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To All Aztecs in Service and Their Friends:

We were held up for several weeks in the mailing of the last News Letter by the delay up in Los Angeles in getting the stencils made. When they finally came, we had a month's mail to go through for changes in addresses, and we had a lot of new stencils to cut all at once. The work was pyramided and with several changes in secretaries, we were practically swamped. At times it looked hopeless, but you can look for business as usual from here on.

If you missed out on any issues, let us know and we will try to get them to you. Dr. Harwood is helping in answering requests for addresses. See later note. The sororities are still helping with the folding and stuffing of the News Letters as well as carrying on the campus sales.

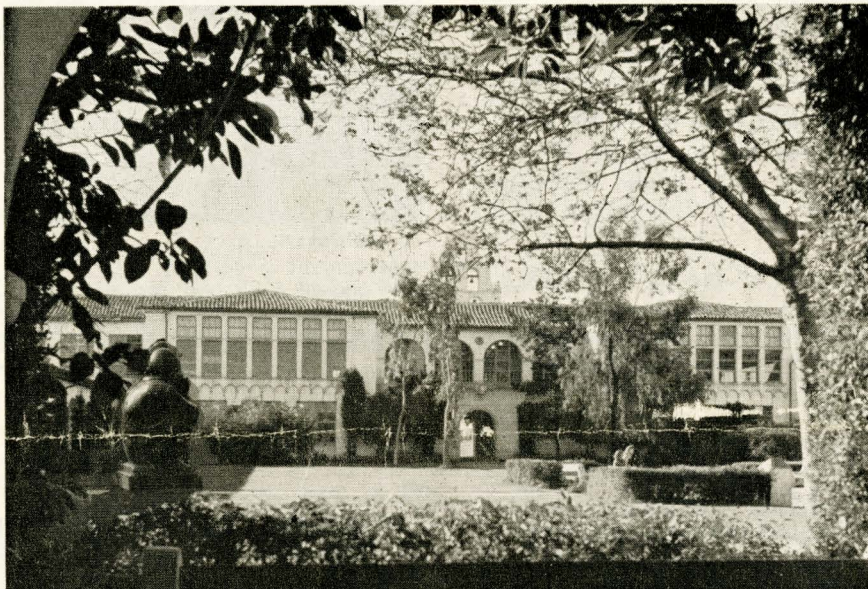
We still have about 400 names on the "addresses wanted" list. If you find that you are not getting the News Letter, just check up with yourself and see if you haven't moved or changed addresses. For the time being we are not changing your ranks on the mailing stencils, even if we note the promotions in the News Letter. Those changes cost money and work.

We have fared pretty well financially, but summer is coming on. We are going to need about \$200.00 each month so there may be a little commercial on the third page.

I'm happy to report a relatively small number of casualties this month. I hope next month is better. By the way, we still like to hear of decorations. Let us know whenever you meet another Aztec, especially those from whom we have not heard. Sorry we had to cut your letters so much, but you will understand. Keep writing.

And again, best of luck,

Lauren C. Post
Editor of the News Letter



The Quad (Photo by Cyrus J. Keller)

LT. MAURICE C. MORRELL

was killed in a plane crash in Italy on February 23, 1944. He previously had been awarded the Air Medal and the Oak Leaf Cluster for shooting down a Messerschmidt 109. He was a P-38 pilot.



LT. CLEA E. WILLIAMS

was killed in a plane crash in an emergency landing at Fort Worth, Texas.



SGT. KENNETH L. JOHNSON

who was with a bomber squadron APO, New York, is missing in action according to a verified note on his News Letter envelope which was returned. (This is all we know. LCP.)



CAPT. BOB BAUDER, USMCR

is back from the Solomons where he piloted a dive bomber on 39 missions over enemy targets in New Georgia, Bougainville and New Britain. He has been awarded the Air Medal and is now stationed at the Marine Air Depot at Miramar.



MAJOR EDWIN H. BREWER

who is stationed in Sardinia at a B-26 Marauder base as a squadron commander, played an important role in the Tunisian, Sicilian, and Italian campaigns. His unit was one of the first to bomb Florence and Cassino. As previously noted Major Brewer holds a

Silver Star, the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Clusters.



LT. THOMAS BRENT BURRELL

was awarded the Air Medal for completing five bombing missions from a base in England. Lt. Burrell is now in a hospital in England recuperating from wounds for which he received the Purple Heart. His Flying Fortress was called the "Squirmin' Squaw." See later note from Brent.



CAPT. RICHARD D. BUTLER

has just walked into the News Letter Office and our grilling has just brought out these facts. He piloted a B-24 on 28 combat missions, one of which had as its objective the bombing of the Ploesti oil fields. For this mission his group was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. While in England Capt. Butler ran across Capt. Robert L. Cardenas, who recently joined his group.

Capt. Butler was in the raid on Kiel from which Lt. Ross A. Tenney is still missing. That raid took place on May 14, 1943.

Capt. John F. Edwards is another Aztec whom Capt. Butler saw. Their meeting was in Tunis.



LT. CHARLES CASTON

was awarded the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He has been in the Pacific area for over a year.

LT. ARCHIE W. CHATTERLEY

won his ace's rating in a U. S. Eighth Air Force fighter group in England as the result of having destroyed at least five enemy planes. He is one of fifteen aces in his group which destroyed 212 German planes. Chatterley pilots a Thunderbolt and recently downed two planes in a raid on Berlin.

LT. GEORGE S. FARINA

was awarded the Air Medal. He is a fighter pilot and made ten sorties against the Japs in the Central Pacific.

1ST LT. RICHARD F. KATES

was awarded the Air Medal for flights in the South Pacific area during February. He has been mentioned several times in special news articles. One of them told of him making a bombing raid all of his own on Rabaul after he had dropped out of a formation.

CAPT. STANLEY A. PALMER

who is now with Curtiss-Wright in Buffalo, N. Y., was recently awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement while participating in more than fifty operational flights in the South Pacific." As a matter of fact, he had seventy-five combat missions to his credit.

MAJ. FRANCIS E. PIERCE

was being processed up at Miramar recently where he met his father, Lt. Col. Francis Pierce, USMC, ret. Francis was about to ship out for his second duty overseas. He is to command a Corsair fighter squadron. He holds the Navy Cross, the Air Medal and the Purple Heart.

CAPT. DONALD L. PECK

was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement while flying with an army fighter squadron in the South Pacific. He was flight leader and assistant operations officer. He also holds the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters. He has eighty-three combat missions to his credit.

1ST LT. WILLIAM E. SAGE, USMC

who was previously reported missing over the Solomons, has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement in action against the Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands area, June 25 to July 11, 1943. He contributed materially to the complete rout of the enemy despite overwhelming odds."

CAPT. J. ROYDEN STORK

was awarded the Air Medal for bombardment missions totaling more than

100 hours in the India-Burma-Mandalay area. Capt. Stork, who participated in the raid on Tokyo two years ago, has also been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Chinese "Order of the Flying Cloud." He has sixteen months of overseas duty to his credit and is now at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

1ST LT. ROSS A. TENNEY

who has been missing from a bomber mission over Kiel, Germany, since May 14, 1943, has since been awarded the Air Medal for "exceptionally meritorious achievement in combat."

CAPT. ARTHUR WILLIAM TUTTLE

was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received on active duty in the Italian campaign. He is now recovering in a hospital somewhere in Italy.

Walt Sefton, otherwise known as "The Bull," enjoys reading about his old pals in the News Letter. He is coaching up at Corona and lives at 715 West Sixth St. He sends his regards to all of our old gangs of '38 and '39. It will interest many of you to know that the Walt Seftons have a brand new son.

Cpl. G. M. Ellis wrote from Ft. McClellan, Ala.:

"The new policy around this pest hole I call home is to let us illiterate non-coms give all the lectures and do all of the demonstrations so consequently I am losing my voice, my patience, my peace of mind, and a lot of other things too numerous to mention, including my laundry. I have fired more rounds than there are books in your library. I am 'expert' in nearly everything except the pogo-stick and the yo-yo.

"I'm in pretty fair physical shape—that is to say that it doesn't make too much difference whether I'm pounding the miles off on my feet or my posterior. That's the supreme test in the infantry, when you get so the hard vehicle seats and the rough riding are less comfortable than walking."

Pfc. James L. Gavin wrote from the Aleutians:

"I am in good health and still able to enjoy the News Letter, particularly the exchange of views by Bill Koller and Orville Danforth."

Pvt. Frank W. Johnson wrote from Teheran, Iran:

"This city reminds me a great deal of New Orleans except that the buildings here are more modern.

"The Army Correspondents have a

beautiful office in the Imperial Bank Building.

"About ten years ago German designers and contractors began building a new Teheran, and they were doing a wonderful job. The only thing the city lacks is a water system. There is no plumbing evident and even the ritziest night club is without plumbing.

"I visited a lot of palaces and museums here. This morning I visited the Russian Embassy. As you know, that's where the 'Big Three' met. The building used to belong to a wealthy Persian merchant but was taken over in 1902 by the Russians. It's really quite small, but all the rooms have high ceilings. When the caretakers were notified of the big event, they were ordered to provide a large round table. None was to be had so one was built by a Czechoslovakian master just before the conference. It is of simple design and light brown in color. In the center of the table was a base displaying the flags of the United States, England, and Russia. There were twelve chairs at the table. Roosevelt's chair was the only one which had arm rests. He lived in an apartment just outside the conference room, but I guess all of this is old stuff to you.

"Tonight I am going to a Persian theatre with a young lady from Istanbul. Have seen Persian, Russian, and Indian cinemas.

"Shall be travelling to the Middle East soon. Travelling here is rough, but the sights and experiences compensate for the inconveniences."

John Sellwood is the father of a baby boy. Mrs. Sellwood is the former Merry Yule. John is still in the Solomons.

T/Sgt. Milford Ellison wrote from England:

"I saw and talked to John Tyers in New York before coming across. He sings better than ever in the Army Air Forces Show, 'Winged Victory.'"

Pfc. Marshall L. Miller is with a Bomber Squadron, APO, New York.

Ens. George L. Stillings wrote from a ship, FPO, N. Y.:

"I don't know if you remember me or not, but you took me home from college in your 1932 Model B on my very first day at San Diego State. I appreciated that ride very much as I was a bewildered freshman in a strange city and I didn't know a single student out there.

"I am the Disbursing Officer aboard this vessel. You mentioned that you were a destroyer sailor in World War I so I trust that you know what my work consists of. I can assure you that it keeps me plenty busy."

Pfc. William M. Moquin wrote APO, N.Y.:

"Censorship rules prevent me from telling you very much except that I am with the French Army."

Donald J. Schaaf, F2c, (a Hoover grad who has not yet attended State) wrote from a ship in the Pacific:

"Lt. (jg) Barney Carman who was a teacher of mine is here aboard this ship. Being with him brings back memories of happy days in San Diego."

Lt. Thomas B. Burrell wrote from a hospital in England:

"I intend to write to the three ladies in England just as soon as I can procure some British postage stamps."

"You are certainly correct about the intensity of our air attack over here, and though I was able to complete only six missions before I was hit, I managed to see plenty of action. Jerry is a tough and courageous foe. I was scared stiff on several occasions, but there is no doubt as to the final outcome."

"I'm coming along in great shape and should be out of this hospital before many months. My navigator and I were awarded the Purple Heart and the Air Medal since we have been in the hospital." (Brent's address is First General Hospital, Ward 12, Det. of Patients, LCP)

Ens. and Mrs. Bernard D. Lamb have a daughter, Dale Elizabeth. Mrs. Lamb is the former Mildred Porter.

Arnold (Jack) Harner, PhM 2c, wrote FPO, S.F.:

"I'm now completing my eighteenth month in the South Pacific. In recent months I have seen Ed Shaw, Squirt Wilson, and Ed Moore."

F. L. Nason, QM 1c, wrote from the Alaskan Sector:

"I have run into only two San Diegans since I have been here: Lt. Outcalt, who taught at La Jolla High and at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography, and Lt. (jg) Lindeman, who attended State at the old location about 1926. Lt. Lindeman is down there on leave now and will probably be dropping in to see you."

Lt. Lionel E. Chase wrote from AAF, Dalhart, Texas:

"Well, I'm down here in Dalhart flying these 'big-bosomed birds' around. Flight Test Section is a nice comfortable job that is almost as much fun as combat. Haven't 'creamed' any of them yet but sometimes a guy says 'OK, Thanks. Gad, that was a good landing; I'll taxi it in to the ramp.'"



"MONTY"

Old Monty and First Pilot Robert Nath fly together on bombing missions from their base in England. Their plane is a San Diego-built B-24.

Milton Effron, PhM 2c, wrote from a hospital in the Southwest Pacific:

"I met my first Aztec here in the Southwest Pacific. He is William R. Erickson, Gunner's Mate, first class. We are both temporarily here in human dry dock for repairs."

"Erickson's stories of first hand action are choice and qualify him for a place in the 'saw-most-action' group of Aztecs."

"Of the high quality letters in the News Letter, I consider that of Bill Koller on post-war planning the most outstanding."

COMMERCIAL

This little space is reserved for the commercial we are going to run next month. Summer is coming on, and we intend to run right on through. Thanks. LCP.

1st Lt. G. C. Knapp, USMC, wrote

"I did not see much action until I arrived here a while ago. While on Funafuti, we had a couple of bombings that didn't amount to much, but it was there that I learned to respect the aim of the Jap bombardiers. The last time I saw Tarawa things were becoming civilized again. They have an officer's club and have dances once a month when enough Army nurses are present."

"This island received a good bombing a short while ago and I lost all of my personal gear in the fires that were started. The place is still a mess of bomb and shell craters caused by the Marine invasion. My first two weeks here I lived in a fox hole with canvas over it to keep out the rain. Things have improved now, and I share a tent with two other pilots."

Lt. G. G. Crawford wrote from Italy: "I noticed that Capt. R. R. Clark, who attended State in 1936 before entering West Point, was mentioned in the News Letter. I believe that he is in my group."

ATTENTION

"Send your name, rank, year, fraternity, unit, and APO to the Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, Printing House Square, London, EC4. From time to time, as new names are added to the lists, you will be sent the names and addresses of fellow alumni in this theater who have registered."

"THE STARS AND STRIPES, the newspaper for the U. S. Armed Forces in the European Theater of Operations, has felt the desire of alumni of various U. S. colleges to know of one another's locations and to get together to sing the old songs and re-hash the old favorite stories (not to mention the elbow-bending). With this in mind we started a College Registration Service, requesting men to send in pertinent information which we are consolidating and mailing to each man on the list."

"Some groups have already had reunion dinners and we expect to continue them in the future. We shall require pennants, banners, song sheets and 16mm film to 'dress up' the occasion, and will give you ample notification when your group meets. We would appreciate your sending us any material you have available at that time, if not before." (Aztecs already signed up are: Lt. R. P. Durbin, Pfc. J. W. Hudson, Cpl. R. J. McCarthy, T/5 E. A. Rivera, and T/5 R. Turgon. This is one way to find out who is in England, and one might add that there are more Aztecs in England than there are on the State College campus. LCP)

Lt. George Washington is still in San Diego at 3143 Meade Ave., T-0713.

Lt. (jg) W. S. Miller is to have new duty in the Supply Depot in Oakland. Bill saw Courtney Kirkeeng in Washington and Lt. Harry Miller at Harvard recently.

Capt. James M. Dalby wrote from China:

"I saw Lt. Frank Ellis on my way here. He was a pilot of a Fortress on his way to action."

"I just got over spending a rip-roaring ten-day leave with Lt. Dodd Shepard. He is really doing a fine job. One day during a raid on our field Dodd and three others took on about twenty-five enemy aircraft. Dodd did an all-right job. I believe he shot down a bomber and a Zero."

"I had a little excitement myself the other day. I broke out of some clouds to find myself almost flying formation with three Zeros . . . Guess who ran back into the clouds darn fast? Oh, for

a P-38 instead of that lumbering transport.

"I hear that **Don Webber** has just finished doing a good job in the South Pacific. He was one of the best students that I ever had while I was instructing Army primary at Ryan School of Aero. If you see him, would you please tell him to write me a letter. I wrote him one when he was in the South Pacific, but I guess that he never received it.

"Excuse the writing, I must be 'Hump Happy' (too many trips over the Hump)."

1st Lt. Margurite Kurtz is now at Camp Livingston, La. She is C.O. of a company of WACs.

Lt. William Patterson is in the Naval Hospital at Portsmouth, Va.

A/C C. D. Allen wrote from Corpus Christi:

"I have been seeing quite a bit of **Capt. Art O'Keefe** who is now chief of gunnery ground school training for a fighter squadron."

Pfc. Richard W. Clark wrote from Camp Carson, Colo.:

"That ASTP surely was the bunk. Now our mothers can put the service flags back in the windows."

Yvette Magagnose wrote from IBM, Homestead, Endicott, N.Y.:

"Do you know anyone from State in N.Y., Cornell, Columbia, etc.? If so I would like to know who they are and what their addresses are. We are going to be here only 8 more weeks."

Pvt. Dwain Kantor wrote from Scott Field, Ill.:

"Saw **Bill Simonsen** and **Bob Smith**. Simonsen was in a K.P. line. He looked like the original 'Sad Sack' but I recognized him even with that fatigue hat of his."

John Couvrette is still down in the South Pacific.

Noel O. Bickham III, was born to Lt. and Mrs. Noel O. Bickham. Mrs. Bickham is the former Jeanne Case.

Peter Waddell, was born to **Lt. and Mrs. George L. Waddell** at Lawton, Okla., in January. Mrs. Waddell is the former Frances LaMotte.

Dr. Robert D. Harwood of the Biology Department has volunteered to take over a part of the News Letter work, or rather a big job that grew out of it. He goes through the mail and answers

the requests for addresses. That job was getting out of hand so now when you hear from Dr. Harwood, that is the reason. Of all of our faculty members, he was most active in bringing in addresses, and many an Aztec should thank Dr. Harwood for turning in his name and address for our file.

Just a suggestion in asking for addresses, it doesn't do much good for you to ask who is in England or who is in any particular place as we don't have them filed that way. Our file is only in single order—by the alphabet.

Mrs. Elizabeth King, former News Letter secretary, came back for a few days to help with the editing.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Cpl. Paul J. Marsden has an APO, New York. ☆ **T/Sgt. W. C. Barbour** is at Ft. F. E. Warren, Wyo. ☆ **Carl H. Engler, T/4**, is at 911 West 35th St., L. A. ☆ **Telson L. Woolley, A.S.**, is at Pre-Midn. School, Asbury Park, N.J. ☆ **Pvt. Richard H. Helm** is at AAF, Amarillo, Tex. ☆ **A/C Russell W. Lamoreaux** is at Navy Pre-Flight School, Iowa City, Iowa. ☆ **Pfc. William E. Mayne** is at Camp Haan, Calif. ☆ **S/Sgt. Warren W. Brown** is at Camp Pickett, Va. ☆ **Sgt. Edward Dieckmann** is at Camp Chaffee, Ark. ☆ **Pvt. K. Nakadate** is at Camp Crowder, Mo. ☆ **Leland C. Marshall, RT 3c**, is at Treasure Island, S. F. ☆ **Pvt. J. D. Babick, USMCR**, is at Marine Barracks, Parris Island, S. C., and so are **Bill McKersie**, **Bill Burns**, **Bob Webb**, **Bob Rivera**, **Earl Carr**, and **Louis Lepore**. ☆ **Pvt. Fred C. Smith ('45)** is at Camp White, Ore. ☆ **CWO John M. Leaf** is at Camp Haan, Calif. ☆ **Pvt. Norman P. Langley** is at Camp Rucker, Ala. ☆ **Richard S. Berman, S 2c**, is at Camp Endicott, Davisville, R.I. ☆ **Richard Winslow Wilbur, A.S.**, is at USNTS, San Diego. ☆ **Pvt. Norman J. Cole** is at Ft. MacArthur, Calif. ☆ **Pfc. Lester A. Monson** is at ASTP at Ann Arbor, Mich. ☆ **A/C H. G. Pierce** is at Warp Barrack, Athens, Ga.

Mrs. F. W. Van Horne, formerly Comptroller of State College who has retired after 35 years of service, has volunteered to help with the mailing of the News Letter. And a suggestion to our students in the Cafe—help him when you see him lining up News Letters to be folded and inserted in the envelopes.

Mrs. M. J. Barnes who was formerly the Recorder in the Registrar's Office has been helping with the changes in addresses. She can even tell the names by the handwriting as she recorded them for years in the other office.

Cpl. W. L. Post, USMC, formerly of the Aviation Engineers, returned from the South Pacific to the San Diego Naval Hospital via the hospital in New Caledonia. When reduced to numbers or statistics his trip was simple: 18 months overseas; 13 months on Guadalcanal building air strips, digging ditches and foxholes, and loading gravel with a steam shovel; moving the steam shovel on a trailer 35 times on Guadalcanal; going out to Liberty ship to operate steam crane once; hours of liberty during 18 months, exactly zero; times in foxholes during bombings, 107.

Bill's private Snow Jobs to your editor have been by far the most detailed to date, but surprisingly enough, without complaint even though the fellows often worked 12 hours per day and at times loaded 60 trucks per hour with gravel. He did admit that the rations "got awfully monotonous after the second meal." LCP.

Andy reports that **Clarence** is slowly recovering from his stroke and that he can now walk a little with a cane.

The new addressing machine is practically under control at last. It was used for addressing News Letter No. 25 and this running is the second. It had been a tremendous job getting the addresses made up for it and getting the changes brought up to date. Everything was new to us, and we were held up in Los Angeles because two typists quit the day the job began. Now we feel like veteran operators, and we are in position to get out each issue almost on the day of its publication.

If you send "dehydrated mail" to the News Letter, please make it big and clear. Wish someone would send me a reading glass. LCP.

A. D. Henahan was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. at Luke Field and is to go into Mustang Fighters.

Al Morrison has moved from New Orleans back to San Diego.

Ens. Keith L. Dixon wrote from his LCT in England:

"I was standing in one of the sources of limited supply and casually glanced at the window. Who should be walking by but **Don Eidemiller** wearing a magnificent beard. He entered, and we had a pleasant evening. Previously I had met **Eddie Preisler** in a Canadian port."

Lt. (jg) Winifred M. Smith wrote from Personnel Off. Rm. 217, NOB, Terminal Island (San Pedro), Calif.:

"The News Letter seems to out-do

itself with each issue. This one especially hit the spot because the **Tau Zeta Rho's** had a finger in it.

"**Dora Newell, Mary Cornell** and I have added the other half stripe as of April 1. **Lt. Russell Johnson**, an Aztec (home in El Cajon), is stationed here in the Small Craft Training Center. **Capt. Doug Inman** was here for an evening before he went across."

Vernon E. Koepsel, BM1c, wrote FPO, San Francisco:

"Yesterday was a banner day for me. Three issues of the News Letter came. I look back on the time I spent at State as the best time of my life.

"I am in a Landing Craft outfit which very rarely stays around after making an assault. We have just finished making the landing that is supposed to mark the end of the Solomons campaign. Our camp is set up in a coconut grove. Nearly every day someone gets hit on the head by a nut. Sometimes the results are bad. The island is the typical coral atoll. I would be grateful to you for any information about **Andy Berg, Don Berg's** brother."

Blair Burkhardt wrote from North Africa:

"There isn't much news from here that I am permitted to tell you. Our new planes are doing a wonderful job everywhere as you can tell by the papers. I have only 113 days to go before I go home and I am counting them.

"This park is supposed to be the most beautiful in the world, but it wouldn't touch Balboa Park in San Diego. The Atlas Mountains in the background are covered with snow. We all know this town as one of the most African of the larger towns over here and we call it Marrakech. Wish I had some colored film, but all of that will have to wait."

Charles Byrne wrote from USMS Graduate Station, 1427 Main St., Seattle, Wash.:

"Effective April 1, I was raised to CY(A)—Chief Yeoman (Acting). This station is larger and busier than the one in Portland where I spent a year and one week.

"**Lt. (jg) George F. Cornell** recently left his Liberty ship in New York after more than a year at sea, some six months of which he spent on the shuttle supply run from North Africa to Sicily and Italy. He has since reported back to Treasure Island. **Harold (Dick) Cornell** was recently promoted to 1st Lt. at Camp Adair and **Mary Cornell** was promoted to Lt. (jg) at Terminal Island.

"**Lt. (jg) J. W. Rudrauff** who was in charge of this station has been transferred to USMS Training Station at Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, for training in the Purser's School."

Sgt. Margaret A. Mason wrote from Fort Bliss, Texas:

"**Cpl. Ethel Mae Scholder** and I are now enjoying our work at 1852nd SU, WAC Det., Ft. Bliss, Texas. Ethel Mae is working in the Post Library and I am working in the Italian Prisoner of War Camp doing personnel work. Really I don't think that the average person realizes the amount of time spent here in the United States keeping to the rules of the Geneva Conference in the treatment of the prisoners. Now that we are really on an army post we are learning how it is to work in the army. While at Alpine, an administration school, we worked with all women. Here it is mostly men."

Capt. George H. Williams wrote from the South Pacific Area:

"From what **Orville Nordberg** wrote about the lack of women, we must be in the same place."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Ens. Robert B. Barth is at 834 Westover, Apt. 4, Norfolk, Va. ☆ **Sam Houston** is on permanent duty at Landing Force Equipment Depot, Norfolk, Va. ☆ **Lt. Robert H. Anderson, US MCR**, is at NAS, Jacksonville, Fla. ☆ **Cpl. Phyllis Llewellyn** is with a WAC Det., Moody Field, Valdosta, Ga. ☆ **Pfc. Roy D. Richards** is with a Signal Training Bn., WSCS, Davis, Calif. ☆ **A/C Morris Shepherd** is at AAFTD, King City, Calif. ☆ **Bonnie Edmunds, WASP**, is still at AAB, Sioux Falls, S. D. ☆ **A/C Robert G. Tallman** is at SAACC, San Antonio, Texas. ☆ **Lt. James W. Paige** is at VAAF, Victorville, Calif. ☆ **Lt. Harry R. Bratt** is at VAAF, Victorville, Calif. ☆ **Helen L. Clark, S2c**, is at USNTS(Y), Willard Hall, Stillwater, Okla. ☆ **Lt. John E. Fitch** is at Ft. Monmouth, N. J. ☆ **A/C Donald S. Irwin** is at Morton Air Academy, Blythe, Calif. ☆ **A/C V. W. Kenaston** is at Hemet, Calif. ☆ **Pvt. K. J. Kopecky** is in a QM Truck Co., Fresno, Calif. ☆ **A/C D. A. Webster** is at NAS, Livermore, Calif. ☆ **O/C H. K. Holden** is at Soldiers Field, Boston, Mass., and so are **Archie Miehl, Bob Farmer, Verne Rivers, Bill Stocking, Gordy Chamberlain** and **Jim Boyle**.

Ens. Anthony A. Ghio wrote from his ship FPO, San Francisco:

"After spending a couple of swell days with **Bud Quade** going over the four swell years we spent together at State, my destinies took me elsewhere. Now Bud has gone. Later on I ran into **Lt. Crosthwaite**, who had hopes of getting a new sub.

"Doc, I wish you'd let Joe Seminario know that I'm still waiting for that letter."

Mrs. Doris F. Kenney of Coronado has been hearing from her son, **Lt. Richard F. Kenney, American Prisoner of War 1747, Stalag Luft 3, Germany, Via New York City, N.Y.** She says that Richard received the **Aztec T-shirt** that we sent him and that he is rooming with **Ernie McNulty**. He also sees **Ted Runyon** who has been a prisoner for nearly two years. He did not mention **Griff** but we do know that Ernie and Griff see each other quite often.

Mrs. Kenney also says that the boys want mail more than anything else and that there is no limit on the number of letters that may be sent to them.

C. E. Kahn (civilian) wrote from 1100 E. 53rd St., Chicago:

"Many colleges and businesses, among them my other Alma Mater the University of Chicago, and my employer are maintaining contacts with service men through publications of this type, but none, I am confident, is more ably prepared nor brings fonder recollections than does the **Aztec News Letter**.

"I believe it is in order, even while the battles of the war are still being fought, to express the hope that your project will revitalize the **Alumni Association**. I am one alumnus who believes State needs an Alumni Association which will perpetuate the good fellowship of the campus among the alumni so that they in turn may help the college. Will you please convey my best wishes to those members of the faculty who may remember me and also to your printers, the **Neyenesch family**."

(Thanks for everything, and as you no doubt see, we are really planning on an active Alumni Association and a real magazine. May I take this opportunity for saying that the **Neyenesch** family members have all been most cooperative. LCP.)

These men graduated from USNR Midn. School at Columbia University: **Tim English, Bob Gardner, Jim Hannah, Glenn Byrne**. English goes to S. F.; Byrne goes to New Orleans; Hannah goes to Solomon Island, Md.; and Gardner goes to Coronado.

A/C James K. Luce wrote from St. Marys College, Calif.:

"Having weathered the wilds of Arizona, I am now here preparing myself for the battle of Moraga Valley. It sure is swell to be back in familiar country again. I really appreciate the change between dry brown desert hills and the beautiful bright green rolling hills here at St. Marys. For the first time in five months I have met a State College man, namely, **Stan Cobb**.

"Our guide was telling of the different instructors. 'I hope you will all have an opportunity to meet our mass exercise and physical correction instructor,' he said, 'He has done a really remarkable job.' He then went on to describe how this fellow straightened out a badly twisted hand of a cadet whom the doctors thought was permanently crippled and how he helped in posture correction. 'This fellow' is **Lt. Comdr. Carl Young**. I hope to be able to talk to him as I knew Dr. Young when I was one of his 'horrible examples.'"

1st Lt. Bernard B. Siner wrote from Italy:

"As a Political Science student, opinions to the contrary of Dr. Leonard et al. notwithstanding, I am amazed at the practical application of the theories on government and Economics which are taught the world over. Only one year in North Africa and Italy has brought to me some of the immense import of these basic international problems. Truly, college credit should be allowed for lessons learned over here.

"This is certainly not intended as a dissertation on *affaires politiques*; I wish only to express my gratitude for the NEWS LETTER which is a symbol of those happy days of academic life at State; bull sessions in the Quad; campus politics; Fraternity doings; lemon-cokes in the Coop; the beautiful sanctity of the library; football and proms; mid-term exams . . . can this be the same planet?

"When I read so many letters beginning with the casual, intimate greeting, 'Dear Doc,' I bitterly regret that I took no courses under you nor did I have the opportunity to meet you personally; nevertheless, sir, as one of thousands of Aztecs the world over, I trust you will not mind the tone of this letter.

"As I read these constant references to **Lionel Chase**, I am wondering if this swashbuckling daredevil of the Air Corps is the same person as the blushing, timid **Lionel Chase** whom I knew in the 8th grade in Woodrow Wilson Jr. High School; had you seen this bashful lad in the school play, 'Billy,' you would not wonder at my incredulity.

"And **Bill Kohler**, the serious sophomore who cajoled us confused and frustrated Freshmen to paint the 'S'; is this the Naval Officer in the Pacific who broods on post-war problems from his vantage point in the jungles?

"Tennyson was right . . . 'The old order changeth, yielding place to new and God fulfills Himself in many ways lest one good custom should corrupt the World.'"

Lt. Comdr. B. D. Shoemaker wrote from his ship, FPO, New York:

"If I remember correctly the last time I wrote I was still attached to a ship in the Pacific. I finally left her and was sent to Miami for a period of six weeks, and then on to Norfolk for five more weeks. By the way, my youngest brother was promoted to 1st Lt. in the Army Air Forces. He is stationed at Marfa Army Air Field in Texas. He has just transferred from instruction duty to test piloting all planes on the field that have been overhauled. I haven't seen him in over three years.

"It was really a break to leave my last ship after a period of 28 months in the Aleutians.

"Of course I did have two breaks with a short sojourn in the States undergoing overhaul. For that reason I sure do feel sorry for the lads in the Army who haven't had that break in the weather and monotony.

"I expect to leave here shortly to go out and join in the 'Battle of the Atlantic' and believe me our big hope is to knock off a nice big fat 'hearse,' a Nazi sub to you, if enthusiasm will do the job the men on my ship will do the job well.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

A/C Robert Wilson is at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio. ☆ **Pvt. Paul M. Hayes** is in ASTU, Stanford University, Calif. ☆ **Pvt. Thomas W. Nelson** is at AAAF, Amarillo, Texas. ☆ **Ens. B. D. Trease** is at Indochination School, Hollywood, Florida. ☆ **A/C Herbert H. Blossom** is to go to Yale for photographic training. ☆ **Lt. Paul H. Dehnel**, USMCR, is at Quantico, Va. ☆ **Sgt. Floyd M. Grant** is no longer with the band but is with a new outfit in the South Pacific. ☆ **William B. Calland**, son of **Lt. Comdr. Leo B. Calland**, graduated from Hoover High and is in the Navy V-12 program at Washburn Municipal University at Topeka, Kan. ☆ **Larry Devlin** has been promoted to 1st Lt. ☆ **Pfc. S. Nakadate** is at Camp Blanding, Fla. ☆ **Lt. Joseph W. Rogers** is at Quantico, Va., and **Ens. Michael C. Rogers** is attending U. of Colorado at Boulder. ☆ **Gordon A. Shields, A.S.**, was recently made Feature Editor of the Arizona State Teachers College paper, "The Pine." ☆ **Catherine Santer** is with the ARC in England. ☆ **Pvt. Jack Bahl** is at Camp Butner, N. C. ☆ **Pvt. Robert L. Davis** is at Camp Phillips, Kan. ☆ **Pfc. Robert Berman**, '45, is at Camp Rucker, Ala. ☆ **Lt. Gordon C. Chamberlain** is an Asst. Supply Officer in England. ☆ **Pvt. William G. Jamison** is at Parris Island, S. C., and so is **Clarence Huddleston**.

Sgt. Warren C. Golson who is at McChord Field, Washington, has started a little News Letter of his own for the 38

ERC men who left State College together last year. The famous 38 are scattered far and wide by now. **Jim Hurley** seems to have been through about as much as any of them.

Walter W. Simpson, Mus. 2c wrote from the South Pacific:

"Somewhere in the South Pacific I ran into a few of the old schoolmates. Among them were **Lt. (jg) George Rettie** and **Lt. Hilbert Crosthwaite**.

"Somehow I seem to have misplaced **Griff Williams'** address. Will you please send it to me."

(**Capt. Griffith P. Williams, American P. O. W. No. 1764, Interned at Stalag Luft No. 3, Germany, Via New York, N. Y.**)

Pvt. Jim Hurley wrote from a hospital in Italy:

"I like the idea of the annual. Save me one. **Wade, Forbes, et al.**, must have the gastronomical equipment of a billy goat to consume the local noxious fluids of an alcoholic nature in Africa. Its even worse here. Our cognac here has a wood alcohol base laced with benzine.

"Doc, the care of neuro-psychiatric cases in this hospital is wonderful. They rehabilitate the individual with a planned progression of occupational therapy. When they think you are ready, they try to find a job around that is best suited to you. I have been working some in the ward but there have not been enough cases to keep one busy. By the time this reaches you, I'll be back on the line."

Capt. Donald L. Peck wrote from his fighter squadron in the Solomons: (Before starting home.)

"I really felt bad when I read that **Capt. Gene Erdman** was missing in action. He was flying in the Gilbert and Marshalls deal. Saw **Lt. Don Worthington of the Navy** who is flying a patrol bomber. Not far from here is **Lt. Clair Berdel**. I haven't been able to contact him but hope to before returning to the States.

"Had I been unlucky enough to have been shot down I would have run into **Chet DeVore** and **Cotton Gilliland** on their last little fight. I was spending most of my time up there over their heads trying to keep the zeros and dive-bombers off.

"Well, Doc, since the rest of the boys give you the old snow job, I might as well tell you that I am operations officer for a fighter group and we use the type plane that **Jack Biery** was raving so much about."

Ens. H. B. Walton wrote from the Caribbean theater:

"I have moved from North Africa to

the Caribbean theater, and at present I am based on Curacao in the Dutch West Indies.

"It is sure great to get on this side of the Atlantic. Even though we are working harder than before the job is easier with the facilities that we have here. The States may be a long way from here, but when we reached this area it was just like coming home.

"There have been enough tourists through here in the years before the war so that the native population had a good chance to see what their northern customers appreciated.

"A real treat here is a liberty trip to Caracas, Venezuela. When our pocket-books feel full we can enjoy one of the best weekend liberties that I have heard about even in rumor. Upon our arrival we are greeted by the U. S. Consulate and then turned over to a committee whose job it is to see that we have a good time. Being the families of wealthy U. S. oil executives and engineers they have the word on entertainment, and as long as you can stand it they see that you have a wonderful time."

Lt. E. W. Putman wrote from his squadron in the Mediterranean area:

"I had an uneventful trip over via South America and Africa. You may know that **Harvey Selwyn** is in Hawaii with Pan American, **Jack Meltzer** is in Florida with the Navy, **Gerald Cassady** is in Los Angeles with the Army and the last I heard from **John Edwards** he was with the troop carriers in Sicily."

Owen Handley, Sp. T. 3/c wrote from USNTS, San Diego:

"When I transferred from Army to Navy duty, I had hopes of becoming a real 'ole salt' before Navy Day rolled around and found me a year older. Such a vision vanished, however, when the classification officer learned that my experience and academic training summed up to a specialty rating as a teacher."

J. W. Rideout C.Sp. wrote from the Navy V-12 Unit at the Univ. of Calif., in Berkeley:

"As you see I am still at the University of Calif. with the V-12 Unit. It is without a doubt the most interesting duty that one could have in this Navy.

"I was originally brought here to act as a swimming instructor, but upon my arrival I was asked to take over the Visual Education Program. So here I am as Visual Education Director all of which is a nice sounding name for the Chief that runs the motion picture machines. But I do like it very much and there seems to be an ever increasing demand for men trained along that line. I have learned a great deal and I hope to profit by that experience. From all

indications, visual education will be the thing as soon as the war is over.

"You perhaps know that we have a ten months old son, **John Jr.** He was born when I had duty in Corpus Christi, but I think that he will be able to live that down,—Texas, I mean. While on duty there I ran into most of the San Diego men stationed there, **Dick Webb**, **Kitty Carr**, **Sam Patella**, and **Jack Kelly**. I guess that most of them have moved by now. And I hear that Sam is gone. Things like that kinda' hurt, don't they. Also the news about **Russ Newbury**, that really struck home for we lived together for some time. There are a few men I would like to know where they are. **Mason Harris**, **Bob Merchant**, and **Jack Anderson**, to name three."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Paul L. Johnson, SIC(RT) is at USNTS, Great Lakes, Ill. ☆ **Ernest Braun** is at the Reception Center, Fort MacArthur. ☆ **Lt. John A. Muelchi** is overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ **Capt. Mason Harris** is overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ **Pvt. Leonard Cosgrove** is at Camp Bowie, Texas. ☆ **Lt. H. J. Crosthwaite** is no longer on his old sub. ☆ **Lt. (jg) A. M. Porter** has a new address, FPO, S. F. ☆ **Capt. T. N. Chavis** has a new address, APO, S. F. ☆ **Lt. William Mohler** is overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ **Capt. Kenneth Scidmore** is still instructing in P-38's and his address is Gen. Del., Sepulveda, Calif. ☆ **Hubert Stanford** is in Pre-Med work in V-12. He lives at 3259 Lafayette St., St. Louis, Mo. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Robert Crowningshield** is back from a year of duty in the South Pacific. ☆ **Ens. J. F. Clarke** is with a Seabee outfit, FPO, S. F. ☆ **Pvt. James Hurley** was to have been discharged from the hospital and sent back to the line in Italy. He took part in the Anzio Beachhead operation. ☆ **Pvt. Jerry Blanchard** is at Camp Adair, Ore. ☆ **Maj. Joseph A. Rodney** is back at Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, Calif. ☆ **Ens. Norman Strohte** has an address, FPO, S. F. ☆ **Lt. (jg) George Nels Sorenson** is with the Armed Guard, FPO, S. F.

The **Omega Xi News Letter** still comes out twice a month and is as interesting as ever. All **Omega Xi's** who are in the service should be getting the Aztec News Letter also.

The **Kappa Phi Sigma's** now have a News Letter all of their own. It seems to be the newest and fastest growing of all of the State College News Letters.

Pfc. Marshall L. Miller wrote from England:

"Well after 10 months in the ETO I finally ran into some one from home. Believe me it sure was good to talk to a fellow San Diegan again. His name

is **Robert Van Buskirk**, and he is a graduate of Hoover High. He never attended State, but his sister and brother did, and he has many friends who have gone there. I showed him some of my copies of the News Letter, and he found many friends in it. He would certainly like to be included on the mailing list if possible."

Lt. (jg) Ralph R. McQuaid, USNR, is on his second tour of duty in the South Pacific Area. He received a citation for tracking a large Japanese task force the day before the Battle of Santa Cruz was fought. It seems that his feat was all the more remarkable in view of the type of plane he was flying.

Lt. (jg) W. R. Kruse wrote from his LST in England:

"Just returned to Southern England after an extended tour of the British Isles, Wales, Ireland and Scotland. The picture of **Cotton Gilliland** really floored me—what a bush! These guys that make remarks about our 'beautiful' LST's don't know what they are missing. There isn't a ship in the Navy that can compare with them. A British officer that we carried said, 'Their action in a storm seems to be that while the forward part is rolling to starboard, the after part is rolling to port. The center section, not knowing which way to go, just jumps up and down.'"

Lt. Willard Peterson has moved to Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N. M.; **Merle M. Genet** is at Camp Hood Village, Camp Hood, Texas; **Pvt. William B. Boone** is at Camp Cooke, Calif.; **Lt. Geo. S. Smith, USNR**, is up at Camp Elliott, Calif.; **F/C William H. Jennings** is in a night fighter squadron at Hammer Field, Fresno, Calif.

Duane (Squirt) Wilson was in on the shelling of Rabaul, the invasion of the Gilberts and the Marshalls, and the bombardment of Truk.

Capt. John F. Edwards wrote from England:

"Things have been pretty quiet for us for the last few months, but events of the immediate future will probably make the Sicilian and Italian invasions seem like picnics.

"**Capt. Richard D. Butler** is probably back home now after distinguishing himself several times and was lucky to get through with his life. He was a flight leader in a B-24 outfit. He's probably back home now with his wife, and getting acquainted with his new daughter.

"Best regards to **Clelland Wharton** and the other boys down in the South Pacific. That's an awful big place, but the boys seem to find each other better than we do over here."

Lt. Edward L. Imblum wrote from his bomber squadron in England:

"The name '**Montezuma**' and one of your stickers of the venerable **Aztec** now adorn the navigator's window of another army bomber—mine. Long may it fly."

1st Lt. Don C. Gow is instructing bombardiers at Midland, Texas. They are mostly returning flyers from combat zones. (Look up **Maj. Huffman**. LCP)

Ens. Joseph M. Suozzo wrote from his LCT in England:

"Am C. O. of an LCT now. Its good duty in that you are your own boss. Heard that **Bob McCarthy** was in England. Had a workout in a basketball gym the other day. I fortunately get good laundry service here. There are hundreds of young enterprising entrepreneurs here who take it to their mothers and in two days, weather permitting, it is back. I want to order a **Del Sud**." (See the earlier note. LCP)

Pfc. Dorothy Cook MCWR and Corp. Nancy Wright, MCWR, wrote from W. R. Bn., Quantico, Virginia:

"Here in Quantico we are experiencing our first Eastern weather. What bothers us is this: How can Easterners who live through this come to San Diego and complain about its fickle weather? The weather here doesn't change just every day; it tries something new at least twice daily. We're going to be happy to return to San Diego's stable and dependable climate.

"Through you we would like to pass on to all the other Aztecs in service our wishes for the best of luck."

1st Sgt. Eden R. DeVolder wrote from Ft. Benning, Ga.:

"I am playing baseball again this spring and it seems like it is harder to get into condition each year." (Buz, you're getting old. That's the way with all old pitchers. LCP)

Lt. Glenn R. Holmes is still at an Advanced Base in the Pacific.

Lt. Col. (MC) G. L. Orth wrote from the Southwest Pacific:

"Heartiest congratulations on the paper and keeping us in touch through your columns. Little things get pretty important when the novelty of Southwest Pacific islands wears off. The reality has extinguished the glamorous adventure put out by novelists and the movies."

Pvt. James S. Casteel wrote from a fighter squadron, APO, S.F.:

"The demotion is one of those things that happens when a man puts in for a transfer—and the new address is one that I'm mighty proud of. Am back with the Air Force working in the armament section of the hottest Fighter outfit this side of San Diego! I'm celebrating 15 months over seas, and a year on this island.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

A/C Harold E. Summers is at Minter Field flying a **Vultee Vibrator** and so is **Ray Ruiz**. ☆ **Pfc. Richard W. Neil** is in ASTU, Washington University, St. Louis. ☆ **G. K. Buck, CSK**, is at the Amphibious Training Base, Galveston, Texas. ☆ **Lt. C. R. Thompson** is at Officers Student Det., FWAAF, Ft. Worth, Texas. ☆ **Lt. Paul A. Duich** is at 6600 Ellis Ave., Seattle, Wash. ☆ **Katherine Pyle** is still in North Africa and has been promoted to T/Sgt. ☆ **Capt. Richard L. Coutts** is a transport cargo pilot in India. ☆ **Pvt. Richard P. Cox** is still at Maxwell Field, Ala. ☆ **Pfc. Allen Ring** is at Camp Cooke, Calif. ☆ **Lt. Kenneth Greenleaf**, O/C **Harvey Holden**, Mdn. **Archie Miehl**, Mdn. **Gordon Chamberlain**, A/C **R. D. Farmer** and **Lt. Romer F. Chadwick** had their reunion at the Statler Hotel in Boston. ☆ **Ens. William C. Irwin** reported to the Armed Guard Center, New Orleans, for assignment as commander of a Navy gun crew on a merchant ship. ☆ **Pfc. Emery F. Johnson** is in ASTU and lives at 505 Kirkham St., S.F. ☆ **1st Sgt. John Jacobsen** is in England. ☆ **Lt. Frank Braisted** is with a bomber squadron, APO, NY. ☆ **Chaplain Ralph R. Bailey** has an address, APO, N.Y. ☆ **Pvt. Seba Hutson** and **Pvt. Jerry Patrick** are at Camp McCain, Miss. ☆ **Pvt. Frank L. Cole** is at Fort Jackson, S. C. ☆ **Lt. Stephen Hulbert**, USNR, is back from a 2 year stay at Perth, Australia. ☆ **Pfc. Harry N. Barnet**, **Pfc. Melville Aubery**, **Pfc. John E. Wilbur**, and **Pfc. Douglas Merrill** are all at Camp Howze, Texas.

Pvt. Walt Bean wrote from Sioux Falls, S.D.:

"Thought you would like to hear that I am a very proud father, as of yesterday morning at 5:10 a.m. Vi gave birth to a fine seven pound eleven ounce baby girl—**Claudia Maree**. She and the baby are both doing fine. We are both very happy."

S/Sgt. R. L. Fenner, USMC, wrote FPO, S.F.:

"Have just finished an Easter Sunday in the South Pacific on a rather historical island. I am now attached to a Navy outfit in charge of a small group of Marines.

"Have a little hulk of metal that could use a fighting Aztec sticker, could you get one for me?"

Lt. R. C. Langsett, USMCR, wrote from the South Pacific:

"Saw an old classmate of mine of 1939-40, one **CPO Lee Ramage**. I saw him refereeing boxing matches last Saturday night. He looks great and was a very welcome sight."

Chaplain Delmar L. Dyreson wrote from Italy, probably the Anzio Beachhead:

"I used to meet **Newbury** occasionally, and it is a joy to be able to say that his record as an officer was excellent. San Diego State may well be proud.

"At my earliest opportunity I shall look up **Pvt. James R. Hurley**. Thanks for letting me know about him."

Pvt. James C. Cook wrote from Camp Berkeley, Texas:

"The other day our sgt. told us if it rained we would go indoors and have class instead of remaining outside for calisthenics. One of my ASTP friends piped up with hands folded, 'I'm not a holy man, Lord, but please let it rain.' About five minutes later he added, 'It'll help the crops too.'"

Lt. Val J. F. Robbins, USMCR, wrote from the South Pacific:

"I talked to a new fellow who had a chat with **Bob Menke** who is on a LST in these parts. I was in on the initial landing at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, so you see what I meant when I mentioned rain!"

Ens. Robert J. Menke wrote from his LST in the Southwest Pacific:

"I can now tell you that I have been in the New Guinea area for the last six months—I'm practically a land owner. Someday I'll give you a blow by blow account and description, but in the meantime I will give you a rain-check—good anytime on my return. The past two months I have been standing senior deck watches so I am now carrying my full load of responsibilities."

Capt. R. W. Sullivan, USMC, wrote from the South Pacific:

"I should be eligible for your '**infants never seen**' society. I have a son who will be a year old May 17 whom I haven't seen. The only other San Diegoan around that I know of is **Capt. Orien Todd, Sr.**, whom I do not know personally.

"I have been receiving the News Letter which has arrived faithfully. Recently I received accumulated copies which piled up during the invasion of the Gilberts."

Helen L. Clark, S2c, wrote from Stillwater, Oklahoma:

"I am now stationed here at Stillwater, Oklahoma, attending Oklahoma A & M College being trained as Yeoman, or as you probably know it is as secretary."

Lt. Joseph R. Moran wrote from Italy:

"By the time I received News Letter No. 23, I was here in Italy and consequently out of reach of Col. (censored). If I go back that way, I'll look him up then. I am certainly glad I'm aware of some of the more important issues of this war. I can't see any reason for taking Italy away from anyone, even the Germans. What a hole!

"So far **Monty** has kept flak and lead away from all the members of our crew. I sure hope he keeps it up."

1st Lt. Frederick B. Smith wrote from Italy:

"Have been here for about three months. Confidentially I am quite disgusted with the fact that this world of ours is supposed to be civilized—honestly one can hardly believe the sights he sees.

"We live in tents, but you would be surprised at the American's ingenuity when he wants to be comfortable. An interesting thing happened the other day. Mt. Vesuvius was erupting and snowing sand and dirt.

"I have been on a couple of missions and our enemies are not to be slighted."

Pvt. James R. Hurley wrote from Italy where he has been in the hospital:

"The idea of the Reunion is great. Recommend large quantities of shovels on hand to take care of snow.

"Couldn't contact **Russell Newbury** due to pressing business."

Cpl. William B. Hollenbeck wrote from McClellan Field, Calif.:

"I was especially sorry to hear of **Russ Newbury's** fate. We worked together on many an opponent during the 1938 season."

FM 1c O. W. Todd, III, USMCR, wrote from the South Pacific:

"I am sending you a picture of a couple of Aztecs meeting in the field. I figure my Dad is an Aztec, too, because he had so much to do with State's athletic program—gear, meetings, officiations through the years. This was taken when I had an opportunity to fly to Dad's outfit and visit with him a couple of days. Those smiles represent a lot of feeling you can bet. It was our second time together in well over a year, and both of us have had some pretty strenuous times. I hope it can be used as a symbol to some of my old friends—

that there is still a lot of work to be done."

(Thanks for the picture. It was one of the finest to come into this office. LCP)

Sgt. Lindsay J. McKellips wrote from Africa:

"**Pvt. James Hurley** of my company told me about the News Letter, but he didn't tell me he was sending you my address.

"I have been on all of the fronts developed in this Theater of Operations."

Pvt. W. G. Robison wrote from England:

"Still haven't forgotten my good time in London."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Ens. Robert Walter is on a ship, FPO, S. F. ☆ **Capt. Clyde Snyder** has an APO, S. F. ☆ **Sgt. Chas. King** is no longer with the old 251 but is with a new outfit. ☆ **Lt. Robert E. Bedwell** is with a bomber squadron, APO, N. Y. ☆ **Lt. T. S. Walker** is an instructor at Deming, N. M., and his home address is 607 Bayard St., Silver City. ☆ **Lt. (jg) F. L. Johnston** is at USN Aux. Air Station, Mayport, Fla. ☆ **Lt. Stan W. Weinrich, USMCR**, is in the South Pacific. ☆ **T. Arthur King, S2c**, is at Davisville, R. I. ☆ **Pfc. F. H. Thomas** sent the **Stars and Stripes** from the Mediterranean area. (And of the various issues received here, it is by far the best and for the benefit of those of you who turn it out, it beats **Yank**. LCP) ☆ **Paul Schneider** is still overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ **Pvt. Norval G. Gardner** is overseas, APO, S. F. ☆ **Cpl. Robert F. Hugenberger** is overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ **Cpl. John J. King** is overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ **A/C H. T. Galpin** is at Ellington Field, Texas. ☆ **Pvt. Arthur I. Stone** is overseas, APO, S. F. ☆ **A/S Jack Daw** is at Hondo, Texas. ☆ **Pvt. Orville Lee Hill** is at Camp Crowder, Mo. ☆ **Maj. Frank Richards, USMCR**, is stationed at Camp Kearney after having been in the Southwest Pacific and then on a tour of instructing in Florida. ☆ **Sam Brownstein** is at USNTS, San Diego. ☆ **Ens. Don Eidemiller** is on an LST, FPO, N. Y.

J. I. Claspill, SK1c, wrote from the South Pacific:

"There was something in the March 1 News Letter that must have been overlooked. There was no letter from your correspondent **Lt. L. Chase**. I think he should be given a column and a by-line."

Lt. George Forbes wrote from Italy:

"I'm sending you a book of cartoons from over here which are self explanatory. **Mauldin** has done a lot to make us forget a lot of things over here and has boosted our morale."

Pfc. Frank Thomas wrote from Italy: "Couldn't give you much of a Snow Job on prisoners of war, but it would be nice to spend a few hours on the Quad."

Lt. (jg) Glen M. Wirt wrote from a port below the Equator:

"I ran into **Bob Ford** at Treasure Island just before I left. He was awaiting ship. The other day down here I saw **Johnny "Biff" Butler**, little All-American. Went out to his field the other day and brought him aboard ship for a bed and hot shower—rarities to him. He's a Lt. (jg) in Navy Air."

Cpl. A. B. Lutterman, USMC, wrote from the South Pacific:

"Life here is certainly rugged and often our food is iron ration. Haven't had a hot meal for nine days."

Lt. Arthur J. Porter wrote from Sardinia:

"Finally made connections with **Bob Wade**. He is in my own headquarters. Ran into the chaplain of **Lt. L. Chase's** old outfit in Capri. He told us Lionel's history with the group, and it is some story with the best of recommendations for Chase. It's nice to have Chappie's approval. Has **Chuck Read** reported to you yet?"

Cpl. Donald K. Major wrote from Italy:

"Aztecs **George Crawford** and **Richard Clark** (my CO) are here with me, and the American Red Cross is looking up **Bernie Carroll**. **Cpl. Bess**, an Aztec from the old Normal School, is in my group also."

Ens. Phil A. Allred wrote FPO, New York:

"I'm now in North Africa looking for someone from home. No luck yet. Am in Amphibs."

S/Sgt. Edward A. Reese wrote from the 217th General Hospital in England:

"I have traveled some and hope to take one of the weekend courses at Oxford. Would enjoy getting to London despite the air raids. Met two English painters at the local exhibition. Am invited to their studios at any time."

Ens. J. M. Suozzo wrote from his LCT in England:

"Met **Bob Cozens** and **Bob McCarthy** in London the other day. Cozens invited me to his base, and I stayed there for one day."

Cpl. F. R. Ryan wrote from England: "Saw **Lt. Art. F. Brindley** recently. He's a battery exec. of an ack ack out-

fit guarding a fighter drome. **Leslie Lupien** is in this country—radio operator I think in an Infantry Division."



Major E. H. Brewer wrote from Italy:

"Today I received the March 1 issue of Aztec News Letter. Already I've read it at least a dozen times and to say I appreciate it is putting it rather mildly. It's swell!

"To tell the truth I was surprised and pleased to find I had made the paper.

"Much has changed since you received the information you printed. I'm now commanding officer of a Squadron of the same group, and I'm having a swell time putting my own ideas into practice. I could have returned home six months ago, but I prefer to stay on here and finish a few things. Anyhow I probably wouldn't like it at home.

"If it's at all possible, I would like to hear from **Lt. Jack Biery**. Think you could fix it? Swell! Again I want to thank you for the paper. If I have time, I'll write again in the near future."



Pvt. Robt. E. Young wrote from Camp Stewart, Ga.:

"I never seriously gave thought to the profession of teaching. Since I've been in contact with fellows who are dying to learn just basic rules of education and never before thought it was possible to learn, I've seriously thought that that is my work. These fellows we call illiterate would not be so if there were people to teach them. We've heard much about the field being overcrowded, but do you realize whole counties down here are almost without enough teachers even for elementary schools. Sounds fantastic, doesn't it?"



Lt. Robert S. Hamilton, USNR, wrote FPO, New York:

"As a communications officer one always has a problem of getting good radiomen, signalmen, and technicians. Much time is spent in educating the men for these jobs. They must be interested in 'striking' for rates and the old problem of guidance looms up daily. I trust that my Navy counseling will be a great aid for post-war teaching.

"Yes, I plan to return to teaching and I hope this sends me back into the educational world with a broader outlook on post-war problems. My guess is that many of the younger Aztecs will continue in the armed forces for there are many opportunities for those twenty-five or younger. I'll watch the News Letter for their answers." (A "striker" in this case means simply one who is working or studying for a higher rating, not at all what you readers perhaps first thought. LCP)

Cpl. William Martin wrote from his Weather Squadron in England:

"Thanks for the stickers. They were really swell. Brings back the old college spirit."



Capt. Reg S. Davis is still overseas, somewhere in the Pacific.



Ens. Harry LeBarron wrote from the South Pacific:

"Would like to know where **Dick Cormier** is. Why hasn't he written? I understand he was decorated recently, is that true?

"The New Guinea situation is still the same—a bit warm and a little boring. **Orv Wahrenbrock** was here yesterday, minus his appendix. He has recovered and is back on duty."



WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Ilia G. Poppoff completed Pre-Meteorology at Pomona and is now at Seymour Johnson Field, N. C. ☆ **Lt. John R. Carlisle** is attending Bombardier School at Roswell, N. M. ☆ **Lt. H. Ted Reynolds** is taking first pilot training in B-17's at Hobbs, N. M. ☆ **Cadet Midn. Ralph Jacobs** is at Jones Hall, USMMA, King's Point, Long Island, N. Y. ☆ **Lt. Edwin G. Swann** is at Godman Field, Ky. ☆ **Richard M. Brown, S1c**, is in a Radio Co., Navy Pier, Chicago. ☆ **Pvt. John D. Stinstrom** is at Camp Livingston, La. ☆ **S/Sgt. Richard Joseph Carter** is at Camp Forrest, Tenn. ☆ **Pvt. Loyd A. Sever** is at Fort Monmouth, N. J. ☆ **1st Lt. Charles L. McKain** is at Camp Rucker, Ala. ☆ **Ens. Marold Isham** is at the USNTS Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla. ☆ **A/C Harold W. Dill** is at Dos Palos, Calif. ☆ **Jeanne R. Payette, Y3c**, is at Room 300A, 609 Sutter St., S. F. ☆ **Pvt. Jerry C. Davis** is still at Camp Campbell, Ky. ☆ **Pfc. Robert S. Rossman** is at Elkins, W. Va. ☆ **Thomas F. Silvernail, MoMM2c**, is at the Naval Repair Base, San Diego. ☆ **Lt. J. F. Brewer** is at Gunter Field, Ala. ☆ **James D. Wood, A.S.**, is at Yale Station, New Haven, Conn. ☆ **Lt. Bert Betts, AAC**, is in England.



Lt. Robert S. Jennings, SC, USN, wrote from the South Pacific:

"I was at the same place **Roy Cleator** was but didn't know it until just before I came to my present duty. Would like to know what 'PC' **Herb Sorkness** is on?

"My brother, **Lt. James T. Jennings**, is on a ship out here. The ship was torpedoed in the Solomons, three times I believe, but she slipped to the Navy yard where I was on temporary duty. They were presented with the Presidential Unit Citation by Admiral Halsey.

"My brother has a daughter, Susan,

about a year old. My youngest son is eleven months old—born just before I left the States. Bobby, Jr., is about three and a half.

"The only sign I have seen of the foe in nine months was a Jap Recon plane at about 20,000 feet. I guess there's no sense in being an 'eager beaver.' Right now I'm listening to the 'Zero Hour' from Radio Tokyo—just about the best program of music you can get out here.

"Please send a couple of Aztec stickers for my jeep and my cruise box."



T/Sgt. Alex D. Regas wrote from England:

"The Red Cross does a tremendous job for us fellows over here and it certainly makes life much easier."



Martha Jo Kimball, age four months, and her mother appeared in the Tribune-Sun a few days ago. Martha Jo's daddy is **Capt. George W. Kimball, USMCR**, and he is somewhere in the Southwest Pacific flying transport.



Lt. Herbert R. Tucker wrote FPO, San Francisco:

"Recently I ran into **Pete Walker, George Worthington** and **Barney Carmen**. Sure packed a lot of talk into a short time. Sorry that **Art Kelly** won't attend the Victory Reunion. Understand **Ken Bojens** of the Union-Tribune is around here."



Lt. L. A. Morgan wrote from England:

"Met **Chap Bone** here recently. I was wondering if any of the old crowd are over here in P-47's. The 'Heavy' crews really like those P-47 boys.

"I've been stuck in the hospital to have my bean sewed up where Jerry bounced a piece of flak off of it."



Sgt. Floyd Grant wrote from the Old San Diego outfit:

"First, it was Hawaii, then Fiji, New Hebrides, Guadalcanal, and now this place. Recently the Japs have been giving us a bit of trouble. The way it all started they began throwing artillery shells in our general direction. We returned the same plus a little more. The main trouble is that it keeps us awake. It's next to impossible to sleep when there is an artillery barrage in operation. Of course, we're all sweating out our turn at this rotation of troops."



Pvt. Chester A. Hagman wrote from Station Hospital, Camp Fannin, Texas:

"I've been here in the station hospital for over two months. I would appreciate any letters from former or present Aztecs. Mail call is about the only thing we have to look forward to here."

Pvt. Gerhart Mehner wrote from the South Pacific:

"I'm still out here in the South Pacific and have run into the old San Diego outfit which is a half mile down the road, that is, part of it, and other parts elsewhere on the island.

"I see where Capt. Nolen, Lt. Hendren, and I are at the same place as Sgt. Ables and Capt. Edwards were. Although I've never met them personally, maybe some day when I'm not too busy I will drop by. I've been down to the old San Diego outfit only once and talked to some of the old Aztecs.

"The Aztec stickers on my truck really look snappy."

Lt. Robert F. Russell wrote from his fighter squadron in Santa Rosa:

"Thanks for the information on Jim Parks. I received a letter from his mother who said he was last seen heading down to sea for a crash landing during a tropical storm with three empty fuel tanks. One of his wing men made it back with one gallon of gas remaining. This happened in the vicinity of the New Hebrides. His wing men say Jimmy was the hottest pilot in operation off the flat-top."

Lt. (jg) Stanley Scofield, MC, USNR, wrote from the Southwest Pacific:

"I thought I would like to make a few remarks that with your permission might be published in the New Letter.

"As a former Aztec (1930-'32) I have finally decided to give Lt. Bert McLees, USNR, a little competition and throw in my two-bits. Perhaps some of my old friends may recall me as sports editor of the Aztec and Del Sudoeste, also as a member of the best fraternity on the campus, Delta Pi Beta.

"After closing up my medical practice in Los Angeles last September for the duration, I joined the Medical Corps of the Navy and was transferred with alacrity into the Marine Corps. Now in the Southwest Pacific area, I agree with the oft made statement that so far the Marines have done most of the fighting in this war.

"By the way, Horace Walton, my sister's brother-in-law, hasn't been heard from in over two months. He is in Africa. Ralph Walton, my brother-in-law, has just been relieved of his tonsils at the Naval Dispensary, Logan, Utah."

Andy M. Berg, CRM, wrote FPO, San Francisco:

"Transferred from my sub to the relief crew after finishing several war patrols and am awaiting either new construction or another boat out of here.

"Made Chief after the first patrol run, and I'm kind of 'riding the vents' now."

Pfc. Chris Frankovich wrote from Camp Cooke, California:

"I would appreciate your sending me a couple of stickers to put on our tank. I have persuaded the boys to name it 'Fighting Monty.' I will send you a picture of it when I take it."

Lt. Ernest McAnulty who is Wally's young brother writes from a prisoner of war camp in Germany to his mother:

"You asked several times how my capture came about. Well all I can say is that when you blow up out in the middle of the Mediterranean and come to floating around some hours later and a torpedo boat picks you up, there isn't much you can do about it. Or is there? All I can do is chalk it up to experience."

"Griff (Williams) and I have a time re-living our high school days (at Hoover) and tell Dr. Post to say hello to all the fellows for me in the News Letter. And tell people to write to me. There is no limit on the number of letters coming in."

(Ernie's address is: Lt. Ernest McAnulty, American Prisoner of War No. 1123, Block 105, Stammlager Luft 3, Germany, Via New York City, N.Y. LCP)

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Pvt. Raymond E. Crane is in ASTU at Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Ind. ☆ Pfc. Richard Botte has an APO, S. F. ☆ Ens. William T. Fitzgerald is on a ship, FPO, S. F. ☆ Pvt. Frank J. Guasti is at Ft. Bragg, N. C. ☆ Lt. (jg) A. N. Knoles is at Hollywood Beach Hotel, Hollywood, Fla. ☆ Pvt. Robert L. Swisher is at Camp Kohler, Calif. ☆ Lt. Romer F. Chadwick is at Austin Hall, Harvard University. ☆ Lt. C. A. Coggins is at Camp Polk, La. ☆ Ethridge Craven is in V-12 at Peru State Teachers College, Peru, Neb. ☆ Charles D. Bennett, A.S., is at USNTS, San Diego. ☆ A/C Andrew C. Olson is at Seymour Johnson Field, N. C. ☆ Capt. S. J. Colvin is at Ft. Benning, Ga. ☆ Lt. Charles J. Keeney, USNR, ('32) is at the head of a six officer department in physical training at St. Mary's Pre-Flight School. Lt. Comdr. Carl Young and Lt. (jg) Robert Brown are also still at St. Mary's. ☆ Ens. Charles A. Smith is at the University of Michigan. ☆ A/C J. A. Orcutt is at SAAACC, San Antonio, Texas. ☆ A/C Gordon H. Lee is at DAAF, Douglas, Arizona. ☆ Pfc. Morris A. Naiman is to go to Water Purification School, Butner Field, N. C. ☆ Cpl. William A. Spencer is going to Adv. Weather School at Buckley Field, Colo.

Ens. George W. Peck wrote from the South Pacific:

"'Fightin' Monty' and I have been here together for a month. The weather,

the work, and everything seem to agree with both of us. I was reminded this evening of the talks you and I used to have about this neck of the woods. Seems mighty vivid to me yet." (But, George, I forgot which places we talked about. LCP)

Ex-Cpl. Charles (Sunday) Durland wrote from 970 J Avenue, Coronado:

"Just a note to inform you that I am now teaching in the Coronado School System. It is helping me to rehabilitate myself at a faster pace. Words are inadequate to thank you for the enjoyment we get from the News Letter. Best regards and keep up the good work." (Sunday paid us a visit about a month ago, and now he is back in the harness doing something useful. Few of our wounded have had to go through as much as he has experienced. This is the way it happened: In the mopping up of Guadalcanal, he stopped under a tree and took off his helmet to mop that high forehead of his. A Jap sniper thought he must be an officer so he let him have it with an explosive bullet which entered one eye and practically carried away the jaw on the opposite side. Pretty gory, but Sunday walked back to a first aid station—"sore and mad as an owl"—and he lived to come back and go to work. Hats off to Sunday for his will to come back. LCP)

1st Lt. Wallace McAnulty wrote from the South Pacific:

"Lt. Harned and I received our News Letters at the same time and called our work to a halt and started in. John Finan stood by to grab the first one finished.

"It looks as tho our travels are over for a while. We were on the boat better than twenty-one days. It was the most uncomfortable trip to date. Something like spending three weeks in a Turkish bath. Our food was good and we had ice water, but that was the only compensation. From all reports our old outfit is doing a bang-up job, but I guess my chances of getting back to it are out. Uncle Sam has me picked to fight a waiting war. We go to a position and just sit there for a year and a half doing nothing but training. Our men have been through Basic so many times that it's a nightmare to them. That Provisional set-up was strictly no good. No chance for promotion for either men or officers. We had Pfc's acting as Staff Sgts., but I did get two months experience as a B.C. Promotions from now on out are few and far between, but our thoughts aren't on promotions. Home or a move up to the front is the main topic of conversation.

"Had a letter from Ernie the other day, and it was the first I have received since he was captured."

Harold H. Niewoehner, SP(M)1c, wrote from the FPO, San Diego:

"I am still here as an instructor in postal work. They had the skids under me a couple of times but they always slip out. Sooner or later, they will lower the boom, but good."

Sgt. George R. Oake wrote APO, Seattle:

"Right now I am getting a lot of rest and enjoying myself. I read and play cards most of the time, but for relief I get about twelve hours sleep a night."

LAST MINUTE NEWS:

Lt. Paul W. Johnston who was previously reported missing in action in Italy is a prisoner in Germany, according to a card received by his parents. He had been missing since December 7th.

Maj. Robert C. Cozens is home after his 25 bombing missions. Watch for note on his Snow Job in the next issue.

Pvt. Herman Addleson wrote from his ship after leaving port:

We are now on the boat, destination unknown. You have heard how tough the paratroops are. What you don't know is how these same men felt as we boarded the ship and left the soil of the U.S.A.

From the Staten Island Ferry to the boat was something to witness. First we joked and kidded as we passed the familiar signs, Maxwell House Coffee, etc. and then that thing stopped the crowd. It was the Statue of Liberty. Tough guys had tears in their eyes, many stood gazing with open mouths, and many a heart was in one's mouth. The Statue of Liberty was beautiful and then came Brooklyn, and what laughs we had. Then as though some giant was pushing us away, the New York skyline disappeared. Then we all leaned back and thought of what we left behind and what we are fighting for.

Lt. Chester S. DeVore wrote from the South Pacific:

I'm the Intelligence Officer in a new outfit. Its really the same fellows in a new outfit. Ran into Sellwood and Ed Moore. There are a lot of Aztecs around here—Jim Sims, Menke, Downing, Squirt Wilson, Bresslin, etc. They are all aboard various ships so I don't quite get to see them. Cotton has left, and he certainly is respected as a fine officer by all who know him here. He did a wonderful job on Bougainville. Another Aztec by the name of Kolbeck is back in the states by now.

I'm embarrassed to have to write this but I did not get the Silver Star. I have not found the source of the notion. I wanted to put the people back there

straight. (It came to me in writing so I used the story. I'm sorry, and I hope you do get it real soon. We won't take the Purple Heart from you. We know you got that one. LCP)

William H. Hargreaves, CSK, USN, wrote from a ship, FPO, S.F.:

"It was a great day when my brother, Chuck, asked you to send me the News Letter. I see that he was mentioned in the February issue. I have not ben as lucky as some in meeting San Diego fellows. The only one I saw was Bill Buehlman down in the South Pacific last May.

At the present the heat is not so bad; its the humidity. I manage to do a lot of sweating every day."

DEL SUDOESTE THE COLLEGE ANNUAL can be ordered from:

Mr. Ed, Herzig,
The Aztec Bookshop
San Diego State College
San Diego, 5, Calif.

The annual is a student body project and as Mr. Herzig still reminds us, they have a budget. Hence the price of \$2.92 plus 8c tax. The mailing cost will vary but Ed says that a flat rate of 25c should cover all costs. Also Ed prefers domestic or even local addresses to mail to, but he promises to do as much about the mailing as the postoffice allows under its rules.

You will see hundreds of pictures of your old acquaintances in uniform, and the book will give us material for many pleasant moments of reminiscing. We wish the section could be bigger, and we wish more of you had sent in pictures, but the editors, Pat Allard and Leone Carlson, are making a real effort to make a good show of the pictures they have. Hope you like it. (Send your orders to Ed—not to the News Letter.)

A/C Robert C. James, 267 International House, AAFTD, Chicago, has been in the hospital recently.

Irving E. Lewis, EM 1c, wrote from the South Pacific:

After reading the News Letter I find that I am within walking distance of Don Owen and Gordon Gershon. I would like to know their outfits so I can look them up. I won't have to do any advertising for the Sea Bees as the Marines have done it for us already. Miracles have been performed here in the jungle. We even surprised ourselves. (Look for Capt. Jack Edwards of the marines, Jack Chandler and Chuck Ables as well as Lt. Ed Davis, all of the marines. I think you are all close together along with Gershon. LCP)

Lt. George Forbes wrote from Italy:
"No. 22 arrived this evening just as I was ready to turn in. I took time out and read it, and now I am writing this letter. I would like to place an order for a Del Sudoeste now if I am not too late. You can send it to my folks and bill my father who always pays. (Note, Mr. Forbes, Sr., \$3.25 to Ed. Herzig. LCP)

Lt. (jg) William Koller wrote from a Naval Hospital in New Guinea:

"Was very glad to get the February News Letter because of my present location. No, I'm not wounded or anything of that sort; simply an acute case of kidney stones. Suffice it to say that its a painful thing to have. As far as I know, I shall be shifted from here in New Guinea to a base hospital in Australia.

"Just saw a lot of natives go by, about 50 men, women (some with babies) and children. The men walked along majestically with nothing to worry about other than that their breech cloths were still on. Their machetes sparkled and their fuzzy hair was properly coiffured, etc., etc. (Bill I couldn't forward your letter to Sam Patella. I'll just leave it with the other letter for the time being. LCP)

Mrs. Charles B. DeLong, 3146 Seville St., is one of San Diego's many women who have unique and very nice ways of helping to keep up morale among our service men. She runs a news clipping bureau all of her own and sends the items of news to those whom she thinks would like to get that particular news. This is an especially nice service in view of the fact that so few newspapers go overseas. Perhaps others would like to do the same, especially if they had a couple of overseas addresses and they knew just what kind of news is wanted. (How about that address Bud DeLong? LCP).

Lt. George G. Crawford wrote from Italy:

"It was quite an experience coming over in a Liberty ship even if I did miss out on becoming a 'short snorter.' After seeing the coast line I don't see how our boys managed to land against the entrenched opposition.

The first batch of mail contained the December issue of the News Letter, which along with letters from my wife, gave my morale a big boost. I'm not counting on it, but if I should see Griff Williams or Ernie McAnulty I'll pass your greetings and best wishes along. I hope I don't have a chance to."

Lt. (jg) Bill Miller is still with the SeaBees and has been in Rhode Island for the past few months. He is awaiting a transfer.