers for a donation of flowers or to the Lafayette for reservations for a formal dinner and the Executive Committee meeting of April was quite dull at that time when otherwise we would have been pondering over the subject of toastmaster or principal speaker. After all these years it does seem strange but we must submit to the regulations of travel and rationing and dream of the time when we can make up for what we are omitting in 1943.

You will see by the Calendar which we could arrange that we have done our best to keep up the custom. If you can, come and join us. The baccalaureate, graduation, Commencement Day luncheon and the Annual Business Meeting of the Alumni Association will go on.



Miss Katherine Best

### ALUMNA HAS POST WITH OWI OVERSEAS

Miss Katherine Best, of Lexington, a graduate of the University in 1929, has been named overseas representative of the Office of War Information and will leave soon from New York City for London, England, where she will serve as assistant editor of publications under the general supervision of Robert Sherwood, American author and playwright.

Miss Best for several years has been head of the department of social problems in education for Look magazine and has done extensive free lance writing in New York.

#### MISS VAN METER ENLISTS

Miss Rebecca Van Meter, '32, has gone to Washington, D. C., where she will take a two weeks training course in the Army and Naval Service of the American Red Cross in preparation for overseas duty. She has served as social director of the Student Union Building for the past three years.

#### JACK M. REEDER DECORATED

Lieutenant Jack M. Reeder of Lexington was given a Silver Star on March 1 and of him the commanding general said: "On the bullet-swept decks (of a naval cutter) Reeder stayed with his men until all of them were off the cutter and into the water." Lieutenant Reeder, who is a former student of the University of Kentucky, has been on leave and spent his furlough with his parents in Lexington.

#### JAKE B. WILLIAMS DECORATED

Somewhere in North Africa, Col. Jake Bethurum Williams, former member of the Military staff of the University of Kentucky, was decorated with the Order of the Purple Heart after he was wounded by a bomb fragment while directing attack operations at a forward command post. The decoration took place about April 29. Colonel Williams began his military career in 1916, served overseas in the World War and subsequently was stationed for two years in Hawaii.



**THEY ARE LIEUTENANT COLONELS NOW:**

**Erle McGuffey**

Erle McGuffey, former Lexington attorney, has been promoted to the rank of a lieutenant colonel in the Army Air Forces. A member of the graduating class of 1916 at the University of Kentucky, he served in the World War and was recalled to active duty as a major in March, 1941. He is now judge advocate of an air force stationed in Africa after being sent to Cairo, Egypt, August 19, 1942.

**James A. Milton**

James Albert Milton has been promoted from major to lieutenant colonel in the finance division of the U. S. Army at Santa Ana, Cal. Colonel Milton has been in the Army for approximately 10 years, completed his officer training at Randolph Field in 1937 and then went to Washington for training in the finance division. A former student of the University of Kentucky, he was made a major about a year ago.

**Ben Crosby—Decorated**

Ben C. Crosby, Spring Station, Ky., a former student of the University of Kentucky and now a lieutenant colonel on duty in Tunisia, was decorated on March 1 with a Silver Star for directing and leading a successful counter attack against the enemy during recent fighting. Col. Crosby, after three days of heavy enemy air and ground bombardment during which time he had no sleep, "directed and led a successful counter attack against the enemy. With complete disregard for his own welfare and while under enemy fire he went on foot from vehicle to vehicle giving orders and encouraging his men."

**COLONEL B. E. BREWER**

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University. Miss Betty is a graduate student majoring in Psychology and Miss Margaret and Miss Barbara are enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences as Juniors.

Some of the highlights of Colonel Brewer's command would surely reflect with added luster on the work of Pershing Rifles which was established on the Campus in 1931 and is a basic military fraternity organized by General Pershing to promote interest in R.O.T.C. training and to develop qualities of good citizenship and American ideals. The Kentucky chapter has won regimental drill championships many times among the young men in the armored forces today are to be found the names of those whose first trials of stamina and courage came to be observed as they upheld the standards of Pershing Rifles.

Omicron Delta Kappa, honorary leadership fraternity, pledged Colonel Brewer when he returned to the Campus in 1932 and he became a member of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association last month by appointment.

These bright spring days find Colonel Brewer with his staff of nineteen officers on the Campus or with his other staff of ten officers, including the medical staff, at the Phoenix Reservation and to old students the spring time scenes of military activities



Leonard B. Allen

**LEONARD B. ALLEN NAMED VICE-PRESIDENT OF C. & O. RAILWAY**

Leonard B. Allen, a graduate of the University of Kentucky in 1899, has been promoted to the position of assistant vice president and assistant to President Carl E. Newton of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.

Since May, 1940, Mr. Allen has served in the capacity of assistant to the president of C. & O., Nickel Plate and Pere Marquette railroads.

Mr. Allen, a native of Lexington and a member of a family of graduates of the University of Kentucky, was awarded a degree in civil engineering in 1899 and his son, Leonard Allen, Jr., will receive a degree from the College of Commerce on June 4, 1943.

Immediately after graduation Mr. Allen entered the service of the Southern Railroad and transferred to the C. & O. the same year.

From 1902 to 1920, he filled various positions with the railroad and was superintendent of maintenance of way from 1920 to 1926. During the ensuing seven years he was assistant to vice president. He was moved to Cleveland in 1933 as assistant to executive vice president of the C. & O., Nickel Plate and Pere Marquette railroads, a post he held until his advancement to assistant to the president of the three lines three years ago.

**REUNION CLASSES**

1893	— 1912	— 1931	— 1940
1894	— 1913	— 1932	— 1941
1895	— 1914	— 1933	
1896	— 1915	— 1934	

in times of peace will be familiar but even in these troublesome times youth is much the same as after the long gloomy winter finally the sun becomes warmer and the shade of the trees increases by the minute.

**38 GOLD STARS, 4,055 BLUE**

**STARS MARK THE SERVICE**

**FLAG IN THE GREAT HALL**

Friday, March 12, a day long to be remembered on the Campus, was selected as the day and date on which all activities on the Campus should be recessed and the entire faculty, student body, Board of Trustees and relatives and friends of men and women in the Service, should assemble in the Gymnasium to honor students who had enlisted or those who would in the future be inducted into the fighting forces of the Nation. The gymnasium was filled to capacity and the program was in every way worthy of the pride felt for the spirit which had been evidenced by Kentuckians since December 7, 1941. The closing feature of the program was the presentation of the students' service bag with its 32 gold stars and 3,852 blue stars. That number has been greatly increased in the past six weeks, indeed increased to the numbers in this headline.

The speakers included Governor Johnson, President Donovan, Dr. W. S. Webb, Col. Brewer and Robert H. Hillenmeyer and all were seated on a stage arranged on the south side of the gymnasium and others taking part in the program were Dr. Chamberlain, who presided; Dr. Jessee Herrmann, who gave the invocation; Miss Mildred Lewis, who led the singing, Deans of the several colleges and members of the Board of Trustees.

The Regimental parade which preceded the convocation formed on the drill field in front of the administration building, proceeded down the main drive to Limestone, one to Euclid and across to the gymnasium, entering by the two main doors. All men students, leaving at the end of the school quarter, whether in ROTC, the reserves, or expecting to go into the service by draft, enlistment or any other way in the near future were requested to participate in the parade and they did. The faculty and women students formed a line on either side of the parade and waved greetings with small flags and kerchiefs.

All was attention as the hour of ten struck and the music of the band sounded on the air and the four students bearing the American Flag and the University Flag entered the gymnasium. The assembled audience stood reverently and patriotically applauded while the almost 1,000 men students took the places of honor in the reservations on the center of the floor. All were facing the service flag which hung on the wall back of the speakers' stand.

After the singing of "America the Beautiful" and "Onward Christian Soldiers," Dr. Chamberlain presented the President of the University and Dr. Donovan expressed the belief that the number of graduates and former students already in the service, including 60 women, would possibly approach 6,000. Explaining that the convocation had not been planned for "sad farewells nor deep emotional experiences," President Donovan expressed pride in the quality of the young men who had been or would be called and said: "You are making history today in the most dramatic and tragic events in the records of mankind. . . you are crusaders for

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**38 GOLD, 4,055 BLUE**

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freedom going forth to war, crusaders to banish infidels against freedom."

Speaking as a representative of the Commonwealth and the Board of Trustees, Governor Keen Johnson, Kentucky's War governor, alumnus of the University and a veteran of World War I, praised the R.O.T.C. for their attitude in accepting responsibility of citizenship and for being a well equipped, well trained and well educated Kentuckians who know that only those are fit to live who are not afraid to die. He admonished them to acquit themselves admirably with calm courage and high fortitude and to adapt themselves to difficulties of the days ahead and to fight with the valor of their heritage and in conclusion he said: "You have a blind date with destiny; prepare to offer your lives, without heroics, on the altar of your country."

On behalf of the faculty Professor Webb said that the Country's great government had placed its stamp of approval on them as physically fit, mentally alert and morally trustworthy, and he added: "We will pray for you; Godspeed and may you ever know His blessing." Professor Webb is a veteran of World War I, a distinguished scientist, who has been called by his country for advice in this War, an alumnus of the University and a favorite teacher to students and faculty.

"Learn the Code of the American soldier," said Col. Brewer, "and it will uplift up. Never make the mistake of underestimating your enemy. My comrades in arms, I wish you a happy landing. When you get over Berlin or Tokio, drop a block buster down for your old P. M. S. and T." Col. Brewer explained that the men would be inducted into service as rapidly as possible and that they were well prepared and displayed courage and patriotism in the preparation. Col. Brewer, a veteran of World War I and an alumnus of the University, represented the armed forces.

Robert H. Hillenmeyer of Lexington was selected to represent the R.O.T.C. He expressed appreciation to Governor Johnson for "the high ideals and democratic principles for which the University stands;" to President Donovan "for his tenacity in upholding those traditions," and to the faculty for their infinite patience and help. Mr. Hillenmeyer said on behalf of his fellows: "We cannot leave without admitting sorrow, but a sorrow mingled with strong pride and a determination that as sons of the University we are inspired to do our utmost." And he concluded with a quotation from an address made recently by President Roosevelt, who said: "The heart of the nation is good, the spirit of the nation is sound and the faith of the nation is eternal."

The final note was the presentation of the service flag and the assembly stood for the singing of the national anthem and "On, On, U. of K." and the R.O.T.C. retired in order.

The University Little Symphony orchestra, directed by Alexander Capurso, gave the accompaniments for the singing and the invocation and benediction were offered by Dr. Herrmann, Dean Chamberlain presiding.



Captain John B. Turner

**JOHN B. TURNER—COMMANDANT**

Captain John B. Turner of Lexington has reported to Majors Army Air Field, Greenville, Texas, for duty as commandant of flying cadets. Captain Turner is a graduate of the University in 1938 and is the son of Job D. Turner, alumnus of the University and a member of the faculty of the College of Agriculture and of the staff of the Experiment station.

Captain Turner has been an instructor at Kelly Field and Brooks Field, Texas, where he was assigned in 1942 and has been at San Antonio since February, 1943.

**JAMES BURT MINER**

Dr. James Burt Miner, 69, Head of the Psychology Department in the University since 1921, died at his home in Lexington, Wednesday afternoon, March 24, 1943. Dr. Miner is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jessie Miner, and a son, Dr. Horace Miner, who is serving with the Army in North Africa.

Dr. Miner was considered an authority on mental illness, was the author of many articles and books on the subject and spent three sabbatical years in Europe where he visited 100 institutions for delinquents and feeble-minded in England, Germany, France, and Italy. He organized the first psychological clinic west of Chicago at the University of Minnesota in 1908; organized the Research Bureau for Retail Training at Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1918 and came to Kentucky in 1921. Dr. Miner served as editor for psychological publications and as consultant of the Civil Service Board of Lexington.

Born in Berlin, Iowa, he attended the University of Minnesota where he received a Bachelor of Science degree and later an M. S. and an L.L.D. His Doctorate was received from Columbia University in 1903.

Dr. Miner was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Phi Delta Kappa, Delta Sigma

**ANNABEL ACKER COOKSON—1913**

Mrs. William E. Cookson, formerly Annabel Acker of Paducah, died at her home in Eureka, California, April 9, 1943, according to information received in the Alumni office from Mrs. Cookson's sister.

Before her marriage Mrs. Cookson was a teacher of English in the High School of White Sulphur Springs, Mont., and in 1920 was principal of the High School in Malta, Montana. From June, 1922, according to Alumni records, her home was in California, first in Sacramento and later in Eureka. She was a Life Member of the Alumni Association of the University.

**ALBERT C. NORMAN—1894**

Albert C. Norman, graduate of the University of Kentucky and a retired captain in the United States Coast Guard, died Friday, April 30 at his home in Savannah, Georgia. He had been ill for several months.

Captain Norman was graduated from the engineering college of the University in 1894 and entered the Coast Guard Service shortly afterward.

Captain Norman is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Brannon Norman, and a sister, Mrs. Charles Massen, Buffalo, N. Y.

**WILLIAM T. CAPERS**

The Rt. Rev. William T. Capers, 75, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, died at his home in San Antonio, Texas, March 29.

Bishop Capers was Dean of Christ Episcopal church in Lexington from 1905 to 1912 and was awarded an M. A. degree by the University of Kentucky in 1911. From Lexington he went to the Episcopal Church of Our Savior in Philadelphia, and thence to San Antonio where he was made bishop coadjutor. Two years later, in 1916, he was named bishop and assumed control of the diocese which covers 70,000 square miles.

Bishop Capers is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rebecca Holt Capers; three sons, Ellison Howe Capers, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., the Rev. W. T. Capers, Jr., Vicksburg, Miss., and the Rev. Samuel Orr Capers of San Antonio.

**JOHN W. WOODS—1896**

John W. Woods, 73, of Ashland, Ky., banker and civic leader, died Sunday, March 28, at a Hollywood, Fla., hospital where he had been undergoing treatment. The body was returned to Ashland for burial. Mr. Woods is survived by his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Walter Hillenmeyer of Lexington; Mrs. Roger Thompson and Mrs. Edward Emrick of Ashland and three sons, John W. Woods, Jr., and William Woods of Ashland and Robert Woods of the United States Army.

Mr. Woods was graduated from the University in 1896 and was a member of the football team. In 1902 he became a resident of Ashland and began the practice of law. Later he became interested in banking and in February retired as president of the Third National Bank of Ashland but remained chairman of the Board of Directors.

Rho, Zeta Psi, American Psychological Association and Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology of which he was a past president.