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Merry Christmas

DECEMBER • 1945
KILLED IN CRASH

W. FINLEY DENNIS

Lt. (j.g.) Wilson Finley Dennis '43 was killed in a plane crash somewhere at sea. He received training and was serving as a fighter pilot. Lt. Dennis was returning to the Pacific after a 30-day leave when he met his death.

Lt. (j.g.) Wilson Finley Dennis was reported killed in action July 21, 1945, in a plane crash somewhere at sea. His death was previously reported; however, at the time further details were not available. Finley Dennis enlisted in the service of his country in February, 1942, and reported for duty in April, 1942. He took his pre-flight training at New Orleans, La., and was then sent to Miami, Fla., for further training as a fighter pilot. Later he was transferred to Newport News, Va., for aircraft landing training.

Lt. Dennis went to sea in August, 1943, serving 18 months. During that period of time he took part in the following battles and invasions: Gilbert Islands, Mariana Islands, Palau, invasion of Leyte, Battle of San Bernando Straits and Enewetok Islands. Dennis came home in December, 1944, for a thirty-day furlough, after the expiration of which he returned to San Diego, California. For additional training Lt. Dennis was sent to Pasco, Washington. He left the states around July 12, and was reported killed July 21, 1945.

During his studies at the University, Dennis was enrolled in the pre-medical department. While residing in Dayton, Lt. Dennis made his home with his uncle, Dr. J. A. Judy. Survivors include his parents, one sister, Patricia Lou, a cadet nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton, six uncles and six aunts.
WAR PRISONER OF JAPS RETURNS

LT. ALOYS SUTTMAN AND BROTHER TOM PRICE had many things to talk about when Al visited the university, after being held a prisoner of war of the Japs for 40 months. Brother Tom and Al are first cousins, so there is a real personal interest.

Letters from the Alumni

Lt. Aloys Suttman, ’41, who was released from a Jap prison camp recently, addressed a meeting of the student body at the university. He related many of his experiences while a prisoner of war. The following excerpts are taken from a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clem J. Suttman, and is an excellent example of a man’s feelings when drawn closer to God.

U.S.S. Tryon
In the Pacific

Dear Mother and Dad:

Throughout the last three years and five months as a prisoner of war, I have had many experiences, some interesting, thrilling, fascinating, and amusing; others, horrible, annoying, dangerous, and demoralizing. How I made it through such an ordeal—there are several answers.

First, you and I have our Heavenly Father to thank for having spared this son of yours to see you again. Life is sweet and he saw fit that I retain it.

There is another answer and it pertains to you. This imprisonment was both a physical and mental trial. Those boys who lacked certain prime requisites in their physical and mental makeup are not here today, and of these there are many. The fine, healthy body which I received from you withstood the test. Only once did it come near failing, but then my spiritual outlook pulled me through. The fine Christian-home training that you gave me is what influenced my mental outlook. When times were the blackest, I drew on my spiritual strength and fortitude. There are several times when I was so near to despair; then I would recollect my thoughts and say: "Aloys, your mother and dad are depending upon you to pull through." I would pray a Hail Mary, and the old obstacles of despair would fade away. You can’t realize how much that childhood training helped; always would I fall back on some prime rule you taught me. Faith! That’s the answer. Faith in our Father that He would not fail me. Faith in my body that it would not fail. Faith in my spiritual outlook that it would not waver.

Let me assure you that I have tried to follow your teachings. While in action I gave my all to do my duty; I was rewarded with a promotion in rank. During my life in prison I obeyed my superiors, and did my best to help my sick and dying fellow prisoners. I have tried to do nothing that you would be ashamed of.

How much I have changed I do not know; you will have to be the judge. I am sure I have matured in many ways, but I have not grown to the stage where I no longer feel like one of your children. I’m still your happy-go-lucky, towheaded boy. My love for you both has deepened, as one who realized that he has the best mother and dad on earth. Words are too few and too incapable of expressing my feeling of gratitude for you.

God’s blessing on you both and all.

Your loving son,

Aloys.

RUSSIA—Topic of Lecture Jan. 13

The third in the series of the University Lectures will be presented on Sunday, January 13, 1946, at 8:15 p.m., in the ballroom of the Biltmore Hotel. William Henry Chamberlin, distinguished and prominent authority on Russia, is one of the best informed travelers and journalists capable of discussing the topic, “Russia Today and Tomorrow.”

Mr. Chamberlin was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1897, and studied at the Penn Charter School and Haverford College. His journalistic experience has included work on the Public Ledger and the Press in Philadelphia. On the New York Tribune under Heywood Broun, Chamberlin’s enthusiasm for Communism led him to Russia where he was quickly disillusioned.

During a period of twelve years Mr. Chamberlin has studied every phase of growth and development of Russia. He has journeyed from one end of the Soviet Union to the other, explored the Caucasus, and traveled to Chinese Turkestan for the opening of the Turkestan-Siberian Railway.

He has written extensively on the Communist revolutions and the development of Communism in Russia, and has served as foreign correspondent for several nationally famous publications. He is the author of “Russia’s Iron Age,” “Soviet Russia,” “Japan Over Asia,” and “The Russian Revolution, 1917-1921.”

Mr. Chamberlin’s capacity for analyzing world conditions and especially the extent of his knowledge of the Russian situation is guarantee of an interesting and informative discussion from him.
List Dues Payers
Since May ALUMNUS

Last August the dues statements were sent to all alumni. To date we have received responses on dues and special contributions from 623, netting $3,124. Any payments which were received after December 13 have been withheld for publication the next time.

We are deeply grateful for the generous response. This active interest, this financial and moral support are responsible for the continuation of the Association, the development of its undertakings, the publication of the ALUMNUS. We confidently hope that the list of 1945 contributors may serve as a reminder to those who have lain aside the dues reminder for future consideration to think of the "old school on the hill."
A Blessed Peaceful Christmas

THE TRADITIONAL NATIVITY SCENE FROM THE CHRISTMAS PLAYS was portrayed by Bill Greger and Esther Funk. The Christmas program was presented by Gamma Chi, with Mrs. H. Troy Sears as adviser.

Dues Payers

Robert F. Seiter, Lima, O. —$5.
R. E. Shanahan, Wilmington, O. —$5.
Don Sharkey, Dayton, O. —$5.
A. Marita Sharkey, Dayton, O. —$5.
Lt. Joseph Shimaneck, La Grange, Ill. —$5.
Henry Silbereis, Dayton, O.
Lt. H. B. Sloan, Jr., Dayton, O. —$5.
Rev. Francis S. Smith, Cincinnati, O. —$5.
Barth J. Snyder, Dayton, O.
Patricia Somers, Dayton, O.
Paul Stagmainer, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Walter Stephens, Montevideo, Uruguay.
Robert L. Stewart, Roslyn, L. I., N. Y.
Carl A. Stickle, Dayton, O.
F. G. Stroop, Dayton, O. —$5.
Clifford Stuhlmuller, MD., Hamilton, O.
Al Suttmiller, Dayton, O. —$5.
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George F. Thuma, Jr., Dayton, O. —$5.
Joseph A. Thomas, Dayton, O. —$5.
Lt. A. Timmer, Dayton, O. —$5.
Louis A. Timmer, Dayton, O. —$5.
David Tom, Urbana, Ill.
John W. Torpey, Forest Hills, N. Y.
U
John E. Unverferth, Dayton, O. —$5.
Y
W
Hugh E. Wall, Dayton, O. —$5.
Lee F. Walter, Dayton, O. —$5.
Charles H. Wassenich, Columbus, O. —$5.
Stanley E. Wawroski, West New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y.
William Weis, Dayton, O. —$5.
Adam Westerkamp, Cincinnati, O.

Memorial Mass for Gold Stars Held

Fourth Annual memorial services for former University of Dayton students and alumni who lost their lives in World War II were held on Dec. 6, in the University chapel.


Walter J. Woeste, Dayton, O. —$5.
Y
Vincent H. Yano, Dayton, O. —$5.
Betty M. Yoecs, Cincinnati, O. —$12.

Andrew Zittel, Jr., N. Y., N. Y.
Wm. A. Zolg, San Leandro, Calif.

Bert J. Zimmer, Covington, Ky. —$5.

From the Stanley L. Time., Dayton, O.
Lt. (j.g.) John E. Unverferth, Ft. Knox, Ky. —$5.
A TRIBUTE TO U. D. GOLD STARS

Again the college year is on its way
And new life surges through these
stately halls
And down the time-worn paths, just
as of old.
These faces, too, are young, their
smile and glance
As carefree, debonair, and full of
wistful dreams
Of all the magic years that lie ahead
As yours were, when you gaily walked
our ways
So short a time ago.

But you have toiled down other roads
since then—
Corregidor, Tarawa, and St. Lo,
Bataan, Tunisia, Leyte, Guam, and
Iwo;
And somewhere now you rest, life's
journey o'er,
Below the surging waves of some far
shore;
Cradled, it may be, in your native
land;
Or 'neath a white cross on some dis-
tant strand.

Where'er you lie, we shall remember
you.
Your young, undying spirits shall live
on.
And though unseen, you'll walk again
with us,
We'll meet you in the halls where
once you sat;
Along the campus walks where yester-
day
You whistled, laughed, and sang so
joyously;
There in the chapel where you knelt
in prayer;
Or in the stadium where once you
played
To cheering throngs with the same
grit and zest
As when you fought and poured out
life's red wine
At Anzio, Cassino, and Bastogne,
At Okinawa, Normandy, Cologne.

No, we shall not forget. Forever
sacred
Shall those places be where once you
played
And worked, and studied, laughed
and sang, and prayed.

And though to you we say a long
farewell,
Out from the Heaven of Heroes
where you dwell
Your spirits shall return—and stay
with us.

—Sister Agnes Immaculata,
S.N.D. de N.

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Class Notes

1905 — E. J. Schaeffer has
moved from Akron to Dayton, O.
1916 — J. D. Leonard, Jr., has
changed his residence from St. Pet-
sburgs, Fla., to Reading, Pa.
1924 — Lt. Col. F. W. Williams
sent an interesting picture of the
"Justizpalast"—court house in Mu-
ich, Germany, to his former prof.
"Doc" Wohleben. Maj. Armon
Wease is residing in Arlington, Va.
1927 — Capt. Harold Thomas
was a campus visitor. He has served
five years overseas, having been sta-
tioned in Italy and in the South
Pacific.
1928 — John Koors, Jr., was dis-
charged and is in business again in
Dayton. Michael Burger is now
working with the Bell Telephone
Labs in Murray Hill, N. Y. Ma-
garet E. O'Neill has returned to
Dayton from California. Lt. Col.
Win. A. Nunn, Jr., is stationed in
Asahigawa, Hokkaido, Japan, and
remembered us with a very unusual
Christmas card. Paul Zimmer was a
recent campus visitor.
1929 — George A. Barrett, for-
merly a Lieutenant Commander in
the Sea Bees, discharged after 43
months in the service, was appointed
deputy to the County Engineer,
Dayton, Montgomery Co., O.
1932 — Charles Mahlman is now
living in Covington, Ky. Lt. Col.
E. A. Greer and Capt. Wm. Bee-

man were recent campus visitors.
1933 — Dr. Joseph Humpert is
now serving with the armed forces
in France.
1934 — Irwin Gleim has recently
been discharged from service and is
residing in Dayton.
1935 — Sgt. Arthur Routzong,
after 19 months in the ETO in Eng-
land, France, and Belgium in the
communications department of the
service, was a campus visitor. He
expects to receive his discharge for
a Christmas present, and then he is
going back with one of the St. Louis
Cardinals' baseball clubs as a busi-
ness manager. Capt. Albert V. Black
is stationed at Camp Van Dorn, Miss.
David Weinberg is now in Dayton.
Major Louis B. Wolf is stationed at
Camp Butner, N. C. Ruth McDonough
and Capt. George W. Duell were mar-
ried on Nov. 17, 1945, at Beech Grove,
Indiana. Judge and Mrs. William
L. Struck (Marianna Hollencamp)
announce the birth of a son, Nov.
15, at Dayton.
1937 — Major Herbert Greuter
is stationed at San Antonio, Texas.
Miss Kathryn Klipstein, Cheyenne,
have announced their engagement.
1938 — T/Sgt. Ben Tetzlaff met
Louis J. Darbie in Yokohama. They
are attached to Headquarters, Im-

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NAVY VET WRITES AND DIRECTS PLAY

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CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF DIRECTING ONE OF the Thespian's plays "Night
Court," Joe Higgins is "laying the law down" to left to right Bill Walsh,
George Mitchell, Joe Cunningham, and Jack Dawson.
SENATE CANDIDATE

Dr. Ed. A. Huth

Dr. Edward A. Huth, University of Dayton faculty member, has announced his candidacy for nomination as United States Senator from Ohio. He is associate professor and acting head of the sociology department, and has been on U.D. staff since 1939.

Dr. Huth holds degrees from Notre Dame, Western Reserve, and Heidelberg, and has taught history and sociology at Columbia university, the University of Chicago, and Fordham. He is a native of Tiffin, O., and resides with his wife and two children in Dayton.

Flyer Cagers Lose Opener to Cincy

The University of Dayton Flyers opened their basketball season against the University of Cincinnati, Dec. 11, at the U. C. gym. The Bearcats defeated the Flyers by a score of 45-28. The team’s playing was spirited, but they showed signs of nervousness. However, as the game wore on, the Flyers settled down and gave the Bearcats a good contest. Bill Ginn, Dayton, named All-City while playing for Stivers, led the scoring. He tallied up 13 of the 28 points. Saturday, Dec. 15, the Flyers will play Wittenberg at Springfield, and Tuesday, Dec. 18, they play Ohio University in their first home-game of the season at the Fairgrounds Coliseum. The January schedule is Jan. 3, Miami at Oxford; Jan. 15, Cincinnati at Dayton; Jan. 18, Bowling Green at Bowling Green; Jan. 22, Wittenberg at Dayton.

Hilltop Happenings

AROUND THE CAMPUS — Dr. Francis J. Molz, associate dean of the science division, addressed the Dayton League of Nursing Education recently. He discussed the entrance test at U. D. and how it is used in the training of pre-cadet nurses. . . . Dr. Harry Bremen ’37, was guest speaker at the Sigma Delta Pi, pre-medical society meeting, and spoke on some of his war-time experiences. . . . Upsilon Delta Chi, home economics department club, enjoyed Ruth Boes Herr of the Art Institute, and her talk on flower arrangement at their December meeting. . . . Flyers’ Hangar, informal Sunday night social get-together at the Loretto, sponsored a Christmas party December 16. . . . The Coeds’ Christmas party was held December 17. . . . Allan Braun, Senior Class President, spoke at the regional conference of the Catholic Scholastic Press Association, at Ursuline College, Louisville, Ky. . . . Gamma Chi, women’s chorus, presented the annual Christmas program, with traditional hymns as well as more modern carols. . . . A pre-holiday skating party was held December 12 at Skatelond. Jeannette Stockklein is chairman. . . . Father Baumeister attended the Marion Congress, December 7 and 8, in Washington, D. C. . . . The International Relations Club News is being published again. Sam DeHart, junior science student, is president of the club and editor. . . . Dr. Huth attended a conference of education and social security authorities at Ohio State recently. . . . Brother Joseph Janning, who spent 22 years in the Orient, addressed the International Relations Club December 15. . . . A triduum of noon devotions was held preceding the feast of the Immaculate Conception. . . . Christmas holidays will begin December 19 and include January 2. . . . Dr. D. L. Leary, Brother Elmer Lackner, and Dr. F. J. Molz attended a teacher-training program meeting in Physical and Health Education at Columbus. . . . Brother William Beck and Dr. Alfred Lonsing, professors on leave from the university, were shown in a part of a Popular Science short, showing the work of the Institutum. Divi Thomae at one of our popular theatres.

COACH GIVES STARS FINAL TIPS

JIM CARTER, BASKETBALL COACH AT U.D., IS GIVING some instructions to Kenny Boxwell, left, and Bill Ginn. Boxwell, former Xenia Central star, is a forward, and Ginn, ex-Stivers All-City, is scheduled for the center position.
Class Notes

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perial Hotel, there. Sgt. David Mc-
Crate is also now stationed in Yokohoma. Capt. Garland Lotz, after five years in the army, is enjoying termi-
nal leave until February, 1946, when he will be discharged. He was a re-
cent campus visitor. Lotz served in the ETO with the Third and Fif-
teenth Armies, and was active in the battle of the “Bulge.”

1939—Lt. George W. Myrick and Olla Baker were married on
Nov. 17, 1945, at Holy Trinity
Church in Detroit, Michigan. J. C. Baker has established his residence in
Cuyahoga Falls, O. Capt. Clif
futtmiller is on terminal leave, after
five years in the service. He was on
duty in ETO, serving in England,
France, and Germany with the Fif-
teenth Army, and was then rede-
ployed to the Pacific on Okinawa
with the Tenth Army. Capt. Johnnie
I. Newsock has been discharged after
almost two years of overseas service.
He was with the 310th medical bat-
talion throughout the Italian cam-
paign. Major James L. Schwering is
on terminal leave until January. He
spent 45 months in the South Pa-
cific in Australia, New Guinea, and
the Philippine Islands. He wears the
Presidential citation and distin-
guished unit badge, and recently was
a campus visitor. Major James F.
Pflum is stationed at the 29th Re-
placement Depot at Manila, and is
awaiting transportation to the United
States and subsequent discharge from
the army. Assigned to Chemical War-
fare he participated in action on New
Caledonia, Guadalcanal, New Geor-
gia, Bougainville, and Luzon, and has
earned the Bronze Star with oak leaf
cluster, the Asiatic-Pacific and Phi-
ippine Liberation ribbons with three
battle stars and one arrowhead.

1940—Charles Wilke is teaching at Washington State College, and
presented a paper before a group of
chemists and chemical engineers of
the Richland Technical Society. Lt.
(jg.) Tony Rush is stationed at the
Naval Air Base at Hilo, Hawaii. John
J. Brennan was a recent campus vis-
itor, and is supervising the Field Op-
erations for the United States Civil
Service Commission. Capt. Bill Hill
was a recent campus visitor. He re-
ported that he had been out of the
country in the Caribbean area with
the Quartermaster Corps. He mar-
rried a Spanish girl, and now has
two children. Upon receiving his dis-
charge, Bill will be affiliated with the
Chicago Pump Co.

1941—Mr. and Mrs. Louis E.
Goldkamp (Betty McDermott) an-
nounce the birth of a daughter on
Nov. 7. Paul Humbert is stationed in
Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Warren
Kappeler announce the birth of a
son, Dec. 9. Richard Hall was a re-
cent campus visitor. He has been dis-
charged after having been stationed in
India, and will be working for the
Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance
Co. For sure—Major Howard Lans-
downe is home. He arrived Dec. 6.
Lt. Joe Paluzzi is now in Japan.

1942—Capt. Robert Waltz is station-
ed in Henderson, Ky. Capt.
George Kinzeler was a recent cam-
pus visitor, after being discharged from
the army. He was awarded the
Bronze star for meritorious achieve-
ment in Italy. Miss Doris Copcock
and M/Sgt. Robert J. Schmidt were
married in St. Helen’s Church, Vero
Beach, Florida, on Nov. 9. Lt. Henry
“Hank” Rechten and Lt. Betty Jean
Urton were married on Nov. 24,
1945, at Van Wert, Ohio. “Hank”
visited the campus enroute to the
ceremony. Lt. Robert E. Maloney is
sailing the China Sea on an LST.
Trevia McGriff has returned to Day-
ton. Bob Sells and Joe McShane have
been discharged from service. Hugh
Scott was a recent bridegroom. Bob
Butler is stationed at Patterson Field.
Lt. John Schuler, while awaiting fur-
ther transportation on Eniwetok, met
Leo Fitzharris. Leo is working with
the Shore Patrol. Schuler is assigned
to a signal service group close to Ma-
nila. Miss Mary Louise Hyde and
Bob Dawson have announced their
engagement. Miss Marion Margolis
was married to Sanford Frank.

1943—John M. Marshall has changed his residence to Wheeling,
W. Va., Edmund Velton has recently
been promoted to the rank of Cap-
tain in the Engineers’ Corps. He and
Mrs. Velton are residing in St. Louis,
Mo. Lt. (jg.) P. J. Schauer has been
serving on submarine duty on the
USS Dragonet. He has been overseas
for two years, and participated in
submarine action around Leyte, For-
mosa, Korea, and the Yellow Sea.
Schauer was a recent campus visitor
before returning to San Francisco for
further assignment. Lt. Ellsworth Fo-
land is assistant camp adjutant and
public relations officer at Camp Philip
Morris near LeHarve, France. Lt.
Charles Lause was a recent campus
visitor, and is on terminal leave await-
ing his discharge. Lt. and Mrs. Rob-
ert Brown (Dotty Collins) announce
the birth of a son, Robert Collins, Dec. 5. Edward Henz and Bob Ueb-
ing, both recently discharged from
the service, are going to Northwestern
University for their master’s degree
in business administration. Lt. Joseph
Overwein is on Okinawa. Betty Mayl
was elected secretary of the Dayton
Women’s Press Club. Lt. George
Geisler is stationed at Ft. Meade,
Md. Lt. Alfred Bagot is at Edge-
wood Arsenal, Md. Lt. (jg.) J. Ray
Austin is on emergency leave due to
the serious illness of his mother.
Ray visited the campus and wishes
to be remembered to his classmates.
Jerome Herzog has been promoted to
the rank of 1st Lt., and received the
Air Medal and a battle star, and has
seen service in Australia, the
Philippines, China and Japan,
Leyte, and Okinawa. He served as
navigator on a C-46, and now is Per-
sonal Equipment officer, inspecting
and instructing in the use of emer-
gency aircrew equipment. Jerry met
his brother Dick on Manila. The two
brothers are currently stationed about
22 miles apart. Jerry expects to re-
turn to the states sometime in Jan-
uary, 1946. Lt. Bill Knisley is home
after service with the Second Marine
Division. Bill expects to be discharged
soon.

1944—William Raiff received a commenda-
tion from his C. O. for
work on the atomic bomb. Lt. Robert
J. Perkins has been transferred to
the Quartermaster Corps and is station-
ed at Nuernberg, Germany. Lt. Robert
Luken writes from the Philippines
that he expects to see service in Japan
with the army of occupation. Lt. Le-
land Schmidt was recently awarded his
second Bronze Star in the form of an
oak leaf cluster. He also holds the
Purple Heart and Combat Infantry-
man’s Badge. Miss Julia Carey and
Mr. John O. Everett announced their
marriage which took place on Oct.
12 in Dayton. Lt. Robert Wemming
is stationed at Geissen, near Kassel,
Germany. Lt. Robert J. Schweller
is serving as production line mainte-
nance officer at Spence Field.