

Jeffress, William Horace

DD Born Sept. 10, 1913, in Norfolk, Va.
Son of Edward Stanley Jeffress
(Born 1874)

and his second wife, Nina

McClelland Jeffress (born 1874);
Grandson of Edward Hudson Jeffress
(born 1848 - died 1904, who was in
3rd Virginia Cavalry 1861-1865)

and his wife

Sallie Brown Overbey Jeffress

(born 1845 - died 1915).

(Nephew of Mrs. Elizabeth Jeffress
Jackson - (Mrs. D.C.) - Member of
Old Dominion Chapter U.D.C.)

William Horace Jeffress named after
his maternal grandfather William
McClelland, and his paternal
great-uncle William Horace Jeffress,
both of whom were Confederate
soldiers.

Graduated from Manry High School,
Norfolk, Virginia, June 13, 1930
at the age of 16 years, where
he was President of Tau-Delta-Tau,
a National High School Fraternity.
Graduated with honors from the
Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at
Blacksburg, Va., June 12, 1934 with

a B. S. degree at the age of 20.
All military graduates at V. P. I.
receive Commission as 2nd Lieut. in
the U. S. Army Reserves. But this
could not be issued to him at
graduation, as it was to the other
graduates, because he had not
reached his majority; and had
to wait until September to
receive same. Graduated as
Captain of Battery "O".

Returned to V. P. I. for a Post-
Graduate Course and took his
M. S. degree in Electrical Engineering
June 11, 1935.

At V. P. I. he belonged to the
following National Fraternities,
Tau-Beta-Pi. Phi-Kappa-Phi.
Omicron-Delta-Kappa.
Phi Beta Kappa.

Sept. 24, 1934 - Commissioned Second
Lieutenant Coast-Artillery Reserves;
March 23, 1938 - Commissioned First
Lieutenant;

Jan. 1, 1941 - Called into active service;
Feb. 1, 1942 - Commissioned a Captain
in Coast-Artillery.

Jan. 1, 1943 promoted from Captain
to Major. See now (Oct. 1, 1943)

Commander of 104th Battalion at
Camp McGehee, Watsonville, California

William Horace Jeffress on July 6, 1940
Married Dorothy Grubbs, daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neville Grubbs,
at Park Place Methodist Church,
Norfolk, Virginia.

November 15, 1943. Born to Major William
H. Jeffress and his wife Dorothy, at
Hospital in Watsonville, California -
a son, James Stanley Jeffress.

Dec. 9, 1943. Major Jeffress is being
transferred to Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Sept. 1st, 1944. Major William H. Jeffress
transferred from Fort Monroe, Virginia,
to Coast Artillery Headquarters
Replacement and School Command,
Birmingham 3, Alabama.

Major William H. Jeffress was
promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel on
December 21, 1945.

Dec. 22, 1945. received his army
discharge at Ft. Meade, Maryland.
His "Terminal Leave" to expire on
April 20, 1946.

An account of Lieutenant-Colonel Jeffress' "exceptional record" he was urged to remain in the Army with a promise of further promotion, but preferred returning to civilian life; has his same job with the DuPonts. Instead of being located in Buffalo, New York, his former place, he is happy to be in Virginia at the Aempt-Hill Plant (between Richmond and Petersburg), and will live in Richmond. He began work at Aempt Hill on February 11, 1946.

"Army Ground Forces."

"By direction of the Secretary of War, The Army Commendation Ribbon is awarded to Major William Horace Jeffress 0322203 Coast Artillery Corps."

Citation:

"As Instructor in the Department of Artillery, The Coast Artillery School, from June 1941 to January 1943 and from December 1943 to August 1944 -

His wide professional experience and superior ability as an instructor were invaluable aids in organizing the Officer Candidate Section of his department. He made an outstanding contribution to the quality of instruction conducted at the

Coast Artillery School.

(Signed) Robert F. Frederick.

Major General U. S. Army.

(This was on an Embossed Card received from Headquarters Fort Wingfield Scott, California. July 5, 1946.

On Form 50 dated March 15, 1947, executed in triplicate and sent to Miss Anne J. Mann, Box 575, Petersburg, Virginia, Aug. 21, 1947, additional data appears, as follows:
His permanent address =

5015 Caledonia Road,

Richmond 24, Virginia.

His father's address = Norfolk, Va.

He is the grandson of Edward Hudson Jeffress who served in Company K, 3rd Virginia Regiment, Stuart's Cavalry, in the War between the States.

Entry into Service = January 2, 1941.

Where inducted = Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Branch of Service = Coast Artillery.

Commanding Officers:

Brig. Gen. - F. B. Clark; L. D. J. Astrom;

L. B. Weeks; Major Gen. = Harry

Hazlett.

Entered Service as 1st Lieut.

Promotions:

Captain, Feb. 1, 1942;
Major, Jan. 4, 1943;
Lt. Col., Dec. 24, 1945.

Service in the United States:

Ft. Preble, Maine, Jan. - Jun. 1941.
Fort Monroe, Va. { Jan. '44 - Aug. '44
 { Jun. '41 - Dec. '42;
Camp McDucide, Calif. Jan. - Dec. 1943;
Headquarters Replacement & School Command,
Birmingham, Ala. Sept. '44 - Dec. '45.

Citations, Decorations =

Army Commendation Medal.

Released from Active Service April 1946
Demobilization.

In Reserve or Inactive Duty?

Officers' Reserve Corps.

The News: Lynchburg, Va.
Sunday Morning
July 2, 1950.

Wed Yesterday At Altavista



Mrs. Alexander Doniphan Kelly

Altavista, July 1—Arrangements of gladioli and lacy white blossoms were used against massed greens for the candlelit wedding at 4 o'clock this afternoon in First Baptist Church of Miss Frances Johnson Cundiff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Cundiff, and Alexander Doniphan Kelly, son of the late Richard Thompson and Georgie Hume Kelly of Culpeper. The pastor, the Rev. H. T. Busey, was assisted by the Rev. E. R. Phillips of New Church, cousin of the bride, in performing the ceremony.

The bride, who was escorted by her brother, Emory Cundiff, Jr., was given in marriage by her mother. She wore an afternoon dress of corn-flower blue lace and crepe with bonnet of self-material trimmed with a wreath of lily of the valley and draped with nylon veiling. The dress was fashioned with a lace bodice simply cut with decollete neckline and the full crepe skirt was ankle-length. Her only ornament was a double string of pearls worn by the groom's mother and she carried a handkerchief made by her mother for her wedding. She carried a prayer book topped with purple tipped white orchids and showered with satin streamers and stephanotis.

Mrs. George F. Abbitt, Jr., of Appomattox as her sister's matron of honor wore an ankle-length dress of Chantilly lace in ashes of roses shade made with tight bodice, sweetheart neckline and full skirt. She wore a large navy taffeta hat with long white gloves and navy accessories and carried a nosegay of pink roses and paler pink carnations and lavender gladioli.

The bride's nieces, Frances Pennington Abbitt and Sara Peyton Abbitt, were the flower girls. They were dressed in short white organdy frocks made over blue slips. They wore wide sashes and carried miniature nosegays in pink and blue.

Dr. John H. Hoskins of Lynchburg, brother-in-law of the groom, was best man and groomsmen were George F. Abbitt, Jr., of Appomattox; Roy H. Bridger of Silver Springs, Md., Wistar H. Heald, Jr., of Lynchburg and Thompson Kelly of Culpeper.

The bride is a graduate of the local high school and Averett College and attended the Chicago School of Music before going to Richmond where she held a secretarial position. The groom attended the University of Virginia.

A reception followed immediately after the ceremony. The solarium of the Dalton House was banked with white flowers and greens and a tiered cake centered the bride's table.

After a southern trip the couple will live in Culpeper. For traveling the bride wore a navy blue faille with Eton jacket and white hat with touches of navy and white accessories. She added an orchid at the lapel.

The bride's mother was in navy sheer with navy hat and navy and white accessories. She wore orchids.

Kelly, Alexander D. born Oct. 14 1899,
Kelly's Ford, Fauquier Co., Virginia.

Son of R. T. Kelly and Georgie E.
Hume Kelly.

(Brother of

Form 50 dated Nov. 10, 1949 gives
the following information:

Record of Alexander D. Kelly.

Permanent address = Culpeper, Virginia.

Date and place of birth = October 14,
1899, Kelly's Ford, Fauquier Co., Va.

Father's name and address =
R. T. Kelly, Culpeper, Va.

Mother's maiden name =

Georgie E. Hume.

Name of Confederate Ancestor =

Clarke Hume Thompson (Lieut.)

Company and Regiment of Ancestor =

Company G 34th Virginia

Militia Regiment.

Relation to Confederate Ancestor =

Great Nephew.

Relation to U.D.C. Member = Brother.

Date of Entry into Service =

November 4, 1942.

Where inducted = Carlpeper, Virginia.

Branch of Service = Air Corps.

Name of Commanding Officer or
Unit in Command =

Gareth Kellam, 1st Lt. A.C.

1007th Tpt Sq. Lajunta, Colorado.

Rank or Rate on Entering Service =

Private.

Service in the United States, Dates
and Locations:

Keesler Field, Miss. Nov. 25, 1942^{to}

December 23, 1942;

Fort Logan, Colorado, Dec. 25, 1942^{to} Feb. 17, 1943;

Lajunta, Col., Feb. 17, 1943^{to} March 24, 1943.

If released from Active Service, Give
Date and Reason =

Sec. 11, Cit. *39, WD. Feb. 4, 1943.

Kelly, John P. born December 22, 1907.
Pine Lulpeper, Virginia.

Son of R. P. Kelly and Georgie E.
Hume Kelly.

Brother of

Form 50 dated Nov. 10, 1949 gives
the following information:

Record of John P. Kelly.

Ser. No. 658-0403

Permanent Address = Lulpeper, Va.

Date and place of birth = December 22,
1907, in Lulpeper, Virginia.

Father's Name and address =

R. P. Kelly, Lulpeper, Va.

Mother's Maiden Name =

Georgie E. Hume.

Name of Confederate Ancestor =

Blake Hume Thompson (Lieut.)

Company and Regiment of Ancestor =

Company "G" of 34th Virginia Militia
Regiment.

Relationship to Confederate Ancestor =

Great Nephew.

Relationship to U.D.C. Member = Brothers.

Date of Entry into Service =

October 31, 1941.

Where inducted = Norfolk, Virginia.

Branch of Service = Navy.

Names of Commanding Officers or
Units in Command =

Rapar Capt. of U.S.S. Wisconsin

Smith Capt. of U.S.S. Matar.

Names of Ships =

U.S.S. Acushnet, U.S.S. Matar,

U.S.S. Tomahawk, U.S.S. Guam,

U.S.S. Wisconsin.

Where training was received =

N.O.B. Norfolk, Virginia.

Rank or Rate on entering Service =

F-2

Promotions = F-1; W.J. 2c.

Service in the United States, Dates
and Locations =

6 months at Lambeth Pt. Deгаuging
Station.

Foreign Service, Dates and Locations =

30 Months at sea in Pacific.

Engagements, Battles and Campaigns =
Philippines, Palau, Okinawa,
Iwo Jima, Japan.

Citations, Decorations, etc =
1 silver star, 2 bronze stars,
good conduct ribbon.

Wounded or Disabled - Give Date,
Battle or Details =
Off Atlantic Coast aboard
U.S.S. Acoushnet.

Honorable discharge at
termination of War October 25, 1945.

State if in Reserve or Inactive
Duty = U.S.N.R. "

Lee, Frank Warner, Jr. born April 24, 1909
in Lynchburg, Virginia.

● Son of Frank Warner Lee and
Elizabeth Ballard Campbell Lee.
● Grandson of John Thomas Campbell, C. V.,
and Mrs. Rubie A. Campbell.
Nephew of Flora Campbell Evans (Mrs. James P.)
who has been a member of Old Dominion
Chapter U. D. C. since 1923.

● Frank Warner Lee, Jr. attended public
schools in Lynchburg, Virginia up
to 14 years of age. Moved to
Spartanburg, S. C., Sept. 1922 and
attended Spartanburg Public Schools
through graduation from High
School; graduated with honors.
Entered Clemson College in South Carolina
in 1927, graduating in June 1931.
In his senior year he was
cadet Lt. Colonel. On graduation
he was given Commission as
2nd Lieutenant; all graduates of
Military schools receive this.
● After graduation from Clemson
College he kept up classes in O. R. C.
and attended required summer
encampments. About 1938
he resigned his Commission and
joined the National Guard (Infantry)

as a private. He took officers' examination and was made 1st Lieut. in the Company (Infantry) within a few weeks after joining. Stayed in National Guard Infantry about one year, then was made Captain of Motorized Field Artillery. A few months later he was sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to the Field Artillery School for a three months course. On his return from Fort Sill was put in charge of a Battery in Spartanburg, S.C., for one year. With his Battery was mustered into U.S. Army early in 1941 and sent to Fort Bragg, N.C. Was at Fort Bragg six or eight months before active field maneuvers in Fall of 1941. During maneuvers was transferred to 13th Field Artillery Headquarters to serve on Brig-Gen. John A. Cronie's Staff. Returned to Fort Bragg and early in 1942 was sent to Camp Blanding, Florida, with his Brigade. In June (or July) 1942 was sent back to Fort Sill for another two months course at the Artillery School. Recalled after one month to join his outfit at Fort Bragg, and left for overseas duty.

August 1942; sailed for England.
Was made Major soon after reaching
England where he stayed for about
three months. Sailed with huge
convoy for Africa, reaching N. W.
Africa early in December 1942.
As of January 1943 was still in
N. W. Africa, serving on Staff of
13th F. A. Brigade.

(When sending record as above written
his mother writes: "This is as nearly correct
as I can make it. I have not exact dates
and Frank Jr. has papers with him, so I
have given approximate dates in
some instances.")

This picture
taken of Major
Frank W. Lee, Jr.,
somewhere in
N. W. Africa
Jan. 1943.



August 15, 1945.

Frank W. Lee's "Legion of Merit" citation which appeared in his home town paper (Spartanburg, S. C.).

For exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service in Sicily and Italy.

Major Lee met difficult problems with energy and directness that brought them to a swift, successful conclusion. His relations with the staff and other personnel of the battalion and with the staffs of higher units brought about a spirit of cooperation that greatly facilitated the development and success of the unit in combat. His influence, personal courage and thorough conception of combat principles served to establish a high state of morale, confidence and coordination in his battalion for approximately two years of combat. The keen understanding of both tactical and administrative problems which Major Lee demonstrated reflects the highest administrative and technical traditions of our army and is worthy of praise.

(Frank Warner Lee, Jr.)

On Form 50 dated April 14, 1947-
executed in triplicate and sent to
Miss Anne J. Mann, Box 575, Petersburg,
Virginia, November 6, 1947, additional
data appears, as follows:

Permanent address = #310 Rivermont Drive,
Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Father's name and address =

Frank Warner Lee, 212 S. Fairview,
Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Mother's maiden name = Elizabeth Ballard
Campbell.

Grandson of John Thomas Campbell, his
Confederate ancestor, who served in
McClanahan's Battery, McGregor's
Battalion, Stewart's Horse Artillery.

Wife's maiden name = Mattie
Kathryn Sparks.

Entry into Service = Jan. 27, 1941.

Where inducted = Spartanburg, S. C.

Branch of Service = Field Artillery.

Commanding Officer =

Colonel Ansel B. Godfrey.

178th Field Artillery Battalion.

Where training was received = Fort Bragg,
North Carolina; Camp Blanding, Florida.

Rank on entering service = Captain.

Promotions and dates:

Major - August 12, 1942;

Lt. Col. - December 18, 1945.

(Frank Warner Lee, Jr.)

Service in the United States:

Fort Bragg - Jan. 1941 - Mar. 1942;
Camp Blanding - Mar. 1942 - July 1942.

Foreign Service:

England - Aug. 1942 - Nov. 1942;
Africa - Nov. 1942 - Aug. 1943;
Sicily - Aug. 1943 - Sept. 1943;
Italy - Sept. 1943 - Oct. 1945.

Engagements, Battles and Campaigns:

Tunisia, Sicilian,
Naples - Foggia, Rome-Arno,
North Apennines, Po Valley.

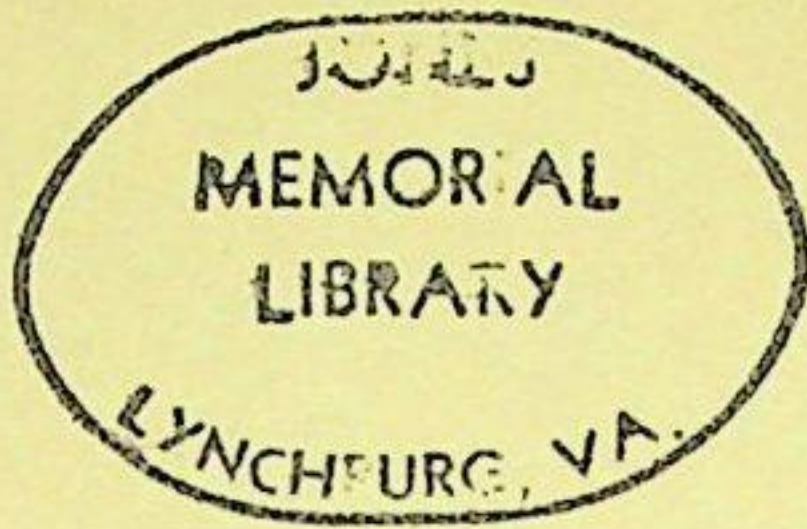
Citations, Decorations, etc.:

Legion of Merit Medal,
Bronze Star Medal,
European-African-Middle Eastern
Theatre Service Medal.

February 21, 1946, Reverted to
inactive duty.

State if in "Reserve or Inactive Duty" =
Reserve.

Frank W. Lee, Jr.
0-282455.



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Maheer, Carolyn Fleet. Born in
Lynchburg, Virginia Feb. 28th, 1915.

Daughter of James Wesley Maheer and
Mary Lela Keffer Maheer.

Granddaughter (maternal) of Capt. Charles
H. Keffer and Emma Bondurant Keffer.
Emma Bondurant Keffer was the
daughter of John Bondurant of Bedford
County, Virginia. Capt. Charles H.
Keffer served in Company "E" 4th
Virginia Regiment (S. I. A.)

Mrs. Mary Lela Keffer Maheer has been
a member of Old Dominion Chapter
U. D. C. since 1925.

In July 1928, Carolyn Fleet Maheer
joined the Children of the Confederacy
Auxiliary to Old Dominion Chapter,
Virginia Division of the U. D. C.
She graduated from E. C. Glass High
School, Lynchburg, Virginia, on June
12, 1933. Attended Randolph Macon
Woman's College one session. In the
fall of 1934 entered William and Mary
College, Williamsburg, Virginia.
In 1937 entered the Nurses Training
School in University Hospital, Charlottesville.