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To All of the Aztecs in Service and Their Friends:

The semester is a third gone. D notices have gone in, and we are already thinking of the Christmas letters. Other college activities are swinging along somewhat as they used to before the war. There is a difference in the feeling on the campus this fall and last, but it is difficult to give the reason for it. The Frosh class is larger, probably because the city is larger. The 25 veterans pepped it up some, but they didn't change the entire campus. Just think what it will be like when all of you come back.

We have changed about 300 address stencils since the last News Letter was mailed. You are really moving about, but keep sending the changes. Here is something that many of you have never realized. It is not enough to just tell the Post Office that you are moving. Send a card to the News Letter giving the new address. Your carelessness in that little detail has caused 400 Aztecs to miss out on the News Letter.

Over 800 Aztecs are overseas. We have lost more than 60 in action and in training. The overseas mail has slacked off a little in the last week or so — possibly due to so many men being tied up in combat. We want to hear from you after each campaign, at least. It is always comforting to your friends to know that you are still kicking and able to write. I repeat, we do like to hear from you after we know that you have gone into combat. Figure it out.

And while you are tied up in the winning of the war, we are trying to keep you in touch with each other and with the campus. We are getting organized for bigger and better things after the war, and we hope that you are not disappointed.

And again, best of luck!

LAUREN C. POST, Editor of the News Letter.



Montezuma overhears 1st Lt. Wallace McAnulty hand Dr. Post a real Snow Job after his 45 months of overseas service. Wally had lost none of the sparkle that appeared in letter No. 1, News Letter No. 1. He is on a new assignment at Fort Bliss, Texas.

LT. RAYMOND W. MUELLER, USMC was killed in action in the South Pacific.

KENNETH B. MOYER

passed away in a San Diego hospital recently following a long illness. Previously he had been in Army hospitals and had been given a medical discharge last May.

LT. AMOS NORWOOD

was killed in action in France in July, 1944.

LT. GEORGE ROSADO

was killed when the B-25 of which he was pilot crashed near Victorville, Calif.

LT. ROBERT HARLAN SMITH

was killed in action over Germany on July 7. He was co-pilot of the Blue Blazing Blizzard and was a veteran of 43 bombing missions. Last month the News Letter had reported that he was a pris-

oner, but that report was an error, one made in some unexplainable way, but nevertheless an error. We are sorry to have to state that the latest report is that Lt. Smith was killed. L. C. P.

LT. KENNETH E. BARNHART, JR.

who was a navigator on a B-24 flying missions out of Italy, was reported missing in action over Hungary about two months ago. He has since been officially reported a prisoner in Germany. He has been awarded the Air Medal for the missions he has flown.

LT. MAX BINSWANGER

paid the campus a visit after having been an internee in a neutral country and a prisoner of war of the Romanians. He had flown 27 missions as a pilot of a B-24. On one mission, while flying near the Swiss border, he saw Capt. Robert Cardenas in trouble with an engine on fire, and his tail gunner saw the

parachutes open up. He knew Capt. Cardenas, but at that time he did not know that he was an **Aztec.** Max went down via parachute in another neutral country, and after some months, re-

turned to England.

Max was transferred to Italy for more duty—that was just before the invasion, and crews were needed. On a later mission, his B-24 was all shot up, two engines were out, the tail was falling off and three members of the crew were killed, so those remaining bailed out. One member fell on the exploding plane. Max was more fortunate, but was taken prisoner by the Romanians. It was a long, sad story from then on. He was a prisoner for about 60 days in Bucharest, and when the armistice was signed, he saw much more excitement. He was one of the 1,100 airmen flown from Bucharest to Italy. Max has the Presidential Unit Citation with the Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal with Clusters, and the Purple Heart. Now Max is home and he is to be at our Open House, Sunday, Oct. 29, 2:30 to 5 p.m.

CAPT. ROBERT L. CARDENAS

who was previously reported missing in action over Europe, is safe in Switzerland. He asked to be remembered to the editor of the News Letter, and certainly we all are glad Robert is safe. We will be scheduling one more real Snow Job when he returns.

Now that the U. S. forces are in contact with the Swiss border, who knows what the next step will be? L. C. P.

LT. WALTER HARRINGTON

was very seriously wounded in Italy. As reported in the last issue of the News Letter, Lt. Harrington was in the famous Canadian infantry regiment known as the Princess Pats.

CPL. ROBERT HUTSON

was wounded in action in Italy. A machine gun bullet entered his thigh and another entered his ankle. Neither bullet struck any bones, and Robert is to be back in action soon.

F/O BURKE ROYLE

was shot down over France and was severely injured. His back was broken, and he will be in a cast for about six months. He was piloting a C-47 Troop Carrier at the time. He had been on a good many missions before the mishap occurred.

PFC. PAUL O. VANCE

lost a leg from shell fire while in action in France. He is in a hospital, probably in France. Although he is recovering and is able to write, he still is in a cast from other injuries which he received. He has written several times to his wife, Mrs. Paul Vance, of 4620 Constance Drive.

F/O JAMES WILLARD WALLACE

was struck in the face and temporarily blinded while making a landing with his glider in Belgium and crashed it. He ended up in the hospital with a broken back and three broken ribs. Until that landing Willard had been lucky both in Northern and Southern France and had been awarded the Air Medal and the Oak Leaf Cluster.

IST LT. WILLIAM BONNIFIELD

who is with the 15th Air Force in Italy has flown 15 combat missions over Southern Germany, Central Europe and the Balkans.

FIRST LT. LIONEL CHASE

was awarded nine Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal at an exercise at Dalhart, Texas, recently. He has a Presidential Unit Citation and wears the African campaign ribbon with four battle stars.

MAJ. OWEN F. CLARKE

was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for leadership in a crisis arising during a test flight of a B-17 in California. Maj. Clark is deputy commander of a ferrying command and has been recently assigned to Long Beach.

CAPT. ARTHUR H. JOHNSON

has completed 60 missions as a pilot in the Mediterranean area. He has been awarded the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Capt. Johnson previously had been in the RCAF. He flies a B-26.

LT. D. S. LINDSTROM

has flown 80 missions in B-26s. He is in France as a staff officer with an A-20 Group.

LT.-COL. JOHN V. LONG

was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement on Bougainville. He had distinguished himself by "his zeal and efficiency in assisting to establish the anti-aircraft defenses in the Torokina area. His untiring efforts aided immeasurably in repelling the enemy attacks."

CAPT. LINDEN MARTIN

is back from two years of overseas service in Europe. He was wearing the four gold bars on his sleeve and quite a number of decorations. He had flown 85 missions as a fighter pilot.

CAPT. ROBERT NATH

has been awarded the Air Medal and the Oak Leaf Cluster.

FIRST LT. ROBERT E. PLAISTER

completed 50 missions over enemy-held territory in Europe. He has seen action over most, if not all, of the South European countries. He has the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Clusters.

SGT. BERT TANAKA

was awarded the Silver Star for his combat duty in Italy. He attacked a German dugout and killed or captured all of the Nazis defending the dugout. He took part in the fighting at Salerno and Anzio, and took part in the capture of the city of Leghorn. He has returned to the States and is visiting his wife and six-months-old son in Cambridge, Mass.

S/SGT. RICHARD G. WRIGHT

who was seriously wounded in a bomber crash, has been returned to duty after seven weeks in a hospital in England. His injury had occurred while on a bombing mission over France. He has been awarded the Purple Heart and previously he had received a Presidential Unit Citation.

ED HERZIG

is another Aztec that you will miss when you come back to the Halls of Montezuma. No, Ed hasn't gotten married, but he decided to go up to Berkeley to take graduate work in Business Administration and to work for an M. A. degree.

Ed had been with us as graduate manager for three years, and we certainly will miss his smiling countenance over that morning cup of coffee in the Cafe. He has kept track of News Letter finances, and he leaves us in the black. Ed says he will miss us so we gladly place him on our News Letter mailing list so that he may share in the project which he, more than any other person, helped by his counsel and his work to build to its present status. And so bon voyage, and come back to see us. L. C. P.

Joe Rodney and Mrs. Baker, our present bookkeeper, will take over where Ed Herzig left off. The responsibility is in capable hands and both new managers have long been friends of the News Letter, so you may expect "business as usual" from this end of the line. L. C. P.

Lt. D. S. Lindstrom wrote from his

bombing outfit in France:

"The first mail that I received in this country was the much-appreciated **News Letter**, so I decided that tonight would be the best time to answer you.

"I'm now in an A-20 group as a staff officer, which is a pleasant change. My duties consist of being briefing officer and yes man. The yes man is the easy part, because when I see the C.O. coming I head in a different direction at a fast pace.

"Since I completed my tour in B-26s I've flown additional sorties which make a total of 80. In other words, the Air Corps owes me 15 sorties at home. Maybe someday my dream will come true and I'll be at home enjoying all the benefits of the good old U.S.A.

"Now to let you know how D-Day

treated our outfit and give you a good laugh. The morning of D-Day I was fortunate enough to lead the outfit and have the additional thrill of being part of the first outfit to bomb Jerry on that morning. We streamed in like a bunch of stooges, looking over the area and waiting for Jerry to shoot the buttons off our BVDs. But that didn't come until we had dropped and turned to take photos. Yes, Jerry was at his best even though he was on the run.

"After we had returned home we received a message that the leader of our outfit was given credit for capturing a Jerry general and staff. This I believe is worth a good laugh — "Air Corps Captures General at 12,000 Feet Trying to Keep From Being Hit." Both phrasing and incident are silly. Why don't they credit the paratroopers, who did the dirty work?

"Several times while I was stationed in Corsica I set out to find Larry Devlin but was unable each time to locate him. Maybe if he would stay put we could get together and have a bull session. But of course now I'll have to wait until I can get back to Corsica or Larry to move up here.

"George Forbes certainly did a fine job in describing Rome, but he left out one of the most important items of Rome. He forgot to mention that Officers Red Cross Club where a fellow can meet so many old friends. While I was there I met several friends and made acquaintance with several old Aztecs.

"Since I've been in France the outfit hasn't done a thing except fly supplies and tour the area. So far I've been able to visit several of our old targets and several large cities. Aside from having my pants scared off me by these wild-eyed kids in the F. F. I., everything has been the usual stuff. So you can see I'm ready to move a little further toward Germany.'

Capt. Charles Perry DeLong, USMC, wrote from the Pacific:

"'We dood it' again. We have just returned to base from Guam where I ran face-to-face into my first Aztec. About the fourth day of the operation, while our Bn. was up to its ears in trouble, Chet DeVore came breezing along as though he were on a regular 'cook's tour'. His Bn. was contemplating operating in our sector and he came up to see what the situation was. The war managed by itself long enough for us to bat the breeze a bit and to discover we were in the same brigade. We returned to base on the same ship, so had plenty of time for some pretty terrific snow jobs.

"There's no point in my telling you about Guam - you've heard it all. Although we messed the place up a bit, it still was enough like California to make

me plenty homesick.

I received a letter the other day from Lt. Charles Dearing, who is with the air corps in India. He and his sister, Val. attended State, and I don't believe you have him on your mailing list.

"We're back on the old training grind, so you'll be hearing from the outfit on the next big blast. It's in the bag. 'We

deliver anywhere'!"

Col. Jasper N. Bell wrote from Hg. AAF, Pentagon Building, Washington,

"I won't attempt to give a detailed resume of my activities since our country entered the war, except to say that I left the U.S. on October 30, 1940, for duty in Puerto Rico. After spending twenty months there, I moved on to Natal, Brazil, for a four-month tour with the Air Transport Command. After this brief hitch, I shoved off to India for another twenty months of foreign exposure. I can't say that I particularly enjoyed my stay in India, though I did have many interesting experiences and managed to keep myself up forward and away from the big headquarters in the rear areas, at least, during the last half of my tour. The D.F.C. mentioned above was earned while I was assigned to General Stillwell's Chinese-American headquarters in Northeastern India fighting the Japs in Northern Burma. It is impossible to describe the many difficulties and hardships encountered by American troops in that part of the world. In my estimation, it is the most difficult fighting in the world today, even though it is a very small show compared to other theaters.

'Finally, on June 6, 1944, I set forth on my long-awaited journey back to the United States of America. Arrived home in Santa Barbara, Calif., on June 11, which isn't bad time. You can see that I was in a hurry. After three and onehalf years of overseas duty, you can well imagine my delight at being home, and from my own point of view, I've had quite enough of traveling. It appears that my luck failed me on a choice of assignment in this country. Washington was the one and only assignment I really hoped I could avoid. I had vainly hoped for a West Coast station. Like it or not, here I am fighting the battle of the Pentagon along with many other 'war weary veterans from all over the world. It isn't quite as bad as I had imagined.

Here in Washington I've seen Bob Cozens, and that's all. If there are any other former Aztecs located in or near Washington, please let me know.'

Lt. (jg) William Kruse has been busy on the English Channel run hauling supplies and men to France and bringing back wounded men. He seems to have had more than his share of close calls with mines, bombings, and robombs.

OPEN HOUSE

for the picture panel showing the AZTECS IN SERVICE

will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 29, from 2:30 to 5:00. Relatives and friends of the service men and the college are invited to come visit the panel, and all Aztec service men in this vicinity are especially invited to come and hold a Little Reunion all of their own. Come and see who else will be there. The panel is in the Administration Building. Girls from Phi Kappa Gamma sorority will be hostesses for the occasion. L. C. P.

Lt. Peter Quon wrote from Lemoore

I am base weather officer here, forecasting weather for transient planes."

Cpl. Isador H. Schwartz wrote from

the Central Pacific:
"My particular army job is educating the army, for I work in the U. S. Armed Forces Institute, Central Pacific Branch, which is popularly known as the Foxhole University. Another Aztec out this way is Beatrice Wright, who is army libra-

Abbie J. Vanoni, Sp(A)3c, and Mrs. Vanoni, the former Margaret Fitzgerald, are at 3828 South Capitol, S.E., Apt. 205, Washington 20, D.C. They want you to drop in on them. LCP.

1st Sgt. John Jacobsen was in on the invasion of France, and he has written his folks that he is all right.

Pvt. Jack W. Berliner, USMCR, is overseas with his Marine outfit.

Don Robertson, QMIc, is on a new tin can, his fifth ship.

Ens. Fred Jennings is on a submarine as commissary and communications officer. That particular sub has the Presidential Unit Citation.

1st Lt. Jack C. Anderson wrote from Mitchell Field, New York:

'I would like to know the address of Capt. Mason Harris now in England or France. Best regards to Clarence and Andy, and I hope that Clarence is back on the job soon.

Capt. George S. Farina is back from the Pacific and is currently located at the St. Francis Hotel, S.F.

Ens. and Mrs. Frank Fraine have a daughter, Mary Browning.

You can still get the 1944 college annual; \$3.00 plus 25 cents for mailing.

Mr. Herman Goldbeck wrote from

France:

"After 25 months service in Iceland, I came to the United Kingdom. Then I got in on the Big Game being played on this side of the channel." (Herman, does the title of Mr. mean that you are a Warrant Officer? If so, congratulations! LCP.)

Sgt. Howard J. Quam wrote from

Camp Rucker, Ala.: "I think your idea about the Reunion is really great. I have been thinking along that line also. When we get all the old noggins together (Wade, Miller, Campbell, Lipscomb and a lot of the others) it could be made into an unforgettable thing and perhaps an annual affair. I know for myself I can hardly wait for that day, and I'll wager every other Aztec has the same idea whether he's a yardbird or a four-star.

Say, did I find myself rather startled to find that I had made Col. so soon. I'll bet all the letters you received said: 'impossible, highly improbable, unbelievable, etc., and so on'."

Sgt. Emlyn Owens wrote from Camp

Tulelake, Calif .:

"Lt. (jg) Timothy V. Hallahan is on a Destroyer Escort somewhere in the South Pacific, and Pvt. Norval Gardner is in New Guinea. My brother, S/Sgt. Arthur Owens, is completing Finance School at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind."

1st Lt. William H. McKinley completed Avn. ground OCS at Quantico and is ready for duty with a combat unit.

Pfc. John W. Spillman is in the infantry at Camp Rucker-along with Howard Quam.

Pvt. Paul B. Schneider wrote from

"At last I am out of the flashlights and in a good outfit - Airborne. I am training in gliders. I always wanted to ride in a glider.

"Here in Italy I took in all of the ruins, the catacombs, all the old cathedrals, the Vatican, St. Peters, and saw the

Pope.
"I might add that there are more fair damsels in Rome than in all the rest of

The first Christmas card of the season arrived. It is a fancy V-mail from Sgt. Alan L. Robbins in New Guinea.

S/Sgt. Bob McCarthy wrote from

England:

I am still in England with Troop Carrier. Saw Ens. Joe Suozzo, and some time ago saw Bob Cozens."

Lt. Rod Luscomb, USNR, wrote from the South Pacific:

"I enjoyed the News Letters that Mc-Blair left for me at Guadalcanal when he left for stateside.

"For six months I served sentence at Espiritu Santo. Had a short air jaunt with Johnny Butler in his scout plane. We both marveled at the beauty of the

'While at Guadalcanal seven months, I took a short trip aboard the same APC that Paul Fern served aboard. Members of the crew told of the tragic event and of Paul's 'college' try, typical of American youth which has amplified its courage around the globe."

WHO — WHAT — WHERE

Lt. Harold Larson is still down in Trinidad. A Lt. Milton Schwartz is in B-24 school at Kirtland Field, New Mexico. & Lt. Harold E. Summers has a new address, Box 341, MAAF, Marfa, Texas. ☆ First Lt. Westbrook is at SHAAF, Salina, Kansas. A Pfc. E. L. Howell ran into a truck and is in Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C. & R. W. Melton, SIc, is at Great Lakes, Ill. & Lt. (jg) Bill Buehlman lives at 2414 N. Place, Anacortes, Washington. He is stationed at a seaplane base on Whidby Island. A Pvt. Howard Schwitkis is overseas, APO, N. Y. & Richard Miller, ART3c, is in radio school, Ward Island, Corpus Christi, Texas. & O/C Thomas W. Nelson is at Fort Benning, Ga. ☆ Pfc. Frank L. Cole is with a Med. Det., APO, N. Y. A Pvt. Earl M. Childress is somewhere in France. \$ S/Sgt. Masato Nakagawa is in Southern France. ☆ Pvt. Harley M. Tinkle is at AAAF, Amarillo, Texas. ☆ First Sgt. Bob A. Harer is at Camp Haan, Calif. & Ens. Laura E. Chase is at NAS, Norfolk, Va. & Lt. George E. Hammond is overseas, APO, N.Y.

Pvt. Richard H. Thomas wrote from Fort Bliss, Texas:

"Just got through reading the G.I. Bill of Rights and plan to take advantage of the Educational Section, and more seriously than I did while in school before.

'To keep the Thomas collection complete since 1926, I bought a '44 Annual and thought it great - especially the

Service Section.

Cpl. Donald J. Crouch wrote from Camp Swift, Texas:

"So far I have run into Bill Schuller, Don Mauser, and Clarence Waters."

Cpl. R. E. Bresnahan wrote from

India: "The monsoon season really ended up with a bang. It rained for the last three weeks straight. The heat is terrific and the bugs and mosquitoes thicker."

CWO Ralph Ellis wrote from his tank outfit in France:

"I am with a tank battalion that hit here soon after D-Day and they have really done some great things. Here's one for the books: I was listening to a German propaganda broadcast the other night and lo, the announcer said that the entire tank battalion had been wiped out. We really got quite a kick out of that."

Lt. Henry Holt, formerly with the 251, dropped by to pay us a visit. He had been flying transport for a long time, and his base was in Arabia. Probably he was our only pilot flying off a salt field.

Lt. George Saleebey dropped by and told us a little about his fifty missions that he flew out of Italy to targets north and northeast of their base. He had made five trips to the Ploesti oil fields before that target was ruined.

Lt. (jg) Joe Davis had a leave and was around to tell us of happenings from Tarawa to the Marianas. He and that carrier had really been around.

Ens. Richard Pabst was on a destroyer that saw plenty of action at Saipan and Tinian. Too bad we can't put those fellows on for a snow job. We'll save that for the Big Reunion.

Pfc. Oscar Thomas wrote from Belgium:

"This is really a mechanized war. Just a little over three months ago we were holding fast to our beachhead, but now we are in another country on the continent. This country is fine for digging foxholes. But there aren't as many beautiful girls as in France. France is truly the land of beautiful women, but I believe we are getting a warmer welcome here, as the Jerries were more firm here. The people bring us plums, pears, apples, tomatoes, milk, coffee, wine, cognac, beer, waffles, cake, etc. This happens more often as we pass through towns or villages. It seems odd to have hot chow brought to us on the front lines and also to have natives passing by our foxholes. We keep up with the news through our French edition of the Stars and Stripes."

Sgt. Charles King wrote from Billings General Hospital, Fort Benjamin Harri-

son, Indiana:
"The old 251st CA (AA) is no more as you have probably heard. Uncle Sam finally became so generous that even I got home. At this new station I am working in surgery, and find it by far the most interesting job that I have had since I enlisted four years ago last April. We also keep banker's hours.

Lt. Ken Bojens (Honorary Aztec) wrote from his YMS in the Pacific:

"I've had this packet for fourteen months now and it has been ten months since we put a line over a dock — such luxuries aren't available out here, so we just keep right on steaming or take advantage of occasional brief periods at the hook.

"I often think of the times eight or ten years ago when I had the good fortune to recline on the lawn out in front of the cafeteria and chatter with the footballers. I never realized what comfort that could be until I made a career of learning to cling to a shipboard bunk. We haven't slept in a real bed since somewhere around last New Year's—sacking down aboard one of these bucking minesweeps is something beyond description. We even rock and roll while riding the hook.

"We have been operating out of one of the advanced bases for a long while, and I don't believe a fellow could handpick a more isolated spot. Perhaps that's why I haven't run into any of your college clan. As a matter of fact, the only former Aztec I have encountered whom I knew well was Herb Tucker, and I bumped into him at another atoll. Unfortunately, I was stopping aboard his ship, the flag at that time, only long enough to pick up some routing orders so we could exchange only a few words.

"None of us on board has made a liberty since the night of January 5, but we have hopes of doing so before too many more months slip by. We have been away from a yard much longer than the time usually allotted small craft, and there is scuttle making the rounds that our turn will come soon. However, the old girl - a San Diego shipbuilding product, incidentally - is holding up well and what few operational mishaps we have encountered have been remedied by my excellent crew. I have been very fortunate in that respect, Doc, and feel secure in stacking my gang against that of any other sweep for money, marbles, or chalk."

James Ira Hayden, 4036 Logan Ave., an employee of Convair, is doing a wonderful job of recording prisoner of war messages from Japan. It is his way of helping win the war. Many local people have heard the voices of their relatives because of his work. Some day he may hear one of our own prisoners' voices: Lt. John Baker Megrew, W. C. Batchelor, Pfc. Robert S. Newsom, and Capt. August Apra.

F/O Burke Royle was reported back in a hospital at Staten Island.

Lt. Dane C. Wagner, who is at Seymour-Johnson Field in N. C., is the father of a new son, 9 pounds and 6 ounces.

Lt. (jg) P. Girard Harper wrote from

"I have very much enjoyed the News Letter and have gleaned more news of my friends from reading it than I have from actual contact since coming home. My tour was seventeen months in Santo—an area pretty well covered by your more prolific correspondents."

(Yes, you're right about not seeing the people here. Many of our servicemen will find the campus pretty quiet. A high percentage of our students are Freshmen, and naturally they don't recall the servicemen. L. C. P.)

Pfc. Hans Fjellestad wrote from France:

"Thanks for all of the News Letters I have received since I have been overseas. At the moment I am in France. Have covered quite a bit of territory. Lately we have had a hell of a time catching up with the Jerries. We advance fast, but they retreat faster. Personally, I enjoy it being back in France. I had started to get a little rusty on the language but I soon got back in the groove. Am hoping to be back on the campus next year."

(Hans is the Norwegian boy who had been in the Norwegian Merchant Marine during the Spanish war and later came to California and attended State College. L. C. P.)

Ens. Joseph Suozzo wrote from England:

"Saw Blocky Stettler about a month ago and we poured over my Del Sud for a long time to see who was what. Saw Don Eidemiller and Keith Dixon about two weeks ago.

"The next letter I write should find the war over, considering the rate of advance of our boys and my lapse of time between letters."

Ens. and Mrs. Robert K. Cleator have a new son, born in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Pvt. Kenneth Wagner of 2030 Albatross Street holds at least one record. He registered on Monday and was called into the service on Tuesday (of the same week).

Lt. Robert Macdonald wrote from his fighter squadron in France:

"Receive the News Letter like clockwork and again wish to express my appreciation

"We fly daily but, outside of the fact that I'm beginning to know France, Germany and England like El Cajon Boulevard, there is little to say, Doc. Best of luck and keep up the good work — it's a real ray of sunshine!"

Lt. (jg) Tom E. Willis is in Indoctrination School, University of Arizona.

Lt. John E. Fitch wrote from Southern

"Sorry to see that my last letter from North Africa had been so chopped up by the censor. Attribute it to professional jealousy—I was working for the censorship there and did much bragging about the News Letter and the info in it—they (my fellow censors) couldn't take it, I guess, and took the easiest way out to even the score. I think if everyone's alma mater took as much interest in them as mine does, that jealousy would not exist. Am in super excellent health and enjoying the routine of a dull Army existence."

T/3 Paul Kuyama wrote from the Southwest Pacific:

"When I was in New Guinea I met a well-known personality from my era at State. I was hitching a ride on a PT boat and I was introduced to the skipper who was none other than Lt. Bing Williams himself. I had never known him personally at State but on the boat we had plenty in common to talk about. Also the ride was thrilling — roaring over the sea at 40 or 50 miles per hour. I wish I had the literary knack to describe the whole picture, emotions and all. The work you are doing is more than just inspiring."

Lt. Jack Daw wrote from HAAF, Hondo, Texas:

"Have been assigned here as instructor in navigation. Right now I'm getting interested in the G. I. Education program after the war. I'd like to mention the fact that you gave me a recommendation to enter the Air Corps. Little did I think at that time that I would become a navigator — what's more, an instructor."

Garold W. Spitler, S2c., wrote from USNTC, Bainbridge, Md.:

"I'm more certain than ever that I'll return to San Diego State when released."

Lt. Frank Losey, USNR, visited the campus with Mrs. Losey (Dorothy Smith) and he looks fine. He was a dental officer aboard one of the big carriers and had been in more than a dozen engagements. Lt. Losey was the composer of the Aztec Fight Song.

Ens. C. Richard St. John wrote from JOQ, NAS, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.:

"I'm flying a torpedo bomber and I'm plenty proud of it. My air-crew men are tops. I guess some people think that a fighter plane is the only one worth flying, but I'm here to say they are all wrong. And all I hope is that my boys and I can get out to the Pacific and use that plane."

Pfc. Jack Chandler, USMC, wrote

from the Central Pacific:

"Our camp is well set up, and the men are getting a well deserved rest. We certainly had a rough time for a while.

"I caught my old job, walkie-talkie, on the campaign. I was attached to one of our rifle companies, and had a big time. There were a couple of times when I wouldn't have given a rusty carbine clip for my chances of coming out alive. I certainly take my hat off to the plain Marines who stick in that line with the rifles, bars (Browning automatics) and machine guns. It takes 'guts' to stay there, and in my opinion, they all rate medals.

"The Nips pulled three 'Banzai' attacks on us, and I'm sure I would have cracked up if I'd been on the line, instead of twenty yards behind. I'm sure that at one time, we owed our lives to the fact that the Nips were drunk and failed to hit us with a concentrated counter-attack. Of course that is just my personal opinion. There were lots of Nips around, and I could have used a barrel of grenades, if I had had them. There were many dead ones around the next morning too (thank God for the

tanks!).

"I made out pretty well for souvenirs. I picked up a lot of stuff, including two Nip flags, one battle flag and one color, the kind with stripes. I had to miss a great deal of stuff, a samurai sword, for example, as I didn't have any desire to slow down 'til I got to a hole. Rifles, bayonets and other Jap equipment was so abundant we lost interest in it and threw it away.

"Saw Charles Ables yesterday, and he looked okay. Jim McPherson, to the best of my knowledge, has just been replaced and should be home soon. Some of the other fellows are here on the island, but it is hard to get around

and make connections.

I've been out here for twenty-one months now, and no relief in sight. I haven't seen a white woman or a liberty port in fifteen months. Something has to crack, but soon!"

Lt. Arthur J. Porter walked into the News Letter office. He is back from the Mediterranean area—North Africa, Italy, Corsica, etc. He flew 67 missions in B-26's. He left that area just one day after D-day in Southern France. A lot of things happened on the 67 missions, but he didn't have time to tell about everything.

In that area Art saw Bob Wade and Don Lindstrom. He reported Bob was looking fine and was eager as ever.

That was August 29.

Lt. (jg) Ed (Buzz) Smythe is an assistant coach of the Navy Bluejackets football team of Shoemaker, Calif. Last week they defeated St. Mary's Pre-Flight, 12-0.

Sgt. Tom M. Rice wrote from his

parachute outfit in Holland:

Am posting this one in Holland. Will be able to give you the details at a later date. Sgt. Guy Sessions is still with me, and we are enjoying the sights that we always read about. The Dutch are magnificent people, and they help us at every opportunity.

Did you see the picture on the cover of Our Navy for June 1, 1944? The tall dentist featured in the picture was Lt. (jg) Frank Losey, former Aztec student and orchestra leader and the man who composed the Aztec Flight Song. Frank was stationed on a big carrier, and the picture was sent in by Lt. (jg) Barney Carmen who is on another car-

Lt. R. D. Johnson was in on the invasion of Southern France as the bombardier of a B-26. His group attacked the German beach defenses in support of the ground troops. The week prior to the invasion was spent over the area softening up defenses. The group was commended for their work by the commanding general.

Capt. J. R. Willey is in France several hundred miles from the beachhead, and he expects to be getting into Germany any time. Everywhere he sees the results of high explosives; he lives in a jeep practically, and has not had a bath for two weeks. "Please send me all of the cigarettes you can.'

WHO — WHAT — WHERE A/C Harry R. Cattrell is at SAAAB, Santa Ana. & Lt. Grant L. Nielson is with a bombing outfit, APO, N.Y. ☆ George Capatanos, Ronald Crawford, Eugene Hall and Ernest Summers are all at Camp Lejeune, N. C. They are all Pfc's. & Pvt. V. Wayne Kenaston is overseas, APO, N. Y. & Lt. Lyman W. Ballinger, USN, lives at 4730 Vista Street, San Diego. & Lt. Alva D. Henehan is overseas, APO, N.Y. & Ens. William Wheeler is on a ship, FPO, S. F. & Cpl. E. L. Flood is with a bomber outfit, APO, S. F. & Lt. (jg) Paul James Driscoll graduated from indoctrination school at Tucson, Ariz. A Lt. John D. Babick and Lt. Harold M. Otwell are undergoing advanced officer training in the Marine Corps. A Pfc. Frank H. Carter is overseas, APO, N. Y. & Pfc. James E. Reading is overseas, APO, N. Y. & Lt. Robert D. Flynn is on a ship, FPO, S. F. & Lt. W. P. Wyatt, USMC, is overseas, FPO, S. F. & George Marinos, HA2c, is at the Naval Hospital, Main Laboratory,

Lt. (jg) Winifred M. Smith wrote from

NOB Hq., San Pedro:

'Am still here on Terminal Island. Feel like the 'girl they left behind' since almost all the officers I knew and worked with have gone. The most interesting part of my work now is taking care of the officers returning back from overseas for new orders. Almost all of them have stars in their campaign ribbons, and many wear the Purple Heart and Presidential Unit Citation. Lots of them mention that I am the first Wave they have ever seen - hope the shock isn't too great.

"Saw Ensign Clark, Zoo major of '39-'40, on his way to an LSM. A month ago Ens. Tom Van Hemert, Phi Lamb, bummed some gasoline from us by getting an endorsement on his orders - as I remember he was driving to S. F. Ens. Bill Stocking reported to me, much to his surprise. He is at NAS, T. I., and they live in Long Beach. Frances Coughlin, WASP, was down from Gardner Field at Taft. She is a test pilot for AT6s and BTs. It is very different to see her tanned from flying every day.

"Finished reading The Bayous of Lou-isiana by Harnett T. Kane recently and noticed one of your articles was in the bibliography. It was a mighty interesting book, and I certainly hope to get down to that part of the country some day."

First Sgt. Richard Joseph Carter wrote from his paratroop outfit in England:
"I have trained the boys since they

first came into the army and, although their average age is 20, they are plenty rugged. The average weight is about 165 pounds. We can't have them too heavy as it causes too many broken

legs.
"We are somewhere in England and are a part of the First Allied A/B Army which looks like a wonderful outfit. I have met a lot of the parachute troopers who went through the school while I was an instructor there. The tables are reversed now as I first taught them how to jump and they are now teaching me practical things about combat. I even saw some of the Canadians who went through Parachute School while I was there. They have really had some experiences since they left Benning. Some of the old men are gone but the losses aren't too heavy considering the missions they were on.'

Ens. Raymond L. Gellein wrote from France:

"I have a new job now that has proved to be very interesting. I am attached to the staff in a Mobile Explosive Investigation Unit as an intelligence officer on all enemy explosive ordnance. The best part is that it is a traveling job and to date I have seen a great deal of France."

San Diego.

Lt. C. M. Rotzler wrote from England: "I've been on an extended cab tour of London and that was a lot of fun. Lt. Tom Queen took the London tour with me. We finished second and third respectively in our final dash for a shelter when experiencing our first buzz bomb. An old man was in our way and pushed in front. Otherwise, we would have finished first and second.

"Had a letter from Lt. Bill Jones. He is still in Massachusetts in charge of the warehouse. He has been trying to get overseas but I guess the injury to his hand is keeping him back. I've been looking for Sgt. Chuck Kruse. Pvt. George Ferguson is in Washington at Fort Lewis with an engineer outfit.

"My ship is named for my girl and has her picture for good luck, but a Monty sticker would really be double

good luck."

Howard Kucera came in after thirty-three months overseas. He is a SKIc, with one hash-mark. Howard looked well and felt fine, but was somewhat amazed at the number of his old pals who have fallen along the way. On the other hand he was pleased that so many of them have helped even the score.

Wm. H. Fitzsimmons was commissioned as an ensign at Corpus Christi.

Ens. Anthony A. Ghio wrote from his

ship in the Pacific:

"Remember me? Yep, it's that ole seagull sailor pulling up a chair in preparation fo' a little conversation with yo' all.

all.

"I was pretty fortunate in being able to celebrate our first anniversary in the Navy as one-stripers with Ens. Bud Quade. What it amounted to was a couple of knock-down-dragout — and I do mean drag — tennis matches plus a little swimming. During the evening of that memorable day we sat through a movie on his ship. Anyway, Doc, I know of 32 fellows who remembered that particular date."

(Tony, your class, that of 1943, certainly did well with the 32 representatives that we sent to Northwestern. Through an error last month I slipped in Joe Davis as becoming the first father in that group. Joe really belonged to the preceding class, so I think Pete Hoff deserves the honor. L. C. P.)

Lt. Howard Niederman wrote from

Fort Sill, Okla.:

"Right now I'm attending a special officer's course at Fort Sill, designed to make C. A. officers into F. A."

Sgt. Bill Self has at last made OCS in transportation and has moved to New Orleans. Mrs. Self (Jean Carmody) and Sharon are at 4859 Monroe Street in San Diego.

Lt. Richard C. Booth has moved to Daggett Municipal Airport, in Daggett, Calif.

Lt. J. A. Muelchi wrote from Asia:

"You should see the Lido Road. Could do better with a submarine. The old parking lot by the stadium was a mere puddle by comparison. But the engineers keep up with it and supplies are flowing."

Pvt. Whit Hoskins, Delta Pi Beta, wrote from his Paratroop outfit in England:

"Ringside seats for the last round of the big show are scarce but available. It may turn out to be a **Dempsey-Firpo**, but at least the seconds haven't been chosen." (Probably Whit was one of the first to land in Holland the other day. Drop us a line. L. C. P.)

WHO - WHAT - WHERE

Pfc. John A. Gregory is overseas, APO, N. Y. & Lt. John D. McNeil has served overseas one year in the South Pacific and in Alaska, and also in the invasion of Europe. He was recently made executive officer of his ship. \$\frac{1}{2}\$ Pfc. D. G. Farquhar is a gunner on a B-29 at Grand Island, Nebr. A Cpl. Garrett L. Prible is at Peterson Field, Colorado Springs. A Arthur Zinn, A. S., has been assigned to the Columbia School of Dentistry and Oral Surgery in New York City. & Ens. Charles B. Allen is at NAS, Shawnee, Okla., where he is taking pilot-navigator training. A Pvt. W. H. Newton is in France with an engineering outfit. A Sgt. Henry Roloff is back from India and China after 32 months of overseas duty. He was with the Fourteenth Air Force and seems to have had lots of experiences.

Lt. N. M. Layne, Jr. is in England with an AA outfit. He was formerly with the old 251st and saw action at Pearl Harbor along with the other fellows.

Lt.-Comdr. Clifford E. Smith is at LCNT, NAS, Corpus Christi, Texas:

"I imagine college is just starting back at **State** now. Would appreciate a copy of **The Aztec** giving enrollment figures and outlook for the coming year. The way things are going in Europe they may be releasing some of the old birds like myself by next fall. At any rate, two years from this fall I expect to be pretty close to the old campus. You know it hardly seems possible that it was three years ago last June that I went on active duty.

duty.

"Best regards to you and Madame, and remember me to the folks at the college. Give my regards to Major Rodney.

"Sincerely,

"Cliff."

Ens. and Mrs. John J. Hoff have a son, Peter Carson, born September 12 at the Naval Hospital in Balboa Park. Mrs. Hoff is the former Eleanor Macdonald, and John J. was known as "Pete."

Lt. Donald A. Taylor wrote from

Saipan:

'This is to let you know that I am on Saipan now. I didn't like Hawaii but this place makes Hawaii seem to be Heaven. The island is a morass of mud and the ground troops must have been driven crazy. It isn't too nice for us either—tents with mud floors—but a guy can get used to anything, I guess.

"I have ten missions in. We are bombing Bonin and Volcano Islands."

Chaplain D. L. Dyreson has moved from Harvard University to Fourth Army Headquarters, APO, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

First Lt. George R. Loveall, MC, AUS, is at 373rd Station Hospital, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Sgt. Charles N. Ables, USMCR, wrote from the Mariana Islands:

"Operations have sure been steppedup plenty since the slow, gruelling days

back in the Solomons.

"I saw frat brother Dave Tannebaum once since I've been here. He was still pretty fresh from the States, and it was sure good to talk to a guy with a touch of civilization still left in his veins. I wouldn't exactly say I was getting 'Asiatic' but the fact that I've been out here 20 months now and haven't seen a white woman since a year ago July isn't exactly helping matters any. At least we have something to look forward to since we heard the First Division was finally sent home. So we figure on arriving back in San Diego next summer."

(Chuck uses the fanciest, most educational and most original stationery of any of our Aztecs in any of the branches of the armed forces. Chuck, did you draw that envelope decoration yourself? It has been causing quite a furore around here. L. C. P.)

First Lt. Wallace McAnulty is home again on furlough, this time on his regular 21-day leave which the overseas men are getting upon their return. With him is Lt. Bill Donnett, a Hoover grad who shipped out with the old 251 in 1940 before he had a chance to enter State College. Also with him was First Lt. John Finan, also a Hoover grad, who was in the same outfit. Many of you will remember Johnny as a football and track star. He married an Army nurse in Fiji, and they have a baby, but still Johnny intends to come to State on the G. I, bill.

Herbert E. Wells, QM3c, is back after nearly two years of overseas duty on a destroyer in the Atlantic. They took part in the invasions of both Northern and Southern France, and while in England he saw Frank Diamond and Bill Chittick, who are on the same type of ship. The British Edition of Yank for June 18 had a big feature on Herbert's ship's part in the invasion:

"The men of the — were weary. They had been at General Quarters for 28 hours without sleep. That night they hoped to get a few hours 'sack duty' at

least. But it was not to be.

"One ME-110, scooting along barely over the ship's masts, aimed a 500-pounder at the ship but missed by 125 yards. The ship shuddered and rolled but suffered no damage. . . . By nightfall the ship had fired double the amount of ammunition she had fired the day before . . . that night will probably go down as the most hectic in the ship's career."

(And so the long story goes. Times were not like that on the old destroyer No. 15 in the other war. L. C. P.)

Mrs. Mildred (Larson) Edwards and Mrs. William Cornett, mother of Lt. William Cornett, made arrangements for Eloise Hanson and Marion Hughes to drive 11 convalescent Marines from the hospital to the rodeo down at Lane Field. Most of the Marines had been wounded in the Marianas, and were glad to see the show. For most of them, it was their first rodeo.

Lt. (jg) Robert J. Noel was transferred from his big ship to a squadron of Catalinas, FPO, N. Y.

Howard S. Kucera, SKIc, is at the Submarine BOQ at Hunter's Point, S. F.

Lt. Lionel E. Chase wrote from Dal-

hart AAF, Dalhart, Texas:

"Testing airplanes is almost as much fun as combat, but it's rough making the adjustment from the throttles and props to pencils and paper clips. About all the paper work I've done for the last two years is sign my pay voucher. Now there are great stacks of the stuff piled up on the desk, and it isn't easy wading thru.

"Sorry I haven't written for so long, but Jeanne keeps me so well-fed that I don't have anything to scream about anymore. Thanks for the last News Letters, and I'm sweating out the next one."

Pvt. Bob Davis wrote from France:

"Our division was given the credit for taking the port of Cherbourg. We have gone on to greater victories since then. When the news does break, I'm sure you will read about it. The word has just come through that we are to roll again. It's hard to find time for a shave."

WHO - WHAT - WHERE

Richard H. Applin, SIc, is at Del Monte, Calif. A Capt. Harold G. Hevener is at 3895 Dwight Street, Riverside, Calif. ☆ Pvt. Frank Whilldin is at Keesler Field, Miss. & Pvt. Robert B. Boone is still at Camp Roberts, Calif. A Maj. Owen F. Clarke is at Long Beach AAF, Long Beach, Calif. A Maj. James B. Willey is on his way home on army rotation. E Ens. Robert E. Lando is overseas, FPO, S.F. & David M. Sterne is with the 89th Infantry Band at Camp Butner, N. C. & Clarence G. Watters, A. S., is still at the University of Texas. A Pvt. A. M. Van Horne is at Camp Roberts, Calif. & Lt. John K. Sinderholm is still overseas, FPO, S. F. & Cpl. Norman G. Levi is with a squadron at Marianna, Fla. ☆ Pvt. J. T. Warburton is in a Replacement Depot at Fort Ord, Calif. ☆ Pfc. W. F. Emery is at Fort Benning, Ga.

☆ Lt. Richard O. Steck is at Walla Walla AAF training in B-24s. A Maurice S. McGehee, SIc, is at Radio School, Del Monte. Pvt. Elizabeth Chaffin has been assigned to duty in the War Department in Washington, D. C. & John O. Zahn, who is with the Fourth Air Force Command at Ontario AAF, has been promoted to the rank of colonel.

Lt. (jg) Jack Rand, the pole vaulter and former student body president, is back from France where he took part in the invasions of both Northern and Southern France. He will have given us a Snow Job before this reaches you.

Lt. (jg) Richard H. Nida, son of a former State College professor, is in harbor control work in San Francisco.

Lt. Orville Ball, navigator on a B-24, has arrived overseas and is at a base in England.

Maj. Bryant Kearney is still down at Panama and he has issued "Bull No. 19."

Pvt. Betty J. Walker is our newest WAC, and she is at Fort Des Moines. She is in the Medical Corps.

Capt. Doug Inman wrote from Palau: "Am now on Angaur Island. Have seen lots of mud and Japs. It rains 180 inches here.

"Best improvement in this war's gear is the new helmet which has many uses besides the one it was intended for."

Pfc. Marshall L. Miller wrote from

England:

"We are getting so far behind the front that I should not be surprised if they stopped our overseas pay any time now."

Lt. Louis R. Lepore is up at Pendleton.

Lt. L. A. Morgan is at Convalescent Hospital, Fort George Wright, Washington, and he is the papa of a new boy, Steve Morgan. The mother is the former Pat Medlicott. (Lt. Morgan is in the hospital for Op fatigue, not for any other reason that our readers may have thought of. L. C. P.)

Lt. C. R. Harper wrote from New Guinea:

"We are having lousy weather here. Every night it rains almost continuously. Life on the beach is all right, but it is hard to dig a foxhole. We solved that problem by lining them with metal. We even dug a well in one end. Struck water at about six feet."

S/Sgt. Joe Carter wrote home from his paratroop outfit in England on September 23. He didn't say anything about the invasion of Holland. He may or may not have been in on it.

Capt. George W. Kimball, USMCR, wrote from the South Pacific:

"While I was in the Solomons I used to see Clair Berdel quite often. I heard about his luck but had to wait to tell it. He was caught on his last strike of his last combat tour. He had a good record—several boats plus a number of direct hits on enemy installations."

Sgt. Jack Allen is with a transportation outfit in France.

Lt. and Mrs. William Forrest Cornett have a new son, William Forrest III, born at the Naval Hospital in San Diego, July 30, 1944. Mrs. Cornett is the former Lois Jeanne Carr.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Warren W. Brown have a son, Warren William, Jr., born on the twenty-third birthday of his father and also on their wedding anniversary. Warren, Sr. has shipped out. His brother, Matthew Brown, ARTIC, is stationed at Lakehurst, N. J.

Lt. (jg) Tom E. Jones, former assistant frosh coach, is up at Navy Preflight School at St. Mary's. Up there he has seen George 'Pard' Graves and Earl Woodhouse. They both had distinguished themselves scholastically. Other Aztecs he has seen are Lt.-Comdr. Carl Young, Lt. Robert H. Brown, and Ens. Jim Fournier. He has also seen Wilmer Brobst and Capt. Bert Lembeck, USMC.

Lt. Phil Van Slyck has been in New Guinea for six months swimming and observing peculiarities among the Dutch and Aussies. "There's nothing so welcome in the middle of a mangrove swamp as news from home."

Pvt. N. Takashima wrote from Italy:
"I am now in Italy to do some good.
Visited Naples and conditions there were
pretty bad."

Lt. George Forbes wrote from South-

ern France:

"Believe it or not, even a Replacement Depot commando landed in France on D-Day. We didn't actually go to the front lines, but often we were in front of our Div. C. P. (forward, not rear) and under artillery fire. Hope to see some of the fellows who landed in Normandy now that we have linked up."

Sgt. Robert G. Kelly wrote from

"In the fields of France, as in the fields at home, there are rain and wind and the fickle sun, all of which I have come to know quite well, living on the ground at the edges of restricted towns, sleeping in puptents by hedgerows, in forests, living with a fire, water, and some rations; smiling to the people who smile at our passing, who cheer and hold up two-fingered Vs and kiss their hands — who wander about their broken churches and crumbled homes; mouthing stiff Frenche phrases, bargaining for eggs or milk or cider, inquiring vainly for wine; asking myself how a whole nation of people can return with life for these windowless towns of shutters and bars, and how they can supply food where there is none, make clothes and machines and tools in these shells of buildings, recreating a supply and exchange and a power of purchase; shaking my head at the gutted cities, shaving my shivering face; singing slightly off key; fingering the currency of three nations; writing letters to those whose answers are lost on my twisted way from home, and noticing that my socks are wet and cold and need changing."

Irene Udell, Virginia Rice and Beulah K. Lyman, USNR, WR, who are stationed in Los Angeles, were all promoted to lieutenant (jg).

Lt. Charles E. Burch, USNR, is skipper of a 400-foot vessel in the far Pacific.

Lt. Allen (Swede) Lovine is in France assigned to SHAEF.

Lt. Charles B. Read wrote from LCCCCTS, Lake Charles, La.:

"Do you remember a Marjorie Kahle? Anyway, her brother is my new C.O., Maj. George Kahle. He and I graduated from Hoover in 1937."

F/O Fred E. Eisert wrote from 4200 Jacinto Way, Long Beach, Calif.:

"Just returned from the South Pacific. Have been flying B-24s and B-17s mostly, but I get a B-25 now and then."

Ens. Telson Woolley was commissioned and has been assigned to a destroyer escort on the east coast.

Richard Raper, ARM3c, wrote from NAAS, Hollister, Calif.:

"I am once again a U.S.O. commando! Boy, after viewing Munda and Vella La Vella these last months (not to mention many other vacation resorts that dot the SoPac), California really was a sight."

Chaplain Ralph R. Bailey (1st Lt.) was in on the invasion of Southern France. His outfit is on the way up the Rhone Valley. He has seen Lt. Larry Devlin and Capt. Herbert Bachrach.

S/Sgt. Don Clarkson wrote APO,

New York:
"Johnny (Biff) Butler must have been pulling my leg in the statement about political aspirations of an old alumnus. He should talk!"

Lt. John Rockey is no longer in the weather business but is in the Air Transport Command attending airway traffic control in New York.

Capt. Charles R. Smith is at Barks-dale Field, La.

WHO - WHAT - WHERE

Lt. Edwin G. Swann is overseas, APO, N. Y. A/C Robert M. Lommasson is at BAAF, Fort Myers, Fla.

☆ Pvt. Harley M. Tinkle is an Amarillo, AAF. ☆ T/5 Al Parr is in a Signal Training outfit at Camp Crowder, Mo. ☆ Ens. J. W. Pabst is at BOQ, NAS, Hutchinson, Kan. & Pfc. Shoji Nakadate is overseas, APO, N.Y. & Cpl. Lewis M. Keller is somewhere in France. \$\frac{1}{2}\$ Capt. Charles Nolen is one of the thirteen officers of the 251st still overseas. A Lt. Bascom S. Jones is at Ephrata AAB in Washington taking combat training in fighters. & S/Sgt. Henry Wayne Nettles is overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ Ens. Roy M. Cleator has a new ship address, FPO, S. F. & Pvt. Gerald H. Patrick is with a Med. Det. in France. ☆ A/C R. J. Ogden is in Primary at Lancaster, Calif. A Pfc. Jack W. Goode is at Camp Butner, N. C. & Bill Goode has returned to the States after two years at sea. A/S John F. Matthews is at MAAF, Tucson, Ariz. A Sgt. Edward J. Aveldson, USMCR, is at Miramar, Calif. & Lt. Al R. Reisweber is overseas, APO, S. F. & Ens. Jack Holland is on a destroyer escort, FPO, S. F. ☆ James Caffee, A. S., is with a medical unit, 328 Baker Street, S. F. A Robert W. Floyd, SIc (RT), is at Great Lakes, III. ☆ Pfc. J. B. Gibbins is at Camp Cooke, Calif.

Pfc. M. Phil Vander Horck wrote from Hq. of an Ord. Bn. in Italy, telling of his musical activities. Some time ago while he was a chaplain's assistant playing one of those little folding organs for chapel services, he met up with Pfc. Ed Miner, Pvt. Lonnie Austin, and he later met Ted Hansel, all of whom were good instrumentalists who seemed to click. After playing a great many amateur performances, Special Service bought them all beautiful new instruments with which they "fought" about 75 engagements on the morale front, including concerts and dances for everybody from privates in the guardhouse to generals in the elite resorts. They also did two weekly broadcasts, and for some time they have been full-time musicians rather than just a pick-up amateur outfit. They used to call themselves The Ordinaires, using Lonnie Austin's "Departed From You' as their theme song. Then they used the name Kordettes with a musical signature "There Must Be Music." Phil composed that one and they are still using it as their theme song.

It seems that they had everything because Ed had a large repertory of Western ballads. Lonnie was a master at hoedown music, and the accordion was the thing for marches and novelty numbers. They all played by ear as well as otherwise, and they seemed to have a large

and diverse "library."

Phil thinks that some of our other Aztecs should try their hand at organizing musical groups and also that when this big thrash is over we should have much more music in the Quad.

A lot of us on the home front agree with that and we will schedule your entire troupe for a snow job with the instruments and with many encores and repeat performances. L. C. P.

Cpl. Robert A. Ganger wrote from New Guinea:

"They pay us in Dutch money here, but I don't know why they pay us at all. There is no place to spend it. We are in a combat area but haven't seen much action."

Mary L. Omar SP(M)3c, USCGR, gets her mail in c/o Captain of the Port, Baltimore, Md.

Lt. Walter Harlin has been given command of an LST at Camp Bradford ATB, NOB, Norfolk, Va.

First Lt. Wm. H. Lucio is to be in charge of the Psychological Unit at the Rehabilitation Hospital at Albuquerque, N. M.

T/Sgt. Katherine Pyle is back in the States after a long period of overseas service in the Mediterranean area. She will have arrived before you read this.

Lt. Hazel P. Reid, ANC, is a nurse at the Station Hospital, Ft. Huachuca, Arizona.

Pfc. Richard W. Clark wrote from France:

"I had thought that France was a gay romantic country, but all that I have seen here is rain, mud and people who look like those in the ancient history books.

"I'm living in barracks formerly used by the Germans. We have coal stoves

and home-made bunks.

"Capt. Richard Bate gave you a pretty good description of what this country is like. I am sure we must have rubbed elbows somewhere. Our greatest problem here is getting by the "off limit" signs. Glory be! You see them everywhere. They are about as thick as Burma Shave signs. I'll bet that 90 per cent of them were put there by the 'Run rabbit, run Supermen' on their retreat toward Berlin.

Pfc. Mary H. Lacour, WAC, is serving in France with the Twelfth Army under General Bradley. She is doing secretarial work.

Cpl. Raymond F. Kreitzinger wrote

from France:

"I got a lot out of the section of the News Letter on G. I. Education. There are quite a few fellows with me who want to go back to school. We were in England fighting the buzzbombs and now we are in France starting all over again."

Pvt. Jack Bahl wrote from France:

"At first the war was omnipresent wherever we went, but since the big breakthrough we have seen the better part of France. The cities are untouched by war, and we have had wonderful opportunities to meet the French people who are so much superior to the English. The madamoiselles are all and more than I had heard about them. I wasn't in on D-Day. Lucky in some ways, but I missed out on a great show.

Capt. and Mrs. Kenneth Scidmore have a new son, Kenneth Bryant, Jr. Mrs. Scidmore is the former Evelyn Durnbaugh.

Pvt. and Mrs. James Leisure have a son, James Dennis, born September 8. Mrs. Leisure is the former Emma Baldelli.

Capt. Gordon Gershon is another officer from the old 251 who has returned to the States after a long stay in the South Pacific. He was overseas fortyfour months.

T/4 John D. Bond is in Italy putting into use the Italian that he learned in ASTP. Door

WHO - WHAT - WHERE

Pvt. George C. Gross is in Holland with a tank outfit. A Lt. Charles M. Witt is with a squadron, FPO, S. F. ☆ T/4 Roy E. Combs is overseas, APO, S. F. ☆ Pvt. W. G. Robison is preparing to spend his second winter in England. ☆ Pvt. Jon Lippitt is with a squadron at AAF, Cross City, Fla. & Julius William Rubin, AMM2c, is overseas, FPO, S. F. & Cpl. Robert E. Knox is at AAFTAC, Orlando, Fla. A Pfc. Joseph O. Mount is overseas, APO, N.Y. & Clinton H. Potter is at Midshipman's School, N. Y. A/C R. Callo is at LJAAF, La Junta, Colo. & Pfc. Melville Aubery is overseas, APO, N. Y. & Lt. Gene S. Muelheisen, USNR, is still overseas, FPO, S.F. & Col. Dolph Muelheisen is at Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colo. ☆ Cpl. Celia E. Brown is still at Lockbourne, AAF, Columbus, Ohio. ☆ Albert J. Cech, A. S., is at Tower Hall, 820 Tower Court, Chicago. ☆ Pvt. Robert W. Martin is at Fort Knox, Ky.

M. E. Broom, former faculty member, has been promoted to captain. He is stationed at a hospital at AAAF, Amarillo, Texas.

T/Sgt. F. W. Thomas is overseas with a signal company, APO, N. Y.

Ens. Sam Bryan, who was wounded during the invasion of France, is at Jacumba, Calif., Box 26.

Lt. (jg) Charles E. Skidmore is on a ship, FPO, S. F. The Skidmores have a baby daughter six weeks old.

Lt. Tom W. Queen wrote from Eng-

"The only other Aztecs I have seen are Chuck Rotzler and Chuck Leigh. Rotzler and I fly the P-47. We have been lucky in that we have been together since we took Advanced.

'Chuck Leigh is a Tech Rep. for Consolidated. I understand he married a little Irish girl. I did not get to meet her as she left London when the buzzbombs started falling.

"I believe David McLees is still a radio operator on a C-47 in the Pacific. Say hello to the Hods and keep up the good work."

Lt. Joseph R. Moran finished two years of overseas duty and had finished up his missions as pilot of a B-24 in Italy. He is on his way back to the States and Coronado.

Lt. George C. Knapp, USMC, is back at Miramar after having taken part in the campaigns in the Central Pacific. He had some close calls in his dive bomber but wasn't hurt.

The William S. Miller Scholarship Fund at Hoover High for students going to State College was not all taken up this year. The Millers asked to have the remaining \$40 transferred to the News Letter fund. Lt. William S. Miller, Jr. has been one of our readers for a long time, even before he was in Iceland. (Thanks to the Millers. L. C. P.)

Life magazine put out a special issue for the GIs. See the September 24 number for the article entitled "When You Come Back," beginning on page 53.

Capt. George (Cotton) Gilliland has written back that he is on an island somewhere in the Pacific. This is his second trip out, his first having been with a Marine Paratroop outfit.

Maj. and Mrs. Harold C. McAuliff have a second son, James Ingram. The McAuliffs are living in Alexandria, Va. Harold will be remembered by our older readers as one of the two Aztecs who were in the Nineteenth Bombardment Group along with the Suzie-Q back in the days when the going was really tough. Mrs. McAuliff is the daughter of the Fred Ingrams in San Diego.

Lt.-Col. Kenneth S. Wade is back from 25 months of service in the ETO. An earlier number of the News Letter carried a story of his being wounded and decorated.

Capt. William Brad Moeser, who is a co-pilot on a bomber, belongs to the "I Bombed Japan Club" for his three missions in the Aleutians in which he bombed Jap territory. The missions are more than 2,000 miles per trip.

NEWS LETTER SIGN

There is a new sign outside the News Letter office, Room A-109. It will make our office easier for you to find. It still is more convenient for us if you send your changes of address in writing rather than by phone. If you must phone, it's more convenient at home than at the campus. The number is T. 5613. The best time is from 5 to 6. L. C. P.

Pvt. Raymond G. Sippel wrote from

his MP Bn. in France:

"I never did get to order my Del Sud so I hope there are a few left. I'm planning on an AB at State College some day, so I'll be seeing you." (You can still get both — the AB and the **Del Sud.** By the way, they are already working on the Del Sud for 1945. L. C. P.)

Cpl. Gerhart A. Mehner wrote from

the Southwest Pacific:
"I met Floyd Neuman the other day. He is in one of the other outfits in this division."

Lt. (jg) Herb A. Tompkins wrote from his squadron FPO, San Francisco:

"We have been very busy in reforming our squadron and as it is we are set for more action like the past several months. I'll be seeing you after the next operation."

Lt. Robert C. James wrote from his

Weather Squadron in Oahu:

"I am still on Oahu getting tired of doing nothing. I will be glad when we can give the place back to its owners and go home. I don't appreciate the place the way the Chamber of Commerce says one should.

Lt. George R. Lindsey wrote from

HAAF, Harlington, Texas:

"For seventeen months I flew student gunners at a school in Harlington. Texas. and now after all this time they've let me out of the post long enough to complete a transition course on the B-24 here in Smyrna, Tenn."

Pvt. Chester Hagman wrote from

Camp Fannin, Texas:

"Reading the News Letter each month reminds me of those happy times I had at State. After the war I hone I can take a few courses I missed out on before.

"I remember the anti-war articles and letters that used to appear in The Aztec. In fact, I wrote some of them myself. This war was easy to foresee. It is too bad that we didn't have the brains to prevent it."

Ens. Frank Fraine is in Amphibs in England.

Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Frank A. Riehle have a new son, Frank A. III, born at Mercy Hospital. Mrs. Riehle is the former Isabel Dillon.

Lt.-Col. John V. Long of the old 251st CA AA (San Diego's own) passed through San Diego on his way to a new assignment. He paid the campus a visit and renewed old acquaintances and made some new ones at first hand — your News Letter editor being among the latter. Colonel Long gave a fine report on the other Aztecs who have returned as well as on those few who are now beginning their fifth year overseas.

Cpl. George S. Reed wrote from

France:
"The only Aztec here is T/5 Raymond Potter, who was one of the original 38 ERC fellows to get called out from State College. I met him in England when we got put into the same company.

Sgt. Alfred Rhodes has at last arrived in England and is seeing the sights.

Herbert M. Foote, AOM3c, has been out on a big carrier, and he paid the campus a visit lately. He wears combat bars indicating plenty of action.

Lt. James Spore paid the campus a visit after several years' absence. He had been overseas on a destroyer and had seen a great deal of combat on a destroyer but didn't have time to deliver the snow. More next time - we hope. L. C. P.

S/Sgt. R. L. Fenner, USMC, is on Peleliu Island, Palau Groups. He uses that fancy Jap stationery.

WHO - WHAT - WHERE

Ens. F. W. Schott is going to Harvard for further training. & Lt. (jg) T. B. Mc-Arron is at LAAB, Lincoln, Neb. & Lt. Joseph L. Keller is in Transportation at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyo. & Lt. Ted Thomey, USMCR, is overseas, FPO, S. F. ☆ Pfc. Frank J. Guasti is overseas, APO, N. Y. & Pfc. Francis X. King is overseas, APO, N. Y. & Cpl. Jerry Holtzman is at YAAF, Yuma, Ariz. A Lt. Harvey S. Wright is at Fort Benning, Ga. & Pvt. John D. Stinstrom is at Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif. & Denton A. Skiles, CSK, is overseas, FPO, S. F. & Pfc. Robert C. Drescher is overseas, APO, N.Y. & Pfc. Raymond A. Power is overseas, APO, N.Y. & Sgt. Allan H. Morrison is in Technical Schools, Sioux Falls, S.D. ☆ Lt. John F. James is still in Transport, APO, Miami, Fla. & S/Sgt. John O. Hull is at R. F. D. No. I, Box 106, Palm City, Calif. & Lt.-Col. Paul V. Tuttle is overseas, APO, N. Y. & Paul W. Casad, ARTIC, is still overseas, FPO, S.F. & Lt. Paul Welsch is at 323 H Street, San Bernardino, Calif. & Lt. (jg) Earl J. Shackelford is on a ship, FPO, N. Y. & Ens. James S. Fairchild is at the Naval Hospital, Corona, Calif. & George C. Jessop, A.S., is at 2030 F Street, N. W., Washington, D.C. ☆ Sgt. Vincent E. Sund is in France with SHAEF, Signal Division.

A/C James Russell Lowell wrote from Hemet, Calif .:

The recent News Letter had some good news. I am referring to the G.I. Bill of Rights and the accrediting of State College for enrolling veterans."

First Lt. Donald Lapham paid the campus a visit. He was on crutches, but he looked fine and felt fine. He had been piloting B-24s out of Italy to the Ploesti oil fields and other high priority targets in Northern Italy and elsewhere when a big piece of flak came up through his foot. That was several months ago. He has the Air Medal, some Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart, and some other badges - probably the DFC among them.

G. I. EDUCATION NOTES

We are learning the answers to some of the questions that arise in connection with the G. I. Education Program. Here are some (unofficial), but as they have come to us to date:

1. It is important to carry a full load of 16 units — that is, unless you don't mind being docked a fraction part of the \$50 per month. (We had advised some to take a slightly lighter load the first semester, especially in cases where the veteran had not been in attendance for several years.)

2. In the original application it is wiser to state your full educational objective as the Veteran's Administration doesn't like to make changes after your objective is once defined and sent in. Your objective is not necessarily the same as getting an A. B. degree.

3. You may go right to a college and enroll and apply for the G. I. aid without having previously put in an applica-

tion with the Veteran's Administration.
4. You probably will get credit for subjects taken in ASTP and the Navy College Program, but you will be docked for all time spent in such training while you were in the service. L. C. P.

Lt. Robert C. James wrote from Oahu,

"Had the misfortune to be run over by a loaded trailer. Fortunately, it had big tires. After two days in the hospital I was released with a sprained ankle, foot and knee injuries, plus many

Cpl. F. R. Ryan wrote from Belgium: "Capt. Arthur F. Brindley and his bat-

tery got credit for half an ME-109.
"We were bivouacked in a Belgian count's chateau. It was a lavish place with empaneled, embroidered walls, carved wood ceiling, elaborate chandeliers, etc. It had straw all over the floor for sleeping G. I.s. The count seemed an anomaly in our G. I. mess line. His worldly possessions were as far-flung as his outlook.

"We see numerous fleets of bombers enroute to military objectives. This is beautiful country. The people speak French."

Miss Alma Lutz of 22 River Street, Boston 8, Mass., is compiling a book of letters from women serving overseas. Her plan is to choose those letters which most adequately tell the story of their overseas military service. She would appreciate receiving copies of such letters, including the name, rank, branch of service, and, if possible, the location of the writer. The project sounds interesting. You may write to her for further details. L. C. P.

Cpl. Ilene Edwards Fitzgerald lives at 19 Marietta Drive, San Francisco.

STATE COLLEGE PROF. CITED FOR HOME FRONT TASK

By Rudell Norris

Mrs. Margaret Widders Anderson, one of Dr. Post's former students, sent a copy of the Aztec News Letter to Sam Hayes (broadcaster on KFI Breakfast News), and the following letter was the result:

Dear Mrs. Anderson:

"I am happy to be able to tell you that our judges have selected Dr. Lauren C. Post for citation on our Breakfast News program for outstanding work on the home battlefront. This citation will be made on Monday, October 9, at 7:45 A. M. (KFI).

"Besides this, I am sending him, under separate cover, a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the governors of four western states which will represent a lasting memo of the work he has done.

"I wish to extend my personal congratulations to Dr. Lauren C. Post for the wonderful work he is doing in the war effort.
"Sincerely yours,

"SAM HAYES."

THE SHOOT LUKE

was mentioned in a book, "Target: Ger-The book is the story of the Eighth Bomber Command's first year, and it is most interesting and informa tive. The Shoot Luke was mentioned on page 53 along with the Southern Comfort, Dry Martini, Boom Town and Hell's Angels. The very artistic insignia, a picture of Luke, appears on the last page along with those of the Memphis Belle, Royal Flush, Circe, and many others.

And now, the Shoot Luke was Capt. John (Buster) Murphy's ship, about which he told us in one of our earliest Snow Jobs on the campus. She was a San Diego-built B-24.

Lt. Margaret Redelings, WAC, gave us our fifteenth Snow Job in the Little Theater on Friday, October 13. Lt. Redelings was in England for a year with the Eighth Air Force and had a most interesting story to tell of the work of the WAC.

Blair Burkhardt, field representative of one of the airplane companies, is flying back to Italy for his second tour overseas. He has been in Africa, Sardinia, Corsica, Sicily and on the Italian mainland. He saw three Aztecs, Lt. Chuck Reed, Lt. Bud Houser and Lt. Joe Cobb. Some of you should find him, as they call him the "Mustang Man."

Pvt. John M. Phillips has been awarded the Army's Good Conduct Medal for efficiency in his work with an ordnance maintenance company, according to word received from the Russell Islands. He has been overseas two years.

AZTECS ON THE HOME FRONT By Mabel Grant Hazard

(You have asked for some Home Front news so I asked Mabel to do a column

for you. We hope you like it. L. C. P.) It's a wonderful feeling to be called back to the smell of a printing press and the clacking of typewriter keys. Have been a housewife for three years and a mother for 21 months, so dishrags and diapers have become my main

Betty Forbes Thompson (married to Bud Thompson) is now flashing that gorgeous smile as part of her work in Red Cross Welfare at Naval Hospital . . . sports becoming gray uniform and has been to blood bank three times. Lt. (jg) Bud has been on destroyer in South Pacific 20 months. Her twin brother, Bower, is in Boston, and brother George is in

Luscious blonde Betty Curtis is in Jacksonville, Fla., with husband, Lt.-Comdr. Robert Dose, ace pilot with many months of overseas service behind him, and little blonde daughter.

Also in Jacksonville with respective husbands are Betty Crawford (Mrs. Leo Hansen) and two-year-old son, and Fleeta Marlie Walker (Mrs. Luther Seibert). Bill Crawford, Betty's brother, has been in brother-in-law Hansen's flying squadron in Florida.

Peggy Fay, sister of Charles Fay, is in Seattle doing same work as Betty Thompson does here.

Charlotte Wilson (Mrs. Robert Simpson) is working at the Red Cross home service center. Charlotte is sister of Marine Lt. Ed Davis, who was killed on Guam on July 28. Also at Red Cross home service is Ginevra Marxmiller, who has made one trip to the blood bank.

Twins Mildred and Barbara Porter (respectively Mrs. Benny Lamb and Mrs. Magner White) share a house and care for their little daughters, six-month Dale Lamb and 18-month Nancy White. Both Benny and Magner rate Lt. (jg) now — Benny in the Atlantic and Magner in the Pacific. Barbara is a three-time blood donor.

Mary Katherine Kearns has a full-time job as attendance and financial secretary at Dana Junior High and spends hours at Naval Aid Auxiliary canteen where she rates SK3c . . . entertains boys at Army and Navy Y and is junior hostess at new Officers' Lounge.

The probability that WASPS will be disbanded on December 20 means that Ruth Lindley (Mrs. Clifford Muller), Jean Landis and Frances Coughlin will be

home for Christmas."
Patty Stose (Mrs. Richard Robinson III), widow of Lt. Robinson, who crashed last December at Shreveport, is home with her parents and three-month-old son. Richard IV.

Mrs. M. A. Schur, the former Virginia

Baines, listens many times daily to broadcasts of our American prisoners of war held by the Japanese. For several years she has stuck to that important and unique work, a part of which is the writing of thousands of letters and cards to relatives.

Pfc. Stanley H. Smith wrote from New Guinea:

"We were fortunate in that we enjoyed a few months rest in 'civilized' Australia. Her people are among the most hospitable in the world, Doctor Post, and have been truly wonderful in their reception of the American soldier. Some of our time was spent in Darwin (truly the town of forgotten men), and we experienced an historical, as well as geographical, treat when we convoyed through Northern and Central Australia and the 'Never Never Country' on our way south. The agricultural and mining prospects of the interior are many. Lack of transportation and water facilities, as well as capital, are the important obstacles in the March of Progress of those particular territories.

"Our duty on the various islands has been both educational and entertaining, as well as, I might say, terrifying. Our pictures and memories should provide ample material for post-war discussions. The natives and their customs have provided much toward the already mentioned education and entertainment. The speed by which they learn the value of money is amazing, and one cannot 'put one over on them. As many have found out, to their disadvantage. A native is a valuable friend, but a dangerous enemy if treated unkindly.

"You have asked for individual, and unit citations in many of the News Letters, so I believe it will pass if I say we have received Unit Commendation for our work during the East Indies, New Georgia, New Britain, and Northern New Guinea campaigns.'

Fraternities are gradually being reactivated on the campus. For next month, may we have the name of each with the name of the president and corresponding secretary? L. C. P.

Ruth Stephens is the student who helped with the News Letter most this month. But that is not so unusual. She helps a lot every month. If we were decorating students, she would have an orchid with several Oak Leaf Clusters. L. C. P.

Remember the Open House for the picture panel showing the Aztecs in Service. Tell your friends about it. The time is 2:30 to 5:00 on Sunday, October 29. The panel is in the Administration Building.