

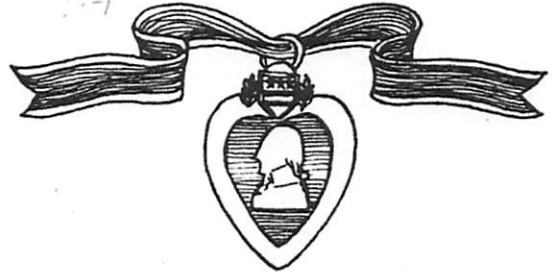
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## DEDICATION

The Association of Teachers of Agriculture of New York, that furnished approximately 100 men for the armed services, dedicate their Forty Year Book to seven qualified teachers who 'gave all' on the Battlefronts of World War II. The Association has also established a World War II Memorial Loan Fund at Cornell University to aid deserving seniors to complete their qualifications for teaching Vocational Agriculture.

Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand  
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!  
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n rescued land  
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.

## The Purple Heart



*North Africa*

### CAPT. VERNER F. OGI

Verner F. Ogi, Webster H.S.; B.S. Cornell 1937; R.O.T.C. Teacher of Vocational Agriculture at Ontario and Westmoreland H.S. 1937-40. Captain Field Artillery, U.S. Army, "Fighting First Division" - 1941. Capt. Ogi was among the first troops to land in North Africa and was one of the most efficient and trusted staff officers, according to Major Gen. Terry Allen. He was killed on an important mission preceding the attack of the First Division on Gafsa, North Africa in 1943 and was awarded the Purple Heart. Married.



*Notcheid*

### PVT. HARRY E. BURLEW

Harry E. Burlew, Breesport Union School; B.S. Cornell 1942; Teacher of Vocational Agriculture at Hinsdale 1942-44. Entered active service at Camp Croft, North Carolina, September 1944 and was sent to Germany after his short training period, in January 1945, to join the 9th Division, First Army. He met his death within six weeks at Notcheid, Germany, March 1945. Married.



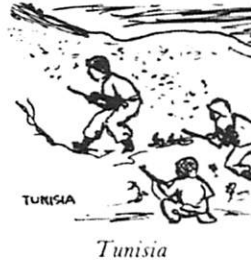
*The Yorktown*

### ENSIGN JOHN D. ROONEY

John D. Rooney, Fayetteville H.S.; Cornell 1939. Teacher of Vocational Agriculture at Wellsville 1939-40. Trained for the Naval Air Corps at Pensacola and Miami, Florida; commissioned in 1941 and assigned to the *Yorktown*. While on leave he was killed in a plane crash on the Bristol Hills, bordering the west shore of Canandaigua Lake, as he was flying from his home in Fayetteville to Wellsville to say 'good-bye' to the faculty.

CAPT. CLIFFORD B. RAYMER, D.S.C.

Clifford B. Raymer, Sodus H.S.; B.S. Cornell '33 R.O.T.C. Entered active service August 1940. Sent overseas, July 1942 as Company K Commander, 18th Inf., First Inf. Division. He was killed in action May 6, 1943, while leading the well-known 'Raymer Rifles' in an intense battle against the famous German "Barenthin Regiment" in North Tunisia. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Purple Heart, and many other citations. He received special recognition from Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt. Married. One child.



1ST LT. MAHLON J. TYLER

Mahlon J. Tyler, Cherry Valley C.S.; B.S. Cornell 1940; qualified as a private pilot at Cornell. Teacher of Vocational Agriculture Lisbon H.S. 1940-41. Enlisted in Air Corps in 1941. Received his Wings at the Gulf Coast Air Corps Training Center, May 1942 and was Flight Instructor at Waco, Texas. Sent to C.B.I. Theater 1944 - Air Transport Command. He was killed flying "The Hump" in an ice storm at an elevation of more than 19,000 feet, in April 1945. Married. Two children.



1ST LT. WILLIAM J. BARNUM

William J. Barnum, Albion H.S.; B.S. Cornell 1938; M.S. Cornell 1940; Teacher of Vocational Agriculture Livonia H.S. 1940-41. Enlisted in U.S. Army, July 1941. Served as Non-com. until December 1942 when he was sent to Officers' Training Camp, Fort Benning, Georgia. Sent overseas in May 1944 to join Co. K, 60th Inf. He landed on the Normandy Beach Head and was killed in action July 14 at San Lo, France. He was later buried beside his only brother, Eugene, at Margraten, Holland.



Normandy Beachhead and San Lo



1ST LT. ALAN E. HERMANCÉ

Alan E. Hermance, Webster H.S.; B.S. Cornell 1939. Gained some experience as a substitute teacher of Vocational Agriculture. Enlisted in the Air Corps and trained at Barksdale Field where he received his Wings in early spring 1941. Sent to England in August 1942 as a B-17 Pilot in the 92nd Bomber Group of the 8th Air Force (325th Sq'd.) and flew many missions. He was shot down over the North Sea on July 26, 1943 while on a bombing raid to Hanover, Germany.



Hanover

