

The Class of 1940, Kinsley High School

Where they were from 1940-1945

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SUMMARY OF MILITARY SERVICE

61 members in the class and 59 wrote a short bio for book.

34 men in the class: 32 of them served in the military.

25 women in the class: 1 served in the military; 15 married men who served in the military (known)

Army = 19; Arm Air Corp = 13; Navy = 11; Navy Air Corp = 1; WAVE = 1; Coast Guard = 4

Robert (Bob) Anderson attended Ottawa University and Wichita Business College. He enlisted in the Air Force and spent time at 3 U.S. bases before being stationed outside Cairo, Egypt for 19 months. He was near the pyramids and spent furloughs in Jerusalem, the Holy Land, and Rome. Discharged in 1945, married Eunice Bell in 1946, returned to college.

Eveylyn Brehm Kultgen worked at Duckwalls, Woolworths, and Southwestern Bell in Great Bend. She married John Kultgen Dec. 28, 1941. He enlisted in Coast Guard in June and they lived in N.Y. until November, 1942 when he was sent overseas. She lived with her parents during the war. In January, 1944 she went to California for 6 weeks and visited with her brother Jerry for one week. He was in the Navy and his ship was in port in San Diego. They had a "wonderful week together; three months later he was killed at sea. In October 1944 John came back from overseas, and they lived and she worked in Louisville, Kentucky until he was discharged in 1945. They then returned to Great Bend.

Gloria Breitenbach Brodbeck married in 1939 and had a daughter in 1942 and son in 1948. Her husband, Maloy, farmed south of Belpre.

Dean Buell left Kinsley his senior year and graduated at Joplin, Missouri rather than from Kinsley High School. He attended junior college in Joplin. He joined the Navy as an aviation cadet in 1942 and finished at Pensacola, Florida as a naval aviator in 1944. While a cadet he was secretly married (due to the unmarried rule for cadets) to Dorothy O'Brien of New Orleans. After the war he returned to New Orleans. Dorothy died in 1946.

Paul J. Burkhart enrolled at Santa Monica, California Technical Training School. He completed a course in aircraft assembly and engine maintenance in 1941 and then was employed by North American Aviation Corp., Englewood, California until enlisting in the U.S. Navy Air Corp. from 1942 to 1945. He was an instructor at Navy Pier, Chicago and then went to flight school in California and Tucson, Arizona. He was attached to Fleet Air Wing 10, V.P.B. Squadron 25. He served in the Pacific Theatre from Australia to Japan, discharged December 23, 1945.

Leonard Carlson worked for self on farm and at Safeway in Kinsley. He was drafted into the Army on August 1, 1942 into 892nd Ord. H M. Co., serving two weeks short of three years in the Pacific. Discharged December 24, 1945.

Ivilene Cox married Earl Jensen on August 25, 1941. (*Earl Jensen was inducted into the Army on December 18, 1942.*)

Stanton S. Cox Jr. worked at Beech Aircraft Corp from 1940 to 1942. He was in the Air Force from 1943 to 1946.

C. B. (Bernard) Craft attended aviation sheet metal school in Wichita and worked at Boeing Airplane Co from 1941-1942. In June, 1942 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and graduated from Navy Machinist Training School at Kansas University. He served aboard USS Zeiland and USS Garconade in the Pacific Theatre. He was discharged in January, 1946.

Doris Schultz worked at Cops Pharmacy for one year and then went to Kansas State College graduating in 1945. Married Wayne Schultz in 1947.

Bernice Craft went to Salt Lake Business College for awhile and worked at the Fort at Ft. Leavenworth, KS. She then went to work for her uncle Hoquiam, Washington until 1949. Her husband, Everett Hawkins was in the U.S. Navy around Alaska.

Beverly Dean attended Salt City Business College. She passed the Civil Service test and worked for Public Roads Adm. in Washington, D.C. She transferred to Naval Research Lab in 1942 where she held positions as secretary to Patent Officer, the Superintendents of Metallurgy and Airborne Radio Divisions. In 1945 she was Personnel Clerk of N.R.L.'s branch personnel office at M.I.T. in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She married Newell Pinder in 1946. He worked in Key West at the Submarine Base as Progressman and then went into torpedo research work with Clevite Corp.

Murray Delton Eakins worked in Dillon Merc. the first years after graduation and then took a job with a seismic crew. He then joined the Army in 1942 and spent three years in the South Pacific. He was discharged in 1946.

Eugene Eslinger worked on the farm in 1940-1941. In 1942 he went to Aircraft School in Wichita. He joined the Coast Guard on June 10, 1942 and was aboard ship for 20 months. He married Ruby wood in 1944 and was discharged October 23, 1945.

Barbara Field attended Kansas State University earning a degree in Home Economics in 1944. She married Marvin Odgers November 1, 1943 and spent the summer in California before he went overseas. She helped with farm and sheep at home from the fall of 1944 to January of 1946.

Celesta Floyd worked in Copp Pharmacy from 1940 to 1945. She married Don Taylor on February 24, 1946.

Alice Frick worked at Miller's Elevator and J.C. Penny Co. in Kinsley. She married Julius Stegmann in October, 1942 and moved to a farm near Offerle.

Glenn Gifford continued working in the Kinsley Bank until he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942. He served in the Pacific Theatre and was discharged in 1946.

Candelaria Guerrero went to school at Swallow Airplane Co. in Wichita, KS. She qualified for Electrical Dept. at Boeing Airplane and Beech Aircraft companies. Later met and married her husband Austin Hickle in Detroit, Michigan,

Gaylord Hargadine Jr. went to radio school in Kansas City for a year after graduation. He then got a job with Braniff Airways as a radio operator. He enlisted in the Army Air Force and served until 1946.

Herman Harris Jr. attended Fort Hays Kansas State College and graduated in 1944 with a degree in Education. He taught at Ness City, Kansas until 1945.

Vernon Hauser worked for Douglas Aircraft Co., Santa Monica, California in 1941 and 1942. He joined the Army Air Force from 1942 to 1944.

(Henry) Jim Heinz, Jr. was employed by Monroe Calculating Co. of Wichita as a Service Mechanic from 1940 to 1942. He married Rosemary McKillip in 1942. He served in the Army Air Force from 1942-1945 in the Pacific Theatre after taking his basic training in Hawaii. He had a daughter born in 1943. He was discharged in 1945 and went back to work for McKillip Funeral Home in Kinsley.

Bill Heinz worked for Motor Equipment Co. in Wichita. He got married on December 6, 1941. He spent 1942-1946 in the Army with two of those years overseas.

Richard Ingram spent the first two years after graduation in college and then three years in the Air Force. The first two years of military service were spent at four colleges. The third year was spent as a flight officer and flight instructor. He married in 1944 and returned to college in 1945.

Betty Johnson married Allen Nelson of Lewis in June, 1940. They lived in Topeka for one year and then move to Hutchinson until April, 1942 when they moved to Long Beach, California. They both worked at Douglas Aircraft Corp. until Allen was drafted in January, 1944. He served with the Army Air Force for 18 months on Tinian in the Mariana until March, 1946. Betty worked at a bank in Long Beach while Allen was overseas and after.

Don Johnson attended Hutchinson Junior College from 1940-1942. He served three years in the Army, two of those in England, France, and Germany. He married Martha in 1942.

Elvin Ernest Julian worked for Raul Ogden as a farm hand for about two years and then enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard on August 7, 1942. He was discharged on April 4, 1946.

Howard Koch attended Wichita Business College from 1940 to 1941. He married Bettie Scott on October 4, 1941. In 1941-42 he worked at McCormick Mathers Publishing Co. in Wichita, Kansas. In 1942 he went to work for Cessna Aircraft in Wichita, had son and enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1943. He was commissioned Lt. in 1944 and instructed Bombadier Training in Big Spring, Texas. In 1945 he was with the 20th Air Force in the Pacific. He was discharge 1946.

Vivian Lancaster worked at Lewis, Kansas from 1940 to 1945. She married Harvey Feldman on June 11, 1944.

Harriet McCarty attended business Preparatory School in Wichita and then accepted a position as secretary for the Treasurer of Culver Aircraft Co. there. She met Bill Downey, and they married on June 12, 1942. He was employed with Beech Aircraft Co. She worked during the War Bond drives in the War Bond Headquarters offices as a typist and file clerk. Following the war she became a full-time housewife and had her first son in 1946.

Harold J. (Mickey) McCune worked at various jobs around Kinsley after graduating. In the fall of 1941 he attended an Air Craft training School in Wichita. After graduating he went to California looking for work in an air craft factory. Worried about the draft, he returned home and enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in June 1942. He was discharged in 1946 and returned to Kinsley.

Rosemary McKillip attended Wichita Business College and graduated in 1941. She went to work for a Wichita Law Firm. She married Jim Heinz (see above) on January 17, 1942 and they had a son in 1943.

Betty Jean Montgomery worked in Dodge City and went to Business School at night. She married Floyd A. Kline in February of 1944, and they had a son a year later. They built a dairy processing plant.

Jack E. Nolde attended Hutchinson Junior College for one year and then went to Fort Hays State Teachers College for a semester. He then went to work for the Oregon Shipbuilding Corp. of Portland, Oregon for one year. He enlisted in the Navy December, 1942. After several months of electronic training, he was assigned to Night Fighter Group No.104. He married Anita Manke of Kinsley on April 27, 1944 at Groton, Conn. while he was stationed at Westerly, Rhode Island. He was transferred to Hawaii in August, 1944 to be assigned to an aircraft carrier. His group was formed into Air Group No. 90 and was aboard the aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise, Christmas Eve. 1944. He served in the South Pacific at the Philippines, Okinawa, Japan, and Iwo Jima. When the carrier was damaged, they returned to the US on June 4, 1945. He finished his service in an air-sea rescue group out of Jacksonville, Florida. He was discharged on November 10, 1945 and returned to Kinsley to farm.

Freida Nystrom married Harvey Hains in 1942 and they had their first son in 1944. Harvey was a Chief in the Navy. He served at the Naval Air Station at Tillamont, Oregon and continued to reside in Oregon after his discharge.

Melvin Panting worked at Ralph's Grocery in Long Beach, California. He served in the US Army.

Lloyd Peterson enrolled in engineering at Kansas State College. He enlisted in 1943 and served in Coast Artillery and then Field Artillery at Virginia Beach (1943), Little Rock, Arkansas (1944), and Camp Bowie, Camp Hood, and Camp Swift, all in Texas. He was discharged in 1946. He went to work for the State Highway Dept. and went back to Kansas State College.

Berniece Pickard married Martin Olsen in 1941 and moved to Burdett, Kansas. They had a daughter in 1942 and 1943. Martin went into the US Army Infantry in 1944 and they lived in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He was discharged in 1946 and they moved back to Burdett. He returned to his prewar job at the Farmers Coop Elevator.

David Polson worked with the State Highway Department. He was drafted in 1943 but did not pass the physical. He then farmed.

Orville Rehmert worked in the Gamble Store in 1941. He enlisted in the Navy in 1942. In 1943 and 1944 he attended Navy service schools: Hospital Corpsman, Norfolk, Virginia; Dental Technician, Memphis, Tennessee; Prosthetic Technician, Great Lakes, Illinois. In 1945 he served in Guam and the Pacific Theatre. Came back to Kinsley in 1946 to work at Copp Pharmacy.

Virginia Rice married Floyd Clement on June 13, 1940. In 1941, they went to California for six months and then came back. In 1942 they moved to Michigan and Floyd entered the Army on December 22, 1942. In 1943 and 1944 she worked in Kelsey Hayes Machine Gun Factory. They returned to Kinsley in 1945.

Donald Schnatterly attended Washburn College after high school. He entered the Navy in 1942 and graduated from the Supply Corps School at Wellesley, Massachusetts in 1944. Most of his time in the Navy was spent in Miami, Florida. He did see some duty in the Pacific on Okinawa and the Philippines. He was discharged in 1946 and returned to Washburn to get his Law Degree.

Evelyn Schober worked in the Kinsley Court House from 1940-1943. She married Raymond Pratt on April 25, 1943. They lived at Centerview for one year on the farm. Raymond was drafted in October, 1944. She followed him to Texas and Maryland. Raymond was sent to Germany in 1945, and she joined him in Frankfurt in July, 1946. They spent 8 months overseas.

William Sellers worked in Kinsley until September, 1941 and then went to Parsons, Kansas. He was employed at the Kansas Ordinance Plant. In September, 1942 he entered Wichita University and a few weeks later married Arlene Freeman of Hutchinson. Early in 1943 he joined the Army Air Force and served throughout the South Pacific area. He was hospitalized a few months in the Philippines as a result of a plane crash. He returned to the States in January, 1946 and was discharged.

Jeanette Sims worked at Boeing Employment Office from 1941-1944. She married Leo Hohl in June of 1944 in Phoenix, Arizona. A son was born July, 1945 in Dodge City. They divorced in 1945 in Kinsley. (*Leo Hohl was inducted into the Army pm February 2, 1943*)

Jack Smith attended Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. In 1942 he enlisted in United States Naval Reserve for V-12 at Washburn University. He served in the Pacific Theatre in 1943. During his service he walked on the Great Wall of China and talked to a Guard in 1945. In 1946 he saw a whale flight near Aleutian Islands.

Juanita Stinson worked in Copp Pharmacy and Duckwalls after graduation. She married Bill Heinz (see previous entry) on December 6, 1941. They lived in Wichita until Bill entered the Army in 1942. She worked in Bremerton, Washington at the A & P Store in the rationing department. They went to Duckhill, Mississippi and then she came back to Kinsley for the duration. Bill spent two years overseas. In 1946, they spent 4 months in New York and then came back to Kansas where their daughter was born.

Don Taylor attended Kansas State College from 1940 to 1942. From 1943 to 1945, he served in the Army in various camps in the USA. and then as a infantry first-aid man in France, Germany, and Austria. He was discharged in 1946 and married Celesta Lee Floyd the same year.

Gene A. Walters pursued a degree in chemical engineering at Kansas State. After three years he decided this was not the correct career choice and feeling some patriotism, he enlisted in the Army in February, 1943. He was commissioned in the Infantry, became a paratrooper, and participated in three campaigns in the Southwest Pacific. He served with the Army of Occupation in Japan. On Christmas Eve, 1943 he married Margaret Stevick of Nowata, Oklahoma. He stayed in the Army and had an impressive career.

Irene Warren married Irvin Brehm in November, 1941. Sons were born in 1941 and 1943. They farmed. (*Irvin Brehm enlisted in the Navy December 1943.*)

Betty Jane Wells married Cloyd Westphal on July 24, 1941 in Baltimore, Maryland. He joined the Army Air Force. She worked at Glen L. Martin Airplane Plant in 1942. Their first daughter was born in September, 1943 and she moved back to Kinsley in 1944. Cloyd was discharged in 1946 and their first son was born that year.

Cloyd Westphal went to school in Wichita. He married Betty Wells (see entry above) on July 24 in Baltimore, Maryland. He joined the Army Air Force. Their first daughter was born in September, 1943. Cloyd was discharged in 1946 and their first son was born that year.

LaRue Weyrich attended Wichita Business College. She had a Civil Service job with the Army Air Force in Wichita. From 1942 to 1945 she was a Yeoman in Navy WAVES. She trained at Hunter College, New York and was stationed in Washington D.C. for two years. In 1945 she married Wilbert Mueller in Arlington, Virginia, and they returned to Kansas and lived in Salina.

Vida Lee Whitmer married Rex Klein, August 8, 1940 and moved to Burdett. A son was born in 1941 and a daughter in 1942. They moved to Wichita in 1942 and then back to Kinsley. Another son was born in 1945. (*Rex Klein was inducted into the Army on August 24, 1944.*)

Earl W, Winchester married Virginia Augmon of Larned the summer of 1940. He attended Kansas State Teacher's College in Emporia for 6 months. When the money ran out, he worked until he was drafted in August of 1942. A son was born in November 1943. He was a member of the 356th Engineers and saw duty in England and France. He came back to the States in August, 1945 and was discharged in September, 1945. In 1946 he went back to school in Emporia and got a teaching degree and played football.

Edward N Winchester attended Kansas State for a year and a half. He then entered the Army and served in the Infantry in the South Pacific until 1946. Then he returned to college at Washington University in St. Louis where he met his future wife Pauline. (Later served in Korea War.)

Melvorn Walker Winchester spent one year in the Civilian Conservation Corps in Parsons, Kansas. He entered the service on July 8, 1942 and served one year in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The next six months were spent in various places in the US. He then went to the Hawaiian Islands for one year and the Mariana Islands for another year. He was discharged in

Denver, Colorado in December, 1945. He entered Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia in September, 1946 studying Spanish and Speech.

W. E. Woodard, Jr. attended Friends University in Wichita from 1940-1942. He worked for Beach Aircraft Company for 1941-1943. He served as a Navy Pilot from 1943 to 1946. When he returned he attended Wichita State University.