

THE AZTEC NEWS LETTER



Aztec song and cheer leaders of 1945. Esther Westergaard, Priscilla Jordan, Mary Fox (cheer leader), Alta Dennis and Barbara Mackay. May they cheer you wherever you are!

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To All of the Aztecs in Service and Their Friends:

The war news is better by far this month than last. There is no comparison. The change has given the **Home Front** a badly needed lift. And by **Home Front** I mean your own very close relatives and friends for no family is without close relatives and friends right in action.

Let us hear from you after each campaign as that news is certainly comfort-

ing to your friends. Some of you should write more frequently to your families as your silence causes them much concern. The **Home Front** is far more sober than you who have been away for a long time may think.

Please fill out the questionnaire cards and return them.

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



PFC. MARTIN F. ANDERSON

lost his life in Europe on December 25th according to a telegram received by his parents. According to newspaper reports it seems likely that Martin was on a big liner that was sunk off the Channel Islands on that day as he was in division that was involved in the sinking of the ship.

It was not only Christmas Day but also Martin's birthday. He had been inducted into service on May 25th of the same year.

S/SGT. WARREN W. BROWN

was killed in action somewhere in France on November 17th. He was with **General Patton's** Third Army in an infantry outfit. Warren had married **Sarah Pardue** of Elkin, N. C., and they had a son, **Warren William Brown, Jr.**, who is now seven months old. **Matthew William Brown, RT**, at LATB at Lakehurst, is Warren's brother.



PFC. FRANCIS RYAN

was killed in action in Belgium on December 20th according to word received by his mother, **Mrs. Eleanor Ryan** of 4112 Central Ave. Francis was the boy who wrote that spirited letter describing how they had torn across France with a mechanized outfit that just refused to stop moving. He had been slightly wounded on December 16th in Germany. (Go back and read the letter on page 9 of the December 1 **News Letter**. LCP).

LT. FRANK BRAISTED

probably is missing in action. His **News Letter** was returned with that marking and the usual verification. (More information please. LCP.)

PFC. ROGER E. CASH

was reported missing in action according to a note received from his parents, **Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Cash** of Louisiana St. Roger was in an infantry outfit that was near Aachen at the time of the opening of the German counter-offensive. His last letter was written from "Somewhere in Belgium" and was dated December 9th.

LT. GEORGE R. DALL

is missing from a B-29 mission out of Saipan on December 18th. His was one of two bombers that failed to return to their base. On December 15th George wrote the following letter:

"Dear Dr. Post: Just a line to let you know that I'm getting the **News Letter** here at my address. I have been on Saipan for six weeks and its not bad at all. Have seen **Carroll Smith** two or three time. **Bill Stoll** is on the same division but haven't seen him or **Marston Westbrook** who should be here also.

Tomorrow we are opening the group officer's club, probably the finest this side of Hawaii! I was over working on it this morning. Its time for dinner, and the chow is very good—so. Sincerely, George Dall." (Lt. (jg) **James L. Dall** is somewhere out in the Pacific. LCP.)

LT. DONN DEMARCE

has been reported missing from a bombing mission over Europe.

LT. KENNETH E. BARNHART, JR.

who is a prisoner in Germany (POW No. 7577 in **Stalag Luft 3**) was awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge for outstanding performance on duty on July 15th, 1944. Kenneth wrote his parents that he had already seen **Capt. Griff Williams** and six or seven other **Aztecs**. (Funny thing, those POW's so often forget to name the men they see. We are always interested in all of our prisoners and their families are always anxious to hear about sons. Now don't forget, should any of you be unfortunate enough to land there, write back and tell us who you see. Also give them a pre-digested summary of the **News Letter** with best wishes for a **Reunion** back here. Issue them an invitation to a very special occasion at which all **Aztec** POW's will be the guests of honor. The date is to be about five days after they hit San Diego. That is to be the biggest single celebration until V-J Day. LCP.)

LT. GEORGE G. CRAWFORD

wrote from **Stammlager Luft 3** where his POW No. is 3774 on July 7, 1944:

"Dear Doc: Have postponed writing letter until able to complete your request in the December (1943) issue of the **News Letter**. Success today. Have spent many pleasant hours with **Robbie (F/O Joseph K. Robbins)**. The others are in different sections of the camp. Hope my wife is receiving issues of 'The Letter.' I miss it. Hope to see you soon. Regards, George."

(George was the one who volunteered to carry our best wishes and the news to the boys at **Stalag Luft 3**, but at the same time said that he hoped he would never have the chance. Now, if any of you are so unfortunate will you take the latest news to George? Tell him that all of the prisoners will be able to catch up on the back numbers. Also that their families are supposed to be getting them all of the time. LCP.)

LT. AUGUST J. FLEISHBEIN

is a prisoner of war in Germany.

LT. RICHARD KENNEY

who is a prisoner in Germany (No. 1747 in **Stalag Luft 3**) sent a card dated September 14:

"Dear Doc: A new **Aztec** came into camp the other day, and it was great to have some news from home. He used your **News Letter** as the source of most of his information. Keep it up, and all I will have to do is review and I will not have missed a thing. I'm looking forward to seeing you all."

LT. COL. ROBERT TUTTLE

is a prisoner of war in Germany. His address is:

Lt. Col. Robert Tuttle
American Prisoner of War
No. 5098
Stalag Luft 3
Germany, via New York, N. Y.

PVT. STANLEY BOJENS

was wounded in action in France and was in a hospital for 68 days. He is now on limited duty in England. His brother, **Lt. Ken Bojens, USNR**, who is on our **Honorary Aztec** list returned from duty in the Central Pacific where he lost about 40 pounds of weight on his minesweep.

PVT. BILLY MAYNE

was awarded the **Purple Heart** for injuries that he sustained while fighting in Germany. He was wounded by machine gun fire on November 3rd.

LT. SIDNEY NEUMANN

was severely wounded in action in France some time ago.

PFC. WILLIAM G. ROBISON

suffered very severe burns on his hands in the ETO and has undergone some skin-grafting recently.

PVT. JOHN C. SHEPPARD

was wounded in action in France according to word received by his mother, **Mrs. Carl P. Schaefer**, 4636 40th St., San Diego.

"We received a telegram from the War Department stating that our son had been wounded on November 29th.

"Since then we have received two V-mails from him. He tells us that his right leg was broken and he has wounds in the back and left thigh. He is in a general hospital somewhere in France and receiving the best of care."

RALPH A. SUNDERHAUF, MoMM2c

was wounded in action in the Pacific on November 20th and has been awarded the **Purple Heart**.

CAPT. JOHN F. ADAMS, USMCR

returned for leave and reassignment after 40 combat missions in divebombers in the Pacific. He was awarded the Air Medal for destroying a strategic Jap radio station during the Marshalls campaign. The raid was carried out in the face of heavy AA fire.

CPL. ERVIN L. ANDERSON

has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and an individual citation for his services in the Fifth Army.

LT. ROBERT E. BEDWELL

flew 50 missions as first pilot in B-24s over Germany, France and Italy. He was awarded the Air Medal, three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He has three stars in his ETO ribbon.

LT. EDWIN F. BENNETT

was awarded the Air Medal and an Oak Leaf Cluster for taking part in flights over Southern France during the invasion. He was in the troop carrier spearhead of that operation.

WARREN CHAMBERS, PHM2C

is on his way out to the Pacific again. This time it is not to be in a fox hole but with Fleet Hospital III. He received a letter of commendation some time ago for his bravery on Bougainville.

CAPT. WALTER CRAFTORD

came home on leave from the Marshalls and the Mariannas where he had been a flight commander in B-24s. He flew 35 missions and hit most of the important Jap targets in those areas. He has the Air Medal and three Oak

Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He has gone to Chanut Field in Illinois to take a special course in engineering.

While in the Pacific Water saw **Lt. Robert Harvey** who is leading a flight of B-24s and who is expecting to come home soon. He also saw **Lt. Norman (Babe) Thompson** before he came home; **Lt. (jg) Bob Thomas** on a destroyer; **Lt. Roy Grimse** with his now-famous camera; **Lt. (jg) Lee Nicholas** who is on a destroyer; and **Lt. (jg) Delbert Cole** who is a personnel officer at a station in Hawaii.

LT. BURNS SPORE

used to have the address, **U. S. S. Spence**. That destroyer was one of the three that went down in the typhoon in the Pacific recently. Some members of each crew were saved and we are hoping that Burns was among those saved. To date, no word has come about him. As far as we know at present, there were no **Aztecs** on the other two ships. See note by **Lt. (jg) Walter Borg** about a typhoon that his destroyer was in. The details in the newspapers indicated that the storm was about the worst ever encountered.

LT. RICHARD FARWELL

may be coming home any time now. At least he should come home as the ship of which he was commanding officer has been sunk. The story is about the most unusual that any **Aztec** could tell.

The ship was the **U.S.S. Ward**, an old four-pipe destroyer built during World War I. **Lt. Farwell** was gunnery officer on her when she was on patrol outside Pearl Harbor early in the morning on December 7th, 1941, and she sank a Jap submarine. **Farwell** was the man who ordered the firing of the very first shot.

Then three years later to the day on December 7th, 1944, **Farwell** was commanding officer of the **Ward**, when they landed their last load of troops at Ormoc on the west side of Leyte. Jap bombers set her on fire, and she had to be abandoned. The **U.S.S. O'Brien** was assigned the task of sending her to the bottom. The skipper of the **O'Brien**, it happened, was the very man who had been skipper of the **Ward** three years earlier.

We have not really heard that **Dick** is coming home, but he is one man we will all be glad to see. LCP.

LT. EDWIN H. VOORHEES, USNR

was awarded the Air Medal at Camp Kearney for distinguished service for his flying in the Navy. **Mrs. Voorhees** and young **Teddy** were on hand to see the decoration.

CAPT. ARTHUR H. JOHNSON

is now at YAFF at Yuma, Arizona, on a new assignment following his return from Italy. He flew 60 missions over Italy and France leading the wing or squadron on more than 30 of them. He has the Air Medal with 10 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Presidential Unit Citation, and his B-26 group was awarded the **DeGaulle Croix de Guerre**.

CAPT. KENNETH SCIDMORE

was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross at Van Nuys AAF for having led his squadron of P-40s on a mission to protect a landing in Sicily. Previously **Kenneth** had been awarded the Air Medal and some Oak Leaf Clusters for flying 75 missions in the MTO. The **Scidmores (Kenneth, Evelyn and Kim)** sent their Xmas card from Van Nuys.

COMMERCIAL

It has been a good many months since we ran a commercial. Our fund is lower now than it has been for more than a year so this is a reminder to readers who have been waiting for just this little notice. This issue is rather special, and the 37th issue is to be extra special. Be on the lookout for No. 37 which will begin our fourth year. And thanks again to the many of you who have already contributed so generously. LCP.

LT. PAGE TULLOCH, USNR

has just received an official commendation for his work in the MTO with his PT boat, the **Barracuda**, in sinking a German tanker, shooting down a Nazi fighter, chauffering **Gen. Mark Clark** and several other feats. **Page** is now an instructor in the PT boat training school at Newport, R. I.

T/SGT. E. L. FLOOD

is on rest leave in Sidney, Australia, following his 23 missions in the Philippines.

CAPT. JOHN F. EDWARDS

was awarded the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters and also the Presidential Unit Citation for his work as pilot of troop-carrying planes in North Africa and then in Normandy since D-Day. He also evacuated wounded troops under enemy fire from the ground and in the air.

When **Capt. Edwards** came home he saw his 20-months-old son, **John Jr.**, for the first time.

F/O WILLIS P. SMITH

is co-pilot of a B-17, "Glad T' See Ya," that flies out of England. A long press release told of some of their

missions and how their division was cited by the President for its England-Africa shuttle bombing attack on the Messerschmitt factories at Regensburg, Germany. (It appeared to be the same mission as **Bob Cozens** flew some time back. LCP.)

LT. GRANT L. NIELSON

flew 32 missions in bombers in England. Most of his targets were in Germany.

"The crew I was assigned to has had four different B-24s. The second one was named 'Monty II.' I tried my best to find out from the crew chief just how it came to bear that name, but with no success. Our groups received it from another so I don't know whether it was named after Montezuma or Field Marshal Montgomery. While we were flying, at least it was named for good old Monty of San Diego fame.

"The color photo of State College in the last issue of the News Letter, now adorns my barracks wall and it certainly brightens up the place.

"Say Doc, whatever became of your nephew? I have lost track of him and would like his address if possible."

(Monty II must be the plane that **Capt. Bob Nath** had. Lets say so anyhow. There were at least five planes named Monty at different places and times. **George Peck** won the Navy Cross piloting a dive bomber by that name.

Cpl. William Post, USMCR, shipped out with a replacement draft sometime ago and we have not heard from him. This is his second tour of overseas duty. LCP.)

THE SPRING SEMESTER

at **State College** will open on February 5th. Present indications are that enrollment will be about 1,100 and that some 40 veterans will be included. Men who plan to enroll under provisions of the "GI Bill" (Public Law 346) should get their letters of eligibility from the Veteran's Administration before enrolling. Those hoping to attend under the Rehabilitation Program must be assigned to the college by the Counselor in the Veteran's Administration.

If I can be of any personal help, please write me your problems.

Dr. Donald R. Watson, Registrar,
San Diego State College,
San Diego, 5, California.

Lt. (jg) Robert J. Menke wrote from his LST in the Southwest Pacific:

"I have not written very often lately because I have been on the go. I saw **Lt. Dick Farwell** recently, and he had a very interesting experience. You will probably hear about it soon. He is a sure bet for a **Snow Job**.

"(My 'Cover Bird' is a cockatoo, a native of these parts.)"

CAMPUS VETERAN ACTIVITIES

(Your editor asked **Earnest Ellis** to make a quick survey and report on what the campus veterans were doing in the way of extra-curricula activities just to let you know how they were accepted into campus life. Earnest, himself, is a veteran who choose the state of Louisiana in which to run off a bridge on night maneuvers in a blackout in a tank and tip the thing over. He lost his right arm, but that doesn't stop Earnest. He let the **Red Cross** lady write two letters for him and from then on, he wrote his own lefthanded. Now he is a **Phi Lambda Xi**, is vice-president of the **Inter Fraternity Council** and a reporter for the **Aztec**. He is a fellow editor in that he edits the **Phi Lamb News Letter**. LCP).

A resume of the activities on the campus at **State College** shows that veterans are active in many and diversified fields. Although only twenty-four are registered now, there is indication there will be more this next semester.

Veterans and their interests are: **Don Derr** is secretary of **Phi Lambda Xi** fraternity. **Kenneth Earnest** is captain of the varsity basketball team and a pledge of **Sigma Lambda**. **John Ferrell** is president of **Phi Lambda Xi**.

Willard James Holden, transfered from Minnesota, is a member of **Oceotl**. **Richard Hottinger** is a member of **International Relations Club**, **Toastmasters** and **Debate club**. **Tom Howe** is president of **Oceotl**, **Delta Pi Beta**, **Inter Fraternity Council** and is on the **AS** council. **Joe Rodney** is graduate manager, president of **Kappa Phi Sigma** and advertising manager of the **Aztec**.

Harlan LeRoy Short plays on the varsity basketball team and is vice-president of **Epsilon Eta**. **Paul Sutherland** is president of **Epsilon Eta** and a member of **Toastmasters**. **Carl Umansky** plays on the varsity basketball team and is a member of the **Radio Club**. **Clifton Voorhies** is historian of **Epsilon Eta** and a member of **Toastmasters**.

Other veterans are **James Barret**, **Richard Berman**, **Paul Crews**, **John Crowson**, **Herbert Hess**, **Sherman Hill**, **Oscar Holt**, **John Osborn**, **Urban Robbins**, **Andrews Shaules**, **Thomas Stephens** and **Bill Webster**. Most of these are in something or other, even if its just **Cafe** and **Quad**.

F/O John D. Hardie wrote from the Philippines:

"Our camp is at the edge of a swell beach which is lined by tall palm trees, just like the movies. Living conditions are good, and everyone is picking up a nice tan. The natives are very friendly and will do anything they can for you."

Lt. Peter Quon wrote from India:

"India isn't such a bad place, but it sure is a far cry from the poorest place in the good old U.S. Our food is superb—I have been gaining weight day by day and will soon need a retractable tail wheel."

"I just listened to my first Jap broadcast and I heard more darn lies in five minutes than I have in the last five years."

Chaplain Ralph R. Bailey has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain, according to word received from the western front. This isn't the first time that Capt. Bailey has worn "tracks," as his first promotion to captaincy came in ROTC at San Diego High School. His wife (**Ruth Taunton**) will receive her A.B. degree from State with the February class.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Pfc. Ernest Boldrick is in a photo outfit at Grand Island, Neb. ☆ **Capt. C. S. Marsden, MC**, is overseas, APO, N.Y. ☆ **Pvt. Robert L. Swisher** is overseas, APO, S.F. ☆ **Pvt. Arthur J. Sherman** is still at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. ☆ **Pfc. James R. Hurley** is still with the Fifth Army in Italy. ☆ **Ens. James E. Bunker** is at Hollywood Beach Hotel, Hollywood Beach, Fla. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Winifred M. Smith** is still at NOB, San Pedro, Calif. ☆ **Ens. Gordon L. Chamberlin** is at 57 West Bond, Astoria, Ore. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Jack H. Yount** is still somewhere in the Pacific. ☆ **Lt. Glenn A. Holmes** is still in Hawaii. ☆ **Sgt. John B. Reeve** sent a Christmas card, probably from Australia. ☆ **1st Lt. James M. Lee** is overseas, APO, N.Y. ☆ **Lt. William F. Bethard** is on a DE in the Pacific. ☆ **Lt. Johnny Peters, USMCR**, is in the Marianas. ☆ **Robert F. Smith, A.S.**, is still at Von Kleinsmidt Hall at USC. ☆ **Lt. and Mrs. Don C. Lapham** sent their card from Encinitas, Calif.

Lt. (jg) Richard Mitchell is back from the Marshalls. He had a chance to see a basketball game in the **Aztec** gym that he helped to make famous. He is going out again soon, this time with a Seabee outfit.

Lt. (jg) Leon (Ace) Carver got back to San Diego on leave from his destroyer. He was up in the Aleutians for a long time and later saw plenty of action in the Philippines. Ace is the engineering officer on his ship.

Thomas Arthur King, S1c, came back to the campus on leave after having been with the **Sea Bees** in North Africa, Corsica, Italy and Southern France. They

operated causeways off of LSTs and helped in landing operations. They were bombed during the first five days of the invasion of Southern France but otherwise, it was a matter of hard work rather than fighting. The French girls were "quite nice." He didn't go further into detail, except to say that they saw some of the French women getting their heads shaved immediately after the liberation. "Yes, France is quite a place."

Blair Burkhardt, Tech. Rep., wrote from a Mitchell Bomber Base in the MTO:

"Am no longer the **Mustang Man**. Now I'm the **Mitchell Man**. Yes, I got back here after a very pleasant return trip. **Bob Wade** is nearby, and I went out to see him but he wasn't there at the time. By the way, he has the Public Relations job for his whole group now so you can expect a lot of publicity from them in the San Diego papers."

"The Public Relations Officer here is **1st Lt. John Dillin**, formerly of San Diego High—about 1932. It was through him that I found out about Bob's job."

Lt. (jg) William Kruse is back from England where he was on an LST. After his leave is up he may get his own ship. Bill was in on the invasion of Normandy, and after that they did a great deal of hauling. Later he made a trip down to Africa. It seems that Bill is awfully glad to be back. His little daughter is now 13 months old.

Edward W. Robinson, QM1c, came home on 30 day leave and for a new assignment. He was in the South Pacific where he reported seeing **Lt. Gene Muehleisen** and **Thomas Roche, QM3c**. Edward also saw **Roy Cleator** once at New Caledonia before Cleator returned. He found Roy through an **Aztec** sticker. Ed was out for 20 months.

Lt. Robert B. Duncan wrote from an Armored Division which has been mentioned many times in the past three weeks:

"I have been away from State since 1937 but there are still a lot of names in the **News Letter** that I know. It might interest the rest of the old **Hods** to know that I should be a father by now. You might phone my wife (**Nee Margaret Haryet**, **Frank Haryet's** sister and a former **Aztec**), at Bayview 3733 and make sure. I haven't heard myself. The mail service over here is not good. Please say hello to **Baylor Brooks** and the **Deans Peterson** for me."

(Just phoned **Mrs. Duncan** and the news was all good. The baby arrived on November 24th and is named **Robert Thurston Duncan**. Mrs. Duncan

said that all were well at this end of the line and that you were in Belgium at the last report. She is looking forward to coming to the **Big Reunion** with you some time, and we are all looking forward to seeing all three of you there. By the way, we have heard your armored division mentioned in the news several times. We'll be seeing you, LCP.)

Lt. Wilson Seacord, USNR, lives at 603 Mitchell Street, Ithaca, N. Y., and he is instructing at Cornell. He has been working also as an assistant football coach.

Pfc. Chris M. Franovich wrote from Europe:

"Have been trying to get in touch with **Bob Nath. Jerry Patrick** is now in France and is doing a great job. Heard from **Ace Carver** and **Bob Ganger**, both of whom are in the South Pacific."

Lt. Robert C. James wrote from his weather squadron in Oahu:

"I am still here on Oahu in headquarters as Squadron Censor, Historical, Information and Education Officer."

Lt. Marvin R. Walker, who is a B-17 pilot, has been flying in Europe.

Lt. Warren A. Butcher, USMC, wrote from MB, Portsmouth, Va.:

"Made first lieutenant after almost two years as a shave tail. Will soon be on my way to the Pacific."

Ens. Warren Tait wrote from his minesweeper in the Pacific:

"I see **Dan Lewis, Mus 2/c**, about every other week in at the USO. He is playing in the Service Force Strings and is doing a very fine job. Last week they were playing a Prelude and Fuge that I had written for a string quartette when who should pop in but **Jim Lewis**, Dan's brother. Of course, as you can imagine, it was a very pleasant surprise.

"The YMS duty is still the same and at present seems to become more monotonous as the days go by. Maybe someday I will be able to see some action. I feel that everyone has been or is in the middle of it except myself.

"The islands are still the same as ever. More and more people moving in every day and as a result the towns become more crowded so that it is a pleasure to stay aboard the ship rather than tussle with the crowds."

Helen Bohn is another Aztec working on the Home Front. She has been in the Homocide Section of the Police Department in San Diego for two years as secretary to **Edward A. Dieckmann**.

Lt. (jg) George Peck bounced in from the Pacific all of a sudden. He is as cheery as ever, and who wouldn't be if they wore the **Navy Cross**? George flew over 50 combat missions off his carrier, and had been in on most of the activity during his stay in the Western Pacific. It was in the months before the invasions that he saw the roughest going, not when the other men were hitting the beaches.

George reported that **Lt. (jg) Barney Carmen** is improving and in six or eight months should recover completely from his wounds, except for some fingers. Barney was hit in many places, but at the time he felt no pain at all. He is getting fine care and is doing O.K. now.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Lt. (jg) Robert J. Noel is with a squadron, FPO, N.Y. ★ **Pfc. Clem L. Abbey** is still at Camp Lejeune, N.C. ★ **Lt. C. Ray Harper** is still with his bombing outfit, probably in the Philippines. ★ **1st Lt. James P. Olmsted** flies B-17s on bombing missions over Germany from England. ★ **Fred A. Benson, A.S.**, is still at USC. ★ **Lt. Larry Devlin** is in France with the Seventh Army. ★ **Lt. Kenneth Greenleaf** is in ROC at Quantico, Va. ★ **Ens. Alex J. Goldie** is at 4166 Bedford Dr., San Diego. ★ **Lt. James R. Walton** was commissioned at Quantico. ★ **Lt. Robert D. Flynn** is still on his ship, FPO, S.F. ★ **1st Sgt. R. Joseph Carter** is still somewhere in Europe with the Paratroopers. ★ **E. T. McFarland** was commissioned as an Ensign at Midshipmen's School, N.Y. ★ **Capt. George S. Farina** sent his card from 4133 Wabash Ave., San Diego. ★ **Sgt. Louis Poluzzi** is still at Cherry Point, N.C. ★ **Lt. (jg) Donald E. Newman** is still on a PC, FPO, N.Y. ★ **Ens. Don V. Woods** is still on an LST, FPO, N.Y.

Lt. (jg) James Ahler wrote from the Pacific:

"First I'd like to thank you for sending me the **News Letter**. Many is the time I remember what **Leo Calland** said the night you were awarded the AMS award at the **Dad's Day Dinner**. In fact, he couldn't have said in words what we feel in our hearts, the real appreciation for your sending the letter to us. It's more than just great!

"I'm on a little vacation here, going to school. I never thought I'd get to the point of calling going to school a vacation. It's really turned out to be a Reunion. In one week I met **Bill Downing**, **Dick Mitchell**, **Bob Thomas** and I understand **Don Lauer** is around here close. Oh yes, the four of us met **Rollo Watson**, our old basketball manager, out at Waikiki too.

"I'm going to a gunnery school here. The hours are pretty rugged—we go from 8 until 12—1 until 4 and 6:30 until 9:30. That totals up to 10 hours a day and 7 days a week. If this was civilian life I'm afraid it would discourage me to take up teaching as a profession. How about it?

"I saw **Joe Seminario** the last part of August, but since then I have heard he was hurt. Do you have any information on that? Probably just scuttlebutt.

"I guess I'm no different than anyone else but I sure realize now how much fun I had there at **State**. Every letter I get from **DeVore**, **Moore**, etc., there's always the remark that they wished they could go back and re-live the three years we were at San Diego.

"Well Doc, guess I'd better secure and test the sack out for a quick six. You can't beat this all night in every night and with all this good food—Almost puts **Andy** to the test. Give my regards to all."

Sgt. Mary H. Lacour, WAC, wrote from France:

"The **Aztec News Letter** inspired me to write from this part of the feminine fighting world. **T/5 Frances Thornton** is in my detachment. We had a lot of fun recently having our pictures taken for newsreels back in the States. We have decided that the first thing we will have when we get back is a piping hot hamburger 'with' accompanied by a double-thick chocolate malted. Frankly, I have dreams about hamburgers—it's funny the things one will miss.

"The fellows and gals in our headquarters decided that just because we were in France was no sign we should abandon the good old customs we had in the States, so we threw a **Sadie Hawkins Day** dance on November 11. The WACs were allowed to wear any variation on the GI theme of clothing that they wanted—and believe me, they did. There were about fifty French girls invited as well, and you should have seen the looks they gave the WACs when they went into action. Don't believe all you hear about the infallible charm of these mademoiselles—haven't met a GI yet who wouldn't trade a bushel of them for an American girl. The main complaint seems to be that they can't learn to dance our way.

"**Lt. Robert H. Macdonald** is flying P-51s not far from where I am stationed.

"Maybe after the war is over I'll be back at **State** under the new GI Bill."

Lt. (jg) George Peck was one of the pilots mentioned prominently in an article in the January 20th issue of **Collier's** magazine. The story is entitled, "**America's Greatest Naval Battle**," and was written by **Quentin Reynolds** and others.

Pvt. **Kakuya Nakadate** wrote from the Philippines:

"I've met and made friends with a number of Filipino people and they surely are nice. They are a generous and very intelligent people.

"My brother, **Shoji**, is in France and he was wounded a little while ago. He's now in a hospital some place, perhaps in France.

"In conclusion I might add that the cocoanuts here are very tasty, but the bananas don't go so good with me."

Lt. (jg) Walter Borg wrote from his destroyer in the Pacific:

"We were in on the Palau invasion. Right now this tin can is operating with a really great task force under the finest sea-going admiral in the world. A short time ago we had sixteen pilots aboard when we hit the worst tropical typhoon I have ever seen. It was plenty rough and not all of the ships were lucky. We were all plenty worried, and when she went 54 degrees to port on one roll and stayed there for three seconds as if trying to decide whether to go over or come back, there were lots of scared sailors. We were in a hundred knot wind. Our 16 pilots had nothing to do but pray and keep to starboard and they are convinced that their prayers saved us." (We just heard over the radio that three tin cans were lost in a typhoon. We are awfully glad that you are still able to write, and as far as we know, there were no Aztecs on those unfortunate three cans. I didn't really believe that a typhoon could take them down. LCP)

Sgt. William N. Martin dropped in after 13 months of service, most of which was with a weather squadron in England. He is a weather observer.

Ens. Nord Whited has been on the campus several times lately making up for lost time. He also had been in the Philippines.

1st Lt. Robert Logan came home from the Central and South Pacific as the last **State College Aztec** from the old 251st C.A. (AA) to return home. At one time the **News Letter** went to 33 men in that outfit, but at last they have all had the trip home. Bob was wearing six overseas service stripes, the largest number worn by any **Aztec**. He had added the last stripe on December 7th, but he had gone overseas in October 1940.

Bob had the same experience as the rest of the fellows at Pearl Harbor; he later went to Fiji, then at various times he was at Treasury Islands, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, New Hebrides and New

Georgia. His main combat experience was at Bougainville along with such fellows as **Lt. Col. J. V. Long**, **Maj. James B. Willey**, **1st Lt. Charles Cardwell**, **Lt. John Lamont** and **Capt. Herbert Elfring**. Thus Bob's record exceeds that of **Wally McNulty** by five months. He said he hopes that no other **Aztec** is unfortunate enough to break his record.

Lt. Charles G. Dearing wrote from China:

"I'll not try and give any information as to the activities that are going on in China. But there is a big job to do, and we are all sure that it will be done in time. So until the day we may meet each other on the campus of 'Good Old San Diego State'."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Midn. George C. Jessop is at Soldiers Field Station, Boston, Mass. ☆ **Lt. Zedler C. Cupples** is overseas, APO, N.Y. ☆ **S/Sgt. Owen F. Asberry** is at Two Rock Ranch, Petaluma, Calif., after 33 months in India. ☆ **Ens. Harvey L. Patten** was commissioned at Corpus Christi and will report at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. ☆ **Lt. Al Lepore** is in an infantry outfit at Ft. Benning, Ga. ☆ **A/C James K. Luce** is at Corpus Christi. ☆ **Eli A. Layon, HA2c**, is at the Naval Hospital, San Diego. ☆ **Ens. James H. Reed** is at Hollywood Beach Hotel, Hollywood Beach, Fla. ☆ **Lt. Richard P. Coxe** is at DAAF, Datelan, Ariz. ☆ **Lt. (jg) David Phair** is still on his LST in the Pacific. ☆ **Capt. T. S. Walker** is still at Hobbs, N.M. ☆ **Lt. Harvey S. Wright** moved to Camp Livingston, La. ☆ **Ens. Robert K. Cleator** lives at 2827 Mustang Pl., Dallas, Tex. ☆ **Lt. (jg) F. L. Johnston** is at NAAS, Mayport, Fla. ☆ **Ben L. Slavin, CSp**, is still at Great Lakes, Ill. ☆ **Capt. M. E. Broom** is still at Sec. E, Hospital, AAAF, Amarillo, Tex. ☆ **T/5 M. Dan Magnusson** is still with a band at Camp Livingston, La. ☆ **John L. Estep, S1c**, is at Great Lakes, Ill.

Pvt. J. A. Orcutt is with a photo tech unit, probably at the Foggia Air Field in Italy. (Look around for **S/Sgt. Richard G. Wright**, LCP)

Cpl. George S. Reed wrote from his signal company somewhere in Germany: "Just read the book, 'Bayous of Louisiana' and wasn't surprised to see your name in a foot note."

Lt. Frank C. Heryet wrote (to someone else) from Saipan:

"Our crew was the first crew of the squadron to arrive here. While we were still putting up our mosquito netting,

they threw a briefing at us for that first Tokyo mission. Well, I'm an old combat man now. I was on the first two missions over Tokyo, skipped the third night mission and was on the next one. Didn't meet too many fighters or much flak on the first missions, I suppose because we had to bomb through the overcast. A few fighters pointed their nose at us and we threw a few tracers in their direction. They decided on discretion.

"I think the worst part of the mission is the half hour before the target. When you are finally on your run, things are so interesting and they happen so fast you don't have time to be scared. Of course, all the poor navigator has to do over the target is look, and think and sweat.

"I am a sight to scare babies about the time we go over the target. The navigator is the only man on the crew that can't sleep and you can imagine how tired you can get navigating 3000 miles together with the excitement."

Maj. Ed Overend who is back from a second tour of overseas duty is at El Toro Air Station near Santa Ana.

Capt. Robert Nath was another visitor to the campus. Sorry to have missed you, Bob. See you next time. LCP.

Pvt. Ernest R. Viau is in Co. D of the 76th Inf. Tng. Bn. at Camp Roberts. He is looking for **Arlen Phelps** who is also up there.

Lt. Comdr. George B. Worthington wrote from a task force in the Pacific: "I've been out here on this warm ocean for nearly 25 months and have a vague idea that a little shore duty would be welcome.

"I certainly hope **Barney Carmen** is on the road to recovery. Please give him my best if you see him."

Capt. Harold Dickinson Cornell is now overseas, APO, N.Y.

Lt. Chesley Jones wrote from his carrier in the Pacific:

"Had my morale hovering off rock bottom when I received the **News Letter** last night on the mid watch. Life is pretty dull on this ship when standing watches in the main control room. But it is a real thrill to know that you have a couple of hundred thousand horsepower at your fingertips and can make this pig iron garbage scow get up on her hind legs and romp along. She's the biggest ship in the world and it took two years before I really knew her and there are still some places I haven't been."

Rosalie Scolari Morse, PhM2c, wrote from Naval Hospital, Santa Margarita Ranch, Oceanside:

"I passed my copy of the **News Letter** on to **Gordon Fleisher, RT2c**, who attended **State** in 1941. This was the first copy of the **News Letter** he had seen and openly expressed his glee over it.

"As I read the **News Letter** today, for some unknown reason I was not reading about people, I was talking to them in the Quad. Some were on their way to class, some were (as we say in the Navy) 'fluffing off' between classes. And then my thoughts wandered to the beach at Salerno, the fox-holes (which have been joked about so often) and there I saw a former **Aztec** reading about the ole stampin' ground and he too imagining himself back at college. Truly your **News Letters** are wonderful morale builders because they tend to take you away from everyday routine duty and put you back in civies."

Lt. Courtney M. Kirkeeng wrote from his task force in the Pacific:

"As you'll notice by the papers if you note the date of this letter, that the Third Fleet is again giving them hell! and you're probably wondering how I can be typing out a letter during all this action. Well it just so happens that there is a lull right now, and I have quite a few letters to try and get off.

"Have had some very exciting times recently, and hope that the excitement doesn't begin to outlast its welcome. Fun is fun, but when they start coming straight down at you from about ten to fifteen thousand feet, one begins to be a little irked, and then is when we start to play a little rough with our playmates and we really give them the works. So far we have come out of each game as the victorious big bully, but this is one game where I enjoy being such a bully.

"I heard from **Claude Kishler** recently, and he had received orders for a new ship and by this time has already been out to the campus and seen you. Dave Corbett is also one of the bullies in our recent little games, but he is down with the Seventh Fleet and doing quite a nice job of it. We have been fueled by **Phil Thatcher's** group, but his ship has not been our tanker from which we fueled to date. I may still get a chance to see him when half-time comes and we take a much needed blow. **Emmett Fowler** was out here working with us for awhile, but being only a short timer as far as these campaigns go, he was substituted after the first quarter. However, he too played a darned nice game while he was in, as a matter of fact he tackled three or four big boys and put them out of the game for keeps."

Thomas Roche, QM2c, wrote from the Admiralty Islands:

"At the present time I am a little uneasy about a contemplated transfer. I would welcome the transfer if it were not for the fact that I have almost completed my eighteen month sentence. In other words I believe that a transfer at this time would delay my leave. Time will tell, for the orders have not arrived yet."

William S. Keene wrote from the Philippines:

"I have been here since things began to happen here. The rain, mud and mosquitoes are the same. There are more of **Madame Tojo's** followers here also.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Ens. John W. Pabst is at NAAS, Jacksonville, Fla. ☆ **Otto A. Hirr, Y1c**, is at NAS, Norfolk, Va. ☆ **M. Moreno, Phm2c**, is with an ACORN outfit, FPO, S.F. ☆ **Pfc. Royce Boaz** is at Ft. Jackson, S. C. ☆ **Pvt. Bob E. Davis** is still in France. ☆ **Lt. Paul Welsch** is at 312 North 6th St., Mt. Vernon, Wash. ☆ **Lt. Harry R. Bratt** moved to Luke Field, Ariz. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Thomas W. Hungerford** is at 403 first street, Warrington, Fla. ☆ **Lt. Ralph C. Frisbie** is at Scott Field, Ill. ☆ **Ens. Roland K. Miller** is at Naval Mine Warfare School, Yorktown, Va. ☆ **Lt. Harold B. Grant** is overseas, FPO, S.F. ☆ **Ens. E. W. Clark** is on an LSM, FPO, S.F. ☆ **A/C William A. DeRiemer** is at PAAF, Pampa, Tex. ☆ **Pvt. Bob Harwood** is at North Camp Hood, Texas. ☆ **Pvt. John Thomas Warburton** is overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ **Pvt. Ernest R. Viau** is at the Reception Center, Camp Beale, Calif. ☆ **S/Sgt. John S. Fox** is still at CAAF, Carlsbad, N. M. ☆ **Cpl. Don Kiel, USMCR**, is still in the Central Pacific. ☆ **Lt. Earl L. Allison** is still at La Junta, Colo. ☆ **Lt. Jack F. James** still gets his mail APO, Miami, Fla.

Major George E. Piburn wrote from France:

"At present I am a squadron CO and have a C-61 and a field desk to pilot. France is very beautiful. I am set up fairly well with three rooms of my own, a tent, a front yard and a slightly used fox hole. The language handicap is fairly rugged but by using a combination of French, German, English and Indian sign language accompanied by a pencil sketch, one seems to manage quite well.

"I agree with **F/O Willard Wallace** and his statement about that 'damp island with its cold people.' It certainly was good to get back to Paris, where black-out is practically nil, after 27 months in England and Ireland."

Pvt. Oscar Thomas wrote from France:

"Here it is almost New Year's day and I still haven't got back to my outfit. I haven't as yet received my Christmas packages. Was fortunate enough to attend a wonderful Christmas Eve service in a nearby town. Christmas day we feasted on turkey. We had coffee and doughnuts later. Heard a GI jive band play in a theatre in town."

William (Mac) McCollum, Stc(Y), wrote from his ship in the Pacific:

"I am now on my fourteenth month out here (this trip) on this blue Pacific, and for the past fourteen months I have been lonesome for just one peek through the wonderful portals of **San Diego State College**."

Capt. William C. Stoll wrote from the Marianas:

"Thank you for the addresses. I don't know whether we will be able to get over that way again or not as **Bob Harvey** is pretty busy these days if you know what I mean.

"I was very pleased as well as surprised when a husky, tall blond Ensign asked me in the Naval Officers Club here if I didn't used to go to **San Diego State**. His name was **Jennings** and he is on a submarine. Unfortunately his ship was leaving and I was not able to get hold of **Phil** or **Bob** at the time."

Lt. George Saleebey wrote from Boca Raton, Fla:

"I am instructing in basic navigation when free from my usual chores of combing the Florida beaches. Enjoying the pleasures of this base with me is **Holly Boots** who graced the campus in 1936-37. We take turns snowing each other under."

Mary L. Omar, Sp(M)3c, USCGWR, wrote from Baltimore, Md.:

"Last week end the **News Letter** brought **Tom Hart, OCS**, at Edgewood Arsenal, and me together. Am hoping for a furlough in February."

Capt. Charles R. Smith wrote from Hq. AAFWFTC, Santa Ana:

"Other than spending three weeks in Barksdale Field, La., getting educated (Army style) on how to handle some additional duties, everything continues to be more or less routine with me."

Mrs. Bernard Lamb (Mildred Porter) wrote that **Benny** has been a **Lt. (jg)** since May and a father since April. "Little **Dale** is a plump little giggles and loves to be sung to." **Benny** is on a DE, FPO, S.F.

Lt. Kent Bush, USMCR, wrote from the Philippines:

"No doubt I'll not be the first to write you from the Philippines, (Yes, you were.) but here I am writing with my back against a coconut palm and a box of C rations for a seat. The Filipinos were overjoyed to have us pile ashore, and they are a friendly, smiling, intelligent people. Along the coast they are all well educated, but back here in the sticks English is rarely spoken.

"The landing operations took place on ideal beaches and under perfect weather conditions. Compared to Saipan with the tough coral reefs and small choice of beach and severe enemy artillery fire found there, this expedition has been restful. Enemy planes have been more numerous however, with bombing and strafing normally occurring several times daily and nightly. While emplaced immediately alongside an air strip for a week, we learned a good bit about strafing.

"As we Marines are but few amongst many Doggies, we can't claim to have cleared the beaches for our fighting allies, but we did get ashore D plus 1 and 2 and there is evidence our firing has been to some avail.

"Merry Christmas to you, **Mrs. Post** and everyone at **State**. By the way, it was good to hear from **Ed Overend**, my best to him, of course."

Lt. Howard R. Mueller wrote from a PCE, FPO, N.Y.:

"I have received the **News Letter** since issue number one and would like to use this occasion to express my appreciation and thanks for the 'lift' the **News Letter** has quite often given me. I guess I'm one of the many on your mailing list that you never hear from; but be assured the benefits and pleasures obtained by the many you never hear from are greater than may be realized at present. It keeps us in touch with days we like to remember, and the things we are fighting for, things which go a long way in helping one maintain his perspective. Please keep my copy of the **News Letter** coming."

(Thanks, Howard. Unfortunately I can't let all of the fellows know that I appreciate their nice notes. Because of lack of space, I have to put most of them into the **Who-What-Where** section. Yours will have to speak for the many.

Some day I suppose I'll find out what a PCE boat is. My recollection of standing watches on a destroyer in 1918 made me visualize the need of getting news to our men who are in this war—something to think about as they gaze into the blackness hour after hour. I often wonder how many thoughts go through a man's mind during a four-

hour watch on a dull, dark night. Oftentimes, it's the dull watches that are hardest. LCP.)

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

Lt. (jg) Marjorie (Payne) Thomas, USNR, wrote from the Personnel Office of the 11th N.D., San Diego:

"Since my last letter, there have been some changes made—a new rank, a new billet, and a new name, though I'm still in the same town. My husband is **Lt. (jg) William M. Thomas, Jr.**, of Alameda and of the Maritime Service."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

A/C Stanley Cobb is still at Corpus Christi. ☆ **1st Lt. John Lamont** is now at 175 Crescent Road, San Anselmo, Calif. ☆ **Pfc. Albert P. Couvrette** is overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ **Cpl. Norman G. Levi** is overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ **Pvt. James C. Leisure** is overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ **Ens. Charles Daniel Allen** is with a Patrol Bombing Squadron, FPO, S.F. ☆ **Richard H. Applin, Slt.**, is at NTS Navy Pier (Radio Materiel), Chicago. ☆ **Lt. Andrew Jack Kelly** is with a squadron, FPO, S.F. ☆ **Lt. Ralph L. Richards** is overseas, APO, N. Y. ☆ **Sgt. Warren C. Golson** is still at McCord Field, Wash. ☆ **Lt. John D. Babick** is at Camp Lejeune, N.C. ☆ **Lt. Thomas Staunton, USMCR**, is at MCAS, El Toro, Santa Ana, Calif. ☆ **Cpl. John J. King** is overseas, APO, N.Y. ☆ **Lt. Terence B. Geddis** is on a ship, FPO, S.F. While at Hawaii he saw **Lt. (jg) Harlan Wilson, Lt. C. Ashley Johnson** and **Lt. James B. Lane**. ☆ **Peggy Connors Higgins, USN**, is at USNTS, Bronx, N.Y. ☆ **Sgt. Avery H. Gallup, USMC**, is in 2nd Guard Co. Marine Bks., Portsmouth, Va. ☆ **Sgt. Charles T. Kruse** is still with SHEAF, probably in France as his Christmas card showed the Eifel Tower.

Pvt. Melville Aubery wrote from France:

"Our outfit has another breathing spell so I will let you in on the latest. I'm part of the only U.S. Army left fighting in France. It seems the fighting is much slower here because of the mountains. The Jerries can really take advantage of them. Our latest accomplishment was the capture of St. Die. But the Germans didn't leave much to capture. I was surprised to learn that most of the people there speak German.

"I don't know if you have their addresses or not, but **Harry N. Barnet, John Wilbur, Doug Merrill** and I all have the same APO number."

Ens. Richard St. John wrote, FPO, S.F., saying that they were getting all reorganized and also that they had been held up some in their final training by bad weather.

Ens. Paul L. Breese wrote from the Philippines:

"A note on the recent Pacific operations. On these amphibious transports, we carry troops and small landing craft. Our job as small boat officers is to stand regular bridge watches under way and to help carry the troops to the beach when we arrive. Gen. MacArthur landed in the boat next to ours. His elaborate hat looked a little out of place with the rest of his uniform since he was wet up to his waist during the landing." (Paul, about this point your writing went into a dim-out and I couldn't read all of the rest of it, but anyway, I'm glad that you got MacArthur ashore O.K. LCP.)

Sgt. R. P. Nation is down at Maxwell Field, Alabama, and asked for some stickers so other **Aztecs** there could find him.

Lt. Howard McBride wrote from Saipan:

"I've been here about six weeks and have seen only one **Aztec**, **Lt. Johnny Peters, USMCR**. I was up visiting my bombardier, **Lt. Olson**, in the hospital, when a fellow about five beds down asked if I wasn't from San Diego. Johnny broke his leg down at Guam and was waiting to be shipped to the General Hospital in Oahu.

"I was very lucky. We made the first three Tokyo raids, and a couple of others." (There are a good many **Aztecs** on Saipan now and some of them ought to be able to find you. LCP.)

Lt. Louis R. Lepore, USMCR, is overseas with a replacement outfit. He hasn't gotten going yet, but expects to. He has seen **Lt. Joe Rogers**.

Pvt. E. L. Howell, WAC, wrote from South Post, Ft. Myer, Va.:

"I'm back in War Department General Staff in the Pentagon building, but in a new job. Let's hope that about the time they get me well broken in that I don't leave the place! Breaking in a new pair of GI shoes is ecstasy compared with breaking into a new office. Honestly, that's no exaggeration."

Lt. (jg) Joe Suozzo has been having his usual complications getting in touch with **Lt. Bob Beckman** and **Lt. Col. Jack Hayes**, but he always manages to see some of the other **Aztecs**. **Lt. Grant Nielson** is another **Aztec** he has seen.

Lt. (jg) E. E. Sechrist wrote from his destroyer in the Pacific:

"We have been on the move constantly. The cans have been getting a workout in this area and are truly the work horses in these parts.

"We took part in the invasion of the Philippines in Leyte Gulf. Out of the numerous and frequent air attacks, we managed to bag a few Japanese planes."



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

"I can't see how those jokers can send home letters saying where they are. I can't even tell you whether I lux my undies. All I can say is that I am on a rock in the Southwest Pacific. My plane, The Nervous Wreck, is holding out as well as any dive bomber can, and I am rapidly finding myself in the same category.

"Spilled a plate of what we laughingly call chow on John Sinderholm. He had a lot of dope to tell me and you should be seeing him soon."



A. S. Flack, CY, wrote, FPO, San Francisco:

"You may be glad to learn that a fine fellow who is very modest has made full Lieutenant and has had a front row seat at many of the Pacific actions. He is Lt. James Borders and is now the Commanding Officer of his own PC boat. Jim's home is in San Diego, and he has told me often of the happy days when he was a student at San Diego State College."



Sgt. Alfred Rhodes wrote from Germany:

"I'm still in combat with a unit of the Third Army. Just now we are in Germany. We helped change history a little with the fall of that impenetrable fortress city of Metz. Wish I could tell you about a little coup that took the Jerries by surprise. It was completely planned and carried out by the skill and bravery of some of our men.

"I saw quite a bit of England and France and was in Belgium for a time."



Capt. and Mrs. Thomas Chavis have a new daughter, Mary Kathryn, born December 4th.



Cpl. Jack W. Hudson wrote from France:

"We have been dodging German artillery so long now that we are beginning to believe that we are F.A. ourselves. Winter has arrived with the snow and sleet. The snow melted and we are back in the mud. Some fun.

"We are living in a French house that is getting 'holier' day by day."

Pfc. Fred C. Smith, class of 1945, wrote from the Philippines:

"Received the article and pictures you sent me from Time showing our outfit. They were new to us up on the front, but where I am now, I find that they have some of that copy of the magazine.

"At present I'm in a hospital with hookworm and a couple of other possibilities. If all goes well, I'll be back with my outfit in a few days. This show is still going strong and fast, but not fast enough to suit me. The enclosed peso is Japanese invasion money they dumped on the island."



Sgt. Helen L. Payton, USMC, WR, sent her Christmas card from USMCAS, Cherry Point, N.C.



WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Pfc. Martin F. Anderson is with the Infantry, APO, N.Y. ☆ Arthur E. Platt, A.S., is in Pre-Midshipman School, Asbury Park, N.J. ☆ Lt. Robert S. Hamilton is still on his battleship in the Pacific. ☆ Pvt. Louis J. Botte is at a POW Camp, Walterboro, S.C. ☆ S/Sgt. Geoffrey T. Rothero is up at the University of Wash. ☆ Lt. J. R. Moran is at SAAAB, Santa Ana, Calif. ☆ T/5 Merle M. Genet is overseas, APO, N.Y. ☆ Ens. Alfred Nesvold is on a ship, FPO, N.Y. ☆ Bruce Clapp, S2c, is at Great Lakes, Ill. ☆ Cpl. Maron E. Lee is overseas, APO, S.F. ☆ Sgt. Donald J. Crouch is overseas, APO, N.Y. ☆ Lt. Robert Halley and Lt. Page H. Tulloch are at MTBSTC, Newport, Melville, R.I. ☆ Pvt. John Haskell flew from New Guinea to the Philippines. In New Guinea he was near Jack Williams, an Aztec of 1929-1933. ☆ Edward Wong, S1c, is at Herzl Jr. College, Chicago, Ill. ☆ Ens. Thomas E. Stixrud is overseas, FPO, S.F. ☆ 1st Lt. G. R. Loveall is with the 373 Station Hospital, APO, S.F. ☆ Brent Burrell who is up at Birmingham Hospital at Van Nuys, was promoted to 1st Lt.



Pvt. James C. Leisure wrote from Germany:

"Do you remember little Leonard Fierro, wrestling instructor back in 1940 and '41? Well, he is in my platoon and also in the same squad. The other night in the bottom of a German cellar we had a great time talking about the old college life and the things we used to do. I have also seen Don Chamberlin, but he was transferred to another outfit.

"Do you remember Emma (Baldelli) and her accordion? I'd give a lot to be able to hear her play right now." (Yes, we are looking forward to the days when you and Emma and the baby can all come over. LCP.)

LITERARY PRIZES

As announced last month in the News Letter, El Palenque is being reactivated and is reserving a section for the literary contributions of our service men. In case you are too far away to be in touch with the publishing business, here is some news that should interest some of you. There are announced in The Writer (a writers' magazine) many awards:

E. P. Dutton offered \$5,000 for the best book manuscript by a service man or woman wounded in action during the present war.

Twentieth Century Fox Films announces some Soldier Fellowship Awards, each totaling \$1,500.

Random House announced a prize contest for present and discharged members of the armed forces of \$2,500 for the best book on the general subject of the return and readjustment to civilian life.

Many prizes were announced, some of which are now out-dated, but they show the activity of the publishing business. Who knows but that some Aztec will be a winner. Meanwhile, you may think of sending something to:

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



Lt. Joseph E. Kurtz wrote from his carrier in the Pacific:

"My job aboard this ship is First Lieutenant which keeps me pretty busy. I'm afraid my Snow Job wouldn't go very far with the other fellows. I've been so fortunate that it would be pure snow. It's too bad that your Snow Jobs can't be recorded and sent to us as we would like to get in on the rare stuff."



A/C Stan R. Cobb is still at Corpus Christi where he has seen Russell Lamoreaux, David Lakin, Fred Rapp, Danny Webster, Johnny Buchanan, Lyle Hill, and Ben Long. He said that Lt. (jg) Sam Askenaizer is in a PBM squadron there.



Lt. George A. Rettie is on a ship in the Pacific in an Armed Guard unit.



Pvt. Jack Bahl wrote from France:

"We are pushing ahead here in France and should set foot on the soil of the Reich soon."



PICTURES FOR THE PANEL

We are still anxious to get more pictures for the panel. The head size should not be over 2 1/2 inches in height. The width makes no difference. Keep sending them in. LCP.

Lt. Herman G. Goldbeck wrote from Germany:

"Have been receiving your **News Letters** regularly. Appreciate both the spirit with which you have been applying yourself for so long a duration period, and the productive results of your efforts, the news of former **Aztecs**, fighting, dying, suffering, learning, and at times, enjoying, in the numerous world theaters.

"For myself, after 25 months service in bleak and barren Iceland, I was moved into spirited living in this aggressive theater. Shoved and finally spurted across France in a 100-day chapter, the high point of which was a three-weeks duty tour in Paris during the earliest Liberation time, when **Liberte** and **Equalite** were once more in renaissance, while **Fraternite** was indeed **Fraternity**. Bliss was it, in that dawn to be alive, but to be young was very heaven. Since, have been plodding about in the mud and mist of the Netherlands and Germany.

"With best holiday wishes to you and yours and to **San Diego State** and hers."

Lt. William A. Koller wrote from the Pacific:

"Since last writing you from Miami, Fla., have been sent again to New Guinea; flew some 12,000 air miles to get here. Had the rather unique experience of flying from San Francisco to Pearl Harbor via the Mars, seventy tons of the world's largest flying boat. It's really an eye-opener of things to come!

"At the present time I'm attached to the U.S. Navy Coastal Pilots. Piloting is done up the entire coast of New Guinea and recently we started sending pilots up the coast and through to Leyte. Very interesting work, but the responsibility of conning ships of up to 10,000 tons is sometimes pretty heavy. After delivering a ship to some northern harbor, we fly back to our southern tip home; in this way I've been able to acquire quite a few aviator signatures on my Short Snorter bills—all in all it's an excellent type of duty.

"Was quite surprised to have **Orville Wahrenbrock** walk into headquarters one evening while I was OOD. He is on temporary duty with the pilots; at the present time he is skipper of a sub-chaser."

Sgt. Vincent J. Farina wrote from Box 217, Boca Raton, Fla.:

"I thought you would be interested in some of the happenings here at Boca. Last week I instructed **Lt. Robert Farmer** and **Lt. Ilia Poppoff**, both good **Aztecs**. I also had a chance to introduce **1st Lt. Bower Forbes** to my class of the current week. He had a few stories to

tell and it was certainly interesting.

"My job is still the same as it was the last time I saw you, except that now I instruct officers only. I even had a Lt. Col. in my class—pretty good for a buck Sgt., eh?"

1st Lt. Laurence Madalena wrote from Italy:

"Right now matters are somewhat at a standstill with our outfit all set to undergo de-activation. Recently had two 5-day leaves in Rome. Knocked myself out the first time taking in all the sights. Had seven days at Leghorn and managed to get up to Pisa. The tower actually does lean!"

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Cpl. David M. Sterne has a new address, APO, N.Y. ☆ **Robert J. Stanford**, S2c, is at Barracks 121, USNTC, Bainbridge, Md. ☆ **Lt. Donald C. Hulbert** gets his mail at 2404 A Street, San Diego, Calif. ☆ **Lt. Herbert H. Blossom** is at AAF, Muroc, Calif. ☆ **A/C V. E. Haynes** is taking Primary at Thunderbird Field, Glendale, Ariz. ☆ **Pvt. D. A. Floto** is at Fort Lewis, Wash. ☆ **Ens. T. G. English** is on an LCT in the Pacific. ☆ **Ens. George W. Cowan**, USNR, is serving with the merchant marine as a second mate. ☆ **Ens. Frank F. Whigham** is with a squadron, FPO, N.Y. ☆ **J. J. Doria**, PhM3c, is still at Naval Hospital, Shoemaker, Calif. ☆ **Lt. Jack C. Daw** is at Victorville, Calif. ☆ **David L. Fellows**, ARM3c, is overseas, FPO, N.Y. ☆ **Rolland P. Packard**, SF2c, is overseas, APO, N.Y. ☆ **Pfc. Ben Siegel** sent his Christmas card from an infantry outfit in either France or Germany. ☆ **Ens. Telson L. Woolley** is on a DE, FPO, N.Y. ☆ **Lt. Robert Ruiz** is flying B-24s in England and he wants to hear from the rest of the fellows. (Drop us a line, Bob. LCP). ☆ **G. G. Claspill**, AMM1c, sent a copy of the **Kaneohe Klipper** from their NAS. ☆ **Cpl. Barbara Woollet** is still at VAAF, Victorville, Calif. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Richard Coburn** is on a ship in the Pacific. He was promoted along with the rest of the fellows in his class.

Charles Byrne, CY(A), 1427 Main Street, Seattle, sent in news on these men:

Lt. (jg) J. W. Rudrauff, is now a full fledged purser in the Merchant Marines and already has completed one trip to the Mediterranean. **Lt. (jg) George F. Cornell** has been through a series of schools and is to be gunnery officer of a new APD school. **Lt. Comdr. N. O. (Pete) Walker** is back from Tarawa and is to be stationed in Florida. **Jim Newell** is at USMC Officers School at Alameda.

NOTICE

Should any of you have special interest in any issue of the **News Letter** because of a particular letter in it, you may always get extra orders. The most convenient means of getting them to you may be for you to ask some **State College** student to just ask for them at my office. We have extra copies for that purpose. When we have our next **Open House** for the **Picture Panel**, we will have available back numbers. LCP.

Lt. E. Al Slayen wrote from the MTO: "Have been overseas two years. Have seen all of Africa and most of Italy—by truck, jeep and plane. Have been north of Rome and south of Naples and on both coasts. Have had my share of fun and tough breaks. In all my travels I found one city that I like especially well, Casablanca. Am seriously planning a return trip there. The most interesting city in Italy is Bari—danced with one girl there and spoke with her in four languages. The Partisans are really rugged looking—tall, dark and really rugged. This describes both the men and the women."

Lt. Lionel Chase wrote from Dalhart, Texas:

"I certainly am enjoying issue No. 34, but observe that you point the finger at me as a non-writer. Look, Doc, I've been back in the States now for 15 months, the last five months behind a desk, fighting paper work. While I was in Africa, you got a couple letters every month from me, but now you need the space for the guys on the other side who are still sweating out the C's and K's. Honestly, I'm beginning to feel like a feather merchant, I've been back so long. Every day I see kids just out of flying school going to B-29's, and here I sit, frozen behind a desk while the kids go out to fight. It's a bit disheartening to be sure.

"Doc, have you been thinking about helping the guys get adjusted and set up when they come back? There is a real social burden there that has to be shouldered by all of us at home. They all say the same thing, 'Nobody understands.'"

There's a lot there to think about, but I suppose that with our typical damnable complacency, we will do nothing until the situation gets rough, and rough it will get. Well, Doc, time to put down the flaps and go on in.

"General Harmon says the Japs will be on their feet and fighting in 1946 and I guess I'll be on this damn desk until then too. Happy landings."

George Mosolf is now a Lt. (jg) at the San Diego NTC where he was previously a Chief Specialist.

Lt. Ed Swann wrote from Assam:

"As for the locations, all I can say is that I am somewhere in Assam. The weather here seems to be about the same as in Calcutta, perhaps a trifle cooler. At present it has been quite good. The nights are cool and require at least one blanket, something like San Diego winters. However, it still warms up in the middle of the day. I am still sweating out a monsoon season here. Have heard lots from the older hands about it.

"Yesterday we celebrated Thanksgiving here with canned turkey and all the trimmings. Last week I was still in Calcutta and it was celebrated last week down there. Had roast duck with all the trimmings."



WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Lt. Henry Holt is flying domestic air transport and is based at New Castle AAB, Wilmington, Delaware. ☆ **F/O Walter J. Krarup** is at SCAAB, Sioux City, Iowa, training with a combat crew. ☆ **Capt. Leon H. Fish** is at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. ☆ **Lt. E. Lynn Kemp** is on an island in the Pacific where he saw **Andy Bofinger** some time ago. ☆ **Pfc. Beverley Westerland**, MCWR, is at the Depot of Supplies, Ord. Div., 100 Harrison St. S. F. ☆ **Cpl. Robert Manzeck** is stationed at Towers Hospital, Miami, Fla. ☆ **Ens. R. S. Litchfield** is in Operations at NAS, Wildwood, N. J. (Bob was asking about Steve Porter and the rest of the HODs. Steve, will you pass the word on. LCP.) ☆ **Lt. Walter A. Nagle** is at the Flamingo Hotel in Miami Beach, Fla., instructing in ordnance. ☆ **Pvt. Arthur Meyers** is overseas, APO, S. F. ☆ **Ens. Don Kenney** is in Aerology at NAS, Hutchinson, Kansas.



Lt. Robert Exter came in and has left for Portland for another ship. He had been out 20 months in both the North and Central Pacific areas. He was on a minesweeper and was in on two invasions — the Marshalls and Saipan. While in the North Pacific he saw **Seymour Rabinowitz**, **Francis Millican**, **Bob Gray** and **Bob Flynn**. That was long ago.

In the Central Pacific he saw **Bob Flynn** at Saipan as skipper of an LST; **Jim Borders** on PC; **Bud Quade** on an APD; **Tony Ghio** on that old tin can; **Capt. Jack Edwards** of the Marines at Guam; **Ralph Kinnings**, **Don DeLauer** and **Joe Davis** at Pearl Harbor; also a good many others at various times and places.



Pfc. Clem Abbey, USMCR, passed all of the tests for OCS and was transferred to Quantico to begin training with the new class.

Lt. James E. Stubbs writes from a Recreation Center in the Admiralty Islands:

"I have run into several former **Aztec** boys here lately. **Lt. Percy Allen** spent Christmas day ashore with **Lt. Rod Luscomb** and myself. Will enclose a snap shot we took while horseing around. Percy is on one of the APAs which will be in on this next strike very soon. He has charge of the small boats which take the boys into the beaches. **Bert Nichols**, MM1c, and **Ted Ballam**, Y1c, just arrived from the States a few days ago and spent a day over here while waiting for transportation up to Leyte where we all expect to end up before very long. I understand **Barney Newlee** who used to drop over now and then has made Chief and was sent up to Leyte a short time ago. Things are moving along at a pretty good clip out here and if it continues I look forward to getting back home one of these days soon.— Soon out here means anywhere from nine to twelve months. This is my tenth month and it seems like ten years. I ran into another ex-State College boy who is flying a B-26 out of here by the name of **Porter** around 1936 I think. I took a ride the other day for about four hours in one of them and would like to have been headed for the States.



F/O W. H. Jennings, Tau Delta Chi, wrote from his fighter squadron in the Pacific:

"Being where I am I have no news to give you. I have seen **Frank Chides** and **Dave Steinman** but not recently. We are using the P-61, Black Widow. **Fred Jennings** is supposed to be around these parts but I haven't seen him."



Lt. Stan Conant who used to be with the AVG is with a fighter squadron in the Pacific and wishes to be remembered to all the boys.



Pvt. John F. Ritchey is somewhere in Germany but said that he couldn't write very much on his experiences. He wrote on Christmas day.



Pfc. Roy Richard wrote from Ft. Benning where he had been taking paratroop training:

"I've just finished my jump training with my fifth and qualifying jump. We made four day jumps and one night jump. The thrill and empty stomach feeling were always there as just before all of my track races. The training is good and the injuries are few, as long as one does what he is taught to do.

"The **News Letter** brings me surprises of joy and then occasionally a moment of real sorrow—but I'm really grateful for it."

Cpl. Harold E. Webster, USMCR, is overseas in the Pacific where he has just heard of the **News Letter** for the first time.



Richard J. Raper, ARM3c, wrote from Vernalis NAAS near Modesto:

"The squadron is now at Vernalis attempting to do some night flying to complete our advanced training. But luck is very much with us. We have had the most beautiful flying weather imaginable, fog every night for 12 nights. This is not the sort of thing that would make my mother's eldest son, Richard, angry. I'm firmly of the opinion that only owls should fly at night.

"I guess soon I'll start my second Cook's Tour of the Pacific."



WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Sgt. Charles V. Harrington moved to Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. ☆ **Lt. Joseph W. Rogers**, USMCR, is with a new Marine outfit in the Pacific. ☆ **1st Lt. Mike B. Rogers**, USMCR, is at Camp Lejeune, N.C. ☆ **Cpl. Ted P. Withall** moved to Salina, Kan. ☆ **Ens. Vernon K. Embury** moved to Cuddihy Field, Corpus Christi, Tex. ☆ **T/Sgt. Art S. Clarkson** of the class of 1937, is overseas, APO, N.Y. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Haile Chase** continues to be mentioned for his fine work on a PT boat in the Philippines, an INS dispatch from there on December 25th telling how he eluded three Jap destroyers after they torpedoed a Jap ship. ☆ The Christmas card sent by **Lt. Lionel Chase** from Daltart, Texas, showed him and the Mrs. standing by a plane as though they were going out for a spin. ☆ **Lt. Nell F. Dunlop** is serving as a nurse in England. ☆ **S/Sgt. Olin Ken Lipscomb** sent his Christmas card from the MTO.



Lt. and Mrs. Rex Dixon have a new daughter born December 13, 1944.



Pfc. Chris Franovich wrote from France:

"At last I got out of England. Can truly say that it is a relief to get out of that cold land with its cold people. I spent as good a Xmas as can be spent in the field. Had turkey with all of the trimmings. The other day I had a steak dinner. Through the courtesy of Uncle Sam I had a sight-seeing tour of Paris. As compared with the other cities it has hardly been touched by war. Some of the cities are simply leveled to the ground. It is pitiful to see the people in some places, yet they try to go on as though nothing had happened. Give the **Phi Lamb's** my best wishes for the New Year. I know **Mr. Pfaff** will keep them on the ball."

THE DATA CARDS

Personal data cards are being mailed in this issue to all of our domestic and civilian readers. Please fill them out and return them to us as soon as possible.

Lt. (jg) Duane (Squirt) Wilson is back from his tin can in the Western Pacific and is to go east any day now for something new. He had seen a good many of the fellows. **Squirt** is making his trip east also his honeymoon trip.

J. L. Howard, Lt. (SC) USN, wrote from his construction outfit, FPO, S. F.: "As for personal news of interest I have little to report. Happened to see one **Yeoman Smith** from **State** who is on an APA or AP out this way. I have heard from **Lee Arnold** who is in the north Pacific, and my dad writes that **Billy Lyle** was in to see him one day a short time ago. During my all-too-brief stay in San Diego, (we spent 24 hours a day looking for a house), I saw **Dwight Stanford**, **Gordy Hall**, **Geo. Klick**, **Jerry Masten**, and **Joe Avoyer**. Also **Pete Rapp** and **Gerry Weber**.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Lt. John W. Thiele is at Canterbury Apartments, 1746 North Cherokee, Hollywood. ☆ **1st Lt. Bert A. Betts** is at PAAF, Pecos, Texas. ☆ **Lt. F. N. West, USNR**, moved to 5041—71st St., San Diego. ☆ **Lt. Arthur J. Porter** is at AAF Base Unit, Boca Raton AAB. ☆ **Pvt. Joyce Claire Meachum** is at Fairfield-Suisun AAB, Calif. ☆ **Pfc. Francis M. Ramey** is at Camp Pinedale, Fresno, Calif. ☆ **Ens. Frederick W. Schott** is at NTS, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine. ☆ **Wm. Mac McCollum** sent his V-mail card from a ship in the Pacific. ☆ **Emerson Hill** is on a ship in the Pacific along with **Lt. (jg) Al Donnell**, the former football center. The ship is a CVE.

Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Phil A. Allred have a son, **Thomas Allen**, born November 20, 1944.

Major Jack Bray has moved all over the country and is currently stationed at Bartow Army Air Base, Bartow, Florida.

The six **State College** students who are in the annual national publication, **Who's Who Among Students** in American Universities and Colleges, this year are **Virginia Hage**, **Pat Allard**, **Adrienne Wueste**, **Steve Porter**, **Patricia Herney**, and **Bruce George Duke**. All have been active in keeping the extra-curricula program going. Of course one part of that program is the **Aztec News Letter**.

1st Lt. Wallace McNulty wrote from Ft. Benning, Ga. where he is in Co. 11 of the 1st STR:

"They called for volunteers to go into the infantry and my CO looked at me and pointed at me and said, 'You.' Here I am, a regular ground soldier. From what I hear they have a pretty good course here. One of the first fellows I met was **Lt. Doug Bothwell**. He was sent to Ft. McClellan, Ala.

"As a note of interest to the men of the old 251, I also ran into **Lt. Gene Camp**. So far all we have done is sit around and wait for enough fellows to start a class. Its really rough, we fall out at 0830 and then fall out for our next formation at 0830 next morning. Several of us have taken up golf in order to pass the time of day. I have played two games now and have played both of them in the woods or on the wrong fairway.

"In driving out here from El Paso we passed through your home state of Louisiana, but what we saw was not very impressive. About the only thing we saw was a lot of swamps but maybe it was one swamp covering the whole state. Even a Show Boat on the Mississippi River wasn't too impressive—nothing at all like the movies."

W. Lee Clapham, SK1c, wrote from some place in Oahu:

"**Dick** Clardy, **Epsilon Eta**, is in a barrack just across the road. He is awaiting further assignment. Am enjoying the best chow the Navy has ever fed me.

"To say Honolulu is crowded is just another masterpiece of understatement."

Maureen Lynch has been promoted to HA1c. She is at Bldg. 127, USN hospital, San Diego in a lab technician school. She expects to be there until June.

Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Robert B. Barth have a new daughter, **Patricia Anne**, born January 1, 1945. Bob is overseas, FPO, S. F., and the other two members of the family are in San Diego. Mrs. Barth is the former **Pat Powers**.

Lt. Bill Donnett was transferred from Ft. Bliss to Ft. Knox, Kentucky, where he is in armored unit. **Lt. Johnny Finan** wants to get into a paratroop outfit, but at present he is in a hospital at Ft. Bliss.

Adv.—Gentlemen with truck wishes to correspond with lady who has two truck tires. Object, matrimony. When answering, please send photograph of tires.

Ed Herzig wrote from 1727 Euclid Ave., Berkley:

"I am enclosing a program of tonight's basketball game here on the campus. It was the best I have seen since the good old days of glory at State, mostly because of the St. Mary's coach, as you will notice, is none other than **Morrie Gross** and his team looks a lot like our old teams at State. Also saw **John Rideout** and **Bob Brown**. Rideout is here at U. C. and Bob is at St. Marys. **Ralph Black** is entering Med school at Stanford."

Pfc. Shoji Nakadate wrote from Ward 16-A of McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas: (Shoji had been wounded in France. LCP.)

"Reached the good old USA just in time for Xmas dinner in Massachusetts. Listened to the Rose Bowl Game here today. Certainly enjoyed it."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Pvt. Frank M. Waterpaugh, Jr., has a new APO number somewhere in the Pacific. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Harry Ashfield** has been transferred to BRF2, Columbus, Ohio. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Clifford A. Perkins** is at last leaving his station in Panama and it to attend a school somewhere in the States. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Richard Nida** has been transferred to Harbor Entrance Control Post, Lewes, Delaware. ☆ **Cpl. Ted P. Withall** moved from Delhart, Texas, to SHAAF, Salina, Kans. ☆ **1st Sgt. Sam Simpson** is still somewhere in the ETO. ☆ **Pvt. Robert (Red) Williams** is at Base Weather Station, Richmond, Va.

Capt. Charles W. Nolen has moved to Fort Bliss, Texas. Thanks for the picture for the panel, and now will you please send the Ft. Bliss address. LCP.

Capt. James E. Stacy is in England where his outfit gave a big Christmas party for some English children. Jim's description was very vivid and it left no doubt that the soldiers had about as much fun as the children did in attending their party.

Virginia L. (Dusty) Miller, Sp. (T) 2c wrote from Links, NAAS, Cuddihy Field, Corpus Christi:

"Saw **Russell Lamoreaux** off on the train for Pensacola where he will take instruments and advanced training in P-boats. **Ben Long**, **Delta Pi Beta**, is at Kingsville taking advanced training in CV's.

"**Monte Moulton** is in England now, and **Stan Cobb** is at the main station at Corpus flying bombers and P-Boats."