

THE AZTEC NEWS LETTER



Five of the 75 married women students on the State College campus. They, along with many other married women students, have gone into extracurricula activities with the spirit and enthusiasm of the students that you used to know. See last page for names and some of their activities.

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**To All of the Aztecs in Service
and Their Friends:**

At the moment of this writing, the news is not the kind that makes a New

Year's greeting an easy, casual thing. It is reminiscent of the news that came in from Salerno when a comparable greeting had to be written. **State College Aztecs** lost their lives at Salerno, but the war went on. Today we have many more **Aztecs** in the **First Army**; more lives have been lost, but still progress is evident. The war is closer to its end. In view of what happened during 1944, we can expect that a tremendous lot will be accomplished during 1945. May this year see each of you succeed in your various duties and get home for leaves if not for permanent residence.

May the **New Year** bring **Victory** and those opportunities that should come

with the **Peace** with a minimum loss of life.

And again, best of luck,
Lauren C. Post,
Editor of the News Letter.

P.S.: Keep writing and should you come to San Diego don't forget to pay the campus a visit. LCP.

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CAPT. ROBERT J. LANDIS
was reported killed in action in France.

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LT. WALTER L. TICHENOR
died of battle wounds on August 30. He had been overseas for 27 months and had served in Iceland, England and France. He had been awarded the Purple Heart.

S/SGT. RICHARD J. SAWAYA

who was reported missing in action from his first bomber mission over France last July, has since been announced killed in action. He was a waist-gunner on a B-17.

PFC. FRANK J. GUASTI

who previously was reported missing in action has since been reported killed in action. He was in the infantry, stationed in Europe.

CAPT. CHARLES W. DOWELL

has been reported missing in action over Germany since November 11th. This was Capt. Dowell's second tour of duty. On his first tour he completed 25 missions as a pilot of a bomber based in England. He holds the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters.

PFC. EDWARD W. CREEKMUR

has been reported missing in action in Europe. He was with the infantry and has been missing since November.

LT. JASON M. AXSOM

is a prisoner of war in Germany. A message that he sent his parents read: "I am OK, not hurt or maimed in any way. I never was so glad to get anything in my life as I was to get the Red Cross kit they gave me. It had practically everything in it. I hope the notice didn't upset you too much. That's the result of the game we play."

He was a pilot on a B-17 that was shot down over Northern Germany in August. His address is:

Lt. Jason M. Axsom
American Prisoner of War No. 6974
Stalag Luft 3,
Germany, Via New York.

LT. GEORGE SCOTT

is a prisoner of war in Germany. He was pilot of P-38 and was shot down on a mission over Germany.

LT. JACK STEARN

is a prisoner of war in Germany. He was a navigator on a B-17 and was shot down on a mission out of Italy.

CAPT. JOHN F. ADAMS, USMCR

was awarded the **Air Medal** for destroying a strategic Jap radio station on Maloclap in the Marshalls. He has returned home on leave and for reassignment.

PFC. HARRY BARNET

was wounded in action in France.

LT. SHELBY BEST, USNR

who was a Spitfire pilot with the RCAF in 1941 before transferring to the U. S.

Navy in 1942, completed a tour of duty in the Atlantic. He made 40 flights over enemy infested waters as a member of a crew of a baby flat-top.

LT. (JG) BARNEY CARMEN

was wounded in action in the Pacific, according to an unofficial report.

LT. WALLACE L. CRISWELL

who is a pilot in a Troop Carrier squadron in the East Asiatic Command has been awarded the Air Medal. He has been in the Burma Theater.

PVT. JERRY C. DAVIS

is back from Europe and has been in a couple of hospitals. His latest address is Stockbridge Road, Brentwood, Mentor, Ohio. (More details please. LCP).

LT. DONN H. DEMARCE

is a co-pilot on a B-24 and recently flew his 30th combat mission over enemy territory. One of his special targets has been Blechammer in Germany which is a key Nazi oil center.

LT. COL. JOHN E. FITZGERALD

flew 26 missions against German targets as pilot of a B-17. He has the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was recommended for the DFC cluster in recognition of his leadership of a large formation of bombers over Germany in August. Weather forcing a change in the scheduled bomb run, Fitzgerald carefully selected an important target and directed the formation to it successfully amid heavy flak. (Do any of you remember Jack Fitzgerald, the basketball player? LCP).

1ST LT. JOSEPH A. FRANCIS

is entitled to wear the distinguished Unit badge for his services with a bomber group in the MTO. He is an adjutant in **Col. Eugene Fletcher's** group.

LT. MICHAEL J. HADREAS

has been awarded the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster "for meritorious achievement while serving as a co-pilot of a B-17 during combat bombing attacks over Nazi Europe." He took part in missions over Cologne, Magdeburg, Frankfurt and other centers in France and Germany.

T/SGT. ROBERT F. HANSEN

is back from New Guinea and other places in the Southwest Pacific where he saw a great deal of action. He was the first **Aztec** to return to the campus wearing the expert combat infantryman badge. He also wears the **Presidential Unit Citation** badge. In the early days

at Buna before they had real flame-throwers and other modern equipment, they used cans of gasoline and other primitive methods of getting Japs out of pill-boxes and holes. The going was really rough, and the supply system was not working too well either. His old outfit is now in the Philippine Islands and he is to join it again after a thirty-day leave.

1ST LT. ROBERT G. HARVEY

has been awarded the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is the pilot of a B-24 and has completed more than 30 missions. He has been based in the Marianas.

SGT. ROBERT J. HUTSON

was the last survivor of two infantry platoons of the 91st Division of the Fifth Army in Italy, and he was wounded in the leg and ankle by a machine gun sniper. He is now recovering in an overseas hospital. **Sgt. Hutson's** brother, **Seba**, is in the Medical Corps in France.

1ST LT. GEORGE C. KNAPP, USMCR

was recently awarded the Air Medal at El Toro Marine Air Station for his service in the Central Pacific.

1ST LT. ROBERT MACDONALD

was awarded the Air Medal in recognition of his combat flying on tactical missions from his base in Belgium. Lt. MacDonald previously had seen service with the old 251st in Hawaii and Fiji.

SGT. DONALD K. MAJOR

has been overseas with a heavy bombardment group for ten months and recently received a War Department Unit citation.

CAPT. ROBERT E. NATH

completed 30 missions as pilot of a B-24 named Monty and of a B-17 in the ETO and is expected to come home on leave. He flew 215 combat hours and was awarded the **Air Medal** and three **Oak Leaf Clusters** and also the **Distinguished Flying Cross**.

1ST LT. JOSEPH R. MORAN

flew 50 missions as co-pilot and pilot on a B-24 in the MTO. His targets were in Southern France, Northern Italy, Germany, Austria and Rumania. Eight times he bombed Ploesti. He has the Air Medal, three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Presidential Unit Citation. His ship had the **Montezuma** head on it, and its name was "Good Heavens."

CPL. THOMAS CLAY PEEBLES, USMC

was wounded at Guam and has been in a rest camp following hospitalization at Pearl Harbor.

1ST LT. JOHN J. O'LEARY

came home on a 23-day leave. He had been based in Italy and was pilot of a B-24 on 50 missions over Austria, Germany, Rumania, Italy, France, Hungary and Yugoslavia. He has the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. O'Leary reported for duty at the Santa Monica redistribution center.

MAJ. EDMUND F. OVEREND, USMCR

has returned from his second tour of duty. On this tour he was CO of the fighter squadron known as **Hell's Angels**. He added three Jap planes to the six he had shot down while a member of the Flying Tigers. Among Ed's decorations are the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Distinguished Flying Cross from Great Britain, the Chinese Order of White Cloud Banner, the Chinese Silver Star and a special award from Mme. Chiang Kai-shek.

PFC. RAYMOND A. POWER

was wounded in France, according to an unofficial report.

LT. PHILIP S. REYNOLDS

is in a replacement pool awaiting re-assignment following his release from a hospital where he was treated for wounds received while serving with the infantry in Holland. He has a daughter, **Mary Margaret**, age 9 months.

ENS. JOE SEMINARIO

was reported to have received a head wound while out in combat in the Pacific on a cruiser. "He is getting along O.K. now."

ADDRESS CHANGES

It is not enough to just leave your forwarding address when you get transferred. Fill out a card and send it to the **News Letter**; otherwise your **News Letter** bounces right back, and then we have to take your name off the mailing list. That means that you miss out on the **News Letter** until you write again. We still have about 400 names on the "Addresses Wanted" list.

Legibility is most important in your address, and that is especially true of the "Dehydrated Mail."

PEARL HARBOR ANNIVERSARY

was observed this year with a special assembly in the **Quad**. The main speaker was **Chaplain S. W. Russell**, Major in the **USMC**, and the music was furnished by **Treble Clef**. **Dean Jesse Ault** read the names of the 64 **Aztecs** who had been killed in action or in training during this war—a very sobering list. The program was arranged by **Theta Chi** sorority with **Adrienne Wueste** as chairman.

CIVILIAN MAILING LIST

Should any of you feel that you should not be getting a copy of the **News Letter**—that it would be much more appreciated by a service man—kindly send us a card asking to be dropped from the mailing list. But on the other hand, if you really read it and enjoy it, we are glad to keep you on the list. Addressing, folding and mailing 2,800 copies is a terrific job, but we can do it if you really want it.

The families of prisoners of war should by all means try to keep the files complete for when the boys come home. To date we have taken off the mailing list about 100 names because the recipients were killed in action or are missing or have been taken prisoner.

The service men have been generous in their contributions in support of the **News Letter**, and they insist that it should continue. Contributions are always helpful and welcome, and they help us to keep up the quality of our service. Thanks. LCP.

EL PALENQUE REACTIVATED

San Diego State College's literary magazine, **El Palenque**, will appear again in the spring of 1945 after a dormancy period of three years because of the war. As usual it will carry both prose and poetry.

A special feature of reactivated **El Palenque** will be a section for contributions from the **Aztecs in Service** thus affording an outlet for products of a literary nature from our **Fighting Aztecs**. No deadline has been set as yet, but it will probably be earlier than you think, so men and women of the armed forces, write down some of those things you have been thinking about and mail them with your names, and years of attendance or years of graduation to:

Phyllis Kefalas, Editor,
El Palenque,
San Diego State College,
San Diego 5, Calif.

Lt. George Forbes wrote from France: "I landed on D-day and this is what transpired: Early in the morning of August 15th a huge armada of vessels of all types approached the Riviera coast of France. In one of those boats, a beautiful troop carrier, was one **2nd Lt. George Forbes** by name, who was really sweating. Anyway, on deck of the carrier we watched the big naval guns belch forth. About 9:00 o'clock my CO who was white as a sheet about this time, ordered us down to get ready to land. We were all ready and waiting. About 2:00 they called us on deck and we waited some more. Then along came some LCI's and we boarded. Of course we had all been briefed as to our assembly area in case we were separated. Naturally we had to try out

our briefing and were separated; also all our briefing was on one certain beach on which, of course, we didn't land. Naturally the only thing for us to do was to get lost, which we promptly did. I was in the middle of a column, the Exec. Officer on the end, and we supposed the CO was up front. He wasn't—we were following a column of Infantry. I tucked the men in bed that night and went in search of the CO and found him sleeping on top of a booby trap. (I'll show you a picture when I get home.) The next day we were all safely together again and the booby trap disarmed. The following three days were spent on foot, and it was during these three days that we passed **Willard Wallace's** area.

"I have now seen a lot of France, but of course I am not in a position to fly to Paris as one **Lt. Devlin** is.

"Willard was right when he said they would give him drinks when he passed through towns, only Willard should have gone further inland. Actually in the central part of France the people were giving us food. We would have a pot of coffee on the stove all day, and the people flocked for miles around to get a cup of good hot coffee. There were only five of us and we didn't eat a one GI ration. We lived on eggs, chickens, ducks, fruits, vegetables, butter, bread, cheese, and all types of wines and liquors."

Pfc. Albert V. Mayrhofer wrote from the Aleutians:

"Bill Nield is no longer with us. All I can say about him is that he is stationed at another post. The **Aztec News Letter** is the prize package up here. It was the prime topic in many of our bull sessions."

Ens. T. G. English wrote from the LCT in the South Pacific:

"We are on the grocery run, we keep the doggies well supplied with 'K's' and spam, we also haul bombs and gasoline and might be what one would call the mules of the Solomons area. I take it now you are convinced we have seen no action and as far as I can see, none is in sight. The Australians have taken over this area so our boys are moving on. Where, is a secret; but one could easily speculate. Yes, the LCT's, or the royal sons of beaches as we refer to them, will remain here as the scarcity of docks is obvious in this area. Ran into **Aubrey Thompson**. He was in New Caledonia."

T/4 Mabel L. Messner is in New Guinea serving with the **WAC** and having quite a time according to a published letter that she wrote recently. She is expecting to come back with a New Guinea tan and minus "a few pounds."

F/O James Willard Wallace wrote from England:

"I've been fortunate in seeing an awful lot of country over here lately. All my life, that is since I was able to read about these countries, I've wanted to see what they really looked like. So far I've only been disappointed in one, England. A short time ago I visited one of the cleanest countries I've seen so far, Holland. The windmills were there in all their glory yet not as plentiful as I had pictured them. The dogs pulling carts filled with milk were few though they did have a couple. After we had landed and organized to a degree we had one of the biggest treats we've had over here. The farmers nearby brought out fresh creamy milk to us. It was certainly delicious. The country there was very flat with small forests scattered about among the farms. All of the farms were well taken care of, containing carrots, turnips and such vegetables, apple trees, a few fields of alfalfa but usually the cattle fed on the grass that seemed to grow everywhere. Most of the trees, such as apples, were planted along the roadside leaving the fields open for vegetation of lower and less permanent plants. The homes were similar to our own. Usually they had large heavy superstructures and a sort of stucco siding with the large wooden beams showing. Quite a few of the homes had a second story larger than the lower one.

"All around the home were plants foreign to me. Most of them were quite colorful and heavily foliated. Most of the farms have the stables set apart from the home though a few have the two together. The well, near the house, has a long pole which serves as a fulcrum to another longer pole which has the bucket attached to it. All that's needed is to drop the bucket down then push the other end of the pole down and the bucket comes up full. This is the only place I've been in which the medical inspector said we could drink the water as it was. As a rule we have to put a purifying agent in before drinking.

"The cattle were beautiful looking beasts roaming in open fields near the farmhouse. They're mainly dairy cows. The people really wore their traditional wooden shoes. First, leather is extremely scarce and second, the ground is so soft the shoes we're used to would sink too deep. The women didn't have the white starched bonnets on in the country though in the city I saw a couple with them. They wear the full skirts and colorful blouses (our supply chutes are being turned into them now by many fortunate girls who grabbed them.) The men beyond sixteen years of age wore suits the same as we do at home though there were a few older men with the full baggy pants. I saw

very few of the cake box hats, most of them wore caps or top hats (no derbies). The boys older than sixteen wear knickers and the younger boys, under eight, wear shorts. An awful lot of the people are blonde with clear, fair skin. Most of the women are on the buxom side but very pleasing to look at.

"Well, to get on the road. First off, all main roads are raised about ten or fifteen feet above the surrounding ground. That's in case of flooding. Many of the highways are of asphalt though a lot of the older roads are of cobblestone. Most of the city streets are cobblestone. The roads prior to German occupation were lined on both sides with magnificent trees but the Germans have cut most of these down on roads out of the towns. We could have used them for cover quite nicely. As it was, the small bridge our unit was to guard blew up as we were landing. I guess the Germans knew we wanted it. We did hold the road and tried to rebuild our bridge but had to disband it because our reinforcements couldn't get through.

"Heading south we saw a lot of activity and met a lot of resistance until we got behind our tanks, then you could see all the men (very few in numbers) relax. On down the road you could see where our supporting forces met real action and at all these points the civilians were out confiscating any visible materials. They were all very happy, too happy and appreciative to remain in their homes in spite of the danger on the road. They had felt the Germans more than the French had and were even more grateful to us for helping them out. No one can understand the tortures that they've been compelled to accept without seeing the results. Photographs don't capture the true color and expression that is there. I'd better not go into that though; it's a long story and very hard to put down so it can be understood.

"Hope I've given a little idea what Holland looks like to me. It's a wonderful little country filled with some grand people. I hope their suffering will be over soon."

Lt. J. H. Blethen wrote from New Guinea:

"This makes my fourth separate trip and my 28th month of overseas duty. We are doing engineers work of every and all types. I am working hard, am as brown as I ever was after a summer at Mission Beach. Am getting a little beer now and anxiously waiting the all clear signal."

Anthony (Tugboat Tony) Ghio was reported to have been promoted from ensign to Lt. (jg). Other reports stated that Dick Mitchell and Darwin Flakoll

had been promoted on December 1. Those men were on the V-7 program at State College and were graduated early so that they could begin with a certain class at Northwestern University. The men are now scattered about all over the world, but the report is (totally unofficial) that they were promoted on December 1. The unofficial list includes: James Ahler, Harlow Bell, Donald Berg, Walter Borg, Haile Chace, Leslie Curt Clemmer, Richard Coburn, Donald DeLauer, Keith Dixon, William Downing, Donald Eidemiller, William Fitzgerald, Darwin Flakoll, Raymond Gellein, Anthony Ghio, Murl Gibson, John Hoff, Robert Menke, Richard Mitchell, Ed Moore, Leland Nicholas, Lee Packard, Sherwood Parker, Donald Newman, David Phair, Guilford Quade, Joseph Suozzo, Robert Thomas, Willard Trask, and Richard Woolley.

Two men who started with them but dropped to a different class and were commissioned a little later are Warren Tait and Fred Jennings. Practically every man named has seen a great deal of combat duty, and they have made a very enviable record. Most of them are on destroyers and landing craft, and two have been wounded—Bill Downing and Joe Seminario.

George H. Schillriff, RM1c, wrote from his ship in the Pacific:

"Since 1940 when I left State College I have served in both the European and the Pacific theaters, the majority of the time in the Pacific. This month brings my total of overseas time to 43 months. I was back twice but had no leave. I'm in my fourteenth month in this stretch. We have visited nearly every group of islands down here and took part in six invasions, or I believe they say 'liberations.'

First it was the Solomons, Guadalcanal—then New Britain, Hollandia, Guam, an island in the Halmahera Group, and then Leyte in the Philippines. We also reinforced the Admiralties. (Enclosed are five pieces of Jap money.)"

Lt. Richard Kenney who is a prisoner in Germany, American POW No. 1747, Stammlager Luft 3, Germany, has been getting a little mail through to his mother who is Mrs. J. P. Kenney of Coronado. Richard writes that they have a young cuckoo bird in camp. They are feeding it and keeping it out of reach of their cat so they can check it out in flying. Richard asked about the Dean's. No doubt he would have gotten the thrill of his life had he seen Bill Dean's pictures in Life and Time pictured as the leader of the fightingest outfit the Japs have seen in a long time. Bill Dean is Richard's brother-in-law.

Pfc. Fred C. Smith wrote from the Philippines:

"For my part they can keep the Philippines. We have been here since A-day and to my way of thinking, it's about time to get out of the mud and water. Since I have been on the island I received the October issue of the **News Letter** and was amazed to see the way the boys in OCS are complaining. I am sure we would have been only too glad to shelter and harbor the boy that was 'being beaten and starved to death in OCS, Inc.' We came on to the beach with the first wave, but we would have shared that one C ration we received on the third day with the OCS boys. Doc, tip the boys off that they are still having a picnic.

"We were by Lt. Jim Stubb's place but at the time I didn't know he was there."

Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Robert E. Ford have a new baby. Her name is Sharon, and she was born December 12th. Mrs. Ford is the former Rosemary Everett.

Maj. Harry W. Webster, Phi Lambda Xi, is at an air depot, APO, S. F.

Lt. C. Ray Harper wrote from the Philippines:

"I made a boat trip up here. The boat was sure swayed back and forth in the gentle sea. I would hate to be on it during a storm because I am no sea dog. I'll stick to the air.

"We are using coconut trees to tie the corner ropes of our tents to. This country sure is damp. I have some leather articles up off the floor which get moldy in no time at all. All clothes have to be aired at least once a week.

"We still have at least two air raids almost every night. The moon is almost full now so we can expect more air raids."

Capt. Archie Warren Chatterley is in Stalag Luft I, according to a letter received from his mother, Mrs. L. E. Chatterley of 1036 Bush St., San Diego. The new camp is near Barth, Germany, and is near the sea. With him is Lt. Roy E. Guy who is a graduate of San Diego High. Warren's address is:

Capt. Archie Warren Chatterley
U. S. Prisoner of War No. 3896,
Stalag Luft I (Via Stalag Luft III)
Germany
Via New York, N. Y.

Marion Bowler attended the Women's National Aeronautical Association convention in Oklahoma City and came home as vice-president of the organization. She also attended the sessions of the national clinic of domes-

tic aviation planning in which 1,500 men and women participated in post-war planning for development and expansion of aviation. They are planning on having a women's aviation magazine, and air-minded women are joining the WNAA.

Jeanne Robbins Rice wrote from San Diego:

"For a year and a half I have been enjoying the **Aztec News Letter**. Now I am leaving the service ('tis not my own wish, I assure you, but the Army feels there are enough returned combat pilots to take our place). It is only right but it is with great sorrow that we WASPs are leaving flying! I am returning to San Diego to continue my studies at San Diego State College.

"My husband, Capt. T. R. Rice, is now stationed in Netherlands East Indies as C.O. of a supply and maintenance company."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Crosby H. Milne, AM/1c is out at Oahu in an A & R Dept. ☆ Cpl. Robt. W. Mossholder is with a bombing outfit at Saipan. ☆ Lt. Fred Norris is with the ATC in North Africa. ☆ Cand. Thomas D. Hart is at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., taking training in Chemical Warfare. ☆ Mid'n. Herman N. Froehlich is at Tower Hall, Tower Court, Chicago. ☆ Lt. (jg) Robert B. Barth is overseas, FPO, San Francisco. ☆ John L. Estep, S1/c is at USNTC, Great Lakes, Ill. ☆ S/Sgt. W. B. Limpus is at Fort McDowell, Calif. ☆ Ens. C. Richard St. John is engineering officer of a torpedo squadron. He probably is overseas in the Pacific now. ☆ James E. Floto, S2/c, is stationed at the Naval Hospital at Farragut, Idaho. ☆ Pvt. D. A. Floto is with an engineering outfit at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Lt. Kenneth Hendron returned home after about 48 months of overseas service. He had left with the old 251st.

Ens. Nord Whited came home after having taken part in the invasion of the Philippines as a fighter pilot. He was given credit for sinking a Jap ship with two 250-pound bombs.

Lt. Col. Robert C. Cozens wrote from 3390 Martha Curtis Dr., Alexandria, Va.:

"Just got back a few hours ago from a very nice visit with Dan Fitzek and Garold Spitler at Quonset Point, Rhode Island. They both look fine—I guess the New England climate agrees with them. Spitler keeps the boys in shape physically and Fitzek is teaching them the fine points of flying. We really had

a swell visit, and we covered our last years at **State College** with zest.

"About a week ago we had a short visit with Lt. and Mrs. Bower Forbes. They stopped over in Washington for a few hours on their way to Ashville, S. C. They are both looking fine, and we enjoyed our visit with them immensely.

"I was very happily surprised a few weeks ago when you should walk into the office but Capt. (Dr.) Franklin Walker. I certainly enjoyed seeing him (minus the goatee, by the way), and I hope to get out to Wright Field to visit with him again.

"I see Capt. Chuck Kerch often—in fact we get together for a party or a dance or dinner quite often. Also see Col. J. P. Bell quite often as our offices are only a few doors separated.

"Can you tell me if Dr. Richardson is still in Washington? I saw him when I was just back from England, but since then I have lost his address and do not know how to contact him.

"My work here is quite interesting, but I don't get as much flying time as I would like to.

"Pat and Robby send their best."

Dr. Robert W. Richardson is at 1960 Biltmore NW, Washington. He is still there and will you give him my regards when you see him, LCP.

Ens. Phil A. Bulot wrote from San Francisco:

"Strange how many Aztecs in this war seems to be following in your footsteps. Picture this scene: An old 1919 can resting in San Diego Harbor from 1922-1940 all greased up, in a nest of cans. In 1940 they take said can, convert it to a destroyer mine sweeper and send it on its way. The moral, if any, to this story is I've been assigned to a DMS whose history roughly follows the above."

Lt. Zedler Cupples wrote from Germany:

"The war has brought me to many interesting parts of the world. I had always wanted to see England, France, Belgium, and Germany. I feel honored that I have a share in keeping the existing conditions here away from the good old U.S.A."

Lt. Douglas A. Faulkner is first pilot of a B-24 in the Netherlands East Indies. He has completed a considerable number of bombing missions.

Here is the address of an Aztec who was previously reported a prisoner of war:

2nd Lt. William Lansill, Prisoner of War No. 4419, Stalag Luft III, Stalag Luft I, Germany. (Note: There is no limit on the number of letters a POW may receive. LCP).

Lt. Donald B. Smith wrote from China:

"The same poverty which crushes and demoralizes the peasant of India leaves the Chinese unshaken. Out here we often feel we are living in another world, fighting another war. The emphasis on plans for celebrating V-Day back in the states following the collapse of Germany has earned for our particular sector of World War II the title of 'The Forgotten Front'. Even the Hollywood stars who start out this way to give their all for the boys consistently run out of their commitments because they find CBI land both unpleasant and unglamorous. This isolation from the American soil and the American mind, coupled with a confusion of idealogies, sometimes finds us questioning our most fundamental convictions.

"The Japanese ground forces are on the offensive everywhere in China. These are mainly the problems of the Chinese Army, however. The Japanese Air Force, our main pre-occupation, has not been too impressive in our sector as yet. Occasional air raids keep us on the alert, but Radio Tokyo's claims of having rendered powerless most of the American air bases in China is something more than an overstatement—their theory seems to be that if they say a thing enough, that will somehow miraculously make it so.

"Strange little incidents in our relationships with the local population help to alleviate the monotony. For example, I was in a neighboring town the other evening when I chanced to meet an old fellow who introduced himself with a warm hand and smile, saying in Charlie Chan-like accents, 'I am Harry Chow. I come from Chicago. Can I help you? It so happened at the moment he could, as I was engaging in a mutually unintelligible conversation with a group of non-English speaking Chinese actors when he arrived on the scene. At the conclusion of this somewhat improved tete-a-tete in which the amazing old gentleman from Chicago served as interpreter (and to a certain extent, misinterpreter), he offered to accompany me to dinner. As Mr. Chow promised to offer an interesting character study, I readily complied. However, we had scarcely gone a block when Mr. Chow, from Chicago, stopped, giving me one of the warm hand shakes and warmer smiles which preceded each of his sallies into conversational English, and said, 'Goodby'. A little taken aback I gave him a startled, 'What?'. He repeated the smile and handshake, saying 'Japanese come now. Goodby'. Withdrawing my dazed stare from the retreating figure of Mr. Chow, I noticed for the first time a tremendous hustle and bustle in the street . . . after the all clear was sounded a horde of weary Chinese spent most of the remainder of the night reversing their earlier exodus into the rice

paddies surrounding the city.

"Note for the English Department: a chap who identified himself in very garbled English as a teacher of English literature told me that he enjoyed Steinbeck's 'The Wrath of the Grapes' very much."

Sgt. Charles P. Bradley wrote from his fighter squadron in Belgium.

"Have moved up from France into Belgium. Am now assigned to a P-38 squadron, one of the best units in the ETO with a very good combat record.

"Plenty of rain and mud here. That makes that much less work for photo men like myself.

"Can you tell me whether there are any other **Aztecs** up here in Belgium? I am trying to contact **Lt. Gordon McKervey** in Germany for a visit sometime."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Robert F. Pond, A. S. is at Cornell at Ithaca, New York, along with **W. R. Williams**. ☆ **Lt. Allen C. Dale** is ground officer with a sqdn. of P-61s somewhere in the Pacific. ☆ **Ens. William Z. Bock** is in the Chemical Warfare School, Edgewood Arsenal, Edgewood, Md. ☆ **Lt. Col. W. H. McKinley** was at Fort Hamilton, New York but is probably overseas by now. ☆ **Ens. Russell S. Litchfield** is at Room 301, B.O., NAS, Ft. Lauderdale, Flo. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Robert J. Noel** is with a squadron, FPO, N.Y. ☆ **Ens. James L. Hannah** is on a landing craft somewhere in the Pacific. ☆ **G. M. Thompson, ARM 3/c** is with a squadron somewhere in the Pacific and also in his squadron is **Lt. William Harshaw**.

Lt. Col. G. L. Orth, (MC) USA, who specialized in tropical diseases after leaving State College, is in full charge of malaria control with **Gen. MacArthur's** party in the Philippines.

Sgt. Allison B. Lutterman, USMC, wrote from the Pacific, probably Palau: "Doc, what kind of course are we going to be able to take to fit one for teaching in high school? Will any allowances be made for our service, eliminating physical culture and some of the orientation courses? In other words, will the course be streamlined to such an extent that we will not have lost too much time over here? There are a lot of questions in the minds of the fellows over here who plan to go back to school. So far Yale is the only school I know of that has come out with a definite program for **G. I. Joes**. I just wondered if other schools were planning to follow suit, particularly our Alma Mammy." (I believe the brochure answers some of your questions. Other answers are in the personal letter. From

time to time we will try to give you still more information through the **News Letter**. LCP).

Pfc John Ono, '39, wrote from France:

"The other day I was over shooting the breeze with **S/Sgt. Masoto Nakagawa** and ran across a copy of the **News Letter**. It was really fun going through it because so many of the names were familiar. Would you be so kind as to put me on your mailing list?

"By the way, what do you mean by a **Snow Job**? Recently we had a **Snow Job** or rather a Job in the Snow. Would kind of like to see how it differed from yours.

"This traveling around over here should give me some credit in applied Geography of the Mediterranean Area." (The term **Snow Job** is perhaps best defined by a question that one sometimes hears even when the air temperature is rather high, "What kind of a **Snow Job** do you think you are handing me?" We call our unofficial lecture series by returning heroes our **Snow Job** series.

But sometimes I think the term is a misnomer for the series because the fellows are so modest—far more modest than I was after the other war. LCP).

Sgt. R. L. Walker wrote from his fighter squadron in France:

"My mother sent me a clipping about **Dick Rash** telling of his escape from his damaged plane and rescue under fire of Jap shore batteries.

"We went through Southern France and saw some very lovely country, much more pleasant country than in Italy and Africa. The people are so much more friendly and cleaner than the Italians."

Lt. Al Reisweber wrote from Townsville, Australia:

"I am just a pilot for the Sack Time Airlines of the ATC. I was stationed in New Guinea for a while and I can't say very much in its favor. Am looking forward to a trip to the Philippines some day.

"Whatever happened to **Bill Taylor** and **Lee Gordon**?

"I have met quite a few Aussie girls and I'll still take '**Monty's Daughters**.' Most of the girls over here just manage to finish high school and then go right to work."

A news item carried a picture showing **S/Sgt. William H. Thompson** doing some instructing in gunnery for crews of B-17s in England. As previously announced, **Sgt. Thompson** has been awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Jack O. Waller, Y2c wrote from his YMS in the Pacific:

"I can't tell you where we operate, but shouldn't wonder if your omnipresent guessing powers should hit upon it. An **Aztec, Lt. (jg) Mangus Tate**, is on a partner ship, and was good enough to come across the dividing gang plank and say 'hello' one day. We had not previously been acquainted. I thought I saw **Ens. Dick Mitchell** from a distance one day, but might have been wrong. Am looking forward, if I ever get enough liberty, to look up **Cpl. Isidore Schwartz**, who was a young man of literary appreciations. Also an attractive lady whom he mentioned in his published letter. Do you unravel me?

"Most interesting letter I've read from my standpoint is the one from **Lt. Ken Bojens**, describing the hardships of YMS life in the areas where the going is really tough. So far I've nothing to bitch about. Without venturing too far I may say that Mr. Bojens has found a dock to throw his line around, and also some liberty, such as it is. I was never so fortunate as to meet him personally, although I well remember his writing, but he is known to our officers. A swell fellow, from all accounts, and one who has not exaggerated the beating he has taken aboard his splinter craft."

Mrs. R. L. Harris (Kathleen Bagby) wrote from 1 Winchester Street, Brookline, Mass.:

"My husband, **Lt. Roderick L. Harris**, has been out of the hospital for three months now, after being in for three and a half months. He is doing radio research work at General Radio Company at Cambridge.

Frank Diamond, MM1c came in, and he and his wife are in Norfolk, Va. Their address is 431 W. 35th Street, Apt. 1, Norfolk, Va. Frank lost a few pounds and got a good tan in France.

"Several **Aztecs** dropped over to see us: **Jim Hannah, Virgie Kibbey** and her husband, **Bob Hatch**."

Lt. Robert Russell coaches the Chico Flyers basketball team of Chico AAF. Bob also plays guard and has a strong schedule lined up. Should any of you happen to be near Chico, just drop by and see if **Mrs. Russell** is really as good a cook as Bob says she is. LCP.

Ens. L. Curtis Clemmer wrote from his carrier in the Pacific:

"Doc, I have noticed in your **News Letters** you have given special attention to the boys that herd those box cars around over Germany. I don't know just what the situation is over in Germany but I can assure you those carrier pilots deserve a lot of credit. In my opinion they have a tough job, if not

one of the toughest jobs there is. Believe you me, when they do their job they do it up with all the trimmings.

"I don't know much printable news to write, but if you watch the paper's and Life Magazine you can just about guess where I am." (**Curt**, the censor made a sieve out of your letter, but we know where you are, at least we know where you were a few months ago. I'll be watching the newspapers with interest for the next big show. LCP).

Lt. Leslie T. Brock is overseas as a bombardier and navigator on a B-26. His sister, **Pvt. Audrey L. Brock**, is at Station Hospital (Sick and Wounded Office) Bolling Field, D. C.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Pvt. Robert Berman is at Camp Shelby, Miss. ☆ **R. W. Melton, SIC.**, is in RM School, USNTC, San Diego. ☆ **Wm. R. Williams, A. S.**, is in Mdn. School, Cornell University. ☆ **Pvt. Owen (Pete) Hansen** is with a Base Unit, ATC, in China. ☆ **Lt. William Harshaw, USNR**, is with a squadron in the Pacific. ☆ **Capt. C. W. Snider** is still overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ **Lt. Otis L. Pemberton** is still at Williams Field, Arizona. ☆ **Joseph Sharpe, CMM**, is at Columbus BOQ, Miami, Fla. ☆ **Sgt. L. S. Harder** is at MacDill Field, Fla. ☆ **Lt. Paul A. Dehnel, USMCR**, has a new address in the Pacific. ☆ **Cpl. John F. Couvrette** is still in Netherlands East Indies. ☆ **Cpl. Sam N. Woodhouse** sent his Merry Christmas from the Russell Islands. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Alexander J. Goldie** is back at 4166 Bedford Dr., San Diego. ☆ **Lt. Walter Harrington** sent his Canadian V-Mail card from the MTO. (Walter, I could almost read it. I was awfully glad to hear from you, but I can't say much for your V-Mail department. Write me a long letter. LCP).

Capt. and Mrs. Thomas N. Chavis sent their Christmas greeting from 1559 Pensacola Street, Honolulu, T. H.

Sgt. Charles P. Bradley wrote from France:

"Have been overseas two months, and one month of that was spent in France. I was up to Nancy recently but didn't see any **Aztecs**."

Lt. Roy J. Grimse filmed a complete record of the capture of one of the Palau islands and the speedy construction of an airbase on that jungle island. Riding in with the assault forces, Grimse and his men photographed all phases of the battle. They then mounted their cameras on jeeps and bulldozers to film the work of the AAF

aviation engineers in hacking out the airstrip. He had several narrow escapes from sniper's bullets and he was thrown from a half track when it hit a land mine.

Lt. (jg) Jim V. Hallahan wrote from his DE in the Pacific:

"We were in on the invasion of the Philippines at Leyte Gulf. Things were pretty hot for several days, but we have things fairly well under control now.

"From here we can view Leyte and Samar, and I don't think they have the thick jungle growth that the other islands have out here.

"Saw **Bob Menke** and **Squirt Wilson** about ten days before the invasion. Haven't seen them since."

Lt. Thomas H. Greer wrote from 2249 Sixth Ave., Fort Worth, Texas:

"A few weeks ago the pre-flight school at Santa Ana was deactivated. At about the same time I was requested to come to Fort Worth as Historical Officer for the AAF Training Command. So I have moved out of educational administration into a history writing job. All for the Army!

"We are all growing mighty anxious to see the war ended but there is quite a long road ahead. I am sure you are all holding things together for us at State.

"I'll certainly enjoy seeing the next **News Letter**. I've never failed to enjoy one yet. Best regards to **Leonard, Nasatir**, both **Petersons** and all my other friends and colleagues. Good luck and carry on!"

Capt. John R. Clark wrote from Germany:

"Am still communications officer in a heavy artillery outfit. At present have about 200 miles of wire out to various installations, and with front line shelling and bombing and tanks continually around, it is an all day (and night) job to keep it in.

"Landed in France the first week and have been in Germany for over two months now. Have fortunately been in shelters since in Germany, but existed in fox holes for a long time. Enjoy comparing what we have what others don't and visa versa, in the **News Letter**. Have had one USO show (Dinah Shore) but have a movie about once a week."

Ens. Mary W. Varnado wrote from Room 308, Federal Building, San Francisco:

"My work is with the Merchant Marines and is very interesting and fast moving. While at Northampton I was surprised to see **Ens. Sue Ahn** in a film made by WAVES on Health for WAVES."

Lt. John Rollin Watson wrote his mother from somewhere in the Pacific telling of how the men who have been overseas for a long time get news from the States from the new men:

"Most of the men were in infantry organizations that had been in the bush for a long time. (Bush is jungle and operations.) At first their questions were very specific: 'When was the last time you were in Chicago?', etc., etc. My traveling around the States gave me a fairly good coverage, and I could describe many of the places that they were interested in. Then they started asking about rationing and wartime restrictions, how the war has affected the civilians—how do most civilians feel about the war—and a thousand other questions. But I was really floored—stopped, as it were—when a really young man that looked and acted fifteen years older than he actually was, asked me, 'How do these women in uniform really look and act?' As I said I was stopped. These men had never seen a WAC or WAVE or what have you—they left the States before then. So I tried to give my opinion. After giving them a general live description—by that I mean spoken in their language and not written in a letter or magazine or heard over a short-wave radio—they were impressed, but had to see it themselves.

"They were actually so attentive and courteous in their asking that how in heck could a man refuse—honest! Another digression courtesy around here was no relation to civilian courtesy in this respect. Those men have been away from anything other than the military for so long that their entire outlook has been completely changed. I believe that that is one reason why returning service men have been, and you must admit that they are, grossly misunderstood. Everything that they do is of a military nature.

"So after a while I started thinking of some of the things that I knew of that they would be confronted with. I started explaining various short-cuts and pitfalls that would help or harm some of the big plans they'd made, and I actually saw one man writing down one of the ways of getting extra gas without the aid of black market—legal like.

"I don't know how to explain the feeling it gave me to see those eager old faces of young men. Battleweariness has made them old."

Mrs. R. P. Newsom of 1404 Golden Gate Dr., San Diego, wrote that her son **Robert S. Newsom, USMC**, who is a prisoner of the Japanese, has been transferred from the Philippines to Osaka Camp in Japan:

"I have not heard from **Bob** since March so I was happy to get news of

him, but I am very much grieved about him being taken to Japan. I was in hopes the Philippines would soon fall and he would soon be coming home, but all we can do is to hope and pray that this war will soon be over.

"I thank you so much for the **Aztec News Letter** you send me, and I hope before long **Bob** will be home to read them. He sure will be happy to have them, and I thank you again."

Lt. Robert L. Chase (brother of the famous **Lionel Chase** who doesn't write anymore) wrote from Oahu saying that he had run across **Capt. George Farina** a few weeks ago at Wakiki.

"When it rains out here the local Chamber of Commerce remarks: 'That ain't rain, its pineapple juice worth 80 points per can back on the mainland'."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Ens. William T. Gillis is on an APA in the Pacific. ☆ **T/5 I. W. Lyons** has a new address, APO, New York. ☆ **Cpl. Ted Withall** is at Delhart, Texas, where he has seen **Lt. Lionel Chase**. ☆ **Pvt. Arland Phelps** is up at Camp Roberts, Calif. ☆ **Lt. Bert A. Betts** is up at VAAF, Victorville, Calif. ☆ **Lt. Bill K. Bramble** is at Mather Field, Calif. ☆ **Sgt. Lloyd C. Goodell** is with an MP Det. in Los Angeles. ☆ **Lt. Richard C. Booth** is at Lowry Field, Colo. ☆ **Ens. Vernon G. Rivers** is on a ship, FPO, San Francisco. ☆ **Lt. Ellis Evers** is at 609 Smith Ave., Lansing, Mich. ☆ **A/C Bruce Nordahl** is at HAAFNS, Hondo, Texas. ☆ **Pfc. Charles M. Snell** is at San Louis Obispo, Calif. ☆ **1st Lt. Eugene J. Bowman** is overseas, APO, New York. ☆ **Lt. (jg) J. V. Couche** is on a ship, FPO, New York. ☆ **Pvt. Howard R. Schwitkis** is overseas, APO, New York.

S/Sgt. Robert E. Grice wrote from England:

"While wandering over France I was able to see a great amount of the country, and although it has much potential beauty, there certainly is not such to be admired about the place now. Here in England it is much different, because there is not the devastation, confusion, and general upheaval.

"I was hoping that in all my travelling over France I would surely run into a few of the **Aztecs**, but such was not my good fortune. I never saw a soul that I know, other than a few fellows that I once knew in an infantry outfit that I was in a couple of years ago. Then upon returning to England, I travelled almost the length and breadth of the place, visiting such cities as Liverpool, Oxford, Birmingham, Manchester, Chester, Bristol, Southampton, and London—and still no **Aztecs** did

I see! Guess our paths are just not intended to cross.

"I spent about a week in London, which was a most enjoyable week indeed. I saw all of the famous sights that I possibly could, such as Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace (I even saw the King and Queen in a limousine there one day). Big Ben, London Bridge, Piccadilly Circus, Hyde Park, Trafalgar Square, etc.)

"The one thing that hurt me most was the fact that while in France, my camera was broken. About a week ago I happened upon a camera shop that had one in stock that uses the same size film as my old one used. Since I had quite a good supply of film, I grabbed the camera up but quick. Now if I could only retrace my steps so I could get all of those pictures I was forced to miss."

Ens. Harlow Bell, one of the 33 ensigns who graduated last year from Northwestern paid us a visit. He had been in the softening up of the Philippines just prior to the invasion. While out there he had seen **Curt Clemmer**, **Lee Nichols** and **Tony Ghio**. Harlow was also in the Marianas and Palau campaigns, but the most important thing is that the Bells have a son, **Harlow Clark Jr.** Mrs. Bell is the former **Audrey Mair**.

CWO Ralph and Mrs. Ellis have a new daughter, **Barbara Ann**, born September 27 in Pasadena. Ralph is in Germany and hopes to see Barbara Ann before she grows up.

Pfc. Mildred M. Durham visited the campus while on a 15-day leave. She is at Hq. of the 2nd Air Force, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Ens. Alvord Estep who has made a great many assault landings with his old destroyer came home on a visit. Apparently they have seen quite a lot of action. **Lt. (jg) Leon (Ace) Carver** is on another destroyer and has had a similar experience. While out in the Pacific Alvord saw **Ens. Harry LeBarron**.

Pvt. Betty Walker, is with a WAC Det. at Kennedy Gen. Hospital, Memphis, Tenn. where she is doing work in Occupational Therapy. While at Fort Des Moines she saw **Mercedes Holtsford** and **Pvt. Hadahar Domnitz**.

Lt. Comdr. Meinard A. Schur, USN, died unexpectedly here recently. His wife who was a **State College** student, should be known to all San Diegans because of her great work in monitoring short-wave broadcasts from Japan concerning prisoners of war.

AZTEC PRISONERS OF WAR

who are in Germany were the basis of a feature story printed in the **San Diego Union** on December 6. Should any of you have more information about our prisoners we would appreciate hearing from you. Undoubtedly there are others about whom the **News Letter** has no information. Perhaps we could run other similar features since that one brought so much immediate response.

And thanks to **Bill Adair**, former **State College** student and ex-Marine, for writing the fine story! LCP.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Ens. **Don M. Berg** is on a different LST in England. ☆ **Pvt. Jack R. McVeigh** is at Fort Bragg, N. C. ☆ **Lt. (jg) J. E. Meltzer** is at an NOB, FPO, San Francisco. ☆ **Lt. Arthur J. Porter** who has been overseas is at HAAF, Harlingen, Texas. ☆ **Lt (jg) William H. Looney** is with a night patrol squadron in the Central Pacific, an outfit that has been highly commended for its operations. ☆ **T/5 M. D. Magnusson** is in the 247th AGF Band at Camp Livingston, La. ☆ **Lt. Jack C. Garoutte** is with a bomber outfit in the MTO. ☆ **Lt. Howard Lawrence Grimmell**, USN, is overseas for the second time. ☆ **Pfc. George Franovich** is at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. ☆ **Cand. Alfred L. Pohl** is in OCR at Ft. Belvoir, Va. ☆ **Lt. John T. Redelings** is at Kearns, Utah.

Pfc. Richard H. Thomas is at Camp Bowie, Texas. ☆ **Pvt. Hubert Poirier**, USMCR, is still at Callaghan Hall, Berkeley. ☆ **Capt. Robert P. Durbin** is still in France. ☆ **Sgt. L. S. Harder** is at McDill Field, Fla. ☆ **Jim Newell** is at USMSOS, Alameda, Calif. ☆ **Lt. Gordan H. Lee** is in North Africa. ☆ **1st Lt. George Robert Loveall**, MC, is at a station hospital, APO, San Francisco. ☆ **Clinton R. Gooding**, T/5 is overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ **Lt. Comdr. E. B. McLean**, (MC) USNR, is on a CVE, FPO, N. Y. ☆ **Lt. J. R. Walton**, USMCR, is at Quantico, Va.

Pfc Joseph O. Mount wrote from France to **Dr. Harwood**:

"Just got rid of a rich 'Mauldin' growth with the exception of a struggling **Van Dyke** and upper. Had a test tube bath and the first change of my long-johns in three weeks, and a wonderful night's sleep. As soon as my four front teeth grow firm again I'll be ready for more of the snow, mud and rain of France."

Lt. J. A. Muelchi wrote from North Burma:

"I finally got my old job back. Marched my Chinese outfit up the Ledo Road and down into the valley of action and then some one recognized my talents

(I did help them a bit, I must say) and so I'm back here. Have been sponging off of a local outfit for flying time. The old man gave me seven days to do anything I cared to, but he made it a point that I should utilize it by brushing up on flying. He has procured a pair of cubs and I'm to be pilot, observer, and adjuster for a corps artillery outfit.

"As coincidence would have it, I'll be under my first Stateside CO. He was my most loyal supporter when I had that crackup back at Camp Shelby, Miss. It's a mighty fine feeling to be in the old cockpit again and cruise around the tree tops in the little Grasshopper. The best feeling of all is to get away from the Chinese. I can relax now and get a decent night's sleep. They have stickier fingers than a bear cub in a molasses barrel.

"I think the best part is getting away from the Gombie parties. The only spiritus alcoholus obtainable in this reigon is rice wine. You will never encounter a rougher drink than it. Any favorable incident calls for a party and they really lay it into the American Liaison Group. You can't help but get a little under the weather. The after affects are enough to make a reformer out of **W. C. Fields**. It's two days of a pounding head, a turbulent stomach and weak knees.

"Went on a little hunting expedition yesterday. Bagged two eight pound peacocks. It is the most delicious game bird I've ever eaten. They range all the way up to 15 pounds, so they tell me, and they are far tastier than turkey. If the drive in this sector keeps up its momentum, it shouldn't be a month or so before we will have one of the best stocked forest reserves in the world. It's just over the Irrawaddy River near the forward area now. In peace time world famous hunters used to pay ransom figures for the privilege of a week's safari. Peacocks were the main attraction but animals and other fowl can be had. I hope my new outfit joins that drive, but it will just be my luck to wind up heading for China."

Maj. Bryant Kearney sent his twentieth edition of his own personal **News Letter** from Panama. He described a Chinese relief dance and their Rice Bowl queen.

Capt. H. J. Elfring wrote from the Pacific, probably Bouganville:

"I have returned to my old outfit after 30-day leave in the states. I had a swell time in San Francisco waiting for a boat after my short visit with you in September. Saw **Lt. Col. John V. Long**, my old CO, and **Lt. Donnett**. The boat ride back was on a peace time luxury liner. On the ship were WACS,

Army Nurses, and Red Cross gals—lots of them.

"Most of the fellows think I was crazy for not going home on Rotation but I think everything will turn out for the best. Our big job is finally coming our way and even though all the old original boys are home, I think soon they will wish they were back, except for the lucky ones like **Maj. Rodney** that are getting out. Someday I'll return to **State College**, I hope."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

E. E. Crump, Sm2c is with the armed guard, FPO, New Orleans. ☆ **Pvt. D. W. Robison** is overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ **O. Hugo Jenkins**, S2c, is at ATB, Camp Bedford, Va. ☆ **Pvt. J. M. Doyle** is at DAAF, Douglas, Ariz. ☆ **Lt. R. C. Booth** is at Lowry Field, Colo. ☆ **Pfc. Jack C. McCarthy** is at Fort George G. Meade, Md. ☆ **Sgt. Robin B. Brown** is overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ **Capt. Elmer Lowry** is at Ft. Benning, Ga. ☆ **Lt. George R. Dall** is with a bombing outfit, APO, San Francisco. ☆ **Leslie D. Nielsen**, RM3c, is overseas, FPO, San Francisco. ☆ **A/C E. A. O'Malley** is at Selman Field, Monroe, La. ☆ **John Manos**, S2c, is at USNTS, San Diego.

Midn. R. D. Ryberg, Delta Pi Beta, sent a nice card from Cornell University. ☆ **Pfc. S. W. Smith** sent his card from New Guinea. ☆ **Pvt. Maurice J. Kahan** is still with an Evacuation Hospital in the Pacific. ☆ **Lt. Robert C. James** is still with his weather squadron in the Pacific. ☆ **Lt. Laurence R. Devlin** is still in France. ☆ **Sgt. Charles Cannon** is still in the Pacific area. ☆ **Lt. Claude O. Roberts** came back from the Philippines. ☆ **Pvt. Fletcher B. Maddox** is at Parris Island, S. C., and so are **Denzil Walden** and **Marvin Liker**.

Lt. J. Bert McLees, USNR is at sea on a DE somewhere in the Pacific.

Sgt. William Bruce (Toar) Hollenbeck wrote from the Pacific:

"I am at a central Pacific base doing communications maintenance work in the Air Force. This island is close to the equator and the weather is warm."

Ferne Downes wrote to **Miss Deborah Smith**, APO, N. Y.:

"I've been traveling with USO for almost two years. Covered about thirty states in the US, then Canada, Newfoundland and the South Pacific. So far in the European Theater, I've been to Scotland, Ireland and England."

1st Lt. John Fitch who is in France, is the father of a new son. Mrs. Fitch is the former **Arline Ley**.

Lt. Dennis Chavis wrote from Belgium:

"I am writing to the tune of buzz bombs sailing overhead. Kinda gives you the creeps when you hear them because you can never tell when the old fires will go out. You might find one landing in your lap.

"Was up in Holland for quite some time. Our company gave medical support to the air borne invasion. No we didn't jump with them but we moved up from here on their second D-day. The boys really had tough going."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Cand. A. J. McCutcheon is in OCS at Ft. Belvoir, Va. ☆ Lt. Curtis Hillyer is at the Naval Magazine, Port Chicago, Calif. ☆ John J. Doris, Phm 3c is at the USNT and Dist. Center, Shoemaker, Calif. ☆ Ens. John Frazer is overseas, FPO, San Francisco. ☆ Pvt. Jim Woodward is at Keesler Field, Miss. ☆ A/T Charles Blackburn is at CAAF, Columbus, Mo. ☆ Capt. Charles K. Holliday is still with his Searchlight outfit at Ft. Bliss, Tex. ☆ Ens. Marold Isham is overseas, FPO, San Francisco. ☆ Cpl. Pedro Cruz Siguenza is at Quantico, Va. ☆ Cpl. Darrell Shryock is at OAAF, Ontario, Calif. ☆ T/Sgt. F. William Thomas is overseas, probably in France. ☆ Maj. Thomas F. McKeller is at CAAB, Charleston, S. C. ☆ Lt. Wayne Chambers is at the Boca Raton Club, Boca Raton, Fla.

Glen P. Doughty, T/4, is overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ Lt. Charles R. Foust is at Lemoore, Calif. ☆ Cpl. Robert W. Mossholder is overseas, APO, San Francisco. ☆ Cpl. Edward D. Augustus is at AAFBU, Indian Springs, Nev. ☆ A/C Allen Luce is at San Marcos, Texas. ☆ Pfc. Ernest H. Boldrick is in a photo outfit at GIAAF, Grand Island, Nebr. ☆ A/C Russell W. Lamoreaux is in a cadet regiment at Corpus Christi, Texas, where he sees Fred Rapp, Stan Cobb and Jack Buchanan. ☆ A/C Andrew C. Olson is at Lowry Field, Colo. ☆ Sgt. Vincent E. Sund is with a signal division SHAEF, on the continent. ☆ Pvt. Harry D. Woody is in France. ☆ Lt. Robert A. Riehle is at March Field, Calif. ☆ S/Sgt. Richard D. Langdon is overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ Pvt. Chester A. Hagman is overseas, APO, N. Y.

Lt. Marvin R. Walker, of the Holtville Walkers, was written up in **Stars and Stripes** when he had to pry a chunk of flak from his bomber after a mission over Germany.

Lt. and Mrs. Robert Halley have a new son born November 14th.

Lt. and Mrs. Earl L. Allison have a new son, Earl Daniel Allison, born November 4th. They are at La Junta, Colo.

Lt. W. P. Wyatt, USMCR, wrote from the South Pacific:

"Have read the latest **News Letter** at least ten times. Wish to correct Dick Rash on his letter concerning Lt. (jg) Jack Stalnaker. He is flying Torpedo Bombers rather than Dive Bombers of which I am rapidly finding myself an expendable component.

"Haven't run into any Delta Pi Betas out here yet, but have hopes for a post frat celebration before long. I've forwarded some clippings to Frank Cooke. He wrote Capt. Glen Curtiss is at Palm Springs, Calif., after 140 missions in China. Wally Isom got drafted. Mal Fertig is control tower operator in Las Vegas—all former Aztecs. This is probably old news by now, but you know how slow news is out here—that is, news one wants to hear.

"Keep the Letters coming LCP and I'll try and bring you a skull."

Lt. J. Pete Billon wrote from India: "Probably it won't be against regulations to tell you China's National Aviation Corporation's job—flying the Hump. That is a well known fact. The company has been in existence a very long time and originally established the route a long time ago.

"I don't know if there are any Aztecs over here but if there are, I hope that they look me up real soon at the CNAC's main offices and base.

"Received word that Paul Plaff is now on campus. He was my first and oldest friend on the Aztec Campus—and I would appreciate your passing on my regards to him. Say hello for me to him and also any other Phi Lambs you might see.

"Saw a very incredible sight not long ago. The population of this city in India is so large that every night a few thousands of the Indians die on the streets and are collected the next day—piled in ply-wood fashion with tears of wood and a layer of bodies and burned. It's really something to see.

"Please send my wife, the former editor of the Aztec who did a darn good job at it last semester—the former Jessie Winrow, the **News Letter**. I know that she will enjoy it considerably as do all Aztecs throughout the world. She is now finishing her senior year at Stanford University, majoring in Chemistry. Her address is: P. O. Box 1521, Stanford University, Calif.

Pvt. Arthur J. Sherman wrote from Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.

"Yes sir, it certainly is different than dear old Louisiana—where the people say 'hello' to you when they meet you on the street. Another thing I notice which is quite different, is the tempo of living. You know how it is down South—so slow, and peaceful like! But

up here everyone slams and bangs around as if their very life depended upon it. Maybe it does. At this time of the year, if a person stands still very long, he may become immobilized by the cold!

"How the V-12 has changed—that is, in personnel. When I was first transferred into this lash-up a year ago, the larger percentage of the fellows were directly from civilian life; now it is completely reversed and the largest percentage of the fellows have seen overseas duty—and what I mean some of these fellows are pretty darned salty!"

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Lt. (jg) James L. Dall is overseas, FPO, San Francisco. ☆ Lt. Alan Thomas is overseas, APO, San Francisco. ☆ Earl H. Miller, AM 1c, is overseas, FPO San Francisco. ☆ Herbert M. Foote, AOM 2c, is still on his big carrier, FPO, San Francisco. ☆ Lt. James E. Stubbs is still running Duffy's Tavern in the Admiralty Islands. ☆ Lt. (jg) A. C. Dildine is still overseas, FPO, San Francisco. ☆ T/Sgt. Willard C. Barbour is at the Utah ASF Depot, Ogden, Utah. ☆ Mid'n. R. L. Marshall is on the USS Prairie State, West 135th and North River, N. Y. ☆ James Dahl, S2c, USCG, is overseas, FPO, San Francisco. ☆ Lt. (jg) Charles Cassidy is on an APA, FPO, San Francisco. ☆ Sgt. Edward R. Lynch is with a bombing outfit probably in Italy. ☆ Lt. (jg) Stanley M. Mather is on a battleship on the Pacific. ☆ Ens. Harold E. Peterson is overseas, PFO, San Francisco. ☆ Tech Rep. William R. Merrill is with Southern Mediterranean Oil Fields Ltd. somewhere in the middle East.

Stu Worden, former Aztec fullback who is now at the University of Colorado, made the headlines with a 19-yard place kick to win a game over Denver, 16 to 14.

Ens. Keith L. Dixon wrote from Camp Bradford, NOB, Norfolk, Va.:

"They have me slated as 1st Lieutenant and Damage Control Officer on an LST."

Don I. Doreck, RT1c., is back from 14 months overseas duty wearing campaign bars with four battle stars. He was at Tarawa, Saipan, Kwajalein and Peleliu.

Lt. (jg) William R. Kruse wrote from his LST in England saying to quit sending him the **News Letter**—that he is on his way home. (That has happened before and ten months later the fellow showed up.

(When you get here, I'll tell you all about the G. I. Bill of Rights and refresher courses. LCP).

Cpl. E. L. Nicholson wrote from Assam, India:

"As far as other fellow **Aztecs** I have not run into any but I almost found **Don Shepard** and if he is still here please let me know. I sure would like to have a nice long chat with any one from State.

"In this letter I am enclosing a few shots of the towns and hills over this way and I hope that you like them. The only true thing I can say about India is the scenery is swell at a distance but up close it is dirty and full of diseases. Maybe one of these days I shall be able to get out of this country.

"At the present time I am working in a hospital laboratory and I like the work very much so this is one thing in my favor. I get to deal with many things that happen in the tropics."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

T/Sgt. **Harlan Sheldon Campbell** sent his Christmas greetings from France. ☆ **Pvt. Robert L. Cook** is overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ **Otto A. Hirr, Y1c**, is in Steno School, USNTC, Sampson, N. Y. ☆ **Bruce Clapp, A. S.**, is in New York on the USS *Prairie State*. ☆ **Ens. Davis M. Jeter** is with a bombing squadron, FPO, San Francisco. ☆ **Carleton C. Barker, CY**, is in the Personnel Office, USMSTS, St. Petersburg, Fla. ☆ **Capt. Lawrence Burke** is back at Davis-Monthan Field after going to school for a spell in Florida. ☆ **Pfc. Henri Jacot** sent an original V-Mail card such as only he could design. It was mailed in France. ☆ **Ens. Ben Hammer-schmidt** is still with his LCT in the Pacific. ☆ **A/C Harry R. Cattrell** is at Selman Field, Monroe, La., where he finds the weather so cold he has to wear long-johns. ☆ **Pvt. Joseph M. Hoyle** is at DAAF, Douglas, Ariz. ☆ **Ens. Walter R. Borg** is still on his destroyer in the Pacific.

Chaplain **Ralph R. Bailey** wrote from somewhere in Europe:

"Yesterday I asked a soldier if he had written a Christmas note to his family and friends back home, and herewith is his pithy summary of the situation: 'Don't rush me, Chaplain—it takes a bit of doing at the front this winter to get into what one hopes is the proper frame of mind!' So perhaps you would like to know what happened when I tried to stir up a holiday mood of my own before writing this letter to you.

"Two men were waiting in my small shelter, huddled with their backs to the wind. At the moment we were wet, and we were cold, and we were plastered with mud from head to foot. I noticed that when the big sergeant smiled, the dry mud in the laughter lines about his eyes would crumble and

fall, leaving a series of white rays fanning out across his temples.

"Sergeant," I asked him, 'if you could spend this Christmas anywhere in the world—just anywhere at all—where would you prefer to spend it?'

"A sudden ecstatic look came into the eyes of the second mud-bespattered individual, and he (no doubt) took the words right out of the sergeant's mouth: 'In a bathtub, Sir, in a bathtub!'

"All of which should give you a fairly good picture of the G. I. spirit as another Christmas comes to overseas veterans. The hard features of a winter campaign are all too evident, but every soldier with whom I am in contact seems to know that we must get on with an unfinished task, tries each day to do what is expected of him, and comes through with an undiminished sense of humor.

"One of the many things that helps in keeping morale high is the fine job the army is doing in getting mail to us wherever we are, and the fine job you folks at home are doing in getting the mail started in the first place. During the year I received many more letters than conditions permitted me to answer, and if yours was one of them, please believe two things: I never received a letter that I did not read more than once, or from which I did not receive some needed help at the moment; and (second) I'm sending this Christmas letter instead of cards in the sincere hope that you will accept it as the reply I wanted you to have long ago.

"My own work has among its rewards the daily evidence of how much I seem to be needed just where I am. For instance, some of the men who had been through a trying day came to me the other evening with this request: 'Chaplain, will you please just repeat the Lord's prayer with us, slowly, the way you do in your services.' I did, not just once, but until they were satisfied. Later that same night another man came to my shelter. He had with him his small Bible, and he was worried about something at home. 'When I try to read, I can't concentrate,' he told me. 'Do you have time to help me?' To the accompaniment of the rumble of guns, I read to him several Psalms, among them the Twenty-third and the Ninety-first. He listened attentively, then (while I went on with another work) sat quietly beside me for an hour, reading from his own Bible, obviously no longer troubled by any lack of ability to concentrate on what he read.

"Ever since I started this note, I've been trying to restrain the urge to turn back in wistful memory to balmy days in southern France. As most of you know, I came in by way of the south-

ern invasion—and what a beautiful area! Much of it looked so like Southern California that I, and other Californians in the outfit, had an odd sense of home-coming—aside from the fireworks, naturally. Skylines in North Africa and Corsica also can look familiar to a San Diegan.

"One incident of our push through France toward the German border will amuse you. The French residents of towns along our route would line the curbs to cheer, wave and call to us as we rolled through a community. We were a little uncertain at first, as to how we could cover the field, but the college-age driver of my jeep had a quick inspiration: 'I'll wave at the girls,' he said, 'you wave at the children, and we'll both smile at the old folks.' After that we were organized for concerted action when faced with the recurring social crisis.

"And now may I wish for you a happy Christmas, knowing that your prayers at home are mingling with ours at the front for a speedy victory, and a peace that will be wise and lasting."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Harry Vernon McGahey, RM 3/c is overseas, FPO, San Francisco. ☆ **Lt. Comdr. Richard P. MacNulty, USNR**, is on a ship, FPO, San Francisco. ☆ **Lt. Harvey S. Wright** is at Camp Robinson, Ark. ☆ **Donald G. Smedley, A. S.**, is at Midshipman's School, Notre Dame, Ind. ☆ **Capt. James M. Dalby** is still with the Air Transport Command in China. ☆ **Evelyn G. Lindenmayer, Sp (G) 3/c**, is in the Gunnery Dept. Kingsville, Texas. ☆ **Pvt. Q. D. McClard** is at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. ☆ **Capt. R. S. Davis** is overseas, APO, San Francisco. ☆ **Lt. Alan Thomas** is overseas, APO, San Francisco. ☆ **Sgt. H. H. Roloff** is at RAAB, Richmond, Va. ☆ **Capt. Charles M. Grant** is at MAAF, Murro, Calif. ☆ **Pvt. Fletcher Maddox** is at 942 West 34th St., Los Angeles. ☆ **Lt. Bruce W. Kurtz** is at Fairfax Field, Kansas City, Kans. ☆ **Sgt. Ray W. Minor** is in an Inf. Tr. Bn. at Culver City, Calif.

T/4 **Arthur Lane** sent the most unique Christmas card from the Netherlands East Indies. We are putting most of our cards up on the bulletin board for display but not the one sent by Arthur. We are charging the boys a quarter to see it. Proceeds go into **News Letter** fund. LCP.

M/Sgt. **Katherine Pyle** has her old overseas address again after a 30-day furlough in the U. S. While here the secretaries on **State College** campus gave a tea in her honor. We had an opportunity to hear of some of her experiences.

AZTECS ON THE HOME FRONT

By Mabel Grant Hazard

Probably no publication in this country or abroad missed the story of our Fay Emerson's marriage to Col. Elliot Roosevelt, so the **Aztec News Letter** is no exception. You who date back as far as the fall of '36 will remember Fay as the song leader with our successful football team. She led those songs (among them **Frank Losey's Fight Song**) with **Maridell Boucher**. Thus far Fay comes the nearest of any **Aztec** to occupying the **White House**.

Ray Hepner is now a **Lt. (jg)** following his graduation from the U. of Chicago Medical School. He has returned to San Diego with his bride, the former **Jean Harvey**, honor graduate also of the U. of Chicago. Ray's assignment is the San Diego Naval Hospital.

Among our girls overseas is **Mabel Messner**, serving with the **WACs** in New Guinea. **Margaret Mason** is stationed with the **WACs** at Ft. Bliss, Tex. **Dora Newell** is a **Lt. (jg)** with the **Waves** in San Pedro.

Making places for themselves in the advertising field are **Mary Ellen Bowlby** and **Catherine Wueste**. Mary Ellen is writing copy for Marston's ads, finds time to work at the officers' lounge, and visits the blood bank. Catherine is head of the ad department at Walker's—and both jobs demand a lot of talent.

Esther Feeney, whom you all remember in the bookstore, is now working with the supply depot at 11th Naval District. **Evelyn Marr** is with the naval supply depot at the foot of Broadway.

Maryanna Peterson has been at Camp Roberts since August, is working there as a **Red Cross** staff aid.

Norma Holcomb will leave soon for Honolulu where a civil service job awaits her. **Christine Heilman** is doing social work here in town as a field director for the **Red Cross**.

Virginia Goodwin Tiller has an office job at Consair. **Katie Thayer Roberts** has had a counsellor's job at Consolidated for two years.

Gerry Weber spends many hours at the navy canteen and entertaining the boys at the Army and Navy Y. **Doris Gregory** is with the office staff of the **Red Cross Blood Bank**.

Elizabeth "Ish" Galligan and **Bettie Carr** are here in town, both working for International Business Machines.

Meiba Taylor Thomas is teaching physical ed at Sweetwater high. **Margorie Wheeling** teaches at a nursery school in Chula Vista.

Betty Jessop Smith, widow of **Fred**, spends long hours at the canteen and with other volunteer work. **Mary Miller Hanna** is another canteen worker.

Eloise Ferguson DeLong, who has been waiting 28 months for **Perry** to get home from overseas, has worked up a fine business of designing, painting

and blockprinting linens. She even has her own business agent, with a display room in Los Angeles, has turned her home here into a work studio.

Virginia King Sanford and young son and daughter are with her parents here while husband, **Marine Maj. T. W.**, is overseas.

Detty June Stevenson Conyers is in Burlingame with **F.B.I.** hubby **Bob** and young son **Jeffrey**, often sees **Phyllis Mirow Stone** and **Nan Watson Tucker**, both mothers of young daughters (Nan's brand new).

Betty Clardy Marston is definitely a ruralite, has been living on a ranch ever since her marriage to **Pete**. She's given up herding the cattle, now has a young daughter and brand new son who need all her attention.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Pfc Mario J. Del'Acqua is overseas, APO, New York. ☆ **F/O Walter J. Krarup** is at LAAF, Lincoln, Nebr. ☆ **Lt. Ira H. Lipscomb** is at Camp Livingston, La. ☆ **Pvt. Robert (Red) Williams** is at Richmond AAB, Richmond, Va. ☆ **Pvt. W. H. Bossard** is at Ft. Benning, Ga. ☆ **Martin I. Siegel, SM 1/c** is overseas, FPO, San Francisco. ☆ **Warren R. McKeel, CM 1/c** is overseas, FPO, San Francisco. ☆ **Lt. Robert G. Arnold** is at CAAF, Casper, Wyoming. ☆ **Pvt. Martin F. Anderson** is overseas APO, New York. ☆ **Pfc. F. Ramsey** is at AAB, Madras, Ore. ☆ **S/Sgt. Donovan A. Bess** is with a bomber outfit in the MTO. ☆ **Cpl. Merle M. Genet** is at Camp Shelby, Miss. ☆ **Lt. Earl Carr** is at Camp Lejeune, N. C. ☆ **Lt. Don R. McVeigh** is with a ferrying outfit, Palm Springs, Calif.

Lt. (jg) John J. Duich walked into the **News Letter** office wearing the new stripe and a half. Jake is on his way to Hollywood Beach, Fla., where he probably will have training in some type of landing craft.

Darwin J. Flakoll, who is one of the 33 **Aztecs** commissioned at Northwestern last year, has been promoted to **Lt. (jg)**. In that case, it seems that the rest should all have the half stripe added by now.

Cpl. Milton McGill wrote from Burma: "The climate in Burma is ideal at this time of the year as the days are warm and the nights are cool. This is a welcome change from the monsoon season we just experienced in India with its high temperature and more than abundant rainfall."

S/Sgt. Orville Danforth moved from Alaska, where he had been for 17 months, down to Kelly Field, Texas. He is with a signal company there.

THE GAL'S ON THE FRONT PAGE

From left to right: **Jayne Dempsey**, co-editor of **Del Sudoeste**, secretary of **Cetza**, member of Publicity and Public Relations Committee, member of Social Service Committee, sorority member. Husband is in war work.

Maurine Jones, junior in teacher training, works at USO, goes to blood bank. Husband is **Col. William W. Jones**, CO of a group of B-24s in England.

Roberta Ediemiller, clerks in bookstore, sorority member. Husband is **Lt. (jg) Donald Eidemiller** who is on landing craft in Europe.

Thelma Swab, senior in teacher training, president of Women's Service Organization, sorority member, husband is **Capt. Gustav Swab, DC**, in AAF in Hawaii.

Eunice Koch, member Inter-sorority Council, secretary of **Quetzel Hall**, AWS board member, cashier in cafe, sorority member. Husband is **Lt. Fremont Koch, MC**, with the 24th Division in the Philippine Islands.

Lt. Mary Helen Huey wrote from SFPE, Bldg. 209, Fort Mason, Calif.:

"Am back in California for duty now and can assure you I am mighty happy about it. The day after I got back I went to a matinee performance of 'Winged Victory.' Saw **John Tyres** afterward. Had never contacted him in New York during the three months we were both there. Johnnie remembered me for we were both '36 and we had a grand gabfest.

"Had lunch today with **Claire Lippincott Mitchell**, an ex-Stater. It is wonderful to find old friends here again. Am stationed in the Personal Property section of the Port Trans. Div. at Ft. Mason and would like to see anyone who remembers me.

"Say, Dr. Post, if you get word of some of the fellows who get stuck at Letterman H. G. before getting nearer home, please let me know. I probably wouldn't know many of the **Aztecs** after '37. However, I might be able to help some of them out in some way. I just hope that not too many are in a condition to have to return via Letterman. Might be able to get things for them.

"Got a nice letter from **Miss Jones** from whom I took dramatics. She sent a One Act Play program and it surely brought back memories."

Capt. Garry W. Meeker is at an advanced Italian base in Hq. of an air service group.

WAC Eleanor V. Spinola sent a beautiful Italian Christmas card from 5th Army Hq.

Lt. Alice F. McDaniel is with the 226th General Hospital, APO, N. Y.