

Bruce and Annabel





1941

- ◆ **We [Bruce and Annabel] exchanged the following two pictures after we had not seen each other since 1935. In July 1941 Bruce came to Bartlesville on 15 day furlough from Army. He stayed at our house (Mama and Dad and Annabel and Buck) and we were engaged during that time, with plans for me to go to San Antonio after he returned to Fort Sam from maneuvers in Louisiana, to meet his mother and Fate. I also met Olive at depot in Dallas where I had to stop and change trains.**



1941 (Continued)

- ◆ **I hadn't set the date yet. Not sure to marry then or wait until he was discharged. The reason was that I knew he would have the Army to obey and we wouldn't be together and I didn't know just how his family and I would accept each other. However, I had brought everything except a dress to be married in. When Re and Fate met me at the train in San Antonio we immediately accepted one another. (Bruce was on Guard party and didn't get home until the next day and there was no putting him off any longer.) Re and I went shopping the next day and we were married that night, Friday, October 17, 1941.**



1941 (Continued)

- ◆ **Bruce went into the Brooks General Hospital at Fort Sam Houston on Sunday evening (the 19th) and had mastoid operation next day. I stayed in San Antonio until he was released from hospital and had recovered. I then returned to Bartlesville so I could keep my job as he was to be released from his one year of service he had signed up for (a requirement for all men between 18 and up to enlist for one year or be drafted for one year). His year ended December 7, 1941, the day of Pearl Harbor, which caused all releases to be cancelled. I received a telegram telling me to come.**



1941 (continued)

- ◆ **Then I received another telegram not to come because of the arrivals in San Antonio and rumor they would be blown up. Everyone was shaken up but later he wanted me to come. I was on my way by December 10, 1941, and stayed until November 1942. Sandra was born October 23, 1942 and Bruce was transferred to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin in November 1942. Sandra was about three weeks old. Mother [Alma] was in San Antonio with me. She came down Labor Day to be with me until after Sandra was born and stayed. Re and Fate had moved to Orange, Texas.**



1942

- ◆ When Bruce left I felt like we were cut off and ready to fall off the U.S. into the Gulf of Mexico so I called my doctor to see if we could travel back to Bartlesville. He had me and Sandra come back for an early checkup and said if I would get a pullman (sleeper) I could go. When we got to the station with the trunk and stuffed suitcases we were unable to to get a pullman sleeper but we had to leave anyway. No going back. We had given up our house...**Story told by Annabel Nelson Shattuck 1999**



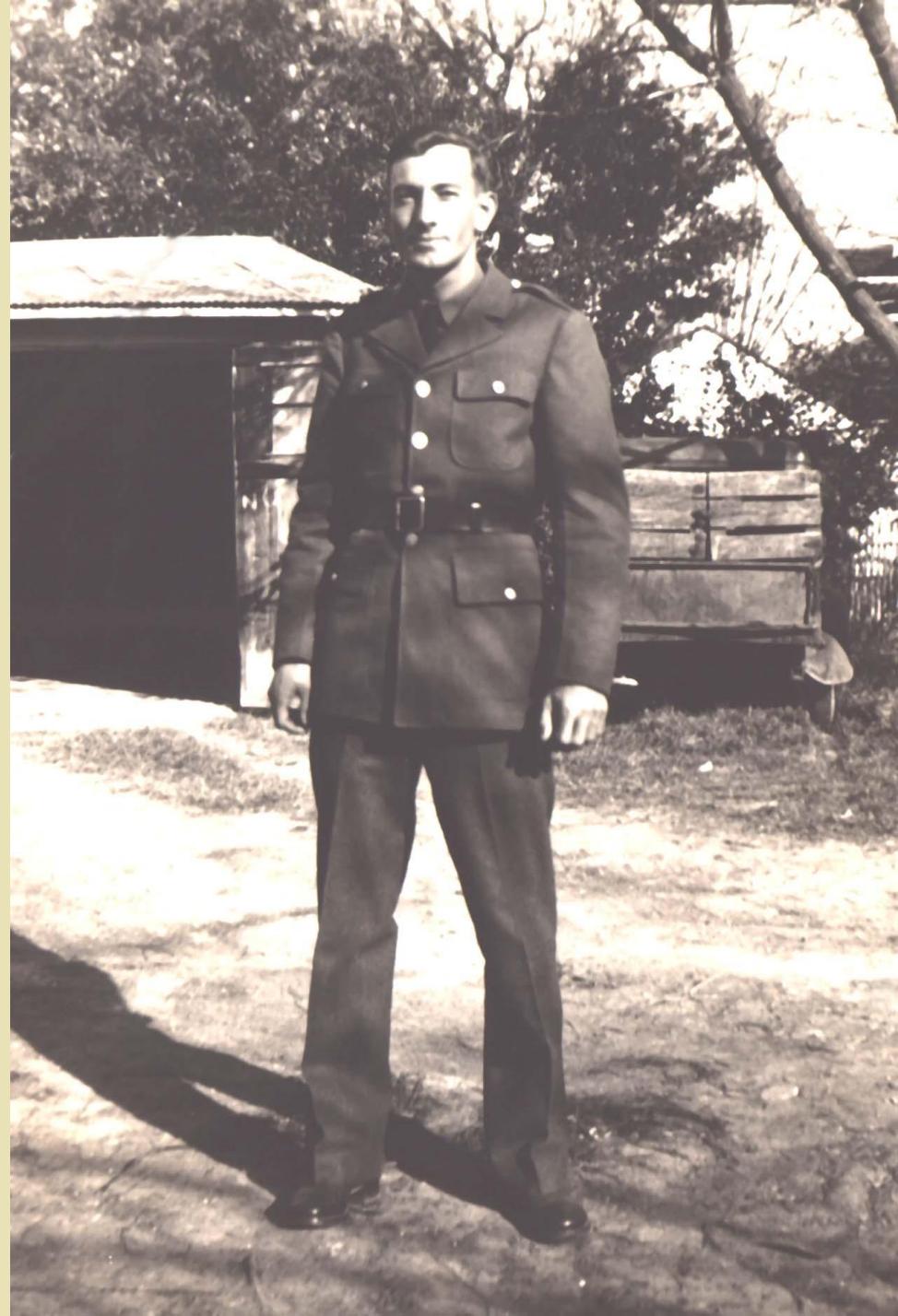
1941

- ◆ Picture sent to Bruce 1941. Had not seen him since 1935 but corresponded on and off. Came to visit in July in Bartlesville on furlough from Army. Were engaged and married October 17, 1941 in San Antonio.

1941

◆ Bruce

- We exchanged pictures Spring 1941. Had not seen each other since 1935.





1941

- ◆ Bruce and Annabel
- ◆ Both age 25
- ◆ July 1941

July
1941





Bruce F. Shattuck

1. Overseas Cap
2. 84th Field Artillery Unit Crest
3. Unknown
4. Marksmanship Qualification Badge
5. Unknown
6. Dog Tags



1941

- ◆ Bruce Shattuck, in Bartlesville on furlough from Army, and Annabel Nelson. July 4, 1941.



THIS CERTIFIES

That
Mr. Bruce J. Shattuck
of Fort San Houston, Texas
and
Miss Annabel D. Nelson
of Bartholomew, Oklahoma

Were united by me in

Holy Matrimony

According to the ordinance of God and the

laws of The State of Texas

at San Antonio, Texas

on the 17th

day of October

in the year of our Lord 1911

Rev. M. C. Stearns
Governments Hill Methodist Ch.

Witnesses

W. J. Long
Miss F. J. Finney



1941

- ◆ Picture taken shortly after their marriage.
- ◆ These are the clothes they wore to be married on Oct. 17, 1941.
- ◆ The picture was taken at Rose Marie's house on Oleander St. in San Antonio.

1941

- ◆ Annabel, age 26
- ◆ Bruce, age 25
- ◆ October 1941



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- ◆ Mrs. L. D. Robinson gave post-wedding shower for Annabel and Bruce.



1941

- ◆ Bruce and Annabel
- ◆ San Antonio, TX
- ◆ In front of Rose Marie's house.

1941

- ◆ Annabel Shattuck
and
Rose Marie Bruce





1942

- ◆ Annabel and Bruce
- ◆ San Antonio, TX



1941

L-R

Jimmy
Lowe
(friend)

Marie
Annabel
Bruce



NOTE: Shoulder patch is
2nd Infantry Division,
aka "Indian Head Division"

**July 26, 1942. Taken in City Park
in San Antonio**

Bruce

1941



Annabel



Bruce



Bartlesville, Okla.
Oct. 21-1941.

Dear Babe + Bruce:

Am very happy to say Bruce to:

Did they operate on his ear Sunday
and how is he? you had it written
and we are all very worried, of course
we know you are all right but please
write to us. Mom is very worried
How is Texas, a beautiful place

I'm sure. We had a grand trip to
Colorado and up to the mountains
is lovely. Earl & Thru snow balls
while there. Marie & Levi went with
us. They sure are fine kids. Well babe
I'm in such a turmoil so, I can't
write; so write to me soon. Tell Bruce
I'm still looking for him to come so
I can say hello. so must get busy.

With Love to you both.

Sis.

- ◆ Letter to Annabel and Bruce from Oletha October 21, 1941.

This picture
was taken at
Griggs
Studio in
Bartlesville
around
Easter time.

We got word
that morning
grandmother
, Melissia
Reynolds
Long Stark,
age 93, had
died.

1952





1953

- ◆ Bruce and Annabel
- ◆ Taken at Olive's in Dallas, Texas

1969

- ◆ Annabel and Bruce Shattuck



Annabel and Bruce, 1969





- ◆ At the K-Mart counter
- ◆ They were buying a camera and the salesman took their picture to demonstrate

1972

1972

- ◆ Annabel
- ◆ Bruce
- ◆ Both 57 years old
- ◆ This was made in Atlanta Ga.



