

THE AZTEC NEWS LETTER



Montezuma welcomes home Lt. Col. and Mrs. Robert C. Cozens. Mrs. Cozens is the former Patricia Ann Hamrick, Aztec cheer leader when Bob was a football hero. Bob piloted the Patsy Ann, a B-17, on 25 bombing missions over Europe without even getting his nose skinned. The Patsy Ann went down after Bob's last mission.

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To All Aztecs in Service and Their Friends:

At the time of this writing the invasion is four days old. News is still meager, but it seems that the Atlantic wall has been cracked on a broad front. The part that seemed to be most terrifying

in the pre-invasion thinking has been accomplished, and we are on the beach to stay and to expand. Losses have not yet been reported.

State College is represented in every phase of the invasion, and each day and hour we name a great many of you who are in on it, and we think of many more, wondering how you are faring and wishing you the best. What individual deeds of heroism you have accomplished we can never know, but we do know that you are in on everything, and that you are represented in all organizations. You have seen every type of action, and at this time we want to pay tribute to the GIs who are really down close to it with hand grenades, machine guns and mortars. Their part is as essential to the teamwork of the cause as any, but without the rank, the pay, the decorations, or the glamor. We just want to let you know that the hundreds

of you, in your essential capacities, are not forgotten even while we are publicly paying tribute to those about whose exploits we have heard. We take off our hats to those who pass unnoticed. And lest we forget, we have men on all of the other fronts enduring and overcoming the worst that appears in their various theaters of operation.

The picture panel showing the AZTECS IN SERVICE has grown. We have added an extra section and a great many new pictures. We still want pictures, especially those showing you in uniform. Keep sending them in along with the changes in address and in rank. We are always glad to hear from you even though we don't have a chance to print all of your letters. Thanks just the same.

And again, best of luck!

Lauren C. Post,
Editor of the News Letter

1ST LT. JACK N. BERG

who for a long time has been missing from a flight from Victorville to Lower California, was listed among the deceased on a Memorial day program honoring the servicemen who had lost their lives.

F/O JOHN WILLIAM BORUM

who was listed as "missing as a result of enemy action at sea" many months ago is now listed as deceased.

HOWARD J. ENGLE

has been reported killed in action.

LT. WILLIAM GOODCHILD

who was reported missing in action in the South Pacific since January 1943, is now listed as deceased.

LT. MAX BINSWANGER

is missing from a bomber flight in Europe.

CAPT. RICHARD R. CLARK

has been missing from a bombing mission in Italy since May 10. He was commander of a B-24 squadron based in Italy and previously had been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal.

LT. GEORGE G. CRAWFORD

who was reported missing in action from a flight in Italy is now reported a prisoner of war of the Germans.

LT. JOHN GILL

who has been missing in action since March 13 is now known to be a prisoner of war in Germany. Lt. Gill was navigator and bombardier on a B-17 and was slightly wounded in the action which resulted in his plane being downed.

LT. EDWARD L. IMBLUM

who was reported missing in action last month has since been reported to be a prisoner of the Germans.

ENS. SAMUEL D. ASKENAIZER

was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary aerial achievement in the Southwest Pacific area. Ens. Askenaizer was operating with his squadron of navy Black Cats (Catalina flying boats) off the shores of New Guinea.

1ST LT. CHARLES H. BARR

has been awarded the Purple Heart for a wound received in action over Schweinfurt, Germany. Lt. Barr is a bombardier and a veteran of twenty-one combat missions including three to Berlin. He also holds the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

LT. COL. CLINTON B. GATY

was awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in Burma. He was cited for participating in a glider mission which delivered heavy engineering equipment to a point 150 miles behind the enemy's lines after flying over a 7000-foot range of mountains. Members of the mission were lauded for skillful piloting, and for working 18 hours after their arrival in constructing a landing strip for transport planes.

LT. (jg) LAURIE W. HIGGINS

has been awarded the Silver Star Medal for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against enemy Japanese forces in New Britain, South Pacific. The citation stated that Higgins, answering a call for medical aid, "traveled nearly a mile through heavy sniper fire, and when administering aid to the wounded, without regard to his personal safety, protected them from further injury with his own body."

T-SGT. HOMER R. PIERCE

who is a radio operator and gunner on a B-17, downed a Messerschmidt 109 recently. It was Pierce's 29th combat mission and the target was the Wiener Neustadt aircraft factories. His Fortress was flying in the right corner of a three-plane triangle formation.

LT. FREDERICK B. SMITH

was awarded the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Purple Heart. (See later note.)

CAPT. WALLACE SPRINGSTEAD

was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in action while in charge of a Marine combat patrol on Bougainville. He discovered a Japanese attempt to land a large force on the flank of the main beachhead, and although his patrol was greatly outnumbered, they held the Japanese off more than three hours until reinforcements arrived.

CAPT. WILLIAM TUTTLE

was wounded in the Italian campaign where he was on duty in the army signal corps. He has been home and is now ready for a new assignment.

LT. DON JAMES

was awarded the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters for taking part in 21 bombing missions in the ETO.

LT. GABE FERAZZI

completed his tour of duty as a bombardier with a mission over Berlin on May 7. He has the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and four Oak Leaf Clusters. He was transferred to duty with the R. A. F. and has probably moved to North Ireland by this time.

Sgt. Robert T. Sprouse wrote from Camp Fannin, Texas:

"The latest latrine-o-gram promises me a boat trip in the very near future with the Queen of Battles—the Infantry.

"Have heard from Lt. (jg) Cliff Perkins who is holding down the Panama Canal and also from Peggy Koester, formerly Peggy Shugers of State College, widow of the former Lt. Jimmy Koester. She is at Van Nuys where she sees Capt. Kenny Scidmore."

Lt. Clarence H. Schmid, USMCR, wrote from Miramar, California:

"You can tell Charles Ables and Jack Chandler that I'll be looking for them.

"Carl Whitman just made Lt., senior grade, and has been recalled from the Aleutian area. He is to be at North Island. Ens. Dick Bennett is in Amphibs in Coronado. Ens. Paul Breese has shipped out, and Lt. Joe Rogers, USMCR, is an artillery officer temporarily stationed at Camp Pendleton."

Lt. (jg) David Steinman has been flying with the Naval Air Transport Service, and has over one thousand flying hours to his credit in South America. He ran across Ens. Horace Walton in Puerto Rico. Steinman is now getting Pacific duty.

Pfc. Robert L. Rivera is at Quantico where he sees Lts. Johnny Peters and Warren Butcher. Bill Burns, Earl Carr, and Clarence Huddleston are also at Quantico. Bob Sheppard is to be commissioned June 17.

We are short of copies of Aztec News Letter No. 14, published April 29, 1943. It is the issue which had Montezuma's picture on the front. If you have any copies of that number which you do not need, would you kindly return them to us at this office? And if you are short of any other numbers, we probably can supply them so that you can complete your files. Thanks. LCP.

Andy reports that Clarence is improving rapidly now and in another month he should be back at his old spot in the Caf. As reported previously, Clarence suffered a stroke that had him pretty far down but not out. We are all looking forward to seeing Clarence because we have missed him. LCP.

Lt. James J. Kinsella is down at NAS, (Box 50) Melbourne, Florida. He and Mrs. Kinsella, the former Dorothy Hayes, are on the lookout for any stray Aztecs down their way. Drop by to see them, and Jim ought to be able to give you the Snow Job that we missed out on. LCP.

Milton Effron, PhoM2c, wrote from the Southwest Pacific:

"Thanks for your letter with the addresses. I was surprised to learn that there were so many Aztecs in this vicinity. The next time I take a trip to pick up photographic supplies I'll look up **Wally McNulty**. (He moved again. He is back where they used to be. LCP.)

"Recently I saw a small marine tank named **'The Aztec'**, but I had no success in trying to learn if an Aztec student was behind the name.

"Your guess at my whereabouts was incorrect, but I can easily see why you made that guess." (And now I have forgotten what place I guessed, but usually when I miss, it is because I guess that a fellow was further back than he really was. LCP.)

Lt. Dorothy Les Tina is doing radio work and lives in the Pentagon: Rm. 2D867, WAC Group, WD Bur. Public Relations, Washington, D. C.

Lt. David R. Mayes is still in the Finney General Hospital, Ward A-20, Thomasville, Ga.

Lt. Arthur Eddy wrote from a destroyer in the Pacific:

"I have intended writing you a line for some weeks to tell you of the many State College boys I have seen. **Jim Ahler** is one of the officers on this ship, and it is not because he is from State I am saying this, but for a fact, he is one of the best young officers I have seen in my four years in the Navy. We have seen in our wanderings in the Pacific: **Lt. (jg) Squirt Wilson**, **Lt. Herb Williams**, **Ens. Bud Quade**, **Ens. Joe Davis**, and **Ens. Bill Downing**.

"I was fortunate enough to get the job of executive officer of our can about a month ago. Almost forgot that about a month ago I saw **Ens. Don DeLauer** before and during the Marshalls picnic. Keep up the good work, and if you have a line to spare I certainly would like to hear from **Clair Berdel**, **Claude Roberts** and any of the gang I used to know. With kindest personal regards to you and yours, -

"I remain your friend, Art Eddy. P.S. I'm still looking forward to that chat with you." (Note: I'm looking forward to meeting you and scheduling you for both private and public **Snow Jobs**. I was interested in your ship as I was on that type even before they called them cans. You have no idea how high and mighty I thought the exec of a ship was in those days.

And as to **Jim Ahler** and some of those other Aztecs that you named, I really am not so surprised. We just know that they are good, and we expect them to be good, and it seems that

they have proved to be fully as good as our highest expectations. LCP.)

Ens. Isabel Stafford is stationed in Washington. Her address is 1618 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Washington, D. C.

Ens. June Herzig lives at 1814 G St., NW, 7, Washington, D. C.

Capt. William Stoll who landed with the first marines to land at Guadalcanal is back in the Pacific with an Amphib outfit:

"I am back in the Pacific, but not in the same place. Am seeing new scenery this time. Coming across I was with an Aztec, **Lt. George Washington**, who is in the Navy."

Lt. (jg) William Kruse wrote from his LST in England where he had met **Ensigns Joe Suozzo**, **Don Eidemiller**, and **Keith Dixon**.

Lt. Kenneth E. Barnhart is in heavy bombers up at Gowen Field, Idaho.

Lt. F. W. Elliott wrote from Smyrna Air Base, Smyrna, Tenn.:

"Although I attended State College for only one year, I feel like a lifer. The **Reunion** idea sounds great so don't be surprised if I come up and introduce myself. I forgot to mention that I am flying a San Diego product—a B-24. P.S. I was called **Rebel** while at State. I am from North Carolina. Dr. Adams may remember a theme I wrote about the Civil War—it caused a little commotion in class. I wonder why."

Pvt. Robert L. Swisher wrote from Fort Monmouth, N. J.:

"The fort is on the tidal flat and the mosquitoes are thicker than B-17s over Germany and almost as aggressive."

Theo L. Mizony, SK2c, and **Herbert P. Mizony, Cox.**, who are brothers, met somewhere in the Pacific.

Capt. Otto Wolgast wrote from AAATC, Fort Bliss, Texas:

"By the way, I have been hearing from our old friend **Walter Harrington** now and then. He is a lieutenant in the Canadian Army somewhere in Italy. If he doesn't write you now and then let me know." (He never writes. Wish you would give him a going over for me. But he gets the **News Letter**. He is one of our oldest men from point of view of service. LCP.)

Pfc. Richard H. Thomas wrote from Camp Barkeley, Texas:

"Lately my battalion has really been

hitting the ball. We are learning to herd these 155 mm. howitzers 'over hill, over dale,' but it could be worse. This flat terrain is great for moving guns—and laying out baseball diamonds.

"Saw a funny inscription on a Chamber of Commerce map the other day. In bold type across Abilene's portion of the map of Texas were the words, 'The California of Texas.' Slander, I calls it."

Ashleigh D. McIntosh wrote, APO, N. Y.:

"Your all-color edition made a great hit with me and my friends—all effete easterners—and I want to compliment you. Please apply the enclosed on my subscription." (Thanks, I have the 100 franc note on display on my little bulletin board, along with various kinds of Jap money. LCP.)

1st Lt. Harvey S. Wright is back from a year in the Aleutians and Alaska where he earned a campaign ribbon with one star in it.

Lt. Harvey W. Hall is back from the Marshalls, Gilberts, Solomons, and the Aleutians where he participated in various occupations.

Lt. Donald E. Anderson, USNR, has had a year's duty in the Armed Guard on a merchant ship.

Virginia Schupp, former drama student of San Diego State College, has signed a long term contract with RKO in Hollywood. Her screen name is to be **Virginia Belmont**.

Lt. and Mrs. Phil S. Thacher are the parents of **Phil III**. Mrs. Thacher is the former **Jeanne Muzikar**. Lt. Thacher returned to San Diego about a year ago where he had been serving on a cruiser in some tough going. He is now on another cruiser.

A news story told of **Lt. Arthur N. Johnson** piloting a lead B-26 on missions over Anzio, Cassino, and Rome battle fronts.

Ens. Dawn Whitaker wrote from Communications Office, Naval Supply Depot, Mechanicsburg, where she has been transferred from Mt. Holyoke College.

Maj. Ralph V. Miller who used to fly with the old **Suzie-Q** outfit in the Southwest Pacific wrote from AAF, Casper, Wyoming:

"Am an instructor here and like it less than somewhat. Enjoyed the Book of Scarborough very much."

Ens. R. F. Titsworth wrote from 209 Hanover St., Annapolis, Md.:

"Met **Lt. Ed Swann** in the Penn Station in New York two weeks ago. Just bumped into him. Small world. Here's hoping that you put my name and station in the **News Letter** so some Aztec near here can look me up." (Ens. Titsworth is in the executive department of the Academy. LCP)



Lt. Col. Robert C. Cozens wrote from the Hq. of the Bombardment Div. in Washington, D. C.:

"When I reported in at Santa Monica I found that they had orders from Washington to get me on my way here as soon as possible. They kept me there less than four days and then sent me on my way. I'll be working in the Requirements section in the Pentagon Building, but I am not sure what my work will be."

(And thus we lost out on what promised to be a swell **Snow Job**. We'll get it later. LCP)



Lt. C. C. Roberts, USNR, (Phi Lambda Xi of 1942) wrote from somewhere in the Pacific:

"Here's another change of address for your 'Who-What-Where' column. I have moved out to the blue Pacific forsaking my Coronado address. My wife, the former **Lois Hanson, Theta Chi**, is still at 414 G St. in the Bay City."

"Still flying fighters and am quite well satisfied with the type. We'll soon be moving on so maybe I'll be able to tell you how they mingle with 'other types' in the near future."



Capt. Jack L. Pierson is a bombardier for a B-24 outfit in China under General Chenault. The outfit has earned the name, "Liberators of China."



Lt. William S. Harshaw, USNR, is still at NAS, Clinton, Okla.



J. R. Hurley, Sr., of La Mesa wrote that his son, **Pvt. Jim**, is "performing clerical work in an office in a rear Echelon, having been recommended for light duty for a while following his stay in the hospital for shell shock and other injuries." Jim is still in Italy.



Lt. (jg) George Thompson is on a ship in the Pacific where he has seen **Ens. Don De Lauer**. He has had contact with **Lloyd Patterson** and **Jim Borders**, but they couldn't arrange a get-together.



S/Sgt. John S. (Windsniffer) Fox wrote from his Weather Squadron, Carlsbad, N. M.:

"The **News Letter** comes to me regu-

larly, and I drink up every word of it, and then I never drop you a line to tell you how I'm doing. Well the truth of the matter is that I don't feel that I have the right to put things down beside a piece from **Bob Wade** or **Larry Devlin** and some of the others who really have something to write about, but who wants to read about cumulus clouds from Carlsbad?"



Ens. James Hannah wrote from an LCI, FPO, N. Y.:

"I am fourth officer aboard and we go out for two weeks and try to give these trainees a few pointers about these LCIs which I have grown quite fond of."



WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Pfc. John C. Hays is at A.A.B., Galveston, Texas. ☆ **1st Lt. James M. Lee** is at Ft. Bragg, N. C. ☆ **F/O James W. Gallagher** received his wings as a glider pilot and flight officer at the South Plains Army Air Field, Lubbock, Texas. ☆ **Cpl. Mary Jane Young** is with a WAC detachment, APO, N. Y. ☆ **Midn. C. C. Mitchell** is at Camp Macdonough, Plattsburg, N. Y. ☆ **Pfc. Herman G. Gatewood** is at Carlsbad Army Air Field, Carlsbad, N. M. ☆ **Pvt. Howard H. Smith** is taking gunnery at LVAAF, Las Vegas, Nev. ☆ **Cpl. W. J. Indseth** is at Hamilton Field, Calif. ☆ **T/3 Laurence Boydston** is overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ **Lt. Col. Marvin Clark** is overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ **Lt. Weidler B. Musselman** is at USNAS, Pensacola, Fla. ☆ **Pfc. Merrill Douglas** is overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ **Lt. Charles Wilson** is at Bethesda Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Md. ☆ **Capt. Folkey Johnson** is at Camp White, Ore. ☆ **Ens. David Jeter** is about ready to go overseas. ☆ **John W. Shepherd** is still with Pan American Airways, San Francisco. ☆ **Pfc. Robert A. Shepherd** is at Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va. ☆ **Clem Abbey** is still up at U.S.C.



1st Lt. Richard N. Shoemaker wrote from Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N.M.:

"I was shipped to 'Deep in the Heart of Marfa, Texas.' It was a fiendish plot that the Army devised to make a man happy to get into combat. Here I chauffeur Bombardier Cadets around while they drop bombs. If the **News Letter** is still being published, please send it to me as it is the best deal I know of for keeping in touch with the fellows—even my brother from whom I hear very irregularly."



1st Lt. Wallace McAnulty wrote from somewhere in the Pacific:

"I think I'm settled down now until I make the trip home. I received the last two **News Letters** the day I landed

here. That gave me two days of reading and two days of real enjoyment.

"I'm in the hospital right now under observation for Moo Moo. Don't believe I have it, but they don't want to take any chances. In a way being in the hospital is a real break. Plenty of rest, no worries, and a chance to catch up on a lot of reading. We have shows four times a week and a pass any time we want it.

"Just before I left my last station I met **Leon Wheeler**. He told me about **John Sellwood**, but unfortunately I couldn't meet him.

"I'm planning on being home some time this summer, but then the army sometimes makes plans of its own. I'll make it within the next eight months regardless.

"Had several letters from **Ernie** lately, and the little guy sounds as though he would really like to hear from the big bud. I really feel proud of him as he has seen a lot of war and is now out of action in a POW camp. I've been out here a long time, but I saw all of my action the day the war started. Right now I don't care much as I'm all for getting a crack at the USA for a while.

"The night nurse insists that I go to bed now. **Tofa** for now. (Goodbye) Aloha, Wally."



Capt. George C. (Benny) Alexander has returned from the Mediterranean area where he took part in 50 combat missions in heavy bombers. As previously reported, he has been awarded the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with a great many Oak Leaf Clusters. He took part in the Tunisian, the Sicilian and the Italian campaigns. Benny looks fine and possibly will give us a real **Snow Job**. More later. LCP.



Lt. (jg) Robert Noel returned from his big ship in the Pacific where he has been in quite a bit of action. He didn't specify, but it sounded pretty important.



Walter Harvey, C.Sp., is back from the Solomons where he was stationed for three months. He is to be commissioned as an ensign—that's why he has returned. While down there he saw **Johnny Sellwood**, **Lee Ramage** and several other Aztecs. He was very near others, but couldn't quite locate them.



John Sellwood, C.(Sp) is back from Guadalcanal where he was in Welfare and Recreation. Johnny is looking fine and he is to be commissioned. In fact, that is why he is back.

A/C Hal Summers wrote from MAAF, Marfa, Texas:

I had high hopes of being able to stay out of Texas, but I'm stuck here for two and a half months—if I don't get washed out.

Pvt. Reid M. Scott wrote from Ephrata AAB and sent a clipping with a picture of **Capt. Harold G. Hevener** telling of some of the thrilling episodes that befell him and that B-24 named the **Scorpion**. Hal is one of our wearers of the Silver Star.

The sports pages of the **Kansas City Star** still carry stories about "those courageous boys from San Diego State and their great star, the late **Milky Phelps**."

S/Sgt. Wayne Nettles wrote from Ft. Sill, Oklahoma:

"I am still doing the same kind of work. I am chief of the Fire Direction section.

"Speaking of promotions I would like to congratulate **Bob Cozens**. They couldn't find a better boy to give a rank so high. I know that when there was no hole there that Bob would make one. He has undoubtedly carried that ability into the war zone with him. I have often wondered if he comes back with his nose skinned.

"I knew we would hit your home state one of these days. We pull out for there sometime this week. I want to see for myself if what I have heard about it is true."

(But why pick the month of June to visit Louisiana? LCP)

Pfc. Charles W. Hilliard wrote from Italy:

"I was transferred from my old outfit and put into replacement depot and shipped to Italy. Was chosen to go to radio operator's school and I learned my ABC's in code. Now I am a radio operator, believe it or not. Am in a signal monitoring outfit on detached service and find it very interesting. We move about every other day.

"Met **Charlie Hampton** and **Johnny Boyle**.

Lt. George M. Washington, USNR, wrote from the Pacific:

"When mechanics of transfer got started I found myself very soon at an advance base in the Central Pacific, having come by a combination of air and sea travel. As has been my lot for over two and a half years, I am again attached to a staff. When I went to midshipmen's school I labored under the delusion that I was to be a seagoing officer, but so far my voyages have been merely for transportation. Am hoping some day they'll grind out a job

aboard ship for me as communications officer, but I know they put me where I am needed, so here I am.

"It is miraculous the rapidity with which the various services can make a livable base out of a disease infested and desolate waste. And it is very gratifying to see how quickly the almost unexpected personal articles, for example hair tonic, are being made available to the fellows. Movies are presented nightly, weather permitting, and are attended by all who are not working."

Lt. L. A. Morgan wrote from England: "With much moaning at the Limey rail system I got out and saw my step-brother, **Chapman Bone**. We got a two-day pass and went to London. He is a Photo Recon pilot and I'm in Heavy Bombardment. I envy him because a recon pilot can live to a ripe old age. He gyys the Army every day he lives, and he claims that I rob my wife of her insurance every day I live."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

1st Lt. Noel Bickham is up in the Aleutians. ☆ **Lt. John Carlisle** is at V.A.A.F., Victorville, Calif. ☆ **Pvt. Robert D. Males** is at Seymour Johnson Field, N. C. ☆ **Pfc. J. D. Babick** is at Camp Lejeune, N. C. ☆ **A/C Bruce Nordahl** is at SAAAB, Santa Ana. ☆ **Ralph A. Vernacchia, T/Sgt.**, is still at Fort Monmouth, N. J. ☆ **Lt. Fred R. Doll** is at Marine Base, Quantico, Va. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Jack Vogel** is at 225 Chestnut Hill Ave., Brighton 35, Mass. ☆ **Lt. Douglas R. Olson** is in B-24 School, Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N. M. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Selwyn Hartigan** has a new address FPO, N. Y. ☆ **Cpl. David L. Tennebaum** has a new address, FPO, S. F. ☆ **Lt. Charles W. Sick** is at AAB, Sioux City, Iowa. ☆ **Pvt. Herman J. Sick** is at Trux Field, Madison, Wis. ☆ **Pvt. Richard I. Chugg** is at Camp Van Dorn, Miss. ☆ **Lt. Thomas W. Queen** is at Ryan Field, Hemet, Calif. ☆ **Lt. Charles M. Rotzler** has a new APO, N.Y. ☆ **Pfc. Paul M. Arriola** is at AAFOR, Greensboro, N. C. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Charles W. Stooke** is on a ship, FPO, S. F. ☆ **Robert M. MacDonald, Sp(X)lc**, is in the Area Public Relations Office, 208 Federal Bldg., San Pedro, Calif. ☆ **Lt. George Forbes** is still somewhere in Italy. ☆ **A/C Lawrence A. Knechtel** is at Minter Field, Calif.

Lt. Gordon C. Chamberlain wrote from England:

"I'd appreciate it if you would discontinue referring to me as an assistant supply officer in England. I've always been a rated glider pilot and the supply job was only in addition to flying—and strictly secondary. Anyway, I'm no longer affiliated with it any more. Guess

you got a wrong tip from me or someone.

"I ran into **Lt. Col. Lawrence E. Devlin, Sr.**, the other day, and we had quite a gab-fest together. He's the commanding officer of an ack-ack outfit over here and looks as good as ever. Many Woodrow Wilson Junior High grads will remember him as the print shop teacher there."

Lt. C. L. McKain wrote from somewhere in the Pacific:

"I am somewhere in the Pacific Area. The climate here is almost equal to that of Southern California. The water is grand. We have been swimming in both the ocean and a nearby river.

"Around Christmas time I received a letter from some student (female) who lives near Grant Grammar School. She is from Tennessee and at about that time my address was APO, c/o P.M., Nashville, Tenn. She inquired as to how I could have an APO out of Tennessee. I lost her address so was unable to mention that it was due to our being on maneuvers near there."

Lloyd J. Sanford, QM 2/c, wrote from the South Pacific:

"The last time I wrote to you I was in the Aleutians with the Seabees. Although I am still in the Seabees, this letter comes from a place much farther south in the Pacific. The contrast between the two places is terrific. From the gloomiest of gloomy rough weather and not a single tree in the Aleutians to the balmiest of balmy weather and thousands of coconut trees here is like going to different ends of the earth.

"After spending fourteen months up north, the heat here was bothersome but now I much prefer it here.

"I was greatly impressed at the last **News Letter**, the second anniversary edition. The colored picture was very nice. That was the first copy I've received since leaving Alaska. I sincerely hope that I will once again be on your regular list."

Lt. Bruce K. Maxwell, USNR, wrote from a ship FPO, S.F.:

"At present I'm gunnery officer on the above job and enjoying the work very much. I have a fine group of men under me who are developing into a smooth functioning outfit.

"My wife airmailed the last **News Letter** to me as it arrived at my home address, and I really enjoyed it.

"At this time I'm at the usual 'somewhere in the South Pacific.' Don't know where the next move will be. I'd really enjoy hearing from any of the HODs, of which outfit I was a charter member, any oldtimers who were at **State** with me in 1921-25, or any of the group I had at Hoover and who then went out to **State**."

Richard J. Raper, ARM 3c, wrote from somewhere in the Solomons:

"Before I disclose a few meager highlights of my activities out here, I would like to say that I am receiving the **News Letter** in jig time now that Mother forwards it to me via air mail. Whereas formerly it took from 45 days on up, I now get it hot off the presses so to speak. And believe you me, the extra 12 cents postage is well spent, for the **News Letter** is and always has been a high light of my mail call.

"I am now attached to a carrier aircraft service unit in the capacity of radio maintenance. While not the glamorous job of aerial gunner for which I was trained, it has its interests. I guess the Jap is not the foe he used to be for they don't seem to need aerial gunners as sorely as of yore.

"Life out here, while lacking the comforts of home, is bearable. Since we are in a forward area, discipline is lax, uniform of the day being anything short of immodest. Personally, I prefer a pair of G.I. 'skivvy' shorts—and others share my opinion! As a result I am getting a genuine Jon Hall tan the hard way!"

A/S William O. Short is at IAAF, Independence, Kansas.

Ethel M. Hom wrote from 4330 Ohio St., San Diego:

"As I am employed at the medical department of the Naval Training Center here, I may be able to help you in some way when ex-Aztecs check in down there. I've seen **Andy Echle**, **Tom Hutchens**, **Ricardo De La Cruz**, **Jim Blair**, and many others attached there.

"Enclosed is a photograph of an Aztec who started out at State in Feb., 1941. She is **Cpl. Mary Jane Young**, APO, N.Y."

Capt. Charles W. Nolen, formerly of the old San Diego outfit, wrote from the South Pacific:

"Has glad to hear that **Joe Robbins** is alive and a prisoner instead of missing. He was with us for some time.

"We had some real action lately. The Japs started getting ideas and were promptly set back on their heels. They made quite a try but most of those who did try are 'good Japs' now.

"I was surprised that you would ever print anything ever written by that **H. Orville Nordberg**. I remember in high school how he used to stuff the undergraduates. He destroyed all my illusions about reporters.

"Say, Doc, how about some of those beautiful gals holding a contest for the best pin-up gal in **State** and printing the picture in the **News Letter**. I am sure we all over here would like to see a little talent in that line from the home

town. Anyway, this is leap year, isn't it? Just a suggestion."

Pvt. Albert V. Mayrhofer wrote from the Aleutians:

"I am in the Aleutian Area and have no access to any source of information concerning addresses other than the **Aztec News Letter**.

"I saw **Bill Neild** last Friday, the first San Diegan since I have been here."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Sgt. Charles P. Bradley, AAB, is at De Ridder, La. ☆ **Pfc. W. F. Bradley** is in Baltimore, Md., at a signal depot.

☆ **Lt. Don Benson**, who was formerly with the old San Diego outfit, was commissioned in February as a pilot. ☆

A/C J. A. Orcutt is at SAACC, San Antonio, Texas. ☆ **Lt. Richard C. Boronda** is up at Camp Haan. ☆

1st Lt. Clelland A. Wharton is in the South Pacific, probably on Guadalcanal. ☆

Pvt. Frank B. Finney is at Camp Livingston, La. ☆ **A/S Earl L. Severin** is at A.A.F., Pullman, Wash. ☆

Ens. Archie B. Meihls was commissioned at Harvard and is leaving for Jacksonville, Fla. So is **Ens. Gordon L. Chamberlin**. ☆

Laverne W. Brown is graduating from the Naval Academy and will be an Ensign before you see this. ☆

Lt. Bruce W. Kurtz is at Shaw Field, Sumter, S. C. ☆

Lt. John Redelings is at Hammer Field, Fresno, Calif. ☆

Lt. (jg) Don Robertson is out in the Pacific where he has seen **Capt. Doug Inman** and has heard from

Lt. (jg) John Butler. ☆ **Ens. Robert Ellis Lando** is at A.T.B., Ocracoke, N. C., where he saw **U. W. Beck** of the class of 1938. ☆

Cpl. Vernon J. Smith has a new address, APO, S. F. ☆

A/C William A. DeRiemer is at SAAAC, San Antonio, Texas.

Lt. Frederick B. Smith wrote from Italy:

"I have been on some interesting and disastrous raids. One of them was on a certain well known oil field. Have been awarded the Air Medal with one cluster and the Purple Heart. The Purple Heart was the result of coming back from a raid on which I lost one of my two remaining engines. Had to land in a certain sea and the plane broke in two. Lost four members of the crew, and we were picked up by the British shortly before the Germans arrived on the scene. I never want to experience that again. My job now is Flight Leader in Heavy Bombardment.

"Sorry to hear about **Gene Erdman**. Would like to hear from **Don Peck**, **Bus DeVolder**, and **Andy Echle**."

Lt. Lawrence J. Madalena wrote from the Mediterranean area:

"Hitting three continents in four

months is rather fast stepping for an artillery man (usually associated with lassitude).

"Those of us who had been together in Trinidad hoped the ship would stray far enough south so that we could catch a glimpse of that Calypso-wacky Paradise. But instead, the White House greeted us.

"Our quickie tours of Casablanca and Oran surprised me in spite of all the descriptions I'd read in the **News Letter**. The modernistic architecture of Casablanca is hardly surpassed by the best the States offer. But the depressing depravity and filth of the native **Casbahs** and **Medinas** in both cities (through which M.P.'s, of course, guided us) left me somewhat startled. Even the poorest Trinidadians had better living facilities and conditions. They, at least, took weekly baths!

"Wouldn't be much point in describing North Africa and its cities; so many **Staters** have already done so. We arrived as the rainy season closed; the hot, dusty summer has yet to hit us; so my general reactions to the climate and country have been pleasant. As others have pointed out, portions of North Africa could easily be duplicated in Southern California.

"Our old outfit has been broken up; the men are now in QM and Port Companies. At present, I'm taking advantage of a replacement depot, with the other officers of our ex-outfit, and awaiting further assignment.

"Already North Africa has proven less barren of Aztecs than the Caribbean was. As I was carefully combing gnats from my newly-sprouted mustachio at the Officers Red Cross in Oran, I caught **Ens. Don Woods** eyeing me curiously. Uncertain whether it was I hidden behind the gruesome foliage (my upper lip sports a varied-colored fringe of hair—which time and sun will darken, I hope), Don hesitated before acknowledging me. It took my AGO identification card (which some Arab now has for safe-keeping, along with my wallet and pen) to convince him. A re-hash session of Aztec days and friends followed until Don headed back for his ship."

Ens. Horace B. Walton wrote FPO, New York:

"I spent most of my thirteen days' furlough in Coronado with my wife and daughter who was born April the eleventh. I was certainly glad that my membership in your '**I've Never Seen My Baby Club**' was very brief.

"Next month should be a very busy one for us judging by the activities scheduled."

Ens. Fred Jennings is still with submarines up at Mare Island.

Ens. Darwin J. Flakol wrote from a destroyer in the Pacific:

"I am on a destroyer in the Pacific now.

"I held an accidental reunion with **Haile Chace** a few weeks ago. I happened to see a PT boat with his squadron number on the side—half an hour later I was talking to the boy himself. We run into each other in the most unexpected places. Last Christmas I bumped into him in the lobby of New York's Commodore Hotel.

"Only excitement we've had lately was an emergency appendectomy performed on board a few days ago. The chief electricians mate administered the anaesthetic, the assistant gunnery officer passed swabs while the ship's doctor performed his first operation at sea under the light of hastily rigged battle lamps. The patient is recovering nicely."

Pvt. Gerhard Mehner wrote from the Pacific:

"I think the cover of the **News Letter** is my best pin-up picture so I am pinning it up next to my desk here in the office. I glance at it once in a while as it keeps my morale up."

Lt. (jg) Herb A. Tompkins wrote from the Pacific:

"I have been sent to a rest camp with several fighter pilots from our outfit. We have been rather busy recently in a combat zone and have felt Lady Luck in being sent to relax.

"I can't report on seeing anyone so far from **State**, for a home on a flat top is no stomping ground for visitors. It's all a very busy business and the whirl lately was terrific. A few days and the whirl will pause just long enough for me to again report for a more active part in it.

"This rest camp stuff is a dream, and I know from dreams that it'll be similar and not last long enough.

"If I knew just what tin can **Duane (Squirt) Wilson** was on, I'd drop him a message for I believe he was very near me not long ago. There were so many below me I still would have had a tough job sorting him out, but I believe in the end I might have found it if I had had something to go on at the start. I'll drop my fraternity a line soon to seek him out. He's the only one I know who may be the closest when we get together. If I ever hit the water, it's the tin can who picks me up (I hope), but I don't want to find him this way to say hello. Thanks again for the swell **News Letters**."

New addresses came in for these fellows from the old San Diego outfit: **1st Lt. Kenneth H. Hendren**, **1st Lt. William R. Leaf**, **2nd Lt. Glenn R. Mor-**

gan, **CWO William Mobley**, **T/Sgt. George E. Hammond**, and **Sgt. Wilfrid Clare**.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Pfc. Allen Ring is at Camp Livingston, La. ☆ **Cpl. J. M. Holtzman** is at KAAF, Kingman, Ariz., where he is an instructor in aerial gunnery. ☆ **Ens. R. B. Woolley** has a new address, FPO, N. Y. ☆ **Telson Woolley, A.S.**, is at Tower Hall, 820 Tower Court, Chicago. ☆ **Cpl. Jack A. Beal** is at A.A.F., Sacramento, Calif. ☆ **Pvt. J. Tom Warburton** is at Camp Roberts, Calif. ☆ **Ens. Joe Seminario** is on a ship, FPO, S. F. ☆ **Pvt. Roy (Mitch) Williams** is at Burkley Field, Denver, Colo. ☆ **Pfc. William R. Yoggerst** is with a glider outfit, Mackoll, N. C. ☆ **Pvt. V. Wayne Kenaston** is at Camp Howze, Texas. ☆ **1st Lt. Albert R. Lepore** is at Ft. Benning, Ga. ☆ **Pvt. John C. Sheppard** is at Camp Howze, Texas. ☆ **Ens. Lynn W. Bawner** is at Marine Island Optical School, Mare Island, Calif. ☆ **Pvt. Raymond G. Sippel** is at Camp Phillips, Kansas. ☆ **Lt. Myron Hoerger** is at 505 Nolan, Big Springs, Texas. He is stationed at Big Springs as a bombardier technical officer. ☆ **Pvt. James A. Garfield** is at Scott Field, Illinois.

Capt. Charles Smith wrote from Santa Ana:

"All joking aside I'm finally beginning to get my feet on the ground as far as the Army is concerned. During the past year in addition to my physical training duties I've been slowly indoctrinated into the whys and wherefors of Provost Marshal activities—Special Services—Military Training—Gunnery Officer—and a half dozen other assignments such as Postal Officer, War Bond Officer, Intelligence, etc. I find them all very interesting, but I seem to have trouble keeping my 'IN' basket free from 'ARs', 'WD Circulars' etc., all of which explain the proper methods of carrying on these various assignments.

"Just finished reading a recent edition of **Aztec** and was tickled to hear that 'Bounding Bob'—as you were—**Lt. Col. Cozens** finally got a break and came home for a visit. By the time someone relents and let's us old men get across all our friends will be back in the States."

Lt. Harry J. Jordan, USNR, former professor of Economics at State College, is now Editorial Supervisor of '**The Seagull**,' an official publication of the Naval Supply Depot at Clearfield, Utah. It is a nice, slick paper job with plenty of good pictures.

Lt. Christy Gregg, USNR, a former Journalism student at **State**, is Editor

and Supervising Officer of '**The Hoist**,' a newspaper written by and for the men of the Navy at the U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, California.

Ens. Doil Millsap, USNR, who is stationed at NAS, Quillayute, Washington, is editor of a physical training bulletin. In it there is a long article by him on the Geography and Indians of the Olympic peninsula, which shows that he hasn't forgotten his interest in Geography and has now taken to editing.

The number of editors that we will have around here when the war is over should cause a terrific boom in Aztec journalism.

Lt. Robert G. Harvey wrote from Oahu, T. H.:

"My first day here I ran into **Lee Nichols** and then I met **Roy Grimse**, who is with a photo outfit. I am at a gunnery school now for crew training. Am still flying B-24s."

Lt. Arthur Sprague wrote from New Guinea:

"The locale is New Guinea in an advance base, only a few months ago the enemy's. I can't bid for much glory, though, for the place is now completely tamed, and we are setting up quite comfortably. We will probably mark time here until our number is called. It's an interesting environment with its natives, coconuts, papayas, and infinite varieties of plants and insects. Time may dull the attraction.

"The ideas expressed in the **News Letter** interest me greatly. I feel I should commit myself to aid all I can in the continuance and enlargement of Aztec alumni activity after the war. Such hanging together cannot help but be constructive and progressive. Best wishes for continued success."

Ens. Sam H. Bryan wrote from an LST, FPO, N.Y.:

"After being over here a few weeks, they put me aboard an LST as small boat officer. It's not bad duty and we see lots of new country.

"Ran on to **Johnnie McNeil** (Lt., USNR) the other day and we had a good time talking over the good old days at **State**. Also was stationed at the same base with **Frank Fraine**."

Did you hear of the horse that played baseball? He played outfield and fielded far better than any of the men. The crowd showed great interest in him and watched him closely when he went to bat. He knocked the first ball pitched right out of the lot. But he didn't run the bases. He just stood there.

"Run, run, you fool; can't you run?" "If I could run, I'd be up at Bay Meadows," replied the horse.

Herbert E. Wells, QM 3c, wrote from his destroyer, FPO, N.Y.:

"Not long ago we tied up along side one of our sister ships, and lo and behold, who should be on it but **Frank Diamond, MM 1c**. He told me there was another Aztec on his ship by the name and rank of **Ens. William Chittick**."

Capt. Herbert J. Childress wrote from Ft. Jackson, S.C.:

"Uncle Sam has been pushing us lately and we don't have much time for writing—so when any of the old 251st gang get home on furlough, say hello for me and ask them to write. There will probably be another change of address in a little while . . ."

ANIMAL CRACKERS

(Have you heard these?)

A fellow had a dog that could play checkers. One of his friends remarked that that was really a smart dog—just think, a dog that can play checkers.

"Oh! that's nothing," said the owner, "I can beat him four games out of five."

A fellow commented to the soda jerk,

"Weren't you surprised when that horse walked up to the counter and ordered a banana split with whipped cream and three red cherries on it?"

"No, I wasn't surprised, I like them that way myself," said the jerk.

A fellow in the show business had a dog act in which a couple of dogs did a few simple stunts. He had applied for a job with a manager but was unceremoniously ejected, dogs and all. Just as he was leaving the place, the little dog said,

"He didn't think much of our act, did he?"

The manager snapped back to the little dog, "Was that you talking?"

"Yes, replied the little dog, "But you ain't heard nothing yet, the big dog is a ventriloquist."

A man was walking across a pasture all alone when he heard a voice say, "Hello, how are you?" The only living creature around was a horse, so he asked the horse if he had spoken. The horse answered in the affirmative to the amazement of the man, and they had a long conversation. The horse told of how he had once won the Kentucky Derby, the Belmont, the Preakness, etc., and had set an all-time record for money won and added that in his prime there was not another horse living that could touch him. The man was quite impressed and asked the horse who his owner was. The horse replied that his owner was the man who lived in the

big house nearby. The man said, "Well, I'll go over and see him and I think that we can make a deal that will really make some money."

"Do you own the horse that talks?"

"Yes, he's my horse."

"How much do you want for him?"

"Thirty-five dollars."

"Thirty-five dollars, is that all?"

"Oh, I bet that horse has been stuffing you, too, with lies about winning so many races. He's never been off the place."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Lloyd Williams is in USMS Officers' School, Alameda, Calif. ☆ **Vic Howard, Y2c**, is in USMS Enrollment Office,

326 N. Avalon Blvd., Wilmington, Calif. ☆ **Ens. Harry Le Barron** is on a different ship in the Pacific where he ran into

Ens. Bob Menke. ☆ **Lt. Allan C. Dale** is up at Hammer Field, Fresno, Calif. ☆ **Pfc. Stephen F. Dale** is at College of Dentistry, USC. ☆ **Pvt. John W. Spillman** is at Camp Rucker, Ala. ☆ **T/5 Herman J. Branin** is still in England. ☆ **Pvt. Robert Davis** is with a Combat Engineers outfit in England, and **Jack Bahl**, who was with him, has been transferred to a different outfit. ☆ **Pvt. H. D. Woody** is at Camp Campbell, Ky. ☆ **Lt. Rudolph M. Morales** is still at the headquarters of the Antilles Dept. ☆ **Pfc. William Jamison** is at Camp Lejeune, N. C., and so are **Bob Webb**, **Louis Lepore**, **John Babick**. **Earl Carr**, **Clarence Huddleston**, and **Bob Rivera** are still at Quantico. ☆ **Pvt. Ralph E. Callahan** is at Ft. Jackson, S. C. ☆ **Pfc. Richard Botte** has an address APO, S. F. ☆ **Lt. Kent Bush, USMCR**, is still overseas, FPO, S. F. ☆ **Pvt. William H. Rossman** is at Camp Anza, Arlington, Calif. ☆ **A/C John R. Knight** is at A.A.F.B.U., Ontario, Calif. ☆ **Pfc. Robert C. Drescher** is at Camp Campbell, Ky. ☆ **A/C Richard C. Booth** is in TS, Yale University. ☆ **Pfc. Louis Poluzzi** is at USMCAS, Cherry Pt., N.C. ☆ **A/C Harry T. Galpin** is at LAAF, Laredo, Texas. ☆ **Ens. Harlow C. Bell** is on a ship, FPO, S. F.

Only once before have we re-run a letter, but here is one that shows how times have changed since the **News Letter** began about 27 months ago. And see the note at the end:

From: A/C Robert C. Cozens, Cadet Detachment, Moffett Field, California.
April 23, 1942

Dear Dr. Post:

I will give you what information I have about the fellows: **Bill Goodchild** is getting his Basic flight training at Merced. He got his Primary at Tulare and will probably take his Advanced training at Mather Field or Stockton Field.

My brother, **Tom**, is in Primary at Hemet; from there he will go to Minter or to Lemoore for his Basic.

Jack Frost had Basic at Minter and is now at an Advanced school, but I don't know which one.

Earl Allison, who was in my upper class at King City, is now at Lemoore where he should be winding up his Basic and getting ready to move on to Advanced.

As for me, I am at Moffett (Basic training) and am scheduled to go to Advanced on the 27th of May. As yet I don't know where I will go, but I want to get into multi-engine school which will be either Mather or Stockton.

I like the flying business and **hope that I will be able to get through the remainder of the course**. We fly from two to five hours per day and have about three hours of ground school—engines, navigation, meteorology, radio code, etc. All in all we have a busy week as we are flying seven days a week. Sincerely, **Bob Cozens**.

(Note: **Bill Goodchild** was first reported missing and later deceased in the South Pacific. **Jack Frost** has been missing for a long time over Italy, and **Tom Cozens** lost his life while patrolling a storm in New Mexico. Times have changed, and those who are still able to report have matured a great deal during the life span of the **News Letter**. What do the next 27 months hold for us? LCP)

Mr. Robert Manzeck, fencing coach and custodian in the physical education department, is retiring after 13 years service. Hundreds of you have worn equipment that he handed you and will also remember him for his kindly service to all Aztec men. I would like to add that he has done some things for the **News Letter** that you have not been told about. Good luck to you, **Mr. Manzeck** and thanks for everything. LCP.

S/Sgt. Olin K. Lipscomb wrote from his squadron in the Mediterranean area:

"Things aren't what they used to be! From now on give me California or give me nothing. At present I'm in Italy, so I don't have either of them. Haven't run into any **Aztects** yet, but I'm still searching. Hello and good luck to all of the old gang, faculty, student body and **Monty**. Would like to hear from some of them. (Thanks for the picture. I suppose you are with a squadron that was reported doing better than all right. They seem to be making a fine record, and I'm glad of it. LCP)

Chaplain Ralph R. Bailey is overseas and had the opportunity of seeing Napoleon's birthplace.

Cpl. Alan L. Robbins wrote from somewhere overseas:

"I never expected to be going to a place that we studied in your geography class, but that is where the ticket reads. All that I can say now is that the water is very salty and there is a lot of it."



A/C James C. Snapp had his training plane demolished by fire on a night solo flight up at Ontario. James is in the Santa Ana army air base hospital and has been reported "in safe condition."



Lt. Michael Hallahan is still up in Iceland.



AZTEC-NICALITIES

By Pat Wallace Saunders

Most dramatic scene on the campus this week was the Invasion day ceremonies held at noon in the quad. For weeks, Treble Clef and assembly heads had planned a program appropriate for "the" day. Bells were sounded calling all students and higher grades of the college elementary school, to the 15-minute program of song, prayer and an address by our president, Dr. Walter R. Hepner.

With the flag as center of attention, Miss Deborah Smith first led the student body in the first verse of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," followed by Dr. Hepner's address and appeal for personal dedication in this hour. Treble Clef sang the "Lord's Prayer," arranged by Malotte. The ceremonies, so close on the heels of similar Memorial day services a few days hence, were closed with Bill Barnise singing "The Recessional." Sober faces then turned back to studies.

For Servicemen

State college servicemen have a pictorial section all their own in the annual, *Del Sudoeste*, which will be distributed the latter part of this week. Editors Pat Allard and Leone Carlson promise pictures of campus life, organizations and seniors same as ever despite the crimp on zinc usage. In charge of all the art work (and we do mean all, as she did it every bit alone) is Fay Waters. Her clever cartoons add life to the printed word.

Annuals this year are being sent to servicemen who placed orders during the semester. The servicemen's section not only contains pictures, but also news of their activities.



Ens. Lee Packard wrote from a DE, FPO, N.Y.:

"The work accompanying the new

construction of a navy vessel is hard to realize until you have been on it. Give my regards to the HODs if there are any left. (George Reed is graduating. I guess that leaves Steve Porter, LCP)



WHO—WHAT—WHERE

A/C Joseph R. Beers is at Selman Field, Monroe, La. ☆ Richard Hussong has moved to Camp Polk, La., with Wayne Nettles. ☆ Lt. Gordon Robert McKervey is overseas, APO, N.Y. ☆ William G. McKenney graduated from the La Junta, Colorado, Air Base as a B-25 bomber pilot. ☆ W. B. Kenyon FC3c has moved to NavTraSta, Newport, R.I. ☆ Pvt. Glen P. Doughy is at Camp Breckinridge, Ky. ☆ Pfc. Donald J. Crouch is at Camp Hale, Pando, Colorado. ☆ Lt. William C. Mohler is overseas with an ambulance company, APO, New York. ☆ Cpl. R. A. Ganger is overseas, APO, S.F. ☆ Pvt. William F. Emery is at Ft. Benning, Ga. ☆ Charles F. Cook is at the NTS, Kansas University, Lawrence, Kans. ☆ Pfc. Nick S. Stamatopoulos is at Camp Crowder, Mo. ☆ T. Arthur King, S 2c, is overseas, FPO, N.Y. ☆ Pvt. Lawrence N. King is overseas, APO, N.Y. ☆ Lt. Mack W. Hill is at MAAF, Merced, Calif. ☆ A/C C. Richard St. John is still at Corpus Christie, Texas, where he sees Al Hart and Ted Smyer. ☆ Pfc. James Effron is in Pomona with Army Ordnance. ☆ Lt. (jg) William de Lannoy is overseas, FPO, N.Y. ☆ Lt. (jg) J. Bertram McLees is on a ship detail, Bethlehem-Kingham Shipyards, Kingham, Mass. ☆ Capt. Charles D. Holliday is with the Searchlight outfit, Ft. Bliss, Texas. ☆ Lt. Robert H. Smith is with a Bomb Group, APO, N.Y. ☆ Capt. Ralph M. Young is still at the Presidio, S.F.



This time the *News Letter* is coming out about two weeks early. We wanted to get it out in time for graduation, and we thought you wouldn't mind. We will gradually work back to the former schedule.



POST-WAR EDUCATION

We are still thinking about post-war education. One magazine article estimated that a million veterans would return to college on government aid. Another estimated that the equivalent of a million and a half years of college attendance had been lost because of the war. And just imagine a goodly portion of three or four freshman classes stacked

up all at once! The colleges all over the country are guessing, but they are going to have to do more than just guessing before it is all over.

At *State College* we feel very proud of your record, and therefore of our own, in getting you ready to fight. But some people think that getting ready for peace will be more difficult, especially in view of the fact that we don't know what this old world will be like after the war is won on the field of battle. That is where you might be able to help us in deciding what we can do about it.

Are you going back to any college? Suppose you make this approach toward telling us some of the things we would like to know. What should we add, and what should we cut out? Tell us what we should stress more and what we should stress less. Suppose you discuss some of these things with your acquaintances and tell us what conclusions you come to. We would be glad to hear from you whether you have graduated or not, and also even if you don't intend to come back to this college. Thanks. LCP.



Among the *News Letters* received from other organizations and institutions was the *Lariat*, published by the young people's association of the Latter Day Saints church in San Diego, and supervised by Paul Cheesman. Paul is to graduate from *State College* next week and will go in to the service immediately after that.

The *Trinity Friendship Messenger*, which is edited by one of our librarians, Mrs. Lloyd Haynes, 3344 Upas St., San Diego, mentioned fully a score of former *State College* students in their last issue.

Shorts and Flashes, published by the *Gasco* comes every month with a lot of news and also the names of many of our former students who are on both their mailing list and ours.

Crosstalk, published for employees of the telephone company, also comes in every month with many Aztec names in it.

The *Lobo News Letter*, published by members of the anthropology department of the University of New Mexico, says that Dr. Donald D. Brand, old *Omega Xi Aztec*, is at the American Embassy, Mexico City.

Editors of any of the above or any other service publications may mention to their readers who are Aztecs that they should be acquainted with the *Aztec News Letter* if they are not already getting it. In fact, we would appreciate it if you would do so as we still have quite a list of addresses wanted. Thanks. LCP.

EL CAJON AND LA MESA

The towns of **El Cajon** and **La Mesa** have built panels of full billboard size honoring their service men and women. The panels are neat and simple and have painted on them the names of the local men and women in the armed forces. Both panels are well situated and well lighted so that all who pass may stop and read the names. All **State College** personnel, both past and present, should try to pay the panels a visit for up there are nearly a hundred names to be found in the **Aztec News Letter** roster. We never know how many of our students came from those two close neighbors. The names on the panels impress one not only with quantity but also with the high quality of the personnel.



Lt. William Milton got out of a P-38 just in time the other day up near Los Angeles. He was flying formation and one motor caught fire. He missed a midair collision and bailed out. Then he got dragged over some pretty rough ground. He walked to the highway and is now in the Pasadena Area Army Hospital.



Ens. Anthony Ghio wrote from a different ship in the Pacific:

"This so-called new ship is older than the one you built, but she is clean and comfortable. Just a damn non-combatant ship—and I thought I was a tin can sailor. I've accumulated the jobs of Communication, Gunnery and Assistant Navigator so now you see why I am up to my neck. Communications is new to me and carries quite a lot of responsibility, but I'll give her everything I've got.

"I met **Bill Downing** quite by accident. He is the same old Bill. I'll close with 'God bless our Aztecs who are giving Hitler the works.' Give them my regards." (**Tony**, I can hardly realize that you knew of the invasion before you wrote me from the South Pacific. Mail has been getting to me from all sorts of places in less than a week. But the mail from England has not done too well lately. Either the boys were too busy to write, or they had their mail held up until after the invasion struck. I suppose it was the latter, and of course, that is a good way to keep the news from leaking. I'm expecting some long letters from them sometime soon, and I hope that they put out in them. Who do you think will be the first to tell the **News Letter** about the invasion first hand? LCP)



Lt. James A. Sims wrote from his LST in the Pacific:

"It's great to hear from all of the

fellows and know what they are doing toward winning the war. Some of the men have really made names for themselves.

"At present I am on the move somewhere out in the Pacific. By the time this letter reaches you, the news will be out as to where we are. The weather stays about the same. The only relief we have from the heat is while under way. Then there is always a breeze.

"I am now a full fledged Lt., no more (jg). I have been on the move so much lately I have not seen many of the men. **Chet DeVore** was the last I saw, and I believe he is with us now, but not on this ship. Thanks for the **News Letter**."



Ralph A. Sunderhauf wrote from MTBSTC, Melville, R.I.:

"Any information on PT boats is pretty restricted, but these babies come pretty close to flying. I wouldn't swap this duty for that of any other branch of the service, but I imagine you have other ideas being that you are an old Tin Can man.

"I received a letter from my sister, **Barbara Williams**, a few days ago and she had received three letters and a picture from **Griff**. She said he was still doing OK. Thank God he and **Ernie** are together. They will get through all right."



Pfc. Oscar Thomas wrote from England:

"The weather is not too unfavorable. The food is OK, and the girls are as beautiful and hospitable as ever. I made Pfc in March so that gives me a pound and four shillings per month extra. Recently we have had several USO special shows."



Roy Cleator, CSK, just came back from Guadalcanal and New Caledonia. He is looking fine but a little thinner than he was 22 months ago. He saw most of the old guard from Guadalcanal—**Clelland Wharton**, **John Sellwood**, **Chet DeVore**, etc.



Lt. Clelland Wharton wrote from Guadalcanal:

"My friends have been complaining that I am such a poor correspondent so it is about time I wrote them via the **News Letter**. After my mother, the **News Letter** comes first on my mail list. I am running a ration dump here so let the fellows know where to find me. Ask **Roy Cleator** about it. My pidgion English is still improving as I have quite a group of local color working for me. It looks as though all of the TPM club was well represented in the **News Letter**. That won't mean a thing to any but **Capt. Jack Edwards**, **Putnam**, **Meltzer**,

Cassady and a few others. All of the Aztecs I met here seem to be going so I will have to look up a new bunch."



Lt. Richard F. Kenney wrote from his prisoner of war camp in Germany:

"I understand that you should be in ecstasy with all of the femininity at State. I am sure I would be. Doc, how about telling me the truth about how many women there are to each male? Is **Mr. Brooks** still there? How about some pictures showing campus life?"

Richard's address is:

Lt. Richard F. Kenney
Gefangenennummer: 1747
M-Stammlager Luft 3
Deutschland, (Germany)
Via New York, N. Y.



WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Capt. James Q. McColl is now at Drew Field, Tampa, Fla. ☆ **Pvt. Louis Poluzzi** is at USMCAS, Cherry Point, N. C. ☆ **Sgt. C. P. Bradley** is at AAB, De Ridder, La. ☆ **Wm. H. Hargreaves, APC**, is on a carrier in the Pacific. ☆ **Robert Bouton** has gone into the service. ☆ **H. L. Jensen, MM1c**, is at N. L., F. F. D., LVT, U-5, Albany, N. Y. ☆ **G. G. Claspill, AMM1c**, has a new address, FPO, S. F. ☆ **Sef Murillo** has a new address in the Pacific. ☆ **Thomas C. Kinard, MoMM3c**, wrote from Manhattan Beach, N. Y.: "My first trip to sea was short, but I did manage to get to Africa." ☆ **Pvt. Ken Kopecky** is at Lakeland AAF, Florida. ☆ **Lt. Wm. Tascher** is at Replacement Depot, Columbia, S. C. ☆ **Lt. Robert A. Riehle** is at Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N.M. ☆ **Pvt. John D. Stinstrom** is at Camp Livingston, La. ☆ **Kenneth A. Wain-scott, PhM2c**, is at Norfolk Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va. ☆ **Pvt. Tom Nelson** is at Camp Gruber, Okla. ☆ **Pvt. Dwain S. Kantor** has moved to YAAF, Yuma, Ariz.



Capt. Boyd E. Thompson wrote from Ft. George Meade, Md.:

"I just returned from England and found the May issue with the envelope covered with forwarding addresses. After sitting around in San Diego with the AA for about a year I was finally transferred to Camp Hulen, Texas. My present assignment is to take casual replacement troops to their overseas destination and then return by air for more. It is very interesting and I am getting to see the world. It is still a novelty for me to leave London one afternoon and be in New York the next.

"**Lt. Col. Anthony Long** is back in the States and is stationed at the Officers' Repl. Pool, Camp Davis, N. C. Has anyone heard from **Map. Ralph Small** recently? I would like his address if you have it."

Lt. George G. Crawford wrote to Mrs. Crawford from a prisoner of war camp in Germany saying that he had not yet seen **Griff Williams** but that he hoped to soon. George's address is:

Lt. George G. Crawford
(American Prisoner of War)
Gefangenenummer (No number yet)
M. Stammlager Luft 3
Deutschland, (Germany)
Via New York, N. Y.

(To our readers: There is no limit to the amount of mail that may be sent to prisoners so long as it contains no censorable material. Pictures may be sent to the men. Some of you should write to them, as they all like to get mail. And should any of you have the misfortune to see them, kindly convey to them our personal regards and best wishes. We will be seeing all of you soon. LCP.)



Sgt. John R. Rowe wrote from New Guinea:

"Over here in New Guinea life is simple. We are protected from disease the best way the government knows how. The food is good and sometimes excellent. Most of our recreation is limited to letters, reading, and movies. Once in a while a U.S.O. show comes to this area to help us keep our spirits up. We seem to be waiting for a certain moment now, when we can be used to best advantage. This is a war of nerves.

"I was in one of your geography classes while at State, and you endeavored to show me the world. This New Guinea is beyond any book yet put out on the subject. We have rain, heat, humidity, and worse of all the biggest insects in all the world. Most of them bite and there are so many of them they drive you nuts. I have ventured into the jungles in search of loot. Most of it has been found by the impressive Aussies who were here first. Bananas and coconuts are plentiful, and right now there are four stalks of bananas in my tent starting to turn yellow. I am sweating it out until they are ripe.

"Back in San Diego my wife and 11 months old daughter are waiting my return. She attended State also, and she too knows many of the students who are now in the service.

"By the way, you were the person who started me reading **Ernie Pyle's** column in the **Tribune**. He came to S. D. not many years ago, and I remember how interested you were in his visit. Didn't he visit the campus? My wife clips his columns out of the paper every day and sends them to me. Boy, what a writer he is. I found out a long while ago it is the little things in life that make it what it is. His writing is perfect, and he never misses the human angle."

Pvt. James R. Hurley wrote from Italy:

"I guess I was still slap happy a little when I wrote you that letter from the hospital. I am sorry that I gave the impression that I was wounded. I tried, or thought that I did, to make it clear that I was just shell happy, from concussion blast. I still do not know why I did not make up a sieve from what I gathered was going on around me. My being unconscious sort of saved the day. I did not get the **Purple Heart** nor do I want it. Am not sure whether I am entitled to the Unit Citation that this division received for its work up there. I am no longer with them, and I was knocked out before the proclamation was made. Will investigate.

"Got down to see **George Forbes** twice. Tried to spring him to go see "This Is the Army." Had to pay off so couldn't. We had some pictures taken together and sent them to the folks. **Larry** is not here in Italy with George and myself. He and his father, **Major Devlin**, are together. I know where they are but cannot say. Still doing guard duty, so to speak. I knew about **Russ Newberry** but could not say anything when you wrote me. He was a wonderful leader and his boys said that they had lost a buddy as well as an officer when he went to report in at the Supreme GHQ. Would it be feasible to send me **Capt. George Alexander's** APO and or **Lt. George Crawford**? I would like to see those two old rascals again. I would like to get in touch with **Sgt. Lindsay McKellips**. He went **Hors de Combat** a little before I did. I don't exactly know how. (Blast the air raid sirens. I am going to fix that damn thing some day.) He went to Africa, and I stayed in Italy for my rest cure. We just missed each other at the Con camp. He saw Africa, Sicily, and all of here except for a period of jaundice. If he gets home, he can give the real snow of a combat infantryman. He had well over a hundred and twenty-five days in the fox holes as well as three or four landings under fire. His pet tool was the bazooka of which he was in charge for the company.

"I haven't much more news of any kind. Italy is Italy. In the spring it is as beautiful as could be expected. Haven't had much chance to see more of the scenic areas; however, had a ringside seat for Vesuvius' eruption. Quite spectacular, but yet disappointing in some ways. The **Ginzels** were quick to capitalize on it and as soon as possible souvenirs were being peddled to the American and English GI at various rates of larceny.

"Am short on **News Letters** from December on. Got a couple of them while

in the hospital but were lost. The others have not shown up. Glanced through a couple of George's but did not have time to digest them. Would appreciate any rectification possible. Too bad that you lost **Mrs. King**. Did not know that she was **Dr. King's** wife, yet she lived in my home town.

"The climate is one of rapid change, and when the sun does shine it really shines. The mountains run across this darn shoe and are volcanic directly or indirectly. One reason things are going so slow. Makes it perfect for **Kesseling's** defense, and he has to be literally blasted out from peak to contour line. Your geography, though I did not take map reading as such, aids me in the understanding of the maps. Flora and fauna somewhat different. Details at another time."



Cpl. Maron E. Lee wrote from New Guinea:

"I have again been fortunate enough to receive the News Letter, even over here in dewy New Guinea. You probably do not remember me for I was only at State for one year, in forty-one, before the Army decided it had other plans for me.

"We have finally established ourselves here in a fairly comfortable manner despite our somewhat primitive surroundings. Now that we have built up our area to a civilized state we seem content to sit here and continue our training which is becoming somewhat boring. I'm afraid, however, this feeling is perhaps due more to a never ending restlessness developed by the service rather than the actual situation at present. I imagine we all have the desire to travel in varying degrees, but the service seems to really develop that desire until one is aware of a definite restlessness.

"New Guinea appeared to be a perfect South Sea paradise when first viewed, with its tall palm trees, deep blue-green water, rugged thickly vegetated mountains crowned with white plumes, and the very picturesque natives draped in colorful skirts and carrying bright sharp machetes. However, after spending some time here we now realize it has as many disadvantages as advantages. At present during the rainy season it is not only very wet and muddy, but also very warm. In other words quite a change from San Diego! At least one must admit this weather is never monotonous."



Capt. Clyde W. Snyder wrote from North Africa:

"Am enjoying the wonderful climate and scenery of this country. The only Aztec I have seen is **Capt. Don Rex** who is my tentmate."



(This cut is from a page in the service men's section of the new annual, *Del Sudoeste*, edited by Pat Allard and Leone Carlson. There are 16 such pages in the book. Ed Herzig can supply a certain number of annuals for \$3.00 each at the Aztec Bookshop or \$3.25 each mailed to domestic addresses. LCP.)

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