

# *The Aztec News Letter*

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The **Aztec News Letter** is published monthly as a service to the **Fighting Aztecs** who have attended **San Diego State College** and their friends. It is mailed to all **Aztecs in Service** for whom we have addresses whether they actually graduated from **State College** or not.

It is also mailed to civilians, parents and wives of our service men and friends of the college.

Every former **State College** student in service should keep the editor informed of his address changes, his promotions and items of interest.

#### STATISTICS:

<b>Aztecs in service (grand total)</b> .....	<b>2,800</b>
<b>Women in service</b> .....	<b>135</b>
<b>Discharged, mostly on medicals</b> ....	<b>75</b>
<b>Prisoners of war</b> .....	<b>30</b>
<b>Missing in action</b> .....	<b>25</b>
<b>Wounded in action</b> .....	<b>72</b>
<b>Killed in action and training</b> .....	<b>81</b>
<b>Decorated</b> .....	<b>216</b>
<b>Commissioned officers</b> .....	<b>1,200</b>
<b>Aztecs overseas</b> .....	<b>1,000</b>
<b>Domestic mailing list</b> .....	<b>1,800</b>
<b>Campus distribution, about</b> .....	<b>500</b>
<b>Printing of average issue</b> .....	<b>3,700</b>
<b>Printing of this issue</b> .....	<b>6,000</b>

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#### A PICTURE PANEL

showing **Aztecs in Service** is maintained in the Administration Building of the college. Pictures should not be over 2 1/2 inches high for the head and shoulders. We still need about 1,000 pictures.

#### CENSORSHIP

may be lifted somewhat if and when the war in Europe folds. Your editor has tried faithfully to hold down in the publishing of addresses and APO numbers. The object was to make sure that the **News Letter** would be an aid rather than a hindrance to the winning of the war. After V-E Day we may be able to give better service. LCP.

#### WANTED—BACK NUMBERS

of the **News Letter**: Number 14 (April 29, 1943) and 19 (October 1, 1943). We are making up some sets to bind and the number of sets that we can make up will depend upon how many of the above numbers we can pick up. You may get back numbers for almost any other month. Thanks. LCP.

The 24 veterans who attended **State College** last semester carried an average study load of 13.7 units. They made a grade point average of 1.46 which is well above the general average. There were no disqualifications.

#### CAMPUS NEWS

By Connie Frith

(This is **Connie's** last column of **Campus News**, at least for a while. She is getting married. The date is set as April 28th, and the lucky man is **Cpl. James Lloyd Haight, AAC**, Fairmont AAF, Fairmont, Neb. **Connie** leaves the **Aztec** and **Aztec News Letter** staffs with the good wishes of many, many friends. She has been a hard worker, and we hope we can find a worthy successor for her. Thanks, **Connie**, and best wishes. LCP.)

March was a month in which several **Aztec** servicemen recited wedding vows with **Aztec** co-eds. On March 1, **S/Sgt. Robert A. Wade, U. S. Army**, (Sigma Lambda) and **Gloria Winke** (Phi Kappa Gamma) were married. Serving as best man and maid of honor, were former Staters **S/Sgt. H. Billy Miller** and **ex-Wasp Frances Coughlin**, while **Lt. (jg) Nord Whited** was one of the ushers.

**Lt. Col. John E. Fitzgerald, jr., U. S. Army Air Corps (Hod)** and **Carol Remington** (Theta Chi) were married on March 17.

The marriage of **Lt. (jg) Nordstrom Whited, USN Air Corps** and **Barbara Wiese, (Phi Sigma Nu)** took place on March 25th.

Inter-fraternity sports, under the direction of **Bill Cordtz**, began this month with Basketball. Four fraternities, **Eta Omega Delta**, **Phi Lambda Xi**, **Epsilon Eta**, and **Sigma Lambda**, are participating. The three other frats, **Delta Pi Beta**, **Kappa Phi Sigma**, and **Sigma Delta Epsilon** do not have enough members to play, as yet. Other sports to be scheduled are miniature golf, badminton, track and volleyball.

**Steve Porter** was appointed by the A. S. Council as Senior Manager of Baseball, soon to be scheduled.

**Joe Rodney** (formerly Major, USA) and **Mrs. Rodney** are the proud parents of a daughter, **Patsy**, born March 1, weight 7 lb. 6 oz.

**Mary Peck, Aztec** songbird, has made a Decca recording with "**Hail Montezuma**" and "**The Fight Song**" on one side, and a smooth rendition of "**Al-ways**" on the other side. Record can be purchased through bookstore.

**Fred "Buzz" Holding**, basketball player, was elected by students to reign as "**St. Patrick**" at the Shamrock Shuffle, W.R.A. sponsored event.

March 19, **Cetza** held its annual celebration of "**Hello Walk Day**," and all **Aztecs** received name tags bearing the words, "**Hello**" and "**Smile**."

**Treble Clef** gave their annual concert on Sunday, March 25, to a large audience in Russ Auditorium. Proceeds all go to the pipe organ fund.

#### OPEN HOUSE WILL BE HELD

for the  
PICTURE PANEL

on Sunday, April 8, from 2 to 5. Visitors are invited to come and make the occasion a **Little Reunion**.

#### EL PALENQUE

which is the college literary magazine will be out the first week in May. To date the Navy has contributed most to the service men's section. The price is 25 cents and it may be purchased through

The Aztec Bookstore,  
State College,  
San Diego 5, Calif.

#### DEL SUDOESTE

which is the college annual, will be off the press in a few months. This year it is being edited by **Jayne Dempsey** and **Jeanne Oncley**. It is to have a special feature on **Aztecs in Service**, and a later notice will tell you that it can be ordered through the **Aztec Bookstore, State College, San Diego, Calif.** It is still possible for you to get a copy of last year's annual also.

#### COMMERCIAL

This issue of the **News Letter** is a sort of "supreme effort." We hope you will like it. But don't expect this much every month. You may have a colored picture just once or possibly twice a year; you may have 16 pages only when correspondence and news force us up to 16.

This issue took a lot of mid-night oil. The stencil cutting for the addressing machine required extra work. There are 400 changes per month which have to be searched, carded and stenciled.

We are still out of the red, but that is about all. We are looking for better times ahead. So, send in your changes of address, promotions and items of news, and from time to time help us out with our bills. Thanks to all of you who have contributed so generously to date. LCP.

#### T/5 WHITWORTH W. HOSKINS

was wounded in action in Luxembourg on January 29th according to a last minute bit of news. **Whit** was in an Air Borne Infantry outfit along with **1st Sgt. Joe Carter** who had previously reported jumping in a blizzard about Christmas time. They have had their share of combat duty. **Whit** is now in a hospital in England and was slated to come back to the States, but in his last letter to his mother, **Mrs. Alice B. Hoskins**, of 2322 Whitman St., he is to go back to his old outfit.



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Edited by  
DR. LAUREN C. POST  
San Diego State College  
San Diego 5, Calif.

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

Again it is with mixed emotions that we go to press. There has been bad news, and there are times when it shows. Although both wars daily are showing a trend in our favor, there is much hardship ahead, and it will be a long time before all of the men get home. Our losses have not been light. A total of 81 for this little college is far more than our share, but on the other hand, we have had more than our share of men in the thick of things from the very beginning. Their decorations show that they have made a tremendous contribution to the total war effort.

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

P. S. If you are around San Diego on the afternoon of April 8, try to come to the picture panel. We'll be seeing you. LCP.

## CAPT. JOHN E. ABBOTT

whom we reported missing in action in France has since been reported killed in action. He had been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service during the assault on the enemy. Capt. Abbott was at **State College** in 1939 and had graduated from West Point in 1943.

## LT. FRANK BRAISTED

who previously was reported missing in action has since been reported killed in action. He was in the ETO.

## CAPT. MASON HARRIS

was killed in action in Germany. He had been with an armored division under **Gen. Patton** and had been among those to hold out in the city of Bastogne when that city was surrounded during

the German break-through. He had written since that time, and his letter appears elsewhere in this issue. Capt. Harris is the third member of the championship team to go, the other two being **Ens. Milton (Milky) Phelps** and **Lt. (jg) Paul Fern**. Mrs. Harris was an Oregon girl, and their little daughter whom Mason had not seen is three months old.

Following is part of Mason's last letter to the **News Letter** which he wrote from Belgium:

"I am at present in Belgium in this nice snowy and cold climate. My unit was in on the battle of Bastogne which was quite an event and a job well done. There are so many things which I could tell of that particular fight but can tell you in part of my own reactions especially after we were getting low on supplies and we got our first supply by air. I have never seen anything so beautiful as those C47s and fighter protection as they came in low, circled and got their signal from the pathfinders who were dropped the day before and then came back and started their drop of supplies. Those colored chutes, as they floated down, were beautiful and words can't describe the feeling of not only myself but all of the others. Of course we had a couple more supply drops and then they sent in some gliders in about three days and then more gliders.

Doc, it's not possible to put on paper what one feels in those instances. There were many grim sights such as you've probably heard, but it all came out in the end. It certainly makes a good story and has a good plot for a book, but I'm not the literary type so some one else will have to write it. The airborne boys are used to being surrounded, but not yours truly, and it sure took those boys to scare the Germans."

## 1st LT. DOUGLAS A. JACKS

was reported killed in action over Europe after having been reported missing since last July. Lt. Jacks had been awarded the **Air Medal** with one **Silver Oak Leaf Cluster** and three **Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters** and the **Purple Heart**.

## S/SGT. ROBERT C. PETERSON

died in a field hospital in France following wounds received on February 24. Bob had been on the continent since D-Day and saw his last action with the First Army. **Lt. Col. Harbaugh** had seen him on February 6th and at that time he was well and busily engaged in hauling ammunition. His very recent promotion

to S/Sgt. in the field speaks highly of his service and shows that he fought the good fight clear to the end.

(Bob was **State College's** first and only faculty son to be killed in action—although **Dick Wright** and **Kenneth Barnhart** had close calls—and the sad news re-emphasizes the seriousness of this war. To **Dean and Mrs. C. E. Peterson** go the deep sympathies of the many thousands of **Aztecs** and San Diegans who have had personal contacts with "**The Petersons**." LCP).

## CARSON SPADE

is missing in action according to an unofficial report.

## LT. FORREST H. BROWN, USMCR

is missing in action from a flight over Japanese held territory since February 16. He was a fighter pilot and leader of a squadron.

## LT. RICHARD F. KENNEY

wrote from **Stalag Luft 3, POW No. 1747**, Germany via New York.

"I have been receiving letters from so many fellows I couldn't list the names and still have the space to tell you that the majority saw my address in the '**News Letter**' and Doc, letters mean quite a lot, as you must know, they are over here '**News Letters**' personified. In this camp **State College** is well represented and California is battling it out with New York for a majority. Your student, Dick."

## CAPT. THEODORE H. RUNYON

who is a prisoner in Germany wrote his mother, **Mrs. Martha Runyon** of 722 Jacinto Place, that he has seen **Richard Kenney** and **George Scott**. He wrote from **Stalag Luft 3**, but he undoubtedly has been moved since.

Capt. Runyon holds the **Air Medal** with three **Oak Leaf Clusters**, the **Distinguished Flying Cross** and the **Purple Heart**.

## PFC. MELVILLE AUBREY

wrote from Det. of Patients, 4409 Hospital Plant: "It seems I am one of the victims claimed by concussion of an 88. It knocked me out and also broke a nerve or something in my eye. Anyway, I may lose it. I guess I'll have to consider myself lucky, judging from some of the things I have seen."

## PVT. CHAS. W. CHRISTENSEN

received some shrapnel wounds in the legs in the ETO about four months ago.



**PVT. BOB DAVIS**

wrote from Det. of Patients, Hospital Plant 4179:

"I finally have been awarded the **Purple Heart**. That is one decoration I hoped I would never receive, but I got in the way of a couple of mortal shells. Didn't get hit bad but have several holes in me. I hope this thing is over before I am ready to go back to the line. I am in a nice hospital here and everyone is swell to me."

**LT. COL. JACK W. HAYES, JR.**

has been awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart and the Silver Star. He finished his tour of duty in heavy bombers and then changed over to fighters. He is now flying P-51s. The Purple Heart was awarded for flak wounds received over Berlin.

**CAPT. GEORGE (COTTON) GILLILAND, USMC**

was wounded in the leg on D-Day at Iwo Jima. He was evacuated on the same day and he is in a naval hospital along with **Lt. Thomey**. Cotton wrote to **Mrs. Gilliland (Cora Underhill)** that he was getting along all right and that no complications had set in.

**PVT. BILLY MAYNE**

has been wounded again, this time seriously. Previously he had been wounded by machine gun fire in Germany on November 3, 1944.

**LT. GORDON R. McKERVEY**

is in Germany. He has been wounded three times.

**PFC. GERALD H. PATRICK**

was wounded in Germany while serving with the Third Army. He had been overseas since July 1944.

**LT. JOSEPH W. ROGERS, USMCR**

was wounded in action at Iwo Jima. He was hit by shrapnel from an artillery shell. While being bandaged, he underwent a similar experience but still lived to write about it. Although his wounds seem to be quite serious, he still has been able to write quite frequently to his mother.

**PVT. JOHN C. SHEPPARD**

calls himself a "bedborne infantryman." He was hit by some German shell fragments and is now back in this country. His address is Ward 32, Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah.

**PVT. WILLIAM E. SPICER**

was wounded in action in the ETO. He was reported to have lost a foot.

**PVT. NOBORU TAKASHIMA**

was wounded in action in the ETO.

**PVT. OSCAR THOMAS**

wrote from Det. of Patients, Hospital Plant 4105: "I have been wounded for the third (?) time. This time it was in Belgium. I am in a hospital in England and I am writing this left handed due to my wounds. They are not too serious but will take some time to heal." (Oscar was in the First Division. We are expecting a real snow job from him when this thrash is over. LCP.)

**LT. THEODORE THOMEY, USMCR**

wrote **Mrs. Thomey (Patricia Bennett)** that he was wounded in the foot on D-Day at Iwo Jima. He was on the island only seven hours and now is in a hospital, probably in Hawaii.

**PFC. ROSS WORKMAN, USMCR**

is the 4th of the Aztec Marines of the Fifth Marine Division to be wounded at Iwo Jima. He was hit by shrapnel in the leg and a little later was hit in the shoulder and face as well as in the injured leg. He has been evacuated and has written to his mother. He is in a hospital, probably in Hawaii. He rolls around in a wheel chair and has been attending the movies. (All of the above mentioned men were in the Fifth Division; leg wounds seem to have gotten the men early and they were evacuated early.)

**CPL. ERVIN LEE ANDERSON**

was awarded the **Combat Badge** and an **Individual Citation**. He is with the 5th Army in Italy.

**COMDR. HOWARD M. AVERY**

has been awarded the Navy Cross, the Legion of Merit and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is with a carrier air group, FPO, S. F. Comdr. Avery is perhaps our only commander, and he is one of two **Aztecs** to hold the Navy Cross. **Ens. John C. Butler** was awarded that decoration posthumously. (If there are other **Aztecs** who have three stripes or the Navy Cross, may we have the information please. LCP.)

**1ST LT. ORVILLE BALL**

was awarded the Air Medal. He is a lead navigator on a B-24 flying out of England.

**1st LT. BERT A. BETTS**

was awarded the **Air Medal** with three **Oak Leaf Clusters** and the **Distinguished Flying Cross**. He has the ETO Ribbon with two stars and is now at PAAF, Pecos, Texas.

**LT. ROBERT W. BECKMAN**

was awarded the **Air Medal** and four **Oak Leaf Clusters** for 33 missions in heavy bombers in the ETO.

**CAPT. JOHN PETE BILLON**

has flown 100 missions in the CBI theater.

**1ST LT. GUY E. BOOTHBY, USMCR**

was awarded the **Presidential Unit Citation** (with star), and he has the Pacific Area Ribbon with two stars. Lt. Boothby is still with the 2nd Division.

**CAPT. WILLIAM C. BOYD**

was awarded the **Bronze Star (Unit)** for the battle of Northern France.

**LT. GORDON C. CHAMBERLAIN**

was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal. He is a glider pilot and took part in the Normandy and Holland invasions.

**LT. RICHARD U. CORMIER**

was awarded the **Presidential Unit Citation** for his service in the anti-submarine campaign in the Battle of the Atlantic. A few months ago Lt. Cormier was credited with shooting down four Jap planes in one foray over Luzon.

**CAPT. GLEN G. CURTIS**

is still at Torney General Hospital, Palm Springs. For his 19 months in the CBI theater and 143 combat missions, he has been awarded the **Air Medal** with two **Oak Leaf Clusters**, the **Distinguished Flying Cross** with one **Oak Leaf Cluster** and the **Purple Heart**. As previously noted, he cracked up in his last mission and was badly injured. He was doing quite well when he last visited the campus.

**CAPT. JAMES M. DALBY**

wrote from the CBI theater: "Since I wrote you I have made over 200 round trips across the hump. I can assure you I have been fairly busy. One month I went as high as 162 hours. This place would really drive the weather man crazy. My advice to any weather man coming out here is to forget everything he ever learned and start from scratch.

"The other day as I was walking through our hostel I saw a foot locker with an **Aztec** sticker on it. It had the name of **Pete Billon**. You can guess what we talked about for the rest of the day."

**CAPT. CHARLES DEARING**

was awarded a citation in the CBI theater for inventing a bomb lift that enables one man with a jeep to do a job that formerly took 15 men. (Sounds like an **Aztec** invention. LCP.)



**1st LT. DOUGLAS A. FAULKNER**  
has been awarded the **Air Medal**. He is a first pilot in B-24's and is in the Netherlands East Indies. He completed 31 bombing missions.

**LT. COL. JOHN E. FITZGERALD**  
is home on leave after 20 months of overseas service. He was a squadron leader in B-17's and was awarded the **Air Medal** with five **Oak Leaf Clusters**, the **Distinguished Flying Cross** with two **Oak Leaf Clusters** and the **Presidential Unit Citation**.

**S/SGT. E. L. FLOOD**  
was awarded the **Air Medal** and the **Oak Leaf Cluster** for "meritorious service while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific" as a radio operator in a B-24. A letter from **Gen. George C. Kenney** announced the award.

**LT. COL. WILLIAM M. FRASH, USMC**  
was awarded the **Presidential Unit Citation** and a **Letter of Commendation**. He is now at USMCAS, Cherry Point, N. C.

**LT. C. R. HARPER**  
was awarded the **Air Medal** for his combat duty in the Southwest Pacific.

**LT. COL. JACK WILLIAM HAYES**  
was awarded the **Air Medal** and three **Oak Leaf Clusters**, the **Distinguished Flying Cross**, the **Silver Star** and the **Purple Heart**. He finished a combat tour in B-17's and is now flying a combat tour in P-51's. He is still in Europe.

**LT. ALVA D. HENEHAN**  
was awarded the **Air Medal** at his P-47 base in Italy for meritorious achievement in aerial combat. He has been flying with fighter-bombers over the Po Valley communication lines and routes. Lt. Henehan is the father of a new son, **A. D., Jr.**, born at Camp Callan Hospital on February 2. The nurses call Junior "**Butch**."

**LT. COL. HARRIS S. HOLMBOE, MC**  
was awarded the **Legion of Merit**. He has been overseas for 29 months and was in the North African Campaign and the Italian theaters. He is at present in the 8th Evacuation Hospital, No. 464.

**LT. COL. HAROLD C. McAULIFF**  
is still in Washington, D. C., at Hq. AAF, AC/AS—Training. He is one of our two **A-tecs** from the old 19th Bomb Group of which the **Suzie-Q** was a member. For his services, Col. McAuliff was awarded the **Air Medal** with one **Oak**

**Leaf Cluster**, the **Distinguished Flying Cross**, the **Silver Star**, and the **Presidential Unit Citation** with five **Oak Leaf Clusters**.

He is the father of two boys, and their mother is the former **Marjorie Ingram**, daughter of **Fred Ingram** of 1899 **Sheridan Ave.**, in San Diego.

**CAPT. BEN L. PARKER**  
whom many of you may have presumed was a prisoner in Japan is living at 222 **Meade St.**, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. He is an instructor at the Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth.

The other **Capt. Ben L. Parker** who is a prisoner is not a former **State College** student although he is from La Mesa. Our own **Capt. Parker** was in the Aleutians for 18 months during which time he did a great deal of instrument flying in the characteristic Aleutian weather. He holds the **Air Medal** and also the **Distinguished Flying Cross**.

**T/SGT. ALEX D. REGAS**  
was awarded the **Bronze Star Medal** recently. He was transferred from the Air Corps to the Infantry and is in Europe. (Alex is the fellow whom you knew as **Alex Rogers**. LCP.)

**1st LT. VALJEAN F. ROBBINS, USMCR**  
has been awarded the **Bronze Star** for his services at Peleliu. He was in that campaign and the Gloucester campaign with the Marine First Division as a machine gun platoon leader.

**LT. CLAUDE ROBERTS, USNR**  
was awarded the **Distinguished Flying Cross** for service with the Third Fleet in the Philippine Area.

**T/SGT. JOHN WILLIAM SCOTT**  
was awarded the **Bronze Star Medal** by **Lt. Gen. Patton** in recent ceremonies in Germany. A picture in a newspaper showed him receiving the decoration. Previously he had been awarded the **Distinguished Service Medal** for gallantry in action. He has been in England, France, Holland, Belgium and Germany since January 1944. He is with the Third Army.

**CAPT. WILLIAM C. STOLL, USMCR**  
was awarded the **Presidential Citation** for his part in the Guadalcanal Campaign. (See letter elsewhere from Bill written at Iwo Jima. LCP.)

**LT. (jg) HERBERT TOMPKINS**  
managed to get back to San Diego for a quick trip. He was on a CVE in the battle of Leyte Gulf. His ship was one of those that met the Jap fleet on the morning of October 25th. Herb flew

early that morning but along with many other pilots, was unable to take off during the hottest part of the engagement. The Japs were shelling them and all he could do was stay on deck hoping they could take off. At noon they managed to get off and shortly after that the tide of battle turned. The Japs came to within six miles from them and shells were falling all around them.

This battle was diagramed in **Life Magazine** and **Saturday Evening Post**. The names of the ships that were sunk, have been published. Herb's squadron has since been awarded the **Presidential Unit Citation** for their part in the battle.

**LT. HARLAN E. TORKELSON**  
was awarded the **Air Medal** for flying 25 combat missions over Assam, Burma and China with a tactical recon squadron.

**Phyllis Van Buskirk Ruth** is still in Fairbanks, Alaska, and is a **News Letter** reader. She wrote that her brother **Bob** who went to Hoover is a POW in Germany and that he met **Horace Bowman** at **Stalag Luft III**. He says the boys have organized a **California Kriegie Club** so all the boys must know each other by now. Phyllis' husband **Grant Ruth**, has been with PAA in Alaska for three years.

**Lt. (jg) M. Warren Tait** wrote from his YMS in the Pacific:

"Haven't seen anyone of late except **George K. Heinz, S1c** who attended **State** in the fall of '42. He is with the USGG Repair Base. I ran into him while I was in Hilo for a short leave. He drove a friend and myself around the Island. We had a grand trip and saw quite a few interesting items. While passing through the old lava flows from the Mauna Loa I picked up some pieces from the flow of 1935-36. Thought you might like them so sending them to you and the college. I thought it might be of interest to some to have some lava from Hawaii."

(Yes, it came through all right. It certainly looks fresh. Thanks. LCP.)

**Mrs. Arthur F. O'Keefe (Pat Wiltse)** wrote from Coronado:

"Art is on Iwo Jima and from all accounts is getting plenty of excitement. There was an article in the paper a couple of weeks ago about him taking an A.P. correspondent hedge-hopping over Iwo in one of those artillery spotting planes—overgrown cubs, I believe they are called."

"Back in September Art got his orders. That was quite a week, orders arrived on the eighth, our second baby arrived on the ninth, and the following week Art made Major."



## WHO—WHAT—WHERE

T/4 John D. Bond is in the MTO where he recently saw Lawrence Madelena.

Lt. Philip Thacher is on a ship in the Pacific. He is a survivor of the USS Chicago, and he served aboard the USS Reno. He wears the Asiatic-Pac Ribbons with 12 Stars.

1st Lt. Marston T. Westbrook is still with a bombing squadron in the Marianas, and so is Lt. Frank C. Heryet.

Capt. Don S. Rex is overseas, APO, N.Y. He reports that Capt. Clyde W. Snider is at Hammond General Hospital, Modesto.

Edward G. Wong, 1stc, is at Oklahoma A&M College, Stillwater, Okla.

Jack Bone, MoMM2c, is on an LST, FPO, N.Y.

Capt. Robert L. Cardenas is in the Bomber Flight Test Section, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

Lt. (jg) Jack E. Meltzer is with a Freight Rec. and Redist. Unit in the Marianas.

Lt. (jg) Ralph N. Kinnings is on a ship, FPO, S.F.

1st Lt. Edgar J. Fredericks is in the Jungle Section of the CTC, APO, S.F. He is in the regular Army and is going to make it his career.

Lt. William F. Cornett is with a squadron, FPO, S.F.

Lt. Harvey W. Hall is on a battleship. He took part in the operations at Kiska, Marshalls, Gilberts, Peleliu, Leyte, and Luzon. They were in the battle line during the battle of Surigao Straits.

Lt. (jg) George Thompson is still on his ship on the Pacific. They have been at Kwajalein, Guam, Peleliu, Leyte and Luzon for the landings.

M/Sgt. Emil P. Johnson is still in Europe.

Lt. E. J. Ruffa, USNR, is physical training officer at USNTC, San Diego.

Lt. (jg) (MC) USN, Eugene W. Rumsey is medical officer on an attack transport in the Pacific.

Pvt. Maurice J. Kahan is with the 30th Evacuation Hospital in the Philippines.

Pfc. Chris Franovich wrote from Germany:

"The other night I slept in a German pill box and they are good. They are built on the ground with four to six feet of concrete supported by iron rods for protection. They have from three to six rooms in them with bunk beds for the men. The only trouble with them is that they are damp and stuffy. The only way to knock them out is to blast them with TNT but that is usually not needed because they give up before that is necessary.

"Jerry Patrick is not more than 50 miles from me but as yet have had no chance to contact him."

## THE COLORED PICTURE

was taken by BOBUD, color photographers at 2722 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. The man behind the camera was R. L. Melcher and with him is Lee Harned, formerly a 1st Lt. with the old 251st.

Back on the campus were Lt. (jg) Bud Quade after a long spell of duty on a converted destroyer and Lt. (jg) Joseph Suozzo who was in Europe on landing craft. Joe had had the same type of duty as Don Eidemiller had. Recently he had seen Lt. Col. Jack Hays and Lt. Bob Becker in England. Both navy men were reticent in speaking of their own experiences but Joe said that Jack Hays really is one of the great heroes of the war. He has had a great deal of rough combat flying, but he keeps on asking for more.

Capt. Garry W. Meeker sent the first Easter card of the season from Europe. His Easter bunny had a whole basket of real (not powdered) eggs before him.

M/Sgt. Emil P. Johnson wrote from an Engineering outfit in Europe:

"Your three Aztecs in this outfit, Sgt. Charles Muller, T/5 Enrique Rivera, and myself are still keeping the Ninth planes high in the sky by keeping these fields in France in a half way decent shape. What with the mud, rain, snow, sleet and every other thing, I think we did a pretty good job.

"Rivera is in the hospital now, undergoing an operation on his throat, but will be back with us shortly. Muller is doing fine, but, as this place isn't as sunny and dry as San Diego, he doesn't care much for it. Frankly, I don't like it either."

Cpl. Gerhart Mehner wrote from the Philippines:

"The Philippines are a lot different than the Solomons as it rains more and there is a lot more mud. The best part of coming here is that I met 1st Lt. Ray Harper at his base and we had a seven hour chat about so many things.

"Those cheer leaders on the cover of the News Letter are really hot numbers, just what we need in the way of pictures for the cover. More of them, please."

1st Lt. George Forbes wrote from France:

"I have moved clear across France. Now I am some 300 miles closer to home. We are living in a French camp and my quarters are excellent. When I arrived here I had to break in my neck to a tie, after going without one for almost two years. This place is strictly garrison. My boss runs the camp and is the best officer on the post which makes life more bearable."

## WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Cand. George B. Ramstead is at Ft. Benning.

Ens. Paul J. Hamilton is on a PC, FPO, S.F.

Cpl. Bill Schinleber is at a POW camp at Leipsig, Del. He was overseas for 32 months and was in four major engagements.

Lt. Edwin E. Sechrist is still on his destroyer in the Pacific.

S/Sgt. Olin K. Lipscomb is still in the MTO.

1st Lt. Robert R. Rockwell is at Cherry Point, N.C., as a communications officer.

Pfc. James H. Graves is overseas, APO, N.Y.

Lt. (jg) Clarence Y. Harris is still at NAS, Norman, Okla.

Lambert A. Wight, AcMM, is on his big carrier in the Pacific.

Lt. (jg) John J. Frazer is serving as intelligence officer with the Navy Fighter Squadron in the Pacific.

Ens. LaVerne W. Brown and Ens. Joe Seminario are still on the same cruiser in the Pacific.

Lt. Terence B. Geddis is on a ship, FPO, S.F.

Capt. James H. Blethen is overseas for the fourth time. He has been in most of the theaters of operation in the Pacific.

Milton Effron, PhoM1c, is base photographer at Tulagi.

1st Lt. Kent Bush, USMCR, is still with the Marines in the Philippines.

Midn. Wayne P. Warlick is at the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

S/Sgt. Charles A. Cannon is in the Netherlands East Indies. He put on the Easter program with the hospital Glee Club and choirs.

Lt. (jg) Tom E. Willis is with an Armed Guard Unit, FPO, S.F.

1st Lt. Wayne P. McGehee is at Ft. Bliss, Tex. He was overseas for four years with the old 251st.

Lt. Robert O. Peterson, USNR, is at the Chinese Aviation Pre-Flight School, San Antonio, Tex.

Cpl. Penrhyn Millsap is somewhere in France.

S/Sgt. Charles Ables wrote from Iwo Jima:

"They really picked a rugged spot for us this time. It could be called 'Hell's Last Acre.' Coming aboard I ran into Clarence Huddleston. I understand Capt. Edwards and one of the ship's officers were Aztecs, making four of us on one ship. Then of course there is Jack Chandler. We have been on every campaign together now. He came back from the front lines a couple of days ago, hiding behind a beard and lugging a Nip rifle. He and all of the others are really taking a beating."



**Lt. Roy Grimse** wrote from his photo outfit in the Philippines:

"To date I have lit on several spots, some in the Visayans, and one in Luzon, and find the most settled island to be Leyte. After one of our missions I jeeped the island steering clear of the mountains, and came upon some interesting sights. The Filipino populace made quite an impression upon me. In general, the people of Tacloban, Palo, and Panauan towns were overjoyed to see our return despite the fact that for the present their towns were rapidly becoming mud and muck holes, their pavements beaten to oblivion, and their best standing buildings being leased from them.

"After personally talking to some whom I took pictures of, I can say their hatred of the Nips has never decreased. Even small lads still talk about acts of heroism performed by our troops on Bataan and Corregidor, and compare them always with brutal methods and habits of the Jap Occupation Forces.

"On the brighter side is the intermingling of GI's and natives for purposes of barter and trade. It's amazing what young Filipino girls do with our multi-colored parachutes—when they can get them. They really turn out some seemingly stylish garments. Families wander through the camp areas bartering for laundry-to-do, clothing, food, and pesos, giving in return mats, hats, cigars, clogs, utba (whisky), fighting cocks, fresh eggs, and what have you. After a day's work one is liable to come to his shack to find an entire Filipino family at one's doorstep ready to do you or die in the attempt. They usually get something. Curiously enough, the woman does the sales talking while, when the deal is done, the old man pockets the dinero. Then they all pack off to some other person's shack, looking perhaps for a GI to take a son on in the capacity of 'houseboy.' A family with four or five sons out as houseboys really cleans up to the tune of 30 pesos per boy per month.

"The scenery on Leyte is typically tropic. Palms, dense shrubbery, swamp and mud are overshadowed by wooded hills comparable in size to those behind State. Rural people live in bamboo shacks with an occasional sheet metal roof. In the villages, Palo for instance, they fare better, if only slightly so. Palo, by the way, is the site of a really beautiful cathedral with bright dark-stained beams, colored glass windows, and checker-tiled floors. The nave has beautiful hardwood seats, the apse and transapse are wonders of skilled craftsmanship, while at the crossing there is a most delightful altar.

"While the houses outside are well scarred and clusty, some of the larger residences are wonders of craftsmanship and carving inside. Typically ori-

ental, their hardwood stools, benches, and tablettes are minor masterpieces of figure work. Comfort is often sacrificed for this graceful beauty.

"As a whole the towns are shot to hell in more ways than one. The pavements are battered beyond recognition, the shops are non-existent, and general overall filth prevails everywhere. Pro lines extend several times around a block. Our civilian cars such as '41 Cads, Packards, Fords go for a song to anyone silly enough to use them. Police units are stationed every several blocks and are stuffed with local constables who maintain fairly good order—usually. Sometimes a cock fight in a back alley causes a minor disturbance, but this is ignored.

"This is an idea of the usual run of things at Leyte, discounting the things you might imagine going on concerning army and equipment operations.

"Personally, I've been in over thirty missions with the Army, several with the Navy, and a score or over of sorties in artillery L 4H's. Flying is great over here when you discount hazards due mostly to weather. The P.I.'s are a great group of islands, and I hope to grind out more film over there in the future."



**Pfc. Lester A. Monson** wrote from Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.:

"To catalog the wanderings of the **Delta Pi Betas** would take a long letter: **Herman Fritzenkotter** is in Belgium, **Dick Fritzenkotter** is in the merchant marine, **Dick Bain** was wounded in a campaign in Italy. **Dick Brewer** is in the 5th Army Hq. as weather officer. **T/5 Ed Coleman** is still checking registered mail at the POE in New York, and one of our vets seems to be doing all right on campus too—**Tommy Howe**. (I didn't have time to look up those addresses you wanted, but I gave your letter to Tom to answer it, and he has sent them all to you. LCP)



**Major Ralph Small** wrote from the MTO:

"I was with 5th Army Ack Ack for a while last summer but transferred into Labor work with AMG when the army decided it had too much AA. The **Stars & Stripes** today said that 57 battalions had been converted into infantry then and since. I had been trying to get into my own line of work (I'm a personnel examiner for S. D. County, on leave) for several years and am very happy with this assignment, Labor Officer for a goodly chunk of Italy. Have a requisitioned Fiat sedan with driver and travel a lot over the region.

"The Italian weather shows signs of relenting for a nice spring. The last two winters have been rugged. No place I've struck yet from Hawaii to Italy can compare with San Diego's climate."

**Lt. Ralph C. Darrow** wrote from a postal unit in Italy.

"Yes, I am getting in a plug for my branch of the service; due no doubt to the lectures I heard from Prof. Watenpugh, while I attended his classes in Advertising, at good old State College. While I am on the subject, I should like to mention the old "chestnuts" on writing to men overseas, that regardless of how many times they are repeated, some people fail to observe. They are (1) Be sure to write often, (2) If you want the fastest and most dependable service, use V-Mail, (3) Be sure to address the letter or parcel correctly, giving rank, name, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER, unit, and APO. It is surprising how many pieces of mail are received, bearing the incorrect address; and which we are unable to properly forward, due to the letter-writer failing to list the soldiers Serial Number. So much for the mail service over here.

"I visited the city of Florence the other day, and, while there, dropped in at the Officer's Red Cross Club. Naturally I hunted up the Visitors' Roster from California, and looked over the signatures in it. The first one that caught my eye was **Eddie Priesler**, signed with a flourish, and with San Diego proudly written beside it. I also saw several other familiar signatures, and did mean to write them down, but forgot it; suffice it to say that **State College** is well represented there, as it is in all the War Theatres, all over the World.

"I cannot say that I am unduly impressed with the famous (or infamous) climate of Italy. At times it does remind one greatly of California; that is on the rare occasions that the sun shines, the sky is blue and cloudless, and a gentle, cool breeze is blowing. The greatest similarity between the climate of Italy, and that of California, is its complete unpredictability. In two weeks here, we had sunshine, rain, hail, sleet, snow, thunder and lightning. So there is never a dull moment!"



**Remo Sabatini, QM3/c** wrote from a ship FPO, N. Y.

"Was assigned to a destroyer escort vessel with duty in the North Atlantic. Our job is to escort convoys back and forth across the ocean. Manage to hit the States about every month or so. We haven't had too much excitement as yet although half the German wolf pack was reported waiting for us the last time over. Our nemesis has been the rough weather, and the North Atlantic can be rough. The ship isn't too large and is tossed around like a chip in high seas."



**John W. Rideout, CSp**, and **Mrs. Rideout**, have a new daughter, **Merry Louise**, born in Berkeley.



Ed Thomas, Aztec and Lisle Shoemaker, San Diegan, are making names for themselves as war correspondents for UP in the Pacific. The News Letter office desk is covered with clippings from newspapers with their by-lines. Both men were sports writers and are known to hundreds of you. They have both been in the Marianas, and now they have both been to Iwo Jima. Besides that, Ed was with the fleet. All Aztecs out there should have at least one eye peeled for them. Too bad we can't run in some of their past stories, but when they write about Aztecs, we'll do our best.

Ed wrote from a battleship:  
 "When I get back to the Marianas I'm going to look up some of the Aztecs there. Meanwhile, I'm cruising around on this beautiful battleship after having been in on the carrier plane attacks on Tokyo last month. I hope that by this time some of the yarns I entrusted to planes and destroyers have made their way back to the States and have had some circulation on the UP wires.

"By this time you are probably wondering where in hell I got the News Letter. For that I give thanks to Lt. Robert S. Hamilton, whom you mention in No. 35. Hamilton is aboard. In fact, we sat down next to each other at dinner the first night out. Can you tie that?

"Maybe also by this time you are wondering who the hell I am. Well, just to refresh your memory, I wrote sports publicity during that golden age of basketball at State, was sports editor of The Aztec one year and graduated in 1940 and went immediately into newspaper work with United Press in San Diego. My kid brother, 1st Lt. Lewis Thomas, USMCR, is now somewhere in the Philippines with a Marine air wing. He's a communications officer and was scheduled for home leave last time I heard from him. Well, doc, as a fellow newspaperman, I salute you for the fine job you are doing with the News Letter. I can't see how it could be improved. That's a mighty beautiful collection of cheer leaders, too. Almost makes me want to go back and enroll all over again.

"At this moment we are cruising about forty miles from Jap-held territory, but you'd never know it. Everything seems very peaceful out here in the far Pacific and I'm going to close and go down and put on the feed bag.

Lt. Howard B. Turrentine is on his way home after 18 months duty in the Pacific. He saw action at Madang, the Admiralty Islands, Hollandia, Wadke-Sarmi, Biak, Noemfor, Sansapor, Morotai, Leyte, and took part in the historic Surigao Straits battle.

Pvt. Oscar Thomas wrote from the First Division in Belgium: (Before he was wounded the third time.)

"This snow is terrible. It's really a job keeping one's feet in shape.

"When I was wounded the second time I was fighting in Aachen, Germany. I guess it was a very modern city, but our 105's and Dive Bombers sure have changed the town."

Lt. Louis R. Lepore, USMCR, wrote his mother from Iwo Jima. He is well.

Sgt. Robert B. Reeve wrote from Hamilton Field, Calif.:

"It certainly is swell being back in the States after spending so many months overseas."

T/5 George S. Reed is an Aztec Timber Wolf. We have been hearing almost daily of General Terry Allen's 104th Division and their great fight to Cologne. When this war is over and we have our Big Reunion, these Aztecs will hold their heads high because that is their outfit: Pvt. Earl M. Childress, Pvt. Don L. Chamberlain, Pvt. James C. Leisure, Pvt. William H. Newton and Pfc. Leoard Fierro in addition to George Reed.

Pfc. Harry N. Barnet wrote from Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, Calif.:

"I hit the States about three weeks ago landing in Boston. After eight days at Camp Edwards, the Station Hospital Distribution point for ETO patients, I was sent directly to Dibble. The 14 days it took us to reach the States by boat were, I believe, the slowest I have ever spent. However, we had a swell trip except for a little rough weather.

"I spent over two months in England and in that length of time I got to see a little more of it and learned their way of living. I was even getting where I would say 'tupence' for two pence and 'hapeny' for half penny.

"Gee, Doc, it sure was the most wonderful feeling in the world to see the States again, and I think I am one of the luckiest Aztecs alive not only because I survived that blast of 12 pounds of TNT from the mine but because I was only overseas for five months.

"The most 'on the ball' outfit on the other side is in my estimation the combat medics and the front line Field Evacuation Hospitals. They do a wonderful job and can't be given enough commendation.

"I'm OK as far as my wounds are concerned but have to have a little work done on me. hope to get a furlough very soon and I'll be out to see you then and give you a Snow Job or two."

Cpl. Howard J. Quam is still in the ETO. Howard is the artist who made the drawing that decorates the return address of the Aztec News Letter envelopes. Thanks Howard, your fame as an artist has encircled the globe. LCP.

Ens. June Herzig wrote from the USN Hospital, San Diego (home address, 3954 Kansas St.):

"There's another thing for which I'd like to say 'thanks'—that is the great strides our college has made and is making in helping returning Vets find their place and happiness in civilian life. You've set the pace, and we can only hope that other schools will follow your lead. Indeed, I'm proud of State—and the people it represents.

Along this line, I have a message to give people in the services. It's about the Educational services section in the Navy, and similar programs in all other branches in the service. This is a program to keep the people in touch with civilian education and vocations. Unfinished high school or college programs can be completed through Educational Services—and new programs started. Vocational training is also available. Another thing is that people interested in advancing in their service rates can get books and information here. Some programs in Educational Services administer the tests. Evaluation and accreditation of service schools and jobs, as well as civilian education is done through this office. A lot of people wonder and worry about losing contact with their pro-service jobs and schools, and it's unnecessary.

"Nearly every ship or station has an Educational Services officer aboard, but if there isn't one the Chaplain acts as a representative. All hospitals have extensive class and consultation programs. We're the clearing house for all such problems.

"Saw Johnny Sellwood at the hospital yesterday. He's taking a rest at our 'haven.' Looks fine, and is just the same Johnny. Bill Nettles is one of the athletic directors on the physical rehabilitation program.

"If any Aztecs get to this hospital, or get home on leave, I'd love to hear from them.

The Reunion April 8th is a grand idea, and I'll be there.

My phone at the hospital is M-6951, Ext. 351—Educational Services."

Lt. (jg) Ray L. Gellein wrote from Paris:

"I am stationed in Paris. My job involves a great deal of traveling. Have seen Brussels, Antwerp, Luxembourg, Nancy, Metz, Strasbourg, Le Havre, Brest, Nante, Rennes, Dieppe, etc. We usually have time to stop and take a few pictures. Now I have a chance to go to Russia, it seems."



Pvt. W. G. Robison wrote from Ward 2, General Hospital, Menlo Park, Calif.:

"I got burned in England when our ordnance shop shot into flames. I have been here a week. The Dock says I rate a 60-day furlough when my hands get healed up." (Look up **Harry Barnett** who is up there with you. LCP.)

Lt. Terence B. Geddis is on a ship in the Pacific and he is a member of the **I-have-never-seen-my-baby** fraternity. His second son, **Richard Kent**, was born January 17."

Lt. and Mrs. J. Bower Forbes have a daughter, Carol Jean, born at Mercy Hospital in San Diego. Mrs. Forbes is the former **Margaret Holland**.

Barbara Mackay, one of the cover girls on the **News Letter**, has already had more than one request from photographers to pose for pictures. Perhaps the **News Letter** introduction was the beginning of a career as a model. LCP.

Lt. (jg) Anthony A. Ghio wrote from his ship in the Pacific:

"Not much news this time. **Fred Jennings** has completed two patrols. I imagine after his next one another **Aztec** will have qualified in the Dolphin fleet."

Pvt. N. Takashima wrote from Southern France:

"I am in the Rocky Mountains wandering around like a mountain goat. We were up in central east France before we came down here. It was pretty rough up there but now we have it soft. We are up on the line all right, but this front is practically a forgotten front. I visited the town of Nice. It is a summer resort so we found a lot of classy joints there. The French people of Nice have learned to speak English which makes it easier to make friends. The girls over here aren't much different from the girls in the States except their customs."

"Well, Doc, as they say, 'If you can't strike oil, stop boring'."

(Thanks for the note, I'm sorry we had the wrong picture with your name on the panel. Will you send us another please. And this applies to a few hundred other **Aztecs** who have not yet sent in their pictures. LCP.)

Capt. Ted L. Fox wrote from Burma: "Am now S-3 of an Ack-Ack Airborne Machine Gun Battalion. We hit the little yellow ones quite regularly now. If any of the **Phi Lambs** get out here tell them to look me up." (Ted, the censor worked your letter over with a razor blade. LCP.)

Ens. Phil H. Krutzsch wrote from his Seabee outfit in the Mariannas:

"I am still out here with **Bill Stoll** and others. **Bob Harvey** left recently. I am part of a combat cargo unit, not very much real excitement."

Lt. Mac. A. Porter wrote from his squadron in the Pacific:

"I noticed my name in one of **Jim Stubbs'** letters in your issue No. 35. He mentioned seeing a guy named **Porter** who was about the class of '36. I really was in the class of '41. You will remember me as the fellow who sat in the back of the room and gave you so much trouble. My wife, **Fern White**, and I have a 15 month old son whom I saw only once and through a hospital window at that before I came out here to this supposed tropical heaven."

"My duty has been rather good compared to what most of our guys have. I get to travel around a lot and it has been my good fortune to see just about all of the South and South west Pacific, including the Philippines."

My brother, **Lt. Art Porter**, who was in the MTO for so long is now enjoying the sun and sand of Florida's beaches."

Capt. William C. Stoll wrote from Iwo Jima:

"Landed on Iwo Jima a few days ago. We have the situation pretty well in hand, but it has been a tough one. At first I was kept awake by the music of sniper's bullets and bursting mortar shells. We still are getting a few stray bullets, although I am at least 1500 yards behind the lines now. This is one heck of a place to be stranded. The island is of volcanic origin and the particular spot where I am is nothing but volcanic gravel. But there are no mosquitoes. The going is tough. We have to dig them out and it isn't any fun."

Sgt. James W. Smith, where was you on the evening of March 10? Yes, I know, you were broadcasting from **Duncan's Den** in England. I heard you yell out, "**San Diego, California. Sgt. James W. Smith.**" You seemed to be enjoying the show. LCP.

Lt. (jg) Robert B. Barth is electrical officer of a ship repair unit in the Marianas.

Lt. Rod Luscomb is back from the Admiralties. He left **Lt. Jim Stubbs** there at the great Fleet Recreational Center. Rod is at 3046 Alcott, San Diego.

Pfc. Harry N. Barnet who was reported wounded in Europe, is now at Dibble General Hospital at Palo Alto.

1st Lt. Ira H. Lipscomb just wrote from his squadron:

"I can tell you that I am located in the Province of Assam, India, and will try to get in touch with any **Aztecs** hereabout."

Lt. Chapman L. Bone wrote from France:

"I finished my missions as a photo-recon pilot and am now assigned to a service group as Engineering Officer. I still fly the P-38, but also A-20's and P-51's, but only for pleasure. In other words, 'I'm retired'."

Lt. George R. Loveall, MC, is at a Station Hospital in the Marianas assigned to orthopedic surgery: "Rain and more of the same plus a very leaky tent tends to ruin such items as data cards."

Lt. (jg) R. B. Woolley wrote from his LST in England:

"There is little real news over here. Since the invasion the headline material has lessened, but the backbreaking and tedious job of carrying the load continues."

S/Sgt. Robert Grice wrote from France:

"Haven't heard yet whether or not our outfit made much of a mark in the papers on the West Coast, although during the past month we have had quite a bit of publicity in **Stars & Stripes**, and have heard we were mentioned several times in the papers in the East and Middle West. XXI Corps has been making quite a name for itself of late, and has had quite a major hand in the cleaning up of the Colmar pocket area. Now that we have had our opportunity to 'sink our teeth in,' we are ready and willing for more. I think the outfit has been doing a fine job, and am mighty proud to be with it."

"I had the good fortune of being able to see the Vosges Mountains in their full winter splendor, and if viewed from a purely tourist angle, they were indeed an impressive sight. The resemblance to the Sierras was surprising, and although the altitude was not as great, nevertheless the abundance of snow and of pine and ferns was a beautiful thing to see. I also had the good fortune of being able to see some of the famous castles on the Rhine and went through the ruins of one that dated back more than 1,000 years."

Lt. and Mrs. Lionel Chase have a son, **Michael Paul**. The Chase's are still down at Dalhart, Texas. **Mother and baby are doing fine.**



Lt. John E. Rockey wrote from India:  
"A couple of months ago I met  
Lt. Charles J. Thelan. He gave me the  
November **News Letter** when I first  
arrived. We really stick up for San  
Diego. There are a lot of anti-Califor-  
nians here, so we have to fight. It  
usually ends up California vs the rest  
of the states."

George M. Peck, Chief Boatswain,  
USN, sent a note from Hollandia where  
he is dock master. Should any of you  
be there, be sure to drop in to see him.

Ens. Dawn Whitaker wrote from 66  
Fenway, Boston, Mass.:

"It was snowing so hard today that  
every now and then I think of our won-  
derful San Diego winters. Boston seems  
to be a very interesting town, but I'm  
still getting lost in the winding streets  
and subways."

(Is this winter worse than December  
1917? I was at Harvard then going to  
Radio School and we used to dash down  
to Harvard Square and take the sub-  
way to Boston to go to shows and go  
swimming at the Y. That was the worst  
winter they had experienced in a long  
time. I escaped with one frozen ear.  
LCP).

Kenneth A. Byrns, formerly 1st Lt.  
in the Army, is in the Foreign Service  
Office at Port Elizabeth, South Africa.  
Should any of you make that port, be  
sure to drop in to see Kenneth and  
Winnie.

CWO Ralph Ellis wrote from the  
90th Division in Germany:

"We had a rough go for a while.  
This guy, Runstedt, had a lot on the  
ball but the allies had a little bit more.  
His punch was good but he didn't have  
the necessary staying power.

"I received the **News Letter** for Feb-  
ruary (No. 35) a couple of days ago,  
but somewhere along the line I missed  
getting the one for January. I wonder  
if it would be too much trouble for you  
to send another. If you could, I would  
appreciate it very much.

"I sent you a booklet some time ago  
that contained the story of the 90th  
Division. I hope that you received it.  
If you didn't, let me know and I will  
send another. It's rather interesting and  
I thought that you might enjoy it."

(Yes, I received that nice folder about  
the 90th. You have a wonderful record,  
and we are proud to have two men in  
that division. I had often wondered  
how much mail was lost when the Ger-  
mans broke through, but I didn't tell  
the fellows to let me know when they  
miss out on the **News Letter**. Be sure  
to always let me know. LCP.)

## WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Pvt. Nelson Fry is with a construction  
Bn. at Ft. Lewis, Washington.

Daniel C. Votaw, QM3/c, is on a  
ship, FPO, S. F.

Lt. Comdr. J. S. Spore, SC, USN,  
is stationed with 10th Army HQ, in  
Section G-4.

Sgt. Floyd Finnerty is with an army  
postal unit in France.

Pvt. Arthur M. Meyers is with a  
casual company in Oahu.

A/C E. H. Woodhouse is down at  
Corpus Christi now.

Lt. (jg) John J. Frazer is with a squad-  
ron, FPO, S. F.

Lt. Herb Ernst is in the Marianas.  
(Thanks for the "Natural." LCP.)

Pfc. Robert D. Boone is in France  
getting plenty of practice in speaking  
French.

George Kemp is in V-12 at Purdue  
University and hopes to get back to  
State College after the war is over.

T/4 Frankie J. Thurman is in Eng-  
land.

Donald E. Moody is Chief Radio Of-  
ficer on a ship in the Pacific.

Cand. Henry F. Wiegand is in OCS,  
Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pa.

Pfc. Albert E. McQuoid is overseas,  
APO, N. Y.

Ens. Herbert L. Newmark is at NAS,  
Sanford, Fla.

S/Sgt. Charles Ables came through  
all right at Iwo Jima. He is the Head-  
quarters of the Third Division, and his  
job is to keep a progress map of ac-  
tivities. He wrote his mother that the  
early hours of battle were, "the worst  
I have ever seen."

Pfc. John F. Chandler, also of the  
Third Division, came through so far  
without a scratch. He has been out up  
on the line most of the time and he  
wrote his mother: "Am here on Iwo  
Jima. Have been on the line. It's the  
toughest yet but I'll be all right. I saw  
Charles today and he is safe. Please tell  
his folks.

"This is a funny fight. I have been  
under a lot of fire but have seen only  
one live Nip. They are all around  
though, and are throwing lots of stuff  
back at us. Please don't worry too  
much about me as I am going to be  
OK."

Pl.Sgt. Allison B. Lutterman wrote  
from his Marine outfit in the Pacific:

"I am back with my outfit again  
after my stay in the Navy Hospital.  
I'm Company Gunnery Sgt. now so my  
job is much easier tho possibly some-  
what more responsible. I like these fel-  
lows tho and it's good to be back even  
tho I miss the beds and clean linen I  
had in the hospital. I should be coming  
home after the next push."

Lt. Arthur P. Sprague wrote from the  
Philippines:

"My unit worked with the 1st Caval-  
ry Division in the initial Philippine land-  
ing, and then sometime before Christ-  
mas we left to land here on another  
island. The second invasion was blood-  
less tho' the trip up was a hot one. Once  
here, the bombs fell thick and heavy.  
The beauty of the place is it's Cali-  
fornia-like landscape and climate. It's  
dry here which is very good for a  
change. Enemy action has been nil since  
Luzon.

"Ens. Willard' Trask's APA brought  
me to the Philippines.

"I was a classmate and friend of  
Laury Madelena at State. I went to  
Cal. and finished there in Soils in 1942.  
I saw a lot of him then. Then came the  
draft.

"Your front page pics are just the  
thing. The cover page in color on your  
post war prospectus was a beauty and  
caused immeasurable nostalgia."

(Art, when you get back I'll have two  
Snow Jobs lined up for you. Of course,  
the others will want to hear of your  
combat activities, but I want to hear  
you give us a good lecture on tropical  
soils, especially laterites. I know that  
your background has prepared you es-  
pecially to make observations on the  
relationships between climate, vegeta-  
tion and soils in the tropics. I'll get  
you a good audience also. LCP)

Lt. Gordon C. Chamberlain wrote  
from his TC outfit in France:

"I left England and am now existing  
on a former German airfield here in  
France. I thought our life was far from  
luxurious in England, but you should  
see this present set-up. It really is primi-  
tive. It's the same old stuff you have  
heard from so many of the guys, tents,  
mess kits, mud, etc., but no complaints.

So far Willard Wallace is the only  
Aztec I have run into."

Lt. George Washington, USNR, wrote  
from a Naval Hospital in Hawaii:

"No, I have not been wounded, nor  
have I caught any tropical disease.  
Was just laid low by a sickness that  
any good States civilian could get.

I met Lt. Charles Armstrong, a navy  
doctor of State College, class of '39,  
at Saipan. He was in and out of the  
hospital there, though most of his time,  
he spends around Ulithi."


Lt. Willard B. Peterson wrote from his  
bombing squadron in the Philippines:

"I last wrote you from New Guinea.  
Since then I was in the Palau Islands,  
and now I am in Doug-out Doug's  
country. Saw Bob Riehle recently. Things  
have been popping around here. All of  
us expect to be walking the streets of  
Manila soon."



Lt. (jg) Dale Miller wrote from his ship in the Pacific:


"It is about two and a half months since I saw you and all that while I have been on the same quest—trying to locate my new ship and get to her prior to her departure. On four occasions I managed to graze her heels but no better. On the latest of these occasions, fellows began to regail me with tales of those who had trailed ships for six months, ten months, and even longer. They tell of one officer who searched four continents and three oceans following a will-o-the-wisp."


 Lt. John K. (Bing) Williams wrote from MTSTC, Melville, R. I.:


"I have my old job back. I am in charge of shakedown for PT's. Page Tulloch is here and also Red Howell, a San Diego boy who went to UCLA."


"Bill Merrill is working for an oil company in Cairo, Egypt."


(Bing was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Later he was at Midway, then he was in New Guinea for a year and in England for four and a half months. LCP)


 T/4 David S. Roginson is in Italy. He served in England, the North African invasion, and he landed at Salerno. He has a son two years old and is a member in good standing of that club known as the, "I've never seen my baby" club. (We hope it won't be long now. LCP.)

 Ens. John Weston Pabst, brother of Lt. (jg) Richard Pabst who is one of our former students, was killed in a plane crash in Virginia. He was known to many of you as Jack Pabst. Richard is still on his destroyer out in the Pacific.

 Capt. William S. Fay is with the 90th Division in Patton's Army. He was in the bitterly fought Ardennes action.

 Lt. Barney Carmen, USNR, is at the San Diego Naval Hospital getting a facial. He has been around town some, but did not quite make it to the campus.

 Ens. Glenn S. Burne is on a different LST in the Pacific now. He is in the same vicinity as Harry LeBarron. He was in on the invasions of Leleliu, Leyte, Mindoro and Lingayen.

 Lt. Earl L. Allison wrote from Greenville, S. C.:

"Joe McCormick and his wife are here. He is an instructor. He flew B-25's in Africa and Italy and has returned to instruct here. He says Johnny Knight and Major Bachrach are here, but I am so busy with this training schedule I haven't seen them yet."

## WHO—WHAT—WHERE

John L. Boyer, A.S., is at the Naval Hospital, Corona, Calif. He expects transfer to Med. School.

William R. Erickson, GM1c, is still on his APD. He was in the campaigns of Bougainville and Leyte among others.

Lt. Alfred L. Pohl is still at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Sgt. Charles Hampton is still in the MTO, probably Italy.

Lt. Jack C. Garoutte is in bombers, probably at Foggia.

Sgt. Charles P. Bradley is in fighters, APO, N. Y.

A/C James K. Luce is still down at Corpus Christi where he sees Dusty Miller.

Joan (Dorothy Mae) Miles has moved to 642 South Mansfield Ave., Los Angeles, 36.

Pfc. Royal A. Park is overseas, APO, N. Y.

Cpl. Ralph R. Boldrick is at Hq. and Hq. Dept., AAF Convalescent Center, St. Petersburg, Fla.

1st Lt. Richard B. Erickson is at VAAF, Victorville, Calif.


Ens. Avery Gregory Blevins is at the Hollywood Beach Hotel, Hollywood, Fla.

Pvt. Alfred L. Leidy, USMCR, is at the University of Southern California in MDNTU, V-12.

Pfc. Raymond G. Sippel is with the Third Army in Luxembourg.

Cpl. Norman G. Levi is somewhere in Italy.


Byron J. Norwood, S1c (Y), is at Receiving Station, Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Wash.

 Pfc. John Ono wrote from Southern France:

"It is easily apparent why this part of the country was formerly so popular as a winter resort. After that little taste of winter that we had up north, this is just like heaven down here. In fact, at present we are having some of those famous 'high fogs' like we did in San Diego and it makes me feel right at home."

"Being in a resort country really has its advantages too. Nothing is taken too seriously. Even the war must fend for itself, as neither side pursues it too vigorously."

"Our biggest problem here is supply. There are many times when I wished that mules had never been created. But our problems here are only minor compared to what some of the other boys have to go through. I know there are lots of worse places to be right now cause I read about them every day in the Stars and Stripes."

 Ens. and Mrs. Alfred O. Nesvold have a new son, Alfred O., Jr., born December 22, 1944. Mrs. Nesvold is the former Betty Krambuhl.

Lt. Glenn A. Holmes wrote from an AA Tng. Center in the Pacific:

(Look around for Jim Dall, Meltzer and Bob Barth. Jack Edwards used to be there, but he is at Iwo right now. Capt. Bill Stoll may be coming back there soon. Glenn would like to have any Aztecs in that vicinity look him up—if you can find him. LCP.)

"First of all, please let me express my sincere gratitude for the News Letter. All the issues have been very interesting and most enjoyable to read. I can't thank each and every one that is doing this good work, but please pass on my appreciation of their work well done."

"I also saw that Capt. Jack Edwards is in this locality. I would like very much to have his mailing address so I can look him up and try to get together."


"Nothing makes me as homesick as seeing in the News Letter that different fellows have gotten leave and have visited the campus. This is my 42nd month away from the U. S., so San Diego will be a strange place when I do get to see it again."

"We are in the middle of building a school now and am hoping that when this job is finished I will be able to get some duty on the West Coast. I get lots of news from fellows that have been back on leave and then come back out and it sounds like San Diego's another place from what it was three and one half years ago."

"Even though I have a wife and a baby boy, I still hope to finish school at State even if I have to go part time. Just to get that old campus feeling back again, would seem like a new world. I hope many of the students plan on going back to school after the war because it is really an opportunity that should not be missed. It's worth being away from home and our families when we know that our country is looking out for our interests."

"I understand that I just missed a frat brother a few weeks ago on his way back to the States. It was Lt. Courtney Kirkeeng. He is going back for a change of duty and may get some leave."

"In hopes that some of the men from State may be down this way, I would be very thankful if you would please put my new address in the next issue of the News Letter. If they get to this island they can reach me by phone."

 Paul W. Casad, ART1c, wrote from the Philippine Islands saying that he had tried to find Lt. Jim Stubbs at Duffy's Tavern, but that he had left a few days earlier. "The Japs and the elements didn't leave much for the people to come back to."



## WHO—WHAT—WHERE

**Lt. Robert O. Wilson** is a patient at Torney General Hospital, Palm Springs.

**T/4 Carl H. Engler** is at 3027 Shrine Place, Los Angeles. He is in Med. School.

**Lloyd N. Sanford, CM2c**, in the Marianas in a CBMU.

**Capt. Clyde H. Breen** is at 185 El Bonito Way, Benicia, Calif. He is an inspector of Ordnance.

**Margaret C. Higgins, S2c**, is at Aero-grapher's Mate School at Lakehurst, N. J.

**Lt. Robert F. Hamilton** is on a battleship that has been in Japanese waters lately.

**Pfc. Roy Richards** is with a parachute outfit, APO, N. Y.

**Ens. Virginia Eager** is at Bethesda, Md., where she sees **Lavinia Chambers Thiele**, former **State College** student who is a daughter of the **Admiral** in charge.

**Lt. Selwyn Hartigan** is still at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**Lt. Henry P. Hammond** is in Intelligence stationed in Paris. His brother **Paul**, is with an infantry division in France.

**Ens. Thomas Henry** is in the amphib training base at Camp Bradford.

**James E. Floto, HA1c**, is still on the Staff at Farragut, Idaho.

**Vincent Earnest Lovejoy, S/c**, is in pre-flight at Chapel Hill, N. C.

**Lt. Robert T. Sprouse** is at Camp Rucker, Ala.

**Capt. I. B. Wright, USMCR**, is at NAS, Moffett Field.

**Cpl. Joe L. Foster** is in England. "Was surprised to see **Esther Westergaard's** picture in the **News Letter**."

**Lt. Fred E. Norris** is overseas, APO, N. Y.

**Ens. Phil A. Bulot** is in the Philippines.

**Lt. Joe W. Rogers, USMCR**, wrote from a ship on February 14 before they landed at Iwo Jima:

"In the February **News Letter** I was surprised to see my name in it, saying that I was in a 'new' Marine outfit. Well, it's over a year old now but has never been in combat, the 5th Marine Division. It will have been by the time you receive this, as we are getting pretty near our target now. We have been aboard the same APA for 46 days (spent in final rehearsals and travelling from our Central Pacific base to our present location). Our attack is going to be quite a little affair, though by the time you receive this you will know all about it, because this won't be mailed until after D-Day. I am Forward Observer with a field artillery battery. I think it is really the best job in the battery for an officer. I don't know of another **Aztec** in the 5th Division, though **Louis LePore** is in a Replacement Draft attached to it."

**Lt. (jg) Earl George Finder** is on a ship, FPO, S. F. He has taught at Notre Dame and had the experience of being on a destroyer on the Atlantic until it went down on D plus 2. His present ship is in the South Pacific.

**Cpl. Donald E. Daves** is in training in England in demolition of mines. He was a **Delta Chi** at Stanford following his years at **San Diego State College**.

**Lt. Robert D. Clement** wrote from CAAF, Coutland, Ala.:

"Here is some news on the fellows: **Bill Kenyon, FC2c**, is on a cruiser in the South Pacific and has had a few scraps.

"**Pvt. Charles Christensen** is in France with the infantry. He is in the hospital at present. I don't know if he was wounded or not. I understand he is to go back into action soon.

"**Jack Bone, MoMM2c**, is in New York City. He was on an LST in the invasion of Normandy and again in Southern France.

**Bill Mulhall** is in the South Pacific, and **Harry Cook, RM1c**, is at the Broadway Pier in San Diego."

A local newspaper recently ran the picture of **Pfc. Frances H. Thornton, WAC**, and **Cpl. Mary H. Lacour, WAC**. They were shown in front of their tent in Normandy, France. They are doing clerical work for the Army.

**Ens. Lewis H. Newbrough** is back from the Pacific where he flew Navy search B-24's for more than seven months. He was at Morotai and Leyte. He is to report now at Corpus Christi.

**Lt. Arthur Eddy, USNR**, returned after nearly 52 months of sea duty. For the last 12 months he was exec on a destroyer. They made assault landings beginning with Tarawa and ending up with Lingayen. Lt. Eddy paid us a visit and could have given us a wonderful **Snow Job** but instead, he spent most of his time praising **Lt. (jg) Jim Ahler** who was also on his ship. Lt. Eddy took great pride in the fact that it was he who chose Jim for that duty—something he has never regretted.

**Lt. and Mrs. Hilbert Joseph Crothwaite** have a son, **Christopher Michael**, born February 18, 1945. Mrs. Crothwaite is the former **Jo Ritchey** and lives at 4445—39th St., San Diego.

**Lt. Gene S. Muehleisen, USNR**, is home from 20 months of duty in the South Pacific. During his tour of duty he was at New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, the Russell Islands, Espiritu Santo, Efate, Munda, Bougainville, Green Island and New Zealand.

## WHO—WHAT—WHERE

**S/Sgt. Harrie Whitney** is still at the 159th General Hospital, APO, N. Y.

**S/Sgt. Don Clarkson** is giving physical training to patients at the 123rd General Hospital, APO, N. Y.

**Cpl. Richard C. Hussong** is in Germany along with **Sgt. Wayne Nettles**.

**Lt. Paul A. Dehnell, USMCR**, is overseas, FPO, S. F.

**Lt. Charles B. Armstrong** of the **Sea Bees** is overseas, FPO, S. F.

**1st Lt. George R. Loveall** is in the Medical Corps assigned to a station hospital in the Marianas. He is in orthopedic surgery. (Look around for **Lt. Charles B. Armstrong**).

**T/Sgt. Donovan A. Bess** is overseas, probably at Foggia.

**Pvt. Ervin Slayen** is still overseas. He was in Stillwell's Hq. during the first of the Burma Campaign.

**S/Sgt. Stanley M. Thien** is in the 70th General Hospital, APO, N. Y.

**Lt. Isaac Shelby Best, USNR**, is still with his squadron, FPO, N. Y.

**Ens. Robert E. Caulfield** is at Harvard University, Cambridge.

**T/5 Robert L. Schwenkmeyer** is with the Third Army in Germany.

**T/5 Edward Coleman** is in QM School, Camp Lee, Va.

**Lt. Aubrey Bates** is at Gowan Field, Idaho.

**1st Lt. E. J. Fredericks** is in the Jungle Section of the ATC, APO, S. F.

**Lt. Wm. E. Baldwin** is a "Fort" pilot in a bomb group, probably in England.

**Lt. Harold B. Grant** is overseas with a Fleet Air Wing, FPO, S. F.

**Lt. (jg) Edwin F. Barker** is still on his carrier in the Pacific.

**Cpl. John F. Couvrette** is still overseas, APO, S. F.

**Cpl. Earl J. Cantos** is in England.

**1st Lt. William C. Mohler** wrote from Luxembourg:

"I am still in the same job as Exec. Off. of an Ambulance Co. and have really been jumping since the breakthrough. Not only to save our own skins but a lot of G.I.'s who were on the receiving end. According to figures in Army Hq. our company has carried more patients and travelled more miles than any other similar unit on this front since D-day. With our thirty ambulances we've supported everything from the Infantry and Armored to the Airborne divisions during the breakthrough, and those boys are really tops.

"Right now we're billeted with a division medical clearing Co. in one of the many homes of Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxembourg. It's a modern little three story bungalow with about 40 rooms, steam heat, and 7 bathtubs; which of course, over here is most important."



## WHO—WHAT—WHERE

**Ira George Cotton, QM2c**, is on a destroyer, FPO, S. F. He has been overseas 15 months.

**Herbert H. "Hub" Foote, AOM2c**, is proud to be on the "Fighting Lady." He wears two battle stars.

**Ens. John L. Hubbard** is on an LCT, FPO, S. F.

**Howard S. Kucera, SK1c**, is at Hunters Point, S. F.

**1st Lt. Ralph L. Richards**, formerly of the old 251, is with the 5th Army in Italy.

**Lt. (jg) Amos B. Root, MC, USN**, is on an APA, FPO, S. F.

**1st Lt. Richard H. Sawday** is still at LVA AF, Las Vegas.

**Pvt. Howard R. Schwitkis** is overseas now, APO, N. Y.

**1st Sgt. Sam W. Simpson** is still overseas, APO, N. Y.

**Maj. Ralph R. Small**, formerly of the 251, is in Italy.

**Lt. (jg) Donald G. Fraim** is at NAS, Alameda.

**Pvt. William O. Short** is at AAAF, Amarillo, Tex.

**Lt. Harry R. Cattrell** graduated from Selman Field, Monroe, La.

**Charles O. Ayars** was commissioned an ensign at Corpus Christi.

**T/5 Al Parr** is at 200 Mill Road, Upper Darby, Pa.

**A/C D. S. Lakin** is at USNATB, Pensacola.

**Lt. Harold B. Grant, USNR**, is overseas, FPO, S. F.

**Pfc. Albert P. Courvette** is with a tank outfit, APO, N. Y.

**Alta Duane Eckols** is in V-12 at the University of Calif.

**Cpl. Royce F. Boaz** is overseas, APO, N. Y.

**Pfc. George Newton** is with a cavalry outfit, APO, N. Y.

**Pvt. Richard Bain** is at Winter General Hospital, Topeka, Kans.

**Lt. Milton Schwartz** is at AAFBU, Tonopah, Nevada.

**Lt. Spencer C. Church** is at Naval Net Depot, Tiburon, Calif.

**Sgt. Ray W. Minor** is at Ft. Sill, Okla.

**Lt. B. W. Dorsch** is overseas, APO, S. F.

**A/C William Jamison** is at Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, Warm Springs, Ga.

**T/4 Glen P. Doughty** is in Northern France.

**Lt. Audrey V. Oliver** is at the 118th Station Hospital in Italy.

**Lt. Wayne L. Chambers** is overseas, APO, N. Y.

**T/5 Merle M. Genet** is overseas, APO, N. Y.

**Ens. Robert F. Smith** is on a battleship, FPO, S. F.

**Pfc. Walter F. Marshall** is at Peterson Field, Colo.

Some of our local readers have asked about some common abbreviations. ETO means European Theater of Operations; MTO applies to the Mediterranean; and CBI applies to China, Burma and India.

**1st Sgt. Richard Joseph Carter** wrote from Europe:

"Received the **Combat Infantry** and '**Patton's Christmas Gift**', '**One of the remaining snow bound Bastogne Bastards**.'" (You should have seen **Capt. Mason Harris** as he was in there, and he enclosed a poem by the same name. LCP.)

**Ens. Roy M. Cleator** wrote from his ship, FPO, S. F.:

"It seems that my spam and jam days are over. Milk and steaks are plentiful. Hope that **Lt. Clelland Wharton** finds this out. He was the source of our food supply at Guadalcanal. I know he did his best but he didn't have much to work with."

**Pfc. Laurence J. Granfield** wrote from Europe:

"The most unique material that I have found so far in France is its mud—seemingly bottomless and more adhesive than our American variety. The people are friendly and the wine isn't too bad."

**Lt. Edwin G. Swann** wrote from Burma:

"Right now I am roughing it. The weather is fine and much like that of San Diego. I have been trying to put in a phone call to a place about six miles away. There are three exchanges that I have to go through and each is manned by a different nationality. After answering the question whether I was holding or finished about sixty times, I found the number was busy so I could not get it."

**Maj. Arthur F. O'Keefe, USMCR**, is Assistant Division Air Officer of the Fourth Marine Division, observation squadron, on Iwo Jima. He made the local news when he took AP correspondent **James Lindsley**, for a ride.

**Lt. C. B. Armstrong (DC), USNR**, wrote from his Sea Bee outfit, probably in the Marianas:

"I went up to the Army Hospital to see a dental officer with whom I had been associated in practice. While talking with him I glanced in his patient's mouth and guess who? **Bob Harvey**. I recognized him by his molars. Bob was just getting ready to leave for the States."

"Ran into **Lt. George Washington** at the hospital a few weeks later. He was getting ready to return to Oahu."

## WHO—WHAT—WHERE

**Lt. (jg) William R. Kruse** is temporarily in Miami, Fla.

**Pvt. Jerry Davis** is at Post Signal Office, Camp Atterbury, Ind.

**Capt. Bernard T. Harmer** is at AAFBU, Chickasha, Okla.

**Lt. D. Stanley Scofield** is overseas, FPO, S. F.

**T/4 Orville L. Hill** is overseas, APO, S. F.

**Cp. Robert J. Berman** is overseas, APO, N. Y.

**Lt. Leslie J. (Bob) Carr** is at NAOTC, Jacksonville, Fla.

**John A. Hayes** was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. at Quantico. Formerly he was a member of a Marine paratrooper unit overseas.

**Pfc. Frank D. Robbins** is at Chanute Field, Ill.

**Richard Collier, A. S.**, has been starring on the Georgia Tech basketball team.

**Ens. Robert Ragenovich** is at NTS Lauderdale Beach Hotel, Fla., where he saw **Jack Duich**.

**Pfc. John Haskell** is in Det. of Patients, 105 General Hospital, APO, S. F.

**Maj. Bryant Kearney** is probably back in Panama.

**Lt. Bill Leaf** is out on the desert at Muroc. **W/O John Leaf** is in southern England.

**Dan A. Webster** was commissioned an ensign at Corpus Christi.

**Harry Hubbard, A. S.**, has gone to Notre Dame.

**Victor A. Howard, Sp1c, USMS**, is at USMS Enrolling Office at Wilmington, Calif.

**Sgt. H. H. Roloff** is at Ft. George Wright, Spokane, Wash.

**Lt. J. R. Walton, USMCR**, is at Parris Island, S. C.

**Pfc. Jack McCarthy** is a paratrooper at Camp Mackall, N. C.

**J. D. Solomon, PhM2c**, is on an LCS, FPO, S. F.

**Lt. G. A. Rettie, USNR**, is on a USAT, FPO, S. F.

**Malcolm R. Robbins** was commissioned an ensign at Corpus Christi.

**H. W. Patton, A. S.**, is at the U. of Colorado.

**Pvt. Frank W. Whilldin** is at Truax Field, Madison, Wis., studying radio mechanics.

**Pfc. Francis M. Ramsey** is overseas, APO, S. F.

**Pfc. David G. Farquhar** is at a bomber base in the Marianas.

**S. J. Bartlett, S2c**, is in school, USNH, San Diego.

**Pvt. Robert B. Boone** is in the glider infantry in Europe.

**Ens. S. C. Wolverton** is on a DD, FPO, S. F.

**Lt. (jg) David Phair, USNR**, is still on an LST, FPO, S. F.



## WHO—WHAT—WHERE

**Thomas George Hoffman, A.S.**, is at the University of Texas, Hill Hall.

**Lt. Robert A. Riehle** is with a bombing outfit, APO, S. F.

**1st Lt. F. T. Quiett** is at FWAAF, Fort Worth, Tex.

**1st Lt. Arthur P. Sprague, MAC**, is with a Med. Coll. Co., APO, S. F. He has been overseas 11 month and was in on two invasions. Has been to New Guinea, Admiralties and the Philippines.

**1st Lt. Claude W. Cox** is still with a bombing outfit, APO, S. F.

**Ens. Richard D. Ryberg** is at the Everglades Hotel, USNTC, Miami, Fla.

**Lt. (jg) J. H. Dirks** is sighting officer for Combat Aircrew Training at NAS, Alameda.

**Capt. Richard L. Coutts** is at 123 Burareli Dr., S. F.

**Pvt. George L. Byrum** is at Kingman, Ariz.

**Walter Austin Boronda, MAMlc**, is director of the FPO band at N. Y.

**Lt. Richard C. Boronda** is at Army RCTG Hqs., Hannibal, Mo.

**George S. Marinos, HA1c**, is on a ship, FPO, S. F.

**William A. Mobley, CWO**, is with the Ft. Mason band, Ft. Mason, Calif.

**Lt. Roderick G. Langston, USNR**, is up at Port Hueneme, Calif.

**Lt. Robert Wilber** is with a utility squadron, FPO, S. F., where he has had three years of overseas duty.

**Lt. Charles S. Alexander, USNR**, is skipper of a ship, FPO, S. F., and has been overseas 36 months.

**Jack Erwin McCafferty, S1c**, is at USNTC, Sampson, N. Y.

**George Bergman, CY**, is on a ship, FPO, S. F.

**1st Lt. Some D. Ching** is at Presidio of Monterey, Calif.

**Milo D. Woodworth, SoM2c**, is at Ward W-9, Naval Hospital, Long Beach.

**Capt. Joseph A. Francis** is with a bombing outfit, APO, N. Y.

**1st Lt. John D. Francis** is overseas, APO, S. F.

**T/Sgt. Malcolm W. Kurtz** is now up at Santa Monica awaiting a new assignment.

**T/Sgt. Arthur Owens** is at the Separation Center, Ft. Bliss, Texas.

**J. F. Ritchey** is overseas, probably in Europe.

**Lt. Harry Muns, USMCR**, (not an Aztec, but a S. D. High grad) was wounded at Iwo Jima.

**T/5 Selwyn J. Thomas** is at the 176th Station Hospital, APO, S. F. Also at his APO are **Henry Manley**, **Donald Taylor**, **Charles B. Smith**, and **R. W. Ostrander**.

**Lt. Howard W. Taylor** is at Merchant Marine Cadet School, Pass Christian, Miss.

**Lt. Walter V. Harlin** is skipper of an LST in the Western Pacific. He was on a transport which landed the First Marines on Guadalcanal, and he was later transferred to a Destroyer. He has been in three major campaigns.

**1st Lt. Michael Hallahan** returned to the campus after 20 months of duty in Iceland with the AAF Signal Corps. He struck the campus on the warmest day of the year to date, and found a real change—for the better—in our climate. While in Iceland Mike saw **Capt. John (Buster) Murphy** as his only Aztec visitor. Among his many unique items of interest was that milk up there tastes like fish, and that the steaks are called "pony steaks" and for a very good reason. "The Icelandic girls speak English with a thick accent. They know all of the right answers, they are quite pretty but have bad teeth. It's also very nice to see trees again."

**Pfc. Frank L. Cole** wrote from Germany:

"I've become quite a European traveler. Since leaving England I have been in parts of Germany, Luxembourg, France and Belgium. While in France I visited Le Harve and Metz. They are both fine examples of complete destruction. When rebuilt, they should be the most modern cities in the world. I am always amazed at the antiquated architecture and customs."

**Sgt. Wayne Nettles** wrote from Germany:

"No more playing soldier in Texas and Louisiana. This is the real thing. At first I didn't get much sleep but now we have a schedule worked out. We are working Metro-Messages constantly."

**Kenneth A. Johnson**, Assistant Field Director Recreation, has been sent to the Aleutians following his training with the Red Cross at Fort Belvoir. He is a former football star at **State College** and is a charter member of Omega Xi.

**Lt. C. A. Boyer, USNR**, is back from a second tour of duty in the Pacific. He had been out 17 months and then 20 months. He was skipper of an LST and took part in several exciting invasions and while out there saw **Lt. (jg) Robert Menke** who is also on an LST. Both men are members of **Omega Xi** fraternity.

**1st Lt. John Sinderholm, USMCR**, is back from 16 months in the Southwest and Central Pacific. He flew transport, 1,500 hours flying wounded and supplies. Saw **Capt. George Kimball** and also **Lt. James (Penny) Parks** before he was missing.

## WHO—WHAT—WHERE

**1st Lt. Allan C. Dale** is with a night fighter outfit in the Pacific.

**Capt. William Delos Baker** is overseas, APO, S. F.

**Pfc. Kenneth J. Kopecky** is with a truck outfit in India.

**Pfc. Clem L. Abbey** is still at Quantico.

**Kenneth Gray Hale, Ch.Sp.(A)**, is at the Receiving Barracks, Naval Station, Seattle.

**Lt. Andrew George Miller** is in Armed Guard Center, Treasure Island.

**Pfc. Hardy G. Kuykendall** is at Quantico.

**Ens. George R. Saunders** has a new address, FPO, S. F.

**Pfc. Royal A. Parks** is overseas, APO, N. Y.

**Lt. (jg) James Dall** is in the Pacific where he has seen **Squirt Wilson**, **Jeter Monsees**, **Hal Peterson**, **Bill Fitzgerald**, **Bofinger**, **Joe Rogers**, **Phair** and **Bill Jennings**.

**Ens. Will D. Rudd** is at Ft. Pierce, Fla.

**Cpl. Edward L. Nicholson** is with the 234th General Hospital, APO, N. Y.

**A/C James C. Snapp**, is at Valley Forge General Hospital, Ward 4, Phoenixville, Pa. He was in an air crash in May 1944, and is expected to come home on furlough soon.

**Lt. Herbert B. Williams** is still on his battleship in the Pacific. They were in the North African campaign and in five campaigns in the Asiatic-Pacific area.

**Sgt. Howard C. Valle** and **Sgt. James R. Buckles**, both of the old 251, are still overseas. Their record is 51 months.

**F/O William H. Jennings** saw **Lt. (jg) James L. Dall**, **Lt. (jg) Ed Wilson** and **Chesley Jones** at Pearl Harbor.

**Capt. A. W. DeWeese** is at McClellan Field, Sacramento.

**Lt. Giles G. Larabee** is at NAS, Pensacola. He was overseas 33 months previously.

**Ens. Roland K. Miller** is at Mine Disposal School, Navy Yard, Wash., D. C.

**Lt. (jg) Susan Ahn** is at 809 North Wayne St., Apt. 303, Arlington, Va.

**Lt. (jg) J. J. Bartholdi** is with a squadron, FPO, N. Y.

**Pvt. Arthur M. Meyers** is awaiting re-assignment in Hawaii.

**Ernest E. Kirkpatrick, Y1c**, is on a carrier, FPO, S. F.

**1st Lt. Herbert W. Ernst** is overseas, APO, S. F. His APO is the same as that of **David Cobb**, **Frank Heryet** and **Marston Westbrook**.

**Lt. Comdr. Edwin B. McLean (MC)**, is on a carrier, FPO, S. F.

**Pvt. Leonard Cosgrove** is overseas, APO, N. Y.

**1st Lt. E. A. Slayen** has the Defense Ribbon, the African Ribbon and a Battle Star for the Italian Campaign. Probably he is in the MTO.



## WHO—WHAT—WHERE

**Pfc. William O. Short** is at AAAF, Amarillo, Texas, and so is **Pvt. Donald S. Irwin**.

**Lt. Irwin Burch** is at 1332 Benedict Drive, San Leandro, Calif.

**A/C Bennie F. Edens** is at MAAF, Marfa, Texas.

**Lt. Wilson R. Seacord, USNR**, is at 603 Mitchell, Ithaca, N. Y.

**Lt. Carroll H. Smith** is still in the Medical Corps of a Marine Division in the Pacific.

**James L. Current, AM1c**, is at NAB, Corpus Christi, Texas.

**Lt. Robert M. Lommassom** is at HAAF, Hondo, Texas.

**Aerog. E. A. Whited** is still with a bomber sqdn., FPO, N. Y.

**Ens. Raymond L. Malcolm** is on a ship, FPO, S. F.

**Pvt. James H. West** is at Camp Roberts.

**A/C Robert R. Farmer** moved from Thunderbird Field where he was a civilian flight instructor, to SAACC, San Antonio, Texas.

**Lt. William A. MacKersie, USMCR**, is still at Pendleton, but he probably won't be there long.

**Lt. (jg) Orville Nordberg (39)**, is finishing up 21 months in the Solomons. He expects to be back soon.

**Richard H. Applin, RT3c**, is still at Navy Pier, (RM), Chicago, Ill.

**Thomas F. Silvermail, MoMM2c**, is on a ship, FPO, S. F.

**Pfc. James Effron** is at APG, Aberdeen, Md.

**Ens. Thomas L. Brown** is overseas, FPO, S. F.

**Sgt. Charles King** is at 310 N. Illinois, Indianapolis, Ind. He has been awarded the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon with two stars, the American Defense Ribbon with one star and the Good Conduct Ribbon.

**Lt. William G. Burrows, USMCR**, is still with his division in the Pacific.

**William B. Johnston, CBM**, is still on his ship, FPO, S. F.

**Lt. George A. Rettie, USNR**, is still in the Armed Guard, Pacific. He has been overseas 33 months.

**S/Sgt. John R. Stockton** is with a squadron, FPO, S. F.

**Lt. William E. Self** is at Camp Plache, New Orleans.

**Lt. Viola Tatum Walbridge (W), USNR**, is still at 1586 Jefferson Ave., New Orleans.

**Ens. Thomas E. Stixrud** is with a squadron, FPO, S. F.

**Lt. (jg) Earl A. Shackelford** is on a DE doing special anti-submarine work.

**Lt. C. A. Boyer, USNR**, is still on his LST. He took part in seven recognized operations in the Pacific.

**Sgt. Thomas L. Taylor** was stationed at several important places in France and is now in Germany.

**Ens. Phil H. Krutzsch** wrote from his Seabee outfit in the Mariannas:

"I am still out here with **Bill Stoll** and others. **Bob Harvey** left recently. I am part of a combat cargo unit, not very much real excitement."

**Mrs. Ann Miller (Ann)**, to all of the Aztecs who ever worked in the Cafe) is not well. Her heart has been giving her trouble, and she has been laid up for about six weeks. Her address is:

**Mrs. Ann Miller**  
3322 Granada  
San Diego, 4, Calif.

**Lt. (jg) H. Irene Udell** was the first WAVE to be assigned to the BAR office. She is BAR administration and security officer, probably (?) at Litchfield Park, Arizona.

**Pvt. Bob Davis** wrote from France: "The brochure about GI education was really swell. I passed it around to all the guys in the squad to read. It was the first straight dope we had gotten. The color picture on the campus made their eyes pop. All of these fellows are eastern boys and if you put a picture of the campus in each issue, all of these doggies will appreciate it."

**Arthur King, S1c**, wrote from Camp Parks, California:

"Went to Berkeley and spent a week-end with **Ed Herzig**. Saw **George Marin**, **George Hayler**, and **Bob Benner**. Also saw **Pat Calland** and **Ruth Kimball**."

**Capt. James E. Stacy** wrote from Germany:

I am now in Germany and our living conditions have changed. In England I had a room. In France I shared a room in a Chateau. In Belgium we ran the animals out and slept next to the kitchen in a home. Here we share a dug-out. We receive no awards but the one given to all personnel who manage to get here.

"Is the Picture Panel going to be left up after the war for awhile so those of us who have never seen it will have a chance?" (Yes, although it is not a permanent thing, we certainly intend to leave it up until all of you who are overseas do get a chance to see it. LCP.)

**Ens. Joseph Seminario** wrote from his cruiser in the Pacific:

"The report about **Lt. Richard Cormier** bagging four Jap planes over Luzon was correct, but his total now stands at five. He has since been promoted to a position of more responsibility. **Jim Ahler** is around but I can't seem to get in touch with him."

## WHO—WHAT—WHERE

**Cpl. Theodore A. Skelley** is overseas, APO, N. Y.

**Lt. Robert Z. Page** is overseas, FPO, S. F.

**Pvt. Ben B. Walsh** is still at the University of Utah.

**Ens. Ben A. Hammerschmidt** is on an LCT in the Philippines.

**Lt. Raymond C. Perry**, formerly of the faculty, is still at Flagstaff, Ariz.

**Lt. Robert E. Meyer** is still on his ship, FPO, N. Y.

**Lt. (jg) Jack H. Yount** is still out in the Pacific.

**Ens. Charles D. Allen** is with a squadron, FPO, S. F.

**Lt. Margaret Wiltse Kean, MCWR**, is at USN Hospital, San Diego.

**Lt. Thomas Hungerford** is at NAS, Melbourne, Fla. He returned from the ETO where he was in on both Normandy and Southern France invasions.

**Capt. Raymond Lee Abel, USMCR**, is up at Miramar.

**Lt. (jg) George L. Stillings** is on a ship, FPO, N. Y.

**Cpl. R. E. Bresnahan** is still overseas, APO, N. Y.

**Cpl. James F. Tuttle** is overseas, APO, N. Y.

**Paul W. Heritage, ACRT, USNR**, is with a Casu. Unit, FPO, N. Y.

**Rollard P. Packard, SF1c**, is overseas, FPO, N. Y.

**Robert F. McEvoy, EM2c**, is on a YOG, FPO, S. F.

**Lt. Robert D. Hogan** is at Luke Field, Arizona.

**Lt. Donald J. Robertson** is overseas, FPO, S. F.

**Sgt. John Ross Rowe** is overseas, APO, S. F. He was in the Netherlands East Indies for a year.

**Pfc. Charles M. Snell** is an expert infantryman, APO, N. Y.

**Lt. James Walton** is at Parris Island, S. C.

**Second Officer George W. Cowan**, is still on his ship, FPO, S. F.

**Ens. Lynn W. Brawner** is on a battleship along with **Lt. Philip Bromley**. They were in the battle of Leyte Gulf, Leyte bombardment and the Lingayen bombardment.

**Ray Ellis** has been mustered out of the Navy because of lead poisoning.

**Lt. (jg) Mildred Ann Robertson** is still at 1739 North St., NW, Washington, D. C.

**1st Lt. Stewart Wicklin** is at Box 297, LVAAF, Las Vegas, Nev.

**Delmore Ball, AS, V-12**, is still at Austin, Tex.

**Pfc. John G. Guelke** is with an MP Det., 1250 North Main St., Los Angeles.

**Edward F. Scanlan, AS**, is at USNTC, San Diego.

**James Claspill, CSKV**, returned home after 40 continuous months in the Pacific.



### THREE YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

Looking over News Letter No. 1, we find that:

Fred B. Smith, Burdette Binkley, Tom Cozens, Norman Gates, Milky Phelps, Bill Goodchild and Eddy Searls were aviation cadets. Russell Newbury, John C. Butler and Bill Shropshire were also mentioned. (All of the above named men have since been killed.)

Men now missing that were mentioned are Sam Patella, Vic Talbot, Gene Erdman, Jack Frost, Bill Sage and Frank Verusco.

Others mentioned who have since been wounded are George Alexander, Brent Burrell, Charles (Sunday) Durland, John Osborn, Noboru Takashima, Walter Harrington, Jim Kinsella, Bill Downing, Joe Rogers and Jim White.

Men mentioned who have fallen prisoner to the Japanese, either before or after, are Johnny Megrew, Bob Newsum and Richard Kates.

Men mentioned who have fallen prisoner to the Germans are Horace Dale Bowman, John Gill, Richard Kenney and Joe Robbins.

In those days Ed Overend and Stan Conant were flying with the AVG. Wally McAnulty was a Sgt. in Hawaii, and Bob Cozens was a struggling aviation cadet trying to get along in the world and hoping that he wouldn't wash out.

**Pfc. Chester Hagman** wrote from Alsace, France:

"I am in a heavy-weapons company. I joined my outfit very soon after I landed in France and have been on line ever since.

"Just three or four years ago I wrote a war story for **El Palenque** and also an anti-war article. I was lucky enough to have them published. Now, I'd like to write for the magazine but find that I cannot do so. I find it difficult to concentrate long enough to even write a letter. The sound of shells going out and coming in is rather hard on the nerves. You know there is nothing in front of the Infantry but the enemy."

**Cpl. Hugh H. Sterling** wrote from his amphib outfit, FPO, S. F.:

"I am enjoying everything out here, especially working with native people. Several of us have been doing some lay preaching among the people, trying to pinch hit for the absent white missionaries. I feel a definite call to go back to the States after the war and study theology and medicine in order to come back to these islands as a medical missionary. Our job is to coordinate hospitals and refugee centers for civilians. You couldn't get more interesting work."

### TWO YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

Looking over News Letter No. 13 we find that:

Lionel Chase, Kenney Scidmore, Bob Wade, Delmar Dyreson, and Walter Bugg were in North Africa. They have all returned, but overseas still are Charles Hampton, Bernard Carroll, Max Vander Horck. Kramer Rorig was mentioned, and he was killed. Griff Williams was mentioned, and he is a prisoner of the Germans.

Maurice Wilson (since killed) and Jim Hardin (now missing) were then aviation cadets. Val Robbins was a boot at the Marine Base, and George Peck was a cadet at Corpus Christi.

Wally McAnulty, Joe Rodney and Willie Leaf wrote from Fiji.

Cotton Gilliland, Bill Post, Bill Stoll, and Perry DeLong were overseas. They all came home and have since gone back to the Pacific. Chuck Ables and Jack Chandler had gone and are still overseas. Edward B. Davis (since killed on Guam) was at New River.

Hal Hevener and Charles Caston were flying in the South Pacific.

**Lt. (jg) Don Woods** wrote from his LST, FPO, N. Y.:

"I am now out of Assault Boats and am on an LST. I like this duty but the old floating bathtub really rolls and pitches. We still make occasional runs, and we're undergoing more training.

"Did you see that interesting article in the December issue of the 'Bureau of Personnel Information Bulletin'? It concerned an **Aztec** and a brother HOD, Lt. (jg) Orville Wahrenbrock, and his adventures on an SC in the Pacific."

**Ens. Robert E. Lando** wrote from the Philippines:

"Here we are enjoying the hospitality of the Philippines, and believe me, it is not lacking. These people are really glad to see us. I wandered around a bit and saw how the Japs stripped the place. We got here in time to see Leyte while it was still the frontier, and we took part in the Mindoro operation. I hear that our experiences in the latter were written up in **Life** or **Time** or both."

**Lt. John A. Muelchi** wrote from the CBI theater:

"I was sent into the hills (believe me, they have them here) to descend on a strong point with an Infantry outfit. We were going to support them if they needed it. It took me two days by horse and mule to get to a vantage point. I got there only to find that a totally unexpected group had entered the place two hours before. Such sufferings for both the horse and myself, all for naught."

### ONE YEAR AGO THIS MONTH

Looking over News Letter No. 25 we find that:

The **First Book of Scarborough Called AZTECS** had just appeared. Bob Cozens and Jack Fitzgerald were majors flying in England. Page Tulloch, Chuck Read and Nord Whited gave us **Snow Jobs**. Delmar Dyreson landed at Anzio.

Kent Bush and Val Robbins were in the Pacific with the Marines. Larry Devlin, Herb Bachrach, George Alexander and other names were added to those in the MTO.

Roger Armbrister, Bert Faulconer and William Headington were reported killed, and Charles Cromer, Bill Downing and Jim Kinsella were reported wounded.

Jack Edwards was at Bougainville, George Crawford (now a prisoner) was in Italy; Tom Rice and Guy Sessions (both of whom were later wounded) were going to England. Maurice Morrell (since killed) was in Italy.

Dave Mayes was the featured speaker in the Little Theater in the Red Cross drive. Lionel Chase had settled down in Dalhart, Texas.

**Lt. Richard Farwell**, former skipper of the USS Ward, paid the office a visit. Lt. Farwell is one of our most experienced naval officers. He was on the Ward as fire control officer on the morning of Pearl Harbor, and it was he who ordered the firing of the first shot of the war. They got one submarine that day and another one later. They were credited with shooting down 10 Jap planes, and they were in on many assault landings in which they carried troops.

Dick described the sinking of the Ward, three years later to day, in the battle of the Philippines. He was then skipper of her. Fires got the better of them. They had to abandon the ship. It was her former skipper of three years earlier who had the unpleasant task of putting the Ward out of her misery now that she was in a helpless condition with her crew all saved. Dick had ridden her out clear to the end as a rugged destroyer officer.

He has been in Washington, and he has had a furlough. Now he is to skipper a new destroyer which speaks well for his record. Dick had had a short furlough some time ago, and when he came home this time he found his little daughter of 15 months talking with quite a vocabulary. Mrs. Farwell (Mae Gebert) looks as fine as ever.

### OPEN HOUSE WILL BE HELD for the PICTURE PANEL

on Sunday, April 8, from 2 to 5. Visitors are invited to come and make the occasion a **Little Reunion**.