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To All of the Aztecs in Service and Their Friends:

Your friends at home and elsewhere in the service are interested in you and dozens of them have been very happy to hear, as the reports came in, that you came through D-Day all right. If you only knew that, more of you would have dropped a card to us even though you are very busy.

As of this date (July 13), I have checked various sources, and really, it seems that State College did not lose a man in Normandy or the English Channel. Paratroopers, glider pilots, LST men and a good many others have written in, we have heard through various sources, and we have watched the newspapers, and yet, only Lt. James White was wounded. There is not another single casualty that we know of. It is almost unbelievable that we could have made the invasion without an Aztec being lost. Perhaps that comes from expecting you to come through all right rather than expecting to necessarily lose heavily in men.

And for those of you who are fighting elsewhere. We are aware of the Saipan, Italian and other campaigns, and we know that Saipan was really rugged. We know that some of you are engaged in every action. We want you to know that we follow you in thought, and nothing pleases us more than to get word from you that you pulled through another one all right.

Will each of you just let us know that all is well after each campaign so that we can pass the word to your friends.

Let us hear from you, and again, best of luck!

Lauren C. Post

Editor of the News Letter

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LT. WENDELL E. LANGFORD

was killed in a plane crash at Hammer Field near Fresno.



The Quad (Photo by Fay Landweer)

LT. MAURICE G. WILSON

was killed in a plane crash on the east coast.

IST LT. FREDERICK B. SMITH

who was recently reported missing in the Mediterranean area has since been reported killed in action. Lt. Smith piloted a B-24 on many missions in that theater and had been awarded the Air Medal with several Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart. (This Lt. Smith is the one who played Frosh football in the fall of 1938 and was from Shelbyville, Indiana. He should not be confused with the Fred Smith who played guard in 1942 nor the Fred Smith who is doing graduate work in Geography at the University of California. LCP.)

CAPT. CLAIR V. BERDEL, USMCR

was reported missing in action. He had been on duty in the Solomons earlier as a torpedo bomber pilot.

CAPT. RICHARD BURCH

was reported missing in action over Germany on June 20. Previously he had been on duty in the Aleutians.

LT. EDWARD L. IMBLUM

was erroneously reported a prisoner of the Germans by the last **News Letter.** He is still missing. I can't account for the error other than to say we made a mistake, probably by confusing two names. Let's all hope that we can have a more favorable report to make on Lt. Imblum. LCP.

LT. AUGUST FLEISHBEIN

who was a bombardier in England, has been reported missing in action from a mission over Europe.

CAPT. ARCHIE WARREN CHATTERLEY

who was reported missing from a flight over Europe in the last **News Letter** is a prisoner in Germany. Capt. Chatterley did a tour of duty with the RAF before going into the AAF and was reported by **Capt. Richard Butler** to be one of the hottest pilots he had ever seen. He had shot down seven German planes.

IST LT. WILLIAM LANSILL

who was previously reported missing from a flight over Holland has since been reported a prisoner of war in Germany.

MAJ. ROBERT TUTTLE

is a prisoner in Germany. He had been missing from a mission over Europe. Maj. Tuttle had been in command of a squadron in England and had been missing since May 12.

LT. TED RUNYON

is a prisoner in Germany. He had been wounded and shot down in Africa in the early months of that campaign and had been a prisoner of the Italians. He was evacuated from Italy by the Germans at the time of the fall of Italy.

LT. MAURICE W. SAVAGE, USMCR

was wounded in action with the Marines at Saipan. In a brief note to his mother he spoke of being "nicked in the leg." Lt. Savage was the first **Aztec** casualty reported from Saipan. News from there has been much slower than that from Normandy.

LT. JAMES C. W. WHITE, USNR

was commander of the minesweeper U.S.S. Partridge on D-Day and was wounded during the invasion operation. His ship was sunk.

CAPT. HAROLD W. B. BAKER

was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster in addition to the Air Medal for his services with the AAF in New Guinea.

LT. CHARLES E. BARR

has been awarded the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters and also the Distinguished Flying Cross for participating in 30 missions over Europe, six of which were over Berlin.

For a wound received in the action over Schweinfurt he was awarded the Purple Heart. Harassed all of the way to Schweinfurt by enemy fighters and pounded by flak when it reached the city, Barr's plane, the "Sweet and Lovely," was so jarred by one anti-aircraft burst that its bomb bay doors became stuck open during a bombing run. Barr was struck in the face while working to close the jammed doors. Lt. Barr also helped soften the German defenses on the coast for the first D-Day landings.

IST LT. EDWIN F. BENNETT

was one of the first American flyers over the Normandy coast on D-Day. He piloted a transport carrying paratroopers and towing gliders. Lt. Bennett has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Oak Leaf Cluster.

COL. JASPER BELL

is back in the States after two years of duty in India. He was decorated for his services over there.

LT. MAX BINSWANGER

who was reported missing from a mission over Europe in the last **News Letter** wrote in himself telling about what happened (in part):

"I am down in Italy now; I really like it better here than in England. I was in the same group up there as Capt. Richard Butler and Capt. Robert 'Cardenas. I was on the mission that he went down on. He went to a neutral country and I know he got there because I saw them safely flying in it. He was acting Command pilot that day. I hope to see Bob Wade and Larry Devlin soon.

"I, like many others, was awarded the Air Medal. "I was an internee not too long ago. I got shot down in March.

"I am a member of the caterpillars now.

"I haven't many missions to go down here so I hope to come home soon. Have a couple of things to settle out in the Pacific." (This is the sort of letter we really like. LCP.)

IST LT. FRANK BRAISTED

recently completed his 10th mission over enemy-held territory.

IST LT. LOUIS BROWNSTEIN

returned home after having completed 40 missions as bombardier in a B-17. Lt. Brownstein has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with one Silver and two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon. His missions were over North Africa, Italy, Germany and Czecho-Slovakia.

CAPT. GLEN G. CURTIS

completed 140 missions in the China area and had his orders to come home. He took the proverbial "one more mission" and cracked up the B-24 he was piloting in landing because of failure of the hydraulic brake system. His left arm was fractured in four places and he is in the 95th Station Hospital. The accident occurred on June 12. (Glen's record of 140 missions seems to be an Aztec record. Hope we'll be seeing him soon. LCP.)

LT. COL. CLINTON B. GATY

was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement in combat flight in the India-Burma area." Gaty is a member of Col. Philip Cochran's Air Commando squadron.

LT. COL. JACK HAYES

has completed more than 50 missions out of England as a pilot and recently made two over Berlin in four days.

CAPT. NORMAN (BUD) HOUSER

who has been reported missing at various times and places is back in the States after a great deal of flying over Europe and Africa. (More information please. LCP.)

LT. ARTHUR H. JOHNSON

was awarded the Air Medal for missions in the Mediterranean area.

IST LT. L. A. MORGAN

has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart, "the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal. Lt. Morgan completed 33 missions as navigator in B-24s.

MAJ. EDMUND F. OVEREND

was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for new exploits in the South Pacific. The latest citation was signed by **Admiral Halsey** and was for extraordinary achievement while acting as commander of a fighter group. Maj. Overend destroyed two Jap planes and damaged a third although the tail of his own plane had been badly damaged by cannon fire over Rabaul. He had shot down 10 Jap planes with seven more probables while he was with the Flying Tigers in Asia.

CAPT. JACK L. PIERSON

has returned from China where he was a bombardier on B-24s for 61 missions and for which he was awarded the Air Medal, some Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Capt. Pierson said that during the 15 months that he was in China they lived on about 80 per cent Chinese food and 20 per cent American food. He flew the hump both going in and coming out. He said that **Capt. Glen G. Custis** is to come home soon.

CPL. ELEANOR SPINOLA

is being decorated by **Gen. Mark W. Clark,** commander of the Fifth Army in Italy, in a newspaper picture that **Ens. George Peck** sent in from somewhere in the Pacific. Eleanor was last heard of in Naples and had gotten there by way of North Africa.

Charles Byrne, CY, USMS, and Mrs. Byrne saw the ceremony in a news reel up in Seattle. Perhaps some of you saw it but did not recognize Eleanor. See her picture in the service men's section of this year's college annual. LCP.

S/SGT. WILLIAM H. THOMPSON

was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "exceptionally meritorious achievement" while participating in sustained combat operations over enemy-occupied territory in Europe as gunner on a B-17.

LT. WILLIAM J. VOGT

who has served in both the RCAF and the AAF has been awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Distinguished Flying Cross for services in the Southwest Pacific where he was pilot of a plane in a troop carrier outfit.

LT. RALPH McQUAID, USNR

who is on his second tour of duty in the Pacific was mentioned in a news release recently for rescuing a pilot of a P-38 who had been adrift in a raft for 10 days after having been shot down near Rabaul. The pilot had drifted 150 miles before Lt. McQuaid picked him up in a rough sea.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Orders have been coming in for the college annual, **Del Sudoeste.** Ed Herzig still has a number of copies at the Bookstore which service men and their families may order. For mailing to army men overseas, a special request is required. As a special service, Ed Herzig said that he would hold an annual for later delivery upon request by a service man. There are 18 pages of service men's pictures in the annual. The price is \$3.00 at the Bookstore or \$3.25 mailed.

Some of you have never written in. We know something about where you are and what you are doing but our reading public like to hear from you personally. Let's have some new mail from some of the old hands who have been away for a long time. LCP.

CAMPUS RECEPTION COMMITTEE

We are planning a campus reception committee to welcome home our Aztec service men who visit the campus on furlough. Beginning with the fall semester when you visit the campus we hope to have someone meet you and give you at least a brief personally conducted tour of the campus to see the picture panel showing the Aztecs in Service, have you sign the guest book in the Cafe, and check up on your address for the News Letter file, as well as to check up on what issues of the News Letter you have received. Your guides may also help you locate faculty members you may wish to see and bring you up to date with the campus news. We have not yet decided whether the committee members are to have badges or not. LCP.

BACK NUMBERS WANTED

Have you any back numbers of the News Letter, Nos. 4 and 14? We are rather short of those two issues and would appreciate it if you could send back any of these particular numbers. We are pretty well fixed with other numbers. LCP.

ADDRESSES WANTED

We are always on the lookout for new names and addresses of our former students. Also, be sure to let us know of the changes in address. The breaking up of the ASTP almost wrecked our address system, but we survived. The changes still come in with as many as 20 per day.

F/O James Willard Wallace, glider pilot, wrote from England:

"Speaking of **Snow Jobs**, I believe, after this first excitement has cooled down, **Gordon Chamberlain** will be able to give some good ones. I might be able to throw a little around, too. We were both in on the initial invasion. I guess the papers have told all about it so I won't enlarge. It was exciting and a truly wonderful show. I was awfully glad that I got a ringside ticket. After returning, we were given seven day leaves to see Great Britain. I hit most of the large towns, liked Edinburgh best of the lot. This stationery was slipped out of one of the hotels."

Janice Wallace (Willard's sister) wrote from 57 West 58th St., New York City, guoting part of two letters from Willard:

"I'm sitting in my tent just wondering what's going to happen next. We were supposed to have gone in last night, but the weather played a dirty trick on us. We were all ready to go, packed, loaded, and eager. Now we have to wait for a day or two. Maybe we'll move tonight. Our job is to go in the night before the invasion (D minus one day) and hold all roads leading inward. I'm carrying a heavy machine gun squad (in a glider). We'll land about five miles inland on the Cherbourg peninsula. The main attack is on the north shore. We land southeast of it to hold a Panzer division that is farther southeast which may move up (probably will). We land about two o'clock in the morning. The invasion starts at five o'clock. By nine o'clock we should have reinforcements, and be able to rest awhile. They say those left will be evacuated for another trip over. It's going to be a big show. I sure hope I get to see the whole thing. Some dumb English girl sent over a false report that it had already started. That means they'll be waiting for us. (Later.)

"Yes, I'm all intact. Saw a great show"from the ringside and didn't have to pay a penny. It was horrible but a great show. I didn't get a scratch." Sgt. Tom M. Rice, paratrooper, wrote from France:

"Myron G. Sessions, Herman Addleson and I have been on the continent since D day at H minus five hours, and we weren't early either. Jumped in Normandy at 1:31 a.m. June 6, D day. The reception which was given us was really torrid. They threw everything at us including the kitchen sink. The sky was lit up as bright as day-ack ack bursts, streams of red, green, and white tracers converged on us and showery bursts of flares outlined us in the sky as we neared our drop zone. I was No. I man waiting to push the equipment bundles out on the 'go' signal. As soon as we sighted the French coast, we stood up and hooked up. The flak was coming in the door, and I could hear it clattering against the fuselage beneath me.

"The 'go' signal came and the bundles were cumbersome to get out because we were trying to avoid ack-ack by fishtailing and diving. After the bundles cleared the plane, the men began to get out at double time. As I left the plane, my arm got hooked in the door, and I was hung up with my arm inside and body outside; finally slipped free when I straightened my arm. We were at about 500 feet then and going about 135 mph.; couldn't slow down because we would be an easier target. We were getting enough flak at the time anyway.

"Luckily I wasn't hit at all. My wrist watch came off and is probably in the possession of the crew chief now. I came in on a field which was patterned by canals. I didn't get wet even though my chute reinflated, and I was being pulled toward a canal. I cut the suspension line in time. I couldn't get out of my harness because I had so much equipment on, couldn't even get my weapon out. Finally had to cut my way out. We organized and raised hell behind enemy lines until the seaborne troops reached us.

"Gliders came in after we started on Hitler's SS men and General Pratt was killed in one as it struck an anti-airborne obstacle not far from where we were. The gliders were duck soup for those Nazi machine gunners as they came in about 100 feet. You can't conceive of the magnitude of this airborne invasion. It was really gigantic.

"Since our arrival on French soil I have had some close brushes with Hitler's satellites and came out the lucky one thus far. One can't be too cautious at any moment or during any movement.

"It seems that every French farm house has a wine cellar with five casks of about 75 gallon capacity full of cider; even some hard stuff has been uncovered. The fruit in the orchard is getting ripe and the summer storms are frequent. A lot of this fighting has been from hedge row to hedge row—no picnic.

"Received the June edition of the News Letter which was a dilly; really enjoyed it and passed it on. Gotta go now."

Ist Lt. Thomas H. Greer wrote from 1009 N. Flower St., Santa Ana, Calif.:

"I have just finished reading the July issue of the News Letter. It is a fine issue, like all its predecessors. Thousands of loyal Aztecs will never forget your splendid spirit and service!

"Although many changes have occurred and are occuring in the air crew training program at Santa Ana, I am still here. My job is the same—Curriculum Supervisor in the Preflight School with the job of **Historical Officer** as an additional duty. Santa Ana is a fine station. I feel that I have been most fortunate to remain here all these months.

"I welcome your recent suggestions that the Aztecs send in their ideas about their post-war education. Their ideas, in light of present experiences, should prove interesting.

"Paul Pfaff left us last week. Several of the older men asked for relief from active duty. Paul did a fine job for us at Santa Ana. I hope you have a good summer. Say hello to all of my good friends of the college."

("Thanks Tom, with all of the men there are up at Santa Ana, I still would pick you to be **Historical Officer**. I'm glad that you are thinking of postwar education for the fellows. Who knows but that some of it is going to be right on top of us? Already some of the mustered out veterans are showing up, and I can tell that there is going to be a lot of hard and unusual work for all of us in the very near future. LCP)

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Ira G. Cotton, QM2c, wrote from a ship in the Pacific:

"I have crossed the equator three times and am thus a member of the Shellback tribe. There isn't much that I can say about what we are doing so you'll have to wait until the big Reunion."

Ist Lt. F. J. Fredericks wrote APO, SF:

"For a long time I have been wondering what happened to **Ted Runyon.** As the **News Letter** did not have his address, I wrote to him via **Griff Williams.** At present I am in the Hawaiian Islands. Luckily I met my brother."

Walt Varney has been up at Adak where there has been a lack of entertainment. He works 70 hours per week and repairs watches on the side.

NEWS OF PRISONERS OF WAR

Getting news to and from the prisoners of war who are at Stalag Luft III in Germany is not easy, but it does move at least at a slow rate. The latest and most direct word came from Lt. Al Irish who resided at Stalag Luft III along with Capt. Griffith P. Williams and Lt. Horace Dale Bowman, two Aztecs who are still prisoners. Lt. Irish was shot down, wounded, and later repatriated on the Gripsholm. He is now at Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys, Calif.

Lt. Irish reported to Mrs. H. D. Bowman of San Diego that he had been with Dale until March 15. Dale was well at that time and he is studying music during his spare time.

To Mrs. Barbara Williams, wife of Griff Williams, Lt. Irish reported that Griff was well and in charge of a barracks in which the prisoners live. (A picture sent to Mrs. Williams including Griff and some other fellows showed him in a pleasant enough mood. He looked like the same old Griff.)

Thirteen of our men are in German prison camps and probably most of them are in the same place. One of their main sources of news is through the News Letter which is never mailed or sent to them. Lt. George Crawford obliged by taking the news to the boys. He had written earlier that he would take them the news, but that he hoped that he would never have the opportunity. But he is there today! Will some of you who have read the later issues of the Aztec News Letter take the news to George? He will appreciate it just as the other fellows appreciated his news carrying activity. Give our very best wishes to the above mentioned, Richard Kenney, Ernie Mc-Anulty, Joe Robbins, and all of the rest of the fellows. LCP.

S/Sgt. Charles Ables, USMC, wrote while aboard a troopship in the Pacific:

"A little variety again. This time I'm aboard a troop ship sailing into combat once more. Censorship has certainly eased up since the old days out here, and being able to write so much seems strange. By the time this reaches you though you'll probably have heard all about it.

"And would you believe it, Doc, there are three of us **Aztecs** aboard this one ship and probably many more in the rest of the convoy? So far on this ship I've run into **Pete Siguenza** and **Jim McPherson**, also **Don Crickmore**. He never attended State, but he is from San Diego and knows many of the fellows out there.

"Jack Chandler is also on one of the other ships in the convoy. I could go into the details of life aboard a transport, but I think most of the guys know the details all too well, and for those that don't—well I'll just leave it as a surprise for them, 'cause there is nothing that I could say on paper that would be a fitting description.'

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JOHNNY BUTLER STILL FIGHTS

Ens. John C. Butler was shot down in the Battle of Midway. He was awarded the Navy Cross posthumously for extraordinary heroism and distinguished service as a bomber pilot. The Navy Department honored him again by naming a new destroyer escort vessel for him. No news of the vessel came to us until Richard L. Strout, Staff Correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor (June 12) in watching the shelling of the French coast from the deck of the U.S.S. Quincy on June 7 wrote:

"They are firing on a destroyer, the **Butler**, I think. It's right by the upended destroyer that sank yesterday.

"'What I like about them tin cans,' said red-headed **Jim Maroney** from Dallas, Texas, 'is the way they go right in and fight it out with those shore batteries.'

"Now the destroyer Butler is back at the beach slamming in with its five inchers. It seems within arm's length of the shore."

That's just like Johnny, he gave the Japs all he had at Midway, but the name of John C. Butler still fights on.

(See Johnny's picture on the front of the News Letter for January I (No. 22). He played center on the 1939 "B" football team and is not to be confused with Lt. (jg) John D. Butler, Little All American in 1935 from State College who is still flying somewhere in the Pacific and whose letter follows. LCP)

Lt. John D. Butler (Little All American) wrote from the Pacific:

"Just received the April **News Letter.** Thanks very much, Doc, for the word on fellow Aztecs all over the world and the pleasant memories you've reviewed for me this last year.

"Although I resent my friend Johnny Bergland's crack about the 'older alumni' it must be a fact if the pages of the News Letter are any basis for observation. Maybe lack of mutual cooperation is the answer. May I make a motion, Doc, that Don Clarkson, ex-student prexy, be reinstated in office for special duty in this respect? (Don, you remember, was one of the biggest politicians and 'drive Staters' on the old campus.) A plea from him might well furnish letters sufficient for an exclusive 1932-36 alumni edition! (Hi Don.)

"My wanderings around the Solomons and South Pacific area in the past thirteen months have uncovered some of the old gang. Bill Buehlman, Jerry Kintner, Chet Young, Bill Frash, Frank Graham, Frank Losey, Dick Conant, Frank Fergusen, and Bud Kimball are a few I've had the pleasure of running across. Herb Lyda (I haven't noticed his name in the News Letter) is a Marine Major, married to a New Zealand girl, and he is an expectant father—as of February.

"Progress of the war in this area is gathering momentum by leaps and bounds—with 'a lot more soon!" We've been doing a lot of flying so time hasn't been hanging heavy."

CSp. Bill and Mrs.. Nettles have a baby boy whom they have named John Frost Nettles for Lt. Jack Frost, Aztec pilot, who has been missing from a photographic mission over Foggia for nearly a year. Bill Nettles and Jack Frost played football and baseball together for several years at State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cassie named their new baby boy Thomas Milton for Ens. Robert Thomas, baseball star, and Ens. Milton (Milky) Phelps, basketball star, who was killed in a plane crash in Corpus Christi, Texas.

One of the most popular items ever to appear in the Aztec News Letter was the Book of Scarborough called Aztecs. Comments still come in about it from all of the continents. In fact, it was so popular the Pepperdine College News Letter copied it almost verbatim changing only the Cafe, Quad and Montezuma Mesa to some of their own local campus hot spots. LCP.

Ist Sgt. John Jacobson is in England, but at the last report he had not been in the D-Day landing.

Ch. Bosun G. M. Peck (father of George and Mary Peck) sent a few souvenirs from Hollandia. (I couldn't read them, but thanks just the same. LCP)

Lt. Thais de Tienne, WAC, wrote from Hotel Loyal, Omaha, Neb.:

"Am assigned to this service command hq. doing sanitary inspections on plants processing food for the army and lend-lease. For your information I'm the only woman veterinarian in the army."

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Lt. Robert F. Russell received a promotion and has been boosted to Flight Leader in a P-63 fighter squadron.

Lt. George Miller, USNR, has been in the service since December, 1942, and has had a year of sea duty. He made four trips to the British Isles and two to Africa and Corsica.

THE GI BILL OF RIGHTS: EDUCATIONALLY SPEAKING

(This seems to be the most concise and complete statement available on what the government will do for you if you want more education or training.)

"When a veteran qualifies for a college, school or training course, the Government will pay up to \$500.00 per year to cover tuition, laboratory fees, cost of books, etc. The student will also get \$50.00 per month living allowance, plus \$25.00 per month if he has a wife or other dependents. He may choose his school, but he must keep up with his work or he will be dropped.

"If a veteran was under 25 when he entered the service, he may return to school even though his education was not interrupted. That is, he may have left school and been working when he entered the service. But anyone who was 25 or over when he went into service must show, in order to qualify, that his education was 'impeded, delayed, interrupted, or interfered with.' However, any veteran who desires a refresher or retraining course may take such a course for one year.

"A veteran who qualifies for college or other schooling will be able to remain at Government expense for one year. Then, if he qualifies for further education, he can remain for the length of time, up to a total of four years, that he served between Sept. 15, 1940, and the end of the war. He has until two years after his discharge or after the war ends to return to school. The Government-paid education program stops seven years after the war ends."

(Are you going to avail yourselves of this opportunity? If so, do you think you will come back to San Diego State College, and what do you want to study? By the way, when you write in for information along this line, please direct your questions to Dr. Donald R. Watson, who is our Registrar. LCP)

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Pfc. Ernest H. Boldrick is at Base Photo Sec., East Field, Dalhart, Texas, where he and the former Mary Roberts enjoy reading the News Letter. Lt. Lionel Chase should drop in on them and give them all of the news first hand. Ernest was photographer on Del Sudoeste for several years and apparently is still in that business. Too bad all of you can't be photographers and send us pictures for the picture panel.

Ens. G. Reeve Gould wrote from the Marianas:

"Recent days have seen us through some interesting experiences in the Marianas in our engagement with the Japanese Fleet. I was fortunate enough to be on the signal bridge at the time that several enemy planes were shot down in flames very close to us." Lt. W. Pat Wyatt wrote from Atlantic Field, N. C., where the mosquitoes are so big that they interfere with the operation of their (censored) instruments.

Pvt. Lane F. Cole is at Lowry Field, Colo., and reports that his brother, Lt. (jg) Delbert H. Cole, is at Lambert Field, St. Louis, Mo. He has seen at various places, Bob Males, Bob Daggett and Louis Dowdy.

Pvt. J. W. Goode is at Camp Butner, N. C., and writes that his brother, Lt. (jg) Bill Goode, has really been dishing it out in the Pacific to the Japs.

Ist Lt. John A. Blackstock, USMCR, flew back from a mission over Rabaul with a Jap 20mm AA shell stuck in his gas tank. The thing was a dud and that was the reason Blackstock's picture appeared in the local newspapers.

Lt. Margaret Redelings, WAC, who was stationed in Eighth Bomber Command headquarters in England, is in the AAF convalescent hospital, Ft. Logan, Colo.

Lt. Thomas Brent Burrell, who was previously reported wounded while on a bombing mission over Germany, is now at Birmingham Veterans' Hospital, Ward D-9, Van Nuys, Calif. Brent is still in a cast but he gets around on crutches.

Who is the AAC officer shown in the picture of the Aztecs in Service picture panel on page 162 of Del Sudoeste? No one seems to know.

(These are just a few of the men who are not getting the **News Letter.** Please send them in, and we prefer to get them in writing. Thanks. LCP.) Major Anderson, Joseph Avoyer, John

Major Anderson, Joseph Avoyer, John T. Barnhill, Quinn Braddock, Robert Bridgeman, Homer H. Brown, Roy M. Cleator, Dorothy B. Cook, Hilbert Crosthwaite, Bruce Lee Davis, Herbert Ernst, Vito Esposito, David Ferris, Michael Finnegan, Morgan Finney, Caesar Grassino, Noel Gregory, Gene G. Hartley, Walter Harvey, Norman Houser, Tom Henry, Harold Hevener, Laurie Higgins, John Jacob Hoff, Russell Irwin, Archie Johnston, Charles Jones, Mary Beth Kingsley, Bernard Lamb, Otto Lindsley, Rodney Luscomb, William Morales, Robert Mosolf, James Nunez, Everett Parker, John Peters, Francis E. Pierce, Joseph Pranis, John Sellwood, Royden Stark, Fred Teepe, Howard Turrentine, Thomas Van Hemert, Marcel Withey, Carroll Wight. Don Moody, Chief Radio Officer, wrote from his ship in the Pacific:

"Bob Wade and Lawrence Madalena still know how to rap out that readable writing. Their stuff reads better than Ernie Pyle's. And I get twice the kick out of it! "I saw Nord Whited in San Diego

"I saw Nord Whited in San Diego before I shipped out, and was interested to hear he is aboard a carrier in this good old Pacific. "I go for this type of life. Radio

"I go for this type of life. Radio Officer aboard a Liberty with two assistants is really 4-0.

"Our gunnery officer, **Ens. Gray** of San Diego, is eager to lay his hands on each copy of my **News Letter.** Although not an **Aztec**, he knows many of the lads mentioned."

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Capt. Tom Chavis wrote, APO, SF: "Ray Able lives about as eventful a life as Chase. He gets around probably as much as Chase did in Africa, and in addition he talks these natives out of everything they have. We call him our barter agent. He claims that he needs the experience so that he can talk Andy out of a cup of coffee when this war is over.

"Can easily understand why Mc-Anulty likes the hospital when in the same breath he mentions a nurse. Rather nice I guess after not seeing a white Wahine in two years."

Lt. Ohan Kerian wrote from England: "Just a word from a wandering State College G.I. who is somewhere in England. Have just about covered the old British Isles, for I've been in Scotland, North Ireland, and am now in England. Beautiful country, all of it, but my sentiments are the same as that of all other American soldiers: give me the U.S.

"I'm satisfied with my situation at present and now if I can only get in on the forthcoming invasion, will feel happy."

Lt. (jg) Robert R. Romaine wrote from NAS, Corpus Christi:

"John Macevicz is still around and I see him occasionally, also Joe Barkley. Fellows who knew Bob Beckus, trackster at Hoover, might be interested in knowing he is in photography school at Pensacola."

Ens. Phil A. Allred is on an LCT and has been to Italy and several other places in the Mediterranean.

Lt. Lawrence Madalena wrote from North Africa:

"News of the French invasion hit us early yesterday morning, first reported by German sources and then confirmed by the Allies. As most of us expected, Americans accepted the announcement calmly and with a sense of relief now that long-awaited D-day had arrived.

"Local French sailors and soldiers presented a striking contrast as they shouted deliriously and paraded up the streets, waving flags and singing their anthem.

"Met another Stater last week—Lt. Lowell Marcus, who was passing through with the Air Corps."

Sgt. Charles H. Muller wrote from overseas, APO, N.Y.:

"I would like to get a **Del Sud** if there are any left. I was Art Editor of the book in '42 and still have that soft spot for it."

WHO-WHAT-WHERE

A/C Herbert H. Blossom is at New Haven, Conn. 🔂 Lt. Jack Biery is at the PAAB, Portland, Ore. & Lt. Robert G. Harvey is still in the Pacific with his B-24 outfit. \cancel{a} Dudley H. Armstrong has a new address, FPO, S. F. \cancel{a} Lt. (ig) R. M. Chamberlain is stationed in Columbus, Ohio, and Lt. D. R. Cham-berlain is overseas, APO, N. Y. & Pvt. Red Williams is now stationed in Clinton, Ontario, Canada, where he is a part of the British army-so it seems. ☆ Lt. Roscoe L. Smith has a new ad-dress, APO, N. Y. ☆ Lt. Bruce Dorsch is now at Selfridge Field, Mich. 🏠 Pvt. R. B. Boone is at Camp Roberts along with Red Skelton. 🏠 Lt. Gerald L. Davison is overseas, APO, S. F. 🕸 A/C Howard B. Clayton is at HAAF, Harlingen, Texas. 🛱 Lt. C. H. Schmid is with a marine outfit, Camp Kearny, Calif. $rac{d}{d}$ A/C R. D. Farmer is at New Haven, Conn. 🕸 A/C Donald K. Madison is at SAAAB, Santa Ana. 🕸 Pfc. Kenneth C. Hensell is at Fort Benning, Ga. \$ Lt. Kenneth E. Barnhart is overseas, APO, N. Y. 🕸 F/O William H. Jennings is overseas, APO, S. F. 🕸 A/C Harold W. Dill is at Stockton Field, Stockton.

Ens. and Mrs. Robert Joseph Davis have a new son, Robert Joseph III. Mrs. Davis is the former Adele Kunkel. Ens. Davis is the basketball star who went to Northwestern with the V-7 group of the State College graduation class of 1943. He was commissioned upon finishing the course at Northwestern and in a very short while he saw action on a carrier in the Marshall Islands campaign.

George W. Cowan, Second Mate, wrote from his ship in the Pacific:

"Just got back from North Africa and not an Aztec did I see. I suppose they are all long gone from that part of the world. The trip was rather long but uneventful. If you notice any nervous afflictions the next time you see me, it will be due to a condition caused by trying to keep my ship in position in those Atlantic convoys. I'm sure glad to be back in the good old Pacific.''

William S. Keene wrote from New Guinea:

"I'm still here in this place called New Guinea and for my money I'll take 'Old California'."

ELL.

Lt. J. Bower Forbes wrote from 155 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, Mass., and is doing some work at MIT.

Capt. Bernard T. Harmer wrote from New Guinea:

"The big news just came in. Looks like the boys in England are going to get what they wanted most, that crack at the Nazis. And with the Schouten Islands tied up on this side, things take on a very rose colored tint. It is most discouraging to be at a desk job when the fun is just starting. Sometimes I think it would be easier to go back and fly combat again. But someone must do it.

"Evidently the Age of Miracles is not past, as **Art Porter** made 1st. From the tone of his last letter, he was prepared to be a 2nd the rest of the war. Would you mention in the next **News Letter** that I'd sure like to hear from any of the SDE (Sigma Delta Eps) boys that have a bit of time, and an extra envelope?"

Lt. Robert Orville Wilson, brother of the late Maurice Wilson, graduated from Bombardment Pilots' Training School at Carlsbad, N. M.

Pvt. Jon Lippitt wrote from Bartow, Florida:

"I am a line mechanic here in Florida. We of the line are different from the mechanics in sub depot, that is while we're on duty we don't have a hangar to sleep in while sweating out a flight; instead, we just curl up under the wing of a plane and try to log some shut-eye.

"Louis Gill is now Ens. L. D. Gill, NAS, Melbourne, Fla. My brother, Henry Lipp:tt, is still a desk admiral working for the Bu. Ord. (Navy) in Washington. Brother Dave is finishing up his V-12 at the University of Texas."

Pvt. James Hurley wrote from Italy: "Have seen Rome, very interesting and historical place, practically intact, very little damage by either side. Seemed strange to see glass in the windows, green grass, and trees untouched, much modern architecture. Where the heck the so-called seven hills are, I do

not know. The Tiber isn't such a hot

river. Saw all of the sights. The Holly-

wood influence is evident even here in the dress and appearance of the women and the men, too. Most attractive people that I have seen thus far. It looks like home very much. The only thing is a growing scarcity of luxuries and the cars are all of a military or diplomatic nature. The Allied soldiers have more or less bought the place out. They are behaving fairly well, everything in consideration. The people were very glad for the most to see us and have been very cooperative. Of course, there were a few die hard Fascists, but they are and were dealt with. You would hardly know that there was a war going on in the vicinity.

"Boy, that was a corking good drive the boys put on. Even what you are getting there indicates the situation, and we are doing everything possible to keep it up. One day we are a few miles behind the line; the next we have to fly our liaison people up, they are so far. Boy, if France were only going like we are. It looks like a race between us and the Russians. Well, I see that I am skating on thin ice; we have to be careful here.

"I have seen Lt. George Forbes again."

Capt. Robert H. Anderson, USMCR, is still down at Congaree Air Base, Columbia, S. C.

Lt. L. A. Morgan wrote from Ireland: "I got in 33 missions over Europe in a B-24. I got smacked in the puss with a chunk of Nazi iron, got thoroughly bemedaled, got nicely jittered, and now I'm instructing in North Ireland. Who should I find here as one of my bosses but Capt. George Piburn. He and I used to box together at State."

Lt. Tom (not the "Real Silk" one) Hart wrote from the Aleutians:

"If you know of any who are out on the 'chain,' as the Aleutians are called, stick a few of their names in one of the issues, if you will."

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Ist Lt. June Prescott, PTA, wrote from Regional Hospital, Camp Maxey, Texas:

"I have been here at Maxey for 18 months and it begins to look as if I'll be here for the duration plus. They keep sending my girls overseas about as fast as I get them trained and commissioned, but still I stay. In fact, I have a hunch the CO has made up his mind not to let me go any place, for I have asked to go with three different units, but no go. They are all now in England. Am beginning to believe I know more people over there than I do on this side. Certainly would like to be with the unit **Col. Harbaugh** is in. I enjoyed working under him when he was Chief of Surgical Service at Letterman two years ago. That unit—76th Gen. Hosp.—was in England a few weeks ago. Bet they are plenty busy by this time.

"Last I heard Muriel Bennett was taking up Physiotherapy. Would enjoy knowing her whereabouts. Understand Ruth Giaciolli is also doing P.T. and is at Hammond Gen. Hosp., Modesto. Ruth Jett is finishing her course at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles. Where is Capt. Esther Pease stationed? Also would like to know what you know about Frank Limon. Last I heard he was at Camp Robinson, Ark., about to go to OCS. That was about a year ago."

WHO-WHAT-WHERE

Ens. William Haddock has a new address, FPO, S. F. & A/C Vincent E. Lovejoy is in navy PreFlight, Iowa City, Iowa. 🛱 S/Sgt. Robert E. Grice is at Camp Claiborne, La. & A. G. Bucklin, Cox., is at Shore Patrol Hq., San Diego. the Naval Hospital, Portland, Ore. 🌣 Lt. Robert C. James has a new APO, S. F. 🕸 Pfc. W. A. MacKersie is at Marine Barracks, Quantico. & Pfc. Donald J. Crouch is at Camp Swift, Texas. ☆ Lt. Weldon M. Lewis, USNR, is at NAGS, Purcell, Okla. ☆ A/C Walter J. Krarup is at DAAF, Deming, N. M. ☆ Julius Jacobson has been promoted to major. 🕸 Sgt. Alvin Brown who is in India recently took part in a tiger hunt. 🕸 Pvt. William H. Chilvers and Pvt. James Leisure are in the same company at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. ☆ Ens. Gordon L. Chamberlin is to get a new address from Jacksonville, Fla. 🕸 William D. Russo, EM2c, is in Maintenance Dept., USNTC, San Diego. ☆ J. L. Buck, SKIc, is at the USN R/S at San Pedro. 🔂 Lt. Fred E. Norris is at the Base Weather Station, Davis-Monthan Field, Arizona. 🏠 Ist Lt. E. J. Fredericks is overseas, APO, S. F. 🕸 A/S Jack Daw is finishing up at Hondo, Texas. 🛱 Pvt. Chas. D. Clark is at Camp Barkeley, Texas.

Sgt. Guy Sessions wrote from his paratroop outfit in France on June 18:

"Now it can be told so I can say that along with Aztec Sgt. Tom Rice we were among the first paratroops to jump in France. We both had a lot of interesting experiences and plenty of narrow escapes. We both weathered the first two weeks of the storm."

Ens. Ray Gellein wrote from England:

"Lt. (jg) Tom Hungerford spent some time with me in February. He will have some wild and woolly tales to tell after he plays his part in the big show." (Tom wired to Dr. Harwood that both he and Ray were all right after D day.) Ens. Joseph M. Suozzo has been on an LCT and it seems that he was in on the invasion as were Keith Dixon, Bill Kruse, Don Eidemiller, and Don Berg. Reports from and about them all have been coming in, and they all say about the same thing—all O.K. LCP.)

Lt. Gordon C. Chamberlain cabled home that he was back in England after the D-day landings in France. He went over with the glider divisions, made his way back to the beaches where the Navy picked up all glider pilots that made it and took them back to England. He has had a short leave in Scotland.

Lt. Col. Lawrence Devlin, Sr. (honorary Aztec), wrote several letters to Mrs. Devlin from somewhere in France. He is in command of a Half-Track Bn. and he made the invasion all right.

Ist Lt. Bert Betts flew two missions over the continent on D-Day. He was in the third position in the first wave.

Lt. Howard McBride is in B-29s and he is angling with the skipper and crew to name their bomber "Monty." He wanted some stickers for it. Howard, you can tell your skipper and crew that old Monty always brings good luck, and even though two planes named Monty have been lost, the pilots and crews always get back. Send us a Public Relations picture showing the "Ugly" and the crew, and we will be glad to put it on the front of the News Letter. Howard is at Walker AAF, Victoria, Kansas.

Mrs. Richard L. Couts wrote from 3886 Highland, San Diego 5, saying that Dick's home address is New Castle Air Base, Wilmington, Delaware. She also reported that Lt. William Jacobs (not an Aztec) was missing from a raid over Vienna.

Ist Lt. K. H. Hendron wrote from Bougainville:

"Received two News Letters yesterday and was I tickled! I thought I had been forgotten, but sometimes mail is very slow. I seem to enjoy them more with each issue. It has kept alive for me the spirit and the big heart of San Diego State, and I appreciate them more than I can say. They give us decorations for just doing our job. If I had my way, you'd get the Congressional Medal. (So that's what 44 months in the tropics does to a guy! LCP.)

"We had quite a bit of fun up here and this outfit had quite a part in the final showdown. They used to shell us for breakfast and again for supper with an occasional session thrown in, but I can assure you that we didn't take it lying down. Then there were times when one couldn't get close enough to mother earth. It was a sort of enforced study of geology, and I could qualify as a miner or a real good mole. Seriously I wish **Wally (McAnulty)** could have been with us. We miss him a lot, and we know how he feels about a 'waiting war.' Haven't seen any **Aztecs** except the ones in this outfit, but I have seen some Aztec stickers on trucks and jeeps.

"Well Doc, there is a stack of mail to be censored staring me in the face. Give old Monty a highball for me, and tell Doc Leonard I'm glad he is back and fit again."

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

"Met **Chet DeVore's** C.O., and Chet seems to be doing all right. He has put basketball on the shelf in favor of baseball. (He probably is in Saipan. LCP.)

"Saw Ens. Bill Haddock, Phi Lamb, who gave me all of the late dope on State. The one happy note was that Epsilon Eta managed to hang on to the very last. I hope that it can be the first to revive."

Ens. Don Berg wrote from England on June 5:

"We guys of the 'Rowboat Navy' are pretty busy." (Don is along with the other fellows: Eidemiller, Dixon, etc. LCP.)

Cpl. Jack Hudson wrote from France:

"The big news is that we invaded France. We saw quite a bit of action as we were the first 40 mm. outfit to land, but since then the front has moved away. We do our bit at night however. Jerries come over every night and that is when our fun starts. I did not know that it would be fun to kill anyone, but it is in the manner that we do it. To see those Jerries burst into flames and come screaming earthward really gives you a thrill, and it's fun in the sense of the word, and we're accomplishing the mission that we set out to do. We have been knocking down our share of them and few get back from our area. It's really exciting, but no kidding, I sure had weak knees at first."

Lt. John A. Muelchi wrote from India:

"I am now resting my aching back in India. We aren't too bad off. Located near one of the larger cities. Don't work too hard.

"Have tried all the modes of transportation here and they don't quite come up to our standards."

PICTURES

are still wanted of many of you for the panel of Aztecs in Service. The head should not be over 2¹/₂ inches high. Dean C. E. Peterson's campaign to improve the looks of the panel brought a great many fine pictures but still not enough. Keep sending them in. And when you visit the campus be sure to make the panel one of your early stops.

WHO-WHAT-WHERE

Lt. Clelland Wharton is still down at Guadalcanal—in charge of a supply dump. ☆ Pvt. Robert E. Bouton is up at Camp Roberts. A Pvt. Howard Schwitkis is at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. A/C Ilia George Poppoff is now at New Haven, Conn. 🕸 Tom Henry was commissioned at Midshipman School, N. Y. 🌣 F. W. Schott, A.S., is at Camp Decatur, USNTC, San Diego. 🌣 Ist Lt. Charles H. Cardwell is still overseas in one of the outfits formed when the old 251 was broken up. \Rightarrow Sgt. Harry Jones is at Camp Livingston, La. \Rightarrow Pvt. James H. Graves is overseas, APO, N. Y. \Rightarrow A/C George M. Graves is in PreFlight, St. Marys, Calif. ☆ Sgt. Ellis Evers is at Camp Grant, Ill. A Glenn Peterson, A.S., has been transferred from USC to UCLA in V-12 and is at 611 Gayley Ave., Los Angeles. 🕸 Cpl. Albert Oertel is at Camp Cooke, Calif. A Pvt. J. A. Orcutt is at Sheppard Field, Texas. 🕸 2nd Lt. Alice B. McDaniel, ANC, is at ANTC, Camp White, Ore. ☆ Chas. J. Clapper, S2c, is overseas, FPO, S. F. ☆ A/S Chas. Graham is at Luke Field, Arizona. ☆ Capt. John R. Willey is overseas, APO, N. Y. 🕁 Lt. Charles L. Wilson, USNR, is back at 2708 Dove St., San Diego, after a long spell at the Bethesda hospital.

Ens. Richard Woolley wrote from England on June 10:

"The green neatly-kept hedges are head high and are peaceful and soothing!"

Lt. (jg) Jim Polak is in England where he sees Ens. Ray Gellein and the rest of those fellows who were in on the invasion. Apparently he got the boys ready for the invasion but was not actually in it himself.

Ens. Don Eidemiller wrote from England before the invasion. He was in on the invasion according to other reports and is all right.

Alex Crosthwaite is at the Lincoln AAF and his box number is 1748.

Cpl. Harold W. Rand is overseas, APO, San Francisco. Lt. (jg) Alexander J. Goldie is stationed at Treasure Island; Lt. (jg) Wm. S. Miller is still at the Oakland Naval Supply Depot; and Lt. Edmond (Buzz) Smythe is somewhere in Hayward.

Lt. Richard F. Kates wrote from the Admiralty Islands:

"I have 32 missions in B-24s, and it won't be long now. Just got back from my first leave, two weeks in Sidney. Those Australians are great people, and we all had a swell time down there. Combat flying has been pretty easy on me, and I hope it continues to be so. My radio operator stopped some ackack, but he is well now."

Ens. Andy Bofinger is one of the Aztecs who has been in Saipan.

Marechal N. Duncan, AS, who is an "honorary Aztec," is back from nine months of hell on Guadalcanal and is in Callaghan Hall at U.C., Berkeley.

Cpl. R. E. Bresnahan wrote from India:

"That idea of **Bill Scarborough's** is really all right. I can say this about India, they really have a lot of millionaires here. You ought to see the silver and gold shops.

"Here is what happened to an American captain over here. He went downtown and a woman with a baby on her hands begged some money from him. We had all been warned not to give to beggars. He just gave her something to get her away. To his amazement she dropped her baby in his arms and ran. He had to go to the American consul to report it and from there on I don't know what happened."

A good many **News Letters** have bounced recently. The postoffice probably got tired of forwarding them four and five times. This should remind you that if yours was marked up, it's time for you to send in the change of address. And if you find that you are not getting your copy, it probably is because one bounced somewhere along the line. LCP.

WANTED

A campus reporter to report campus news for the **News Letter.** LCP.

Capt. James E. Stacy wrote from Camp Shelby, Miss.:

"Haven't heard from any of the fellows that lived with us on Adams and Grim at San Diego. Fred Smith, Earl Allison, Don Peck, Andy Echle, and Hal Hevener are the culprits. Let's hear from them." Lt. Nell Frances Dunlop wrote from the 159th General Hospital in England:

"Today I met Sgt. Harrie L. Whitney. We are in the same hospital unit but his duties are administrative and mine are nursing. He lent me his copies of the News Letter and it was quite a treat to see some of the names of the men I knew back in '36 and '37.

"Tell the gals back home who have Aztecs away from home that they would never let their pens run dry if they could see the jaws drop at mail call when there is no letter from that 'little red-head of mine' or the 'blond bomber'."

Ens. Phil Allred wrote (to Dr. Harwood) that he had earned his money on an LCT at Anzio and that now he was knocking around the beaches of France. He wrote from France.

Cpl. Maron E. Lee wrote from New Guinea:

"We have finally established ourselves here in dewy New Guinea in a fairly comfortable manner despite our somewhat primitive surroundings. Now we seem to be content to sit here and continue our training which is becoming somewhat boring.

"New Guinea appeared to be a perfect South Sea paradise when first viewed with its tall palm trees, deep blue water, rugged thickly vegetated mountains covered 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. Robert H. Anderson, USMCR,

is still at Congaree Air Base, Columbia, S. C., and he reports that Lt. Harlan Torkelson is at Key Field, Meridian, Mississippi. He also sent the address of Sgt. Tom L. Milligan, R-181-75, Canadian Base Post Office, Overseas, England.

Lt. John E. Fitch wrote from North Africa:

"Have been to Oran on a pass and also to (Gee, but that censor sure cut a lot out of your letter. LCP) and I'm hoping to go to (censored). The climate and country here are a good deal like California in many respects. The principal crop is grapes bordered with olive trees. Next best crop is Arab kids, of which there are plenty." Capt. Boyd E. Thompson wrote from Ft. George Meade, Md.:

"Just returned from England. 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'm getting to see the world. So far I've covered the entire western hemisphere. It's a novelty for me to leave London one afternoon and be in New York the next.

"In case you have not heard, Lt. Col. Anthony Long is back in the States and is at Officers Replacement Pool, Camp Davis."

WHO-WHAT-WHERE

Raymond D. Spicer, Robert A. Shepherd and Charles C. Hasty were commissioned at Quantico, Va., as Marine 2nd Lts. A/C Dewitt Charles Gifford is with a base unit at AAF, Jackson, Tenn. 🖈 Arleigh P. Shibley is at AAF, Deming, N. M. 🕸 Lt. William A. Gustafson is overseas, APO, S. F. 🕸 Lt. James P. Olmstead is overseas, APO, N. Y. & Pvt. Nancy Wright, USMCWR, is at Marine Base WR, Quantico, Va. & Pfc. Lewis A. Hilliard is overseas, APO, N. Y. & Lt. Jack C. Garoutte is at Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, Ariz. ☆ Pvt. Al Parr is at Camp Crowder, Mo. 🕸 Cpl. Jack Welch has a new overseas address, APO, N. Y. & Cpl. Bill Stovall is at LVAAF, Las Vegas, Nev. & A/C Harry T. Galpin is to be commissioned at Hondo, Texas. sicana, Texas. 🕸 Ens. Chas. C. Mitchell graduated from Camp Macdonough at Plattsburg, N. Y. ☆ A/C Herbert L, Newmark has moved from NAS, Liver-more to Corpus Christi, Texas. ☆ Orlo C. White was commissioned at Ellington Field, Texas. 🖈 Pvt. Roy Hopkins is at Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla. 🌣 Leith Cameron Maclver was commissioned as a pilot in heavy aircraft at Marfa Field, Texas.

Sgt. Alfred Rhodes wrote from Indiantown Gap, Mil. Res., Pa.:

"By the way, who from State is in Washington, D. C., and drives a blue Chevy coupe that has the 'Monty' sticker on the front and the 'Tower' in the back? I have seen it twice, first on Pa. Ave., then up near the National Cathedral."

Pfc. Mary Lacour wrote from Hq. FUSAG, England:

"I'm still pretty new and thrilled to be in England. Have discovered that GI's here have a unique approach to a strange American girl. Instead of 'Hiya Toots, what's cookin' ' they say 'What state are you from?'

"Some time ago you published the

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address of Lt. John Megrew, now a prisoner of war. Would you be so kind as to print it again?" (Lt. John Baker Megrew is in the Philippine Prison Camp No. I, Manila, P. I., according to what information I have, but I doubt if you would be permitted to write to him because you would not be allowed to use your own address. LCP.)

Pfc. Lucille Howell wrote from Camp McCoy, Wisconsin:

"I'm still pursuing my office job of "man-hunter'—i.e., the Post Locator. It is the one office that never slacks down. About the time we get our noses above board, a unit inactivates or does something else equally complicated, and we're off agani. A great deal of my spare time is taken up dancing for shows on the post. Fun. Service men make the grandest audiences in the world."

Pvt. Jack Bahl wrote from England:

"We are quartered in a hotel similar to those you find below Market Street in San Diego."

Capt. Tom Chavis wrote, APO, S.F.: "If Lionel Chase doesn't soon get back to Europe, we will have to substitute a new feature article in the News Letter. Isn't there someone else over there with as much snow?"

T/5 Herman Branin wrote from England:

"I noticed that you had Kenneth Johnson in the missing list. As far as I know he has been missing since around the first of March. He was a gunner on a bomber and in his last letter he said it was getting pretty hot. As I have known Kenny for about fifteen years, I feel pretty bad about it."

Ist Lt. Robert E. Nath wrote from his bombing outfit in England:

"England is about as I thought it would be although somewhat dead. Everything is old and in a state of decay.

"As Austa Wells has probably told you, 'Monty' is no longer with us. We had a bit of a rough time on one of our jobs, and when we got the old boy home, we had to retire him. We have a new baby now, 'Monty II,' and it is a lot better than its predecessor." (Let's have a picture of you and the insignia, or better yet the whole crew. LCP.)

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Cpl. James F. Tuttle wrote APO, N.Y.:

"I am now in Italy and like it quite well. I expect that one receives the most favorable impression of it at this time of the year."

Lt. Robert E. Goodbody wrote from a bombing outfit, APO, N. Y .:

"By the way, how many served in the RCAF with me? They are entitled to the Canadian Volunteer medal.'

Lt. (ig) Orv Wahrenbrock wrote from his sub-chaser in the Pacific:

"I have been out here in the SW Pacific area for seven months. My lat-est contact has been with Glen Wirt, who is a Lt. (jg) and the Armed Guard officer on a supply ship. Have also seen Harry Le Barron, Bob Menke, and Bill Koller several times.

"My duty out here has been on a sub-chaser of which I am the skipper. The ships are small, but we have a lot of fun and keep busy. Also, we get to see a little action once in a while. In fact, the last one was a little too much, and as a result, are having to have the ship practically rebuilt. It all came about when a Jap plane which we had shot down tried to use our small deck as a landing strip. We had a number of casualties, but I remain in one piece and without a scratch.

"It will be fun to exchange experiences when we won't have to worry about censorship regulations."

Cpl. and Mrs. William E. Scarborough have a new daughter, Virginia Jeanne, born July sixth.

Cpl. Robert W. Mossholder wrote from Great Bend, Kansas:

"As I told you before, I am in a B-29 outfit; other than that, I can't say anything. Just read about it in a July issue of Life magazine.'

Mrs. Mary Lou Harvey wrote that her husband, Lt. Robert G. Harvey, was all elated that his B-24 had been given credit for its first confirmed Jap Zero.

Lt. William B. Bonnifield pilots a B-24 that he named for his little sister, Melody. The San Diego Union published a picture of the entire crew in front of the plane. (We would have run the picture in the News Letter if Melody had been Monty. Good luck to Melody and her entire crew LCP.)

Ruth E. Lindley has completed her training for ferrying the fastest fighter aircraft. She is qualified now for delivering fighters to the war fronts in all parts of the world.

Lt. A. D. Henehan wrote from AAB, Bruning, Nebraska:

"Louisiana was fine except for the bugs and the humidity. I'd much rather be there than here in Nebraska, but the mouldy fig hangs high as it were. I have been driving P-47 Thunderbolts here for about five weeks now and will

leave for the great unknown some time this month."

Kakuya Nakadate wrote from Camp Crowder, Mo .:

Recently I received my Del Sudoeste from the Aztec Shop, and like the News Letter it sure did give me a lot of enjoyment. It certainly is super. I especially liked the pictures of our campus grounds and buildings, and it was swell seeing the photos of my Aztec friends. I passed my Del Sud around in my barracks to a number of my buddies who attended other colleges, and they were amazed at the beauty of San Diego State and at the large number of Aztecs in the service.'

WHO-WHAT-WHERE

A/C Kenneth Golden is at AAB Branch, Eagle Pass, Texas. 🕸 T/5 William Cassin is overseas, APO, S. F. 🕁 Jack Erwin McCafferty is at USNTS, Great Lakes. & Cpl. Vernon J. Smith is overseas, APO, S. F. & Lt. Audrey V. Oliver is at the 118th Station Hos-pital, APO, N. Y. & Capt. Montgomery Moulton is at Camp Carson, Colo. Pfc. Richard T. Clark is at Camp 52 Bowie, Texas. & Ist Lt. James M. Lee is at Fort Bragg, N. C. 🕁 Lt. Donald B. Smith is overseas, APO, N. Y. 🕸 Lt. A. R. Lepore has been in the station hospital, Fort Benning, Ga. ☆ Sgt. Ben Hamrick is overseas, APO, N. Y. 🕁 Lt. John Rollin Watson is overseas, APO, S. F. ☆ Lt. Donald Coker is at Indiantown Gap Military Res., Pa. Arion Moreno, PhM2c, is at USWA BPD, San Bruno, Calif. ☆ Sgt. R. P. Nation is at the AAF, Maxwell Field, Ala. ☆ Thomas A. Parker, Y2c, is with a commissary unit, FPO, S. F.

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A/C Charles O. Ayars wrote from Corpus Christi:

"Al Hart just received his commission as ensign and is now stationed at NAS, Miami, Florida.'

Richard Van Zele, S2c, wrote from a ship in the Pacific:

"There is little I can say about my own activities except that we are on the go almost constantly, and I sincerely believe that our work, although not as spectacular as it might be, is making a real contribution toward hastening the day when the Japs holler 'Uncle'.

Shoji Nakadate wrote from Camp Blanding, Florida:

Received the Del Sudoeste and saw many of the pictures of students I used to know. My training has ended here. Before going overseas, we are getting further training at Camp Shelby.'

Cpl. Pedro Cruz Siguenza, USMC, wrote from his outfit in the Pacific:

"There are two other Aztecs with me here, Charles Ables and Jim McPherson. They are both looking great but are very anxious to get back. I am also on the lookout for fellows from Coronado, both here and in the News Letter."

Lt. James E. Stubbs, USNR, wrote FPO, S. F .:

"The first week I was here I ran into Howard Turrentine who is on the staff of one of the task forces out here. He fixed me up with my first fresh water bath in over sixty days as well as my first ice cream and a good meal. Take it from me those fleet boys really eat in style.

'We are located in the Admiralty Islands and were the first of the Navy to land here. I don't think I will ever be able to look powdered eggs and Spam in the face again. I hope Clarence is feeling better."

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Lt. Richard F. Brewer wrote from

Italy: "The trip to sunny Italy can be in about two words, sack time. Such a loafing life I never had before. I was one of the officers responsible for putting on some variety shows. In no time at all we had a hot jive band, dancers, singers, etc. Talent was knee deep and all around.

"Right now I am in a replacement center in the country waiting for my first assignment. It is beautiful country with miles and miles of trees and cultivated fields. It is just like the travel ads, none of the rain and mud of a few months ago.'

A news dispatch from Teheran, Iran, carried a long story on how Pvt. Frank (Bill) Johnson wrote a play which was produced in that historic city.

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Ens. George Peck wrote from the Pacific:

"I shared my last News Letter with Capt. Al Maisel, USA, an Aztec a little before my time. Ours was a chance meeting. It took only my mention of Monty to bring us together, thus starting a series of bull sessions between us.

Should be seeing Barney Carmen again soon."

Pvt. Frank (Cannonball) Alverson is down in New Guinea and near him is Al Robbins. Frank says that the bats there are as big as sea gulls.

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Pfc. Marshall L. Miller wrote from his bombing outfit, APO, N.Y.:

"Well, they are really off across the channel. This old air force used to be 'the only ones hitting Jerry from here, but we're sure being left behind now."

Lt. Courtney Kirkeeng wrote from the Staff of one of the Pacific fleets:

"July first I received orders for a change of duty, and you can see from my new return address I got a pretty down nice break. I am now the Flag Division Officer and First Lieutenant for Admiral Halsey. I almost had to have someone pinch me as it is almost too good to be true. But it is—definitely!

"Have seen Lloyd Patterson, John Kendrick, and Tony Ghio recently."

Lt. Clyde A. Coggins wrote from New Guinea:

"I am now in New Guinea and have just finished my qualifying jumps as a paratrooper. Would appreciate it if you would insert my address in an issue of the **News Letter**. Sure would like to hear from some of my old friends, especially those who were in Hardy Hall." (Sorry, but we can't publish your address. We would be glad to send you any fellow's address or forward any letter you write. I am looking forward to publishing addresses as soon as censorship permits. LCP.)

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Lt. Thomas M. Staunton wrote from Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Florida:

"Al Hart was the person responsible for my being on your mailing list. I'm really glad that he gave me the chance to get it. I ran into Ens. John Pabst. He is flying PBY's here in Jacksonville."

SURPRISE

One of our Aztecs ran across brotherin-law **Col. Leo F. Post** and sent a picture to this office showing them together. Col. Post is somewhere in Brazil. Tell him hello if you see him. LCP.

Another brother-in-law of your editor is in an engineering outfit at Brea, Calif. He is **Maj. S. F. (Dynamite) Post**, All-American guard at Stanford in 1928.

Ens. Frank Fraine wrote from somewhere in either England or France on June 28.

"I'm sorry I didn't get the chance to write but we have been a little busy. I hit the jackpot of Aztecs recently: Joe Suozzo, Keith Dixon, Don Eidemiller, Don Berg, and Sam Bryan. So far as I know all of the boys came through the big show in top shape. It was a big show and a good one. I have a Snow Job all prepared for the time, if and when.

Capt. and Mrs. Neil George Leslie Boothby have a new daughter, Suzanne Victoria, born June 20th.

Thomas Roche, QM3c, wrote FPO, S. F.:

"I am still somewhere in Australia, but any day I may be assigned to a ship or another shore station. My hope is that I may be sent to sea."

Cpl. David L. Tannebaum wrote from the Pacific with the Marines:

"Two other Alpha Phi Omegas are here, Jack Chandler and Chuck Ables, but so far I have not found either of them."

Ens. Walter Borg wrote from his tin can in the Pacific:

"So far on this trip we have managed to keep out of trouble but you can't keep out of trouble on a tin can very long.

long. "Sgt. Fred Hart wrote me from England saying that Dick Turgon was in on the D-Day invasion."

WHO-WHAT-WHERE

Ens. Haile Chace is now in New Guinea. ☆ Pfc. Stephen F. Dale is in College of Dentistry, USC. ☆ Pfc. Hugh H. Sterling is in OCS, MB, Quantico, Va. ☆ A/C Herbert H. Blossom is still at Yale University, New Haven. ☆ Pvt. Arland V. Phelps is at Camp Roberts. ☆ Lt. Walter Harlin is at Camp Bradford ATB, Norfolk, Va. ☆ Lt. Herbert Chruden, USNR, is at NAS, Lambert Field, St. Louis. ☆ Cpl. Edmund Lawrence Flood is overseas, APO, San Francisco. ☆ Pvt. Robert Schwenkmeyer is at Camp Breckenridge, Ky. ☆ Mary Daggett Creveling, Sp(T)2c, USNR, is at Operations Department, NAS, Alameda. ☆ Pvt. Royce Boaz is at Fort Monmouth, N. J. ☆ Lt. J. L. Howard, (SC) USN, is with a construction brigade, FPO, S.F. ☆ Cpl. Merrill H. Scott is with a bombing outfit, APO, N.Y. ☆ Major Albert W. James is at Chatham Field, Ga. ☆ A/C Harry Cattrell is at SAAAB, Santa Ana. ☆ Pfc. Ernest H. Boldrick is at Peterson Field, Colorado Springs. ☆ Pvt. Jimmy I. Kaupp is in New Guinea.

Capt. George Wesley Palmer is in England prepared to serve as an Allied Military governor in occupied territory. He had received specialized training for this work at Stanford University.

Lt. Edward B. Davis, USMCR, wrote from the Pacific:

The News Letter is right on the beam although at times the conditions are such that the beam is slow. Life here is still the censor's secret, but when the occasion permits, I'll do my bit toward a Snow Job. Thanks so much for putting the family on the mailing list. Mom's review of the News Letter was a rave." Major Ed Overend wrote from his Marine squadron , somewhere in the Pacific:

"This letter is long, long overdue, and I'm frank to admit that I'm ashamed of myself for not having written sooner -particularly inasmuch as I have looked upon the News Letters as gifts, and none have ever given me more pleasure than those I've received out here. Let me add my note of sincere gratitude for the wonderful work you are doing. Believe me, we all appreciate it—even those of us who accept the welcome News Letters and then fail to acknowledge them. Our only happiness comes from memories of the past and plans for the future. One gets a satisfaction in accomplishment from the work at hand, but it's much too grim to give us much in the way of happiness. Your work has awakened for all of us many pleasant memories.

"I find I don't recognize as many of the names as I'd like to but I'd like to say 'hello!' to Kent Bush, Don Worthington, Clarence and Andy, and all the old Phi Lambda Xis.

"I was sorry to hear of the loss of Sam Patella. We struggled through our first ten hours together. Sam's ever present smile and friendly way will never be forgotten. He was the kind of fellow you like to live with—that's important out here.

"My squadron official picture was taken by Ens. Russell Flint, the only Aztec l've been fortunate enough to meet out here. It was just before we went to Bougainville in January. My squadron knocked down forty planes over Rabaul in January and now we're again where the Marines are cooking with flame throwers. After this job I hope to be home again. I've been fortunate enough to keep my squadron and not have to fly a desk yet, so I'm well satisfied and the Corsair sure beats the old P-40's we flew over Rangoon. We'll be glad to argue with the Army boys flying those high altitude foxholes with the twin booms!

"I'm afraid I overcame the temptation to name my Corsair 'Monty' or 'Aztec' so I hope I'll be forgiven because I still have a warm spot in my heart for the 'Halls of Montezuma.' I named my ship 'Winnie the Poo.' Sounds silly but 'Winnie' had many wonderful adventures and traveled far and besides that, never had any trouble getting back in one piece. However, I got my first one shot up so now it's 'Winnie the Poo, Too'!!

"Well, I have a patrol to fly so I'll be saying goodbye for now. I'll be around to see you when I come home. "Please say 'hello' to Debby, Christine Springston, and Dean Ault, as well as Dr. Hepner."

The Humboldt News Letter, published by Humboldt State College, comes out every month, and in it lately there have been several very interesting articles on postwar education. They are on the job with both the News Letter and the plans. LCP.

Lt. Col. John O. Zaun has moved from San Diego to the Ontario AAF base where he has assumed command. He had been in the ETO previous to his duty here in San Diego.

Ens. Vaun Short has taken part in several raids on Paramushiru.

Bill Frash, USMC, has been promoted to Lt. Col. He is still in the Pacific.

Sam Edwards is in Europe and has been promoted to major.

Ralph R. Bailey, Chaplain 1st Lt., wrote from Corsica:

"I'm enjoying my work with this AA outfit. It keeps me constantly on the go and plenty busy. I hold five or six services each Sunday, and live in a dif-

ferent spot each day of the week. "The climate here is similar to that of our beloved Southern California, and the vistas are constant reminders of home. As in Southern California, we can start out at sea level and in a very short time be up at three or four thousand feet elevation. Much of the shrubbery is similar to that at home. However, there are several colorful birds here that we do not have at home."

Ist Lt. Kent Bush, USMCR, probably landed in Saipan. He wrote home just before he was to land on some island. By coincidence-two hours ago at the moment of this writing, Saipan fell. Kent, let us hear from you. LCP.

Peggy Fay is serving as a Red Cross recreation worker in the U.S. Naval Hospital, Seattle, Washington.

Sgt. and Mrs. Fred Hage have a new daughter, Marilen Jeanne. Mrs. Hage is the former Betty Thiele. Fred is stationed at the Army Air Field, Dayton, Ohio.

Roberta Calvert Grice (Mrs. Robert Grice) wrote from 1708 So. 6th St., Alhambra, saying that Martha Jane Houts is a Wave at Box 10, WR, NAS, Atlanta, Georgia. She also reported having seen Lt. Brent Burrell in the veterans' hospital at Van Nuys. She also hopes to see Capt. and Mrs. Kenneth Scidmore, General Delivery, Sepulveda, Calif. S/Sgt. Robert Grice is at Camp Claiborne, La.

SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE

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The program on world affairs is planned as a part of the summer session offerings of San Diego State College. The Institute is founded on the conviction that the dynamic inter-dependent world of tomorrow will increasingly condition the character and problems of American society. Leaders of thought and action in international relations representing the points of view of different nationalities, races, and minority groups will join the faculty of State College in the promotion of a better understanding in this region of the interests and problems common to all peoples.

SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

Albert Peel, Historian, Editor, and Churchman, London, England:

July 30, 2:30-"The British Commonwealth and the World." July 30, 7:30—"American and Britain

Today and Tomorrow." N. Wing Mah, Associate Professor of Political Science, Univesrity of Calif.: July 31, 2:30—"Modern China in the

Making." July 31, 7:30—"China's Role in the

Democratic Front."

Hubert Herring, Founder and Director of the Committee on Cultural Relations

with Latin America, Inc.: Aug. 1, 2:30—"Current Develop-ments in Argentina and Bolivia— Their Meaning to the U. S." Aug. 1, 7:30—"Latin America in the

War and in the Peace."

Ernesto Galarza, Chief of the Division of Labor and Social Information, Pan American Union:

Aug. 2, 2:30-"The Latin American Workers."

Aug. 2, 7:30-"Labor in the Americas and Post War Planning.

Robert Joseph Kerner, Sather Professor

- of History, University of California: Aug. 3, 2:30—"From Within the So-viet Union: Long Range Factors and Forces."
 - Aug. 3, 7:30-"The Soviet Union and the Coming Peace: Perspective in Foreign Policy."

Rex Miller, Radio Commentator and Journalist:

Aug. 4, 2:30-"The Role of Secondary European Powers in the War and in the Peace."

Aug. 4, 7:30—"The Emerging New World Order."

(Our local readers should be interested in hearing this program, and we thought the rest of you would be interested in knowing something about our State College activity in this field. LCP)

Cpl. and Mrs. Bartow Morris have a son, Bartow Blake, 10 months old. Mrs. Morris is the former Betty Jane Selwyn. Cpl. Morris is stationed at the AAB, Dalhart, Texas, from whence he wrote:

'There is a certain Looey on the field by the name of Chase, Lionel Chase to be exact. You don't suppose that he could be the one from State do you? I don't suppose he will remember me, but he knew my wife. I'll look him up at the first opportunity." (Yes, Bartow, you have the right man. There is only one Lionel Chase. Be sure to call on them and report on Lionel's domestic manner as he peers across the morning paper at breakfast. See whether the Tunisian desert still exerts any influence, or whether he is just plainly domestic. Greet him for me and several thousand other Aztecs. LCP.)

Cpl. Marion V. Prentiss is up at Camp Elliott in the USMC, WR.

Ist Lt. Barry LaZelle is at Hendrick Field, Sebring, Florida, instructing in B-17s.

Lt. B. W. Stanley is with a combat engineer outfit in England.

Cpl. Charles M. Snell chose Camp Livingston, Louisiana, as the place to celebrate a strong case of poison oak.

Lt. (jg) Edwin F. Barker wrote from a carrier in the Pacific:

"Naturally I can't tell you where we are or what we are doing, but you have undoubtedly read in the papers of our exploits. I can say that our presence has decreased the Jap air force by a fair number.

Quite a number of my men and fellow officers like to read the News Letter even though most of them never heard of State.'

H. M. Foote, AoM2c, wrote from a carrier in the Pacific:

"I was very pleasantly surprised to see Ens. George Peck and have a talk with him. I ran into Bill Richards, ARMIC, since coming to this ship.'

Lt. W. Pat Wyatt, USMCR, wrote from Atlantic Field, Beaufort, N. C .:

"Was over at Cherry Point the other night and bumped into Joe Irick. He is stationed at Bogue Field, N.C."

Ens. Robert Walter wrote from a ship, FPO, S.F .:

"I won't attempt to try and say what we're doing out here because anything interesting is censorable and anything else you have read many times before."