



Captain Roger Biswell, 1918 Jr.

army hospital in Burma. He became a lieutenant colonel.

Although greatly dedicated to their practices and devoted to their patients, both father and son were forced by ill health to retire early. Dr. Roger Biswell, Jr. passed away in 1969 at age 58.

Dr. Roderick Biswell carries on the family medical tradition in San Jose, California.

and energy. He rose at the crack of dawn and set about his business of building roads and bridges in Baker County. He was a born engineer. I have seen him 'survey' a road, laying out a grade by the amount of push it took his knees to climb it. I have seen him lay out irrigating ditches and mining flumes the same way, and when the water was turned on, it proved he was right."

Roger Biswell's mother described him as a child "who loved to play with everything that walked or crawled." At fifteen, he filled a notebook with clippings on medical subjects. An excellent student, he was graduated from Willamette Medical School in Salem.

In 1908 he married a beautiful young teacher named Myrtle Mary Bratton.

1909-1910 found Dr. Biswell taking post-graduate studies at Rush Medical College in Chicago.

They returned to Haines where Roger, Jr. and Marjorie Mary were born in 1910 and 1911, respectively.

In 1918, after enlisting in the medical corps, Captain Biswell was sent to Ft. Riley, Kansas and from there to Camp Dodge, Iowa. An epidemic of influenza-pneumonia was raging and killing thousands.

Following World War I, the Biswells moved to Baker. In 1921-1922, Dr. Biswell attended the University of California Medical School at Los Angeles and in 1922-1923, Tulane University in New Orleans to specialize in Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat.

Roger Biswell, Jr. met Flora Corkery of Spokane at the University of Oregon Medical School. They married and both practiced medicine in Baker. Roderick, Mary, and Ann were born to them.

Marjorie Biswell married David Edmund Watson of Spokane. They have a daughter Suzanne.

Dr. Roger Biswell, Sr. died in 1943 at age 63, at which time his son Major Biswell was beginning five years' service in World War II, part of it as chief orthopedic surgeon in an

THE BISWELL FAMILY

The ancestors of the Biswells and the Eubanks came from Virginia to Missouri.

James Joseph Biswell (1849-1913) married Sally Ann Eubank (1852-1909) in Missouri. Wallace, Carrie, William, Ora, Roger, and Ella were children from this marriage.

The family moved to Canyon City, Oregon, in 1881, where James amassed several bands of sheep. He stacked hay throughout the range for winter feed. By the following summer, he expected to be well-to-do financially.

According to family history, Pete French, a cattle rancher in that area, burned James' haystacks to drive him out. The sheep starved. James never recovered from the loss. He moved the family to Baker.

A grandson reminisced: "Grandpa Biswell was a big hulk of a man. He had terrific drive