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To All of the Aztecs in Service and Their Friends:

This month saw the passing of two great Americans. They were known the world over, and their work is recorded that future generations may read of them and their contributions to the winning of the war and the peace.

Our own **State College** losses also have been great. The reporting of six more **Aztecs** killed in action for the month reaches a new high. What is done to memorialize the **Aztecs** who gave their lives during this war, should be something befitting of such tremendous sacrifices. What should it be?

Each month a good many **News Letters** are returned to sender because the addressee has moved. This may happen to you any month, so be sure to send your changes in address immediately. The filling of one little card for your local postoffice upon transfer does not

insure your getting the change to us. Send a card with the change to this office.

Repercussions from the Third Anniversary issue of the **News Letter** have been favorable. Thanks to all of you. We are glad you liked it, but we will have to remain more modest in size and printing at least for the time being.

I would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation to the sororities and to others on the campus who helped in the selling of the **News Letters** and colored pictures last month. The results surpassed what even an optimist could have hoped for. **Gamma Phi Zeta**, **Theta Chi** and **Tau Zeta Rho** were leaders and pictures of their representatives selected by **Veteran John Ferrell's** committee appear on this page. Three other pictures will appear next month.

May we have some real good news before going to press next month!

And again, best of luck!

Lauren C. Post,
Editor of the **News Letter**.

PFC. ROBERT M. ALBER

was killed in Germany on March 23 while serving with the First Army. He went to Normandy on D-Day and was wounded at St. Lo last July, for which he received the Purple Heart and the Presidential Unit Citation. Returning to the front, he saw action in the German break-through last December and was decorated for outstanding action with another Presidential Unit Citation and

the Oak Leaf Cluster. In February he received the Bronze Star Medal for saving the lives of two wounded fellow soldiers.

On March 15 he wrote from Germany to the **News Letter**:

"I feel so ashamed of myself that I have been receiving the **Aztec News Letter** all along and I have not written you a letter of thanks. I do look forward so much to receiving the **News Letter** each month. It makes me so homesick, though, and I start dreaming of the swell days I had at **State**.

"I am in an infantry outfit of the Second Division which was in on the invasion D-Day. I have been in every major battle and still am going strong. We are deep into Germany now and hope for the war to be over soon. Thanks a million for the **News Letter**, Doc."



F/O GORDON CHAMBERLAIN

was killed in action in Germany on March 24. He was a glider pilot attached to the troop carrier command and had participated in the invasion of Normandy and in subsequent airborne actions for which he had been awarded the Air Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation. He had been in the European theater fifteen months.



LT. GEORGE E. HAMMOND

has been reported killed in action in Europe.

LT. JAMES C. HARDIN

who was previously reported missing in action in Italy has since been reported killed in action. He had been awarded the Air Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation and had also been given credit for shooting down an ME-109.

LT. PAUL KRAEMER

was killed in action in the European theater of operations.

PFC. GEORGE R. MOHR

was killed in action in Germany. The following paragraph from his company commander tells the story of his last action:

"The company was in a defensive position when attacked by the enemy," the letter stated. "It was necessary to withdraw the platoon of which your son was a member a short distance to form a new line. George volunteered to hold off the enemy with his automatic weapon, enabling his squad to withdraw to the new line. During this action he was killed instantly. He gave his life to save his comrades."

CPL. DWAIN CANTOR

is missing in action from a bomber raid over Europe.

PFC. ROGER CASH

was reported missing in action near Aachen about three months ago. Since then he has written home. He wrote from a German hospital that he has been wounded and that he was a prisoner. He said that he was an "up-patient" and that his wounds were healing. He was in a prisoner camp which has since been over-run by the Russians, but what has happened to Roger is not yet clear. (The important news is that we can expect to see Roger in the rather near future. LCP.)

DUDLEY H. ARMSTRONG, AERMIC

is stationed in the Marianas where he has been since their D-Day. He has been awarded the Purple Heart, the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

LT. CHARLES H. BARR

is at Big Spring, Texas. He is a veteran of 30 missions against German targets, including the air assaults on the French coast which paved the way for the Allied landing on D-Day. He has been awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Purple Heart, for a wound received in action over Schweinfurt. He also has the Distinguished Flying Cross.

LT. RICHARD I. CHUGG

was wounded in action and is now in a hospital in England recovering from a "nip in the arm." He had been a private for a year overseas and won his promotion in Europe on active duty with the Seventh Army in France. See his letter elsewhere.

PVT. RAYMOND E. CRANE

was wounded in action in Germany on November 22. He has returned to this country and is in Madigan General Hospital, Tacoma, Washington. His wound was caused by rifle fire from a German sniper. Raymond walks without difficulty, but probably will not return to combat.

CPL. WHITWORTH W. HOSKINS

who is with the 17th Airborne Division has been awarded the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Service Cross.

LT. G. "BOB" McKERVEY

has been awarded the Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster. According to Sgt. C. P. Bradley, Bob's wounds were not serious, nor will they hinder him in either his army or civilian life. They are flesh wounds.

LT. MAURICE SAVAGE, USMCR

is home for a rest before reassignment to duty. He had been wounded in the Battle for Saipan and for his action and wound there he had been awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

He went ashore with the first wave at Iwo Jima and was hit an hour and a half after he landed. His platoon suffered 80 per cent casualties and he was awarded another Purple Heart.

LT. (JG) JAMES J. SEARL

is at NAS, Alameda, Calif. During his 35 months in the South Pacific he was awarded the Purple Heart for a wound received while trying to "reach his older brother, Herbert," who was just released from a Jap internment camp.

S/SGT. BEN SIEGEL

received a scalp wound while in action in Germany. He is now in a hospital in England. Previous to this he had been laid up for a time with frost bite.

1ST LT. JOSEPH COBB

is back from Italy where he flew P-38s on 35 combat sorties against the enemy. He flew escort to bombers that hit the Ploesti oil fields, Vienna, Blechhammer, Wiener-Neustadt and other high priority targets. He was in on the invasion of Southern France on D-Day, escorting bombers and strafing tanks and other motor vehicles. Lt. Cobb was given credit for shooting down one fighter

and has been awarded the Air Medal and four Oak Leaf Clusters. He had been overseas 21 months.

He was one of the fighter pilots who escorted the bombers that hauled the released American airmen who had been prisoners in Rumanian prison camps. Among those men was Lt. Max Binswanger who has since returned home. "Were those men happy to get out!"

CAPT. DELMAR L. DYRESON

has returned to San Diego and will rest for a time at Carmel-by-the-Sea. His record as released by PRO is a most enviable one. He was awarded the "Bronze Star for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the Sicilian campaign while a member of the Third Infantry Division."

Chaplain Dyreson went ashore on D-Day of the North African invasion with a battalion aid station, landing on the Fedala-Casablanca beachhead. He was cited for saving the lives of 37 soldiers, members of his boat. During landing operations, the boat, under fire of enemy machine guns and mortars, rammed another landing craft and was sinking. The chaplain swam to shore under hostile gunfire, carrying a rope as a guide line.

In addition to the Bronze Star, Chaplain Dyreson wears five stars on his North African-Italian campaign ribbon for participating in five campaigns, as well as the coveted combat infantry badge and the American Defense Medal. He was in four amphibious landings and saw action on the Italian "winter line" and at the Anzio beachhead.

1ST LT. ROY J. GRIMSE

has been awarded the Air Medal and several Oak Leaf Clusters. He is still in the western Pacific.

S/SGT. BEN W. HAMRICK

came home on furlough from the ETO. He completed 35 missions and 275 combat flying hours in 10 months duty with the Eighth Air Force as gunner on a B-17. Ben is a member of the Goldfish Club, membership into which is gained when one is fished out of the Channel.

CPL. ROBERT B. HARLAN

has been awarded a Unit Citation and has five campaign stars.

LT. CLARENCE HARPER

who is still with a bombing squadron in the Pacific has been awarded the Air Medal.

LT. WALTER HARRINGTON

who is in the Canadian Army was awarded the Military Cross for bravery in action in Italy with the British Eighth Army. Walter has been away for five years. Previous to the action for which he was decorated he had been wounded in action. He is with the famous Princess Pats—a Canadian light infantry regiment that was famous both in the other war and in this.

1ST LT. ROBERT H. MacDONALD

is still in Belgium as a fighter pilot. He has the Air Medal with seven Clusters. He was once in the old 251st.

CAPT. CHARLES S. MARSDEN, MC

is with the 22nd Field Hospital overseas. He has been awarded Theater Commendation for surgical work in the field. He has four campaign stars.

CAPT. LINDEN K. MARTIN

is now at Tyndall Field, Fla. For his two years as a fighter pilot in England, France and Belgium, where he flew 85 missions, he has been awarded the following: The Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 16 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters and three Silver Oak Leaf Clusters.

PFC. MARSHALL MILLER

is still overseas. He has been awarded the Presidential Group Citation and has three Bronze Stars.

S/SGT. R. W. MOSSHOLDER

has flown 16 missions over Japan in a heavy bomber based in the Marianas Islands.

MAJ. STAN A. PALMER

is Field Office Air Inspector at Hq. of AAA, Mitchell Field, New York. For his services in the Guadalcanal and Northern Solomons area he has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Presidential Unit Citation with one star.

1ST LT. THOMAS W. QUEEN

was awarded a silver Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal. Lt. Queen is a fighter pilot and has been given credit for the destruction of a number of enemy locomotives, freight cars, supply trucks, oil tanks, barges and other German ground targets strafed by his group. He has also been given credit for damaging two aircraft in aerial combat and destroying one on the ground.

CPL. CHARLES R. RODENBAUGH

was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque. His unit supervised and coordinated the formation, equipping, and training of two of the outstanding Service Teams of the IX Air

Force Service Command, and successfully established the first service installation to operate under the hazardous and trying conditions of the Normandy beachhead. Cpl. Rodenbaugh is now in Belgium.

1ST LT. ROBERT RUIZ

is a B-24 pilot in Europe and has been awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

CAPT. WILLIAM C. STOLL, USMCR

was awarded two Presidential Unit Citations, one for service with the First Division and one for service with the Fourth Division.

LT. CHARLES C. WHITE

was awarded the Air Medal for participation in raids in the South Pacific. He is with a bomber squadron.

LT. JAMES WHITE

was awarded the Bronze Star for outstanding behavior in line of duty during the invasion of Normandy. He was wounded at that time and his ship was sunk.

Lt. (jg) William Downing was aboard the USS Pringle which was reported sunk in the Battle for Okinawa. Nothing has been reported as to casualties so far.

Lt. (jg) Edwin E. Sechrist was aboard the USS Bush which was also sunk. Again, we know nothing of casualties, but hope to be hearing from those two Aztecs soon. LCP.

Maj. Carroll H. (Bud) Wight is C.O. of a Liaison Squadron in France. Mrs. Wight (Dorothy Root) is living in Temple, Texas, with three-year-old Carol Ann.

Lt. F. C. Heryet writes from somewhere in the Marianas:

"I finally ran across another Aztec out here. His name is Ed Thomas and he is a United Press correspondent. I believe he was Sports Editor of the Aztec back about 1938.

"I was enjoying a doughnut and some coffee after being interrogated on that first night strike against Tokyo when a fellow asked me how the raid was. I started to tell him that nothing eventful had happened to us except for being in the spotlights for four minutes, when we recognized each other as old Tau Delts. We chewed the fat for ten minutes or so and then I left him to get his story while I cleaned up and logged a few hours of sack time. He came by late in the afternoon and took me down to the Naval Officers' Club, where I found out how the other half lives. I didn't

spend as long with him as I would have liked because he was leaving the next day for Iwo Jima, where he was going to relieve Lisle Shoemaker, and I had to rest for the Nagoya strike on the following night. From Iwo he was going forward to cover the next Army-Marine amphibious strike so I suppose that by now he is on Okinawa.

"Yesterday was a red letter day for the B-29s in this area. It was the first time we had fighter protection to Japan. Our ship was up for 100 hour inspection, so we did not go on that mission, but I've heard all about it from members of the squadron who did go, and I thought you might be interested in some of the events.

"The B-29s rendezvoused with the P-51s off the Empire and things started happening soon after. Groups of P-51s would zoom 5,000 or 6,000 feet above us and a few minutes later a Japanese fighter would spin down in flames. Over land they shepherded those Jap fighters away from us and chased them all over the sky. The only time they'd come near us was when they'd go through the formation in a futile effort to get away from a P-51. One Jap pilot bailed out when his ship caught fire and he didn't wait to slow down before he pulled his rip cord. The chute opened and yanked the harness and every stitch of clothing off the poor chap and he went tumbling through one of our formations, naked as the day he was born.

"From the way it was described to me, it seems that the sky was filled with falling Nip fighters, Japanese parachutes and even pieces of the target. Unfortunately, there also was a B-29 burning from a phosphorous bomb hit.

"As you can judge, every B-29 crewman worshiped those P-51s. Those Jap fighters have given us plenty of rough times, especially over Tokyo, but yesterday most of the worries were from flak. I think one B-29 pilot expressed the sentiments of every crewman when he drooled over the interplane communication, 'Oh you P-51s, I loves you, little sweethearts, I loves you.'

"After the show was over, some of the Superforts that had enough gas played Stagedoor Johnnies and circled off the coast to see if they could escort a Mustang or two home to Iwo Jima. We have more navigation equipment than they have and it relieves them somewhat of the worry of getting back to their base the shortest way.

"Dr. Post, we feel we owe those fighter pilots a great deal; that's an awful long way for a man to fly, fight, and return alone. But we don't forget the debt we owe to the men who took Iwo Jima and made fighter protection possible for us, and gave us an emergency landing field half way home from Tokyo."

Miss Florence Shafer, formerly of the faculty, has left for Washington, D.C., for training as a Hospital Recreation Worker overseas.

Lt. Jeanne Quint wrote from the Philippines:

"After a year in New Guinea, this place seems like real civilization. It's a wonderful sight to see civilian women in bright American clothes. I might say that they are very attractive too.

"We feel closer to the war now. There is still fighting not far from here. Can you imagine a large group of women living in one room under ordinary circumstances? Neither can I, but we get along amazingly well.

"We met some nurses who had been interned here, and they gave us much to think about."

Lt. Robert S. Hamilton wrote from his battleship in the Pacific:

"Ed Thomas, formerly of State College, contributed the enclosed poem which expresses in verse our recent 'engagement' with the Japs.

"Sorry to receive word of the passing of **Craig Potter**, one of my best pals and next door neighbor."

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

"Today your **News Letter** figured in another of these story book incidents that make life supportable even in these unsatisfactory settings. First, I must tell you that I am mail orderly for my YMS, and as such visit the Navy post office wherever we are and bring the mail, if any, back for distribution to the crew. This afternoon, while still at the post office, I saw the welcome envelope of the **News Letter** sticking out of a packet of letters, drew it out and walked along reading it. Just as I came abreast of the Central Clinic, my eye was attracted to the item you printed concerning **Lt. J. R. Conant**. You'll recall what it was. The last I'd heard of **Dick Conant** he was on his carrier, and as far as I knew he was thousands of miles away. The thought occurred to me, after reading your item, 'Suppose he's in this clinic,' which is only one of many, as you may imagine, in this area. Of course he was, or I wouldn't be writing you about it. Let me emphasize that I wasn't more than 200 feet from him at the time I read your tip-off that I might have been within a thousand miles. Dr. Conant and my pal, **Lt. Spud Kunkel**, were roommates through dentistry at USC, and it was a breath of old times to see him again. That establishes your **News Letter** even more solidly than before with me, and it has always rated high."

1st Sgt. Richard Joseph Carter wrote from the 17th Airborne Division:

"I wrote once that my boys were ready and eager for combat. Things have changed; we were thrown in as shock troops west of Bastogne. After numerous attacks, we chased the Nazis back to Germany. We drove 45 miles in less than a month. Pretty good, considering that we had no heavy equipment, no snow equipment, etc. **Hoskins** is okay in more ways than one—he is up for the **Silver Star** and deserves more."

Pvt. Hadarah E. Domnitz, WAC, is assistant to a psychiatrist at Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, Calif.

Capt. Jack K. Edwards wrote from Iwo Jima.

"We are now on Iwo Jima and near the end of the campaign, I hope. This has undoubtedly been the toughest fight in the Marine Corps' history, and the Third Division led the way! On the way up here was on the same ship as **Ens. Paul Breese**. It was his landing craft that took me ashore also. **Clarence Huddleston** was aboard with us. He is with Division Headquarters. The weather here is wonderful, much better than fighting in the tropics where it is so sticky and sweaty."

Pfc. Jack A. Chandler wrote from Iwo Jima:

"Iwo Jima is just about ours. It seems almost a nightmare, these last two weeks. This is the closest I have ever been to hell, and I have seen all the war I want to see. It doesn't sound very heroic, does it? I have been attached to an infantry company and have seen more grief than I ever dreamed could exist. I thought I had seen some bad times on Bougainville and Guam, but nothing like this. The Third Division really did a job. This is not a very cheerful letter, but it is the way I feel at present. Sorry. **Chuck Ables** is OK."

F/O Harry T. Galpin is in England flying heavy bombers. Apparently he has been on quite a few missions.

Pfc. Jack W. Goode wrote from France:

"These French towns could never be mistaken for anything America. The farming communities look like a picture from a fairy tale book. None of the streets seem to run straight. When you hear a rumble coming down the street, you can expect anything from a coke burning automobile to a horse and carriage.

"**Clem Macevicz** came over on the same ship as I did."

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

"After the invasion of Palau, we shifted to a big carrier task force and were in on the early Formosa and Luzon raids, as well as the raids on Saigon and the coast of China in general. While up there I saw **Dick Pabst**.

"That typhoon I mentioned previously was the one in which three cans were lost. It was the worst thing we have run up against so far. On these carrier raids, the pilots do all of the work and deserve all of the credit. The Japs are now hopelessly outnumbered. We haven't met them on even terms since February of last year around Rabaul. In those days if our squadron had a cruiser along we considered ourselves a major task force. Now anything with less than three or four wagons is small fry."

Pvt. K. Nakadate wrote from the Philippines:

"I recently took another boat ride, which was quite uneventful except for a couple of stormy days. At present, I'm living in a regular concrete building and it sure is nice to see streets, highways, buildings, etc. again.

"The treacherous Japs sure did a lot of terrible things here. They will have to be made to really suffer a great deal for all of their beastly inhuman doings, and let's hope that that day will come soon!

"My brother, **Shoji**, seems to be recovering very nicely from his wounds received in France."

Don G. Moody, Chief Radio Officer, wrote from a ship in the Pacific:

"My travels in the past year have nearly put me in the **Richard Halliburton** class.

"Wish I could have been home when **Wade** and **Miller** were there. We had times together putting out plays and movies. I expect this voyage to last about ten months."

Lt. (jg) Orvill Nordberg has returned to the States after 22 months in the Solomons. He is awaiting orders.

Ens. Phil A. Bulot wrote from his DMS in the Pacific, which he at last managed to find. Phil asked for **Dwain Conto's** address. (It's too late now, at least for the time being, as **Dwain** is missing from a bombing mission over Europe. LCP).

Pfc. Eleanor V. Spinola is a clerk-typist in the Adjutant General's section of the Fifth Army in Italy. She went overseas in July 1943 and has served with the Fifth Army in North Africa and Italy.

Sgt. Lindsay J. McKellips wrote from France:

"I am in the same outfit that Lt. **George Forbes** was in. I suppose you have his new address by now. I was sorry to see him go. I saw, in the June **News Letter**, that **Jim Hurley** gave you quite a **Snow Job** about me. I wish he hadn't spilled so much because there are a lot more fellows over here who have seen more than I have or ever will see.

"I really like France. Nice and Cannes are just like the towns in the States. Say Doc, I wish you would help me out. There was a fellow working in Chem Lab as an assistant in the spring of 1939 at State. His first name was **Paul**, that is all I know. I would like to know his last name." (Help please. LCJ).

William Goshorn, AMM2/c wrote from his big carrier in the Pacific:

"Much has transpired since I last basked in the sun of the Quad. I married **Jane Stewart** of La Mesa in July 1943 and shipped out in October. I became the proud father of twin boys last April. At this time, the boys are getting along fine, as is the wife. **Bill** and **Ed** are starting to talk and walk, so I am told.

"We have been busy as the devil with the little Nips and I feel safe in stating that they have felt the "**Fighting Lady's**" fury on numerous occasions. We sweated out some pretty hectic hours, but our luck has held, and thanks to God and our gunners, we are still giving them hell.

"Have met **Dave Jeter** and **George Peck**."

Robert Joseph Lazar, FC1/c, wrote from his ship in the Philippines, saying that he had participated in eight invasions beginning with Tarawa. He said that at Leyte the first liberated baby was born aboard their ship. That was on D plus one, and they named the baby after their ship.

T/5 E. Lucille Howell wrote from South Post, Ft. Myer, Va.:

"I'm still working in the Pentagon. Some time ago while running around the building with a sheaf of papers under my arm, I discovered that **Lt. Col. Robert Cozens** was only a block or so from where I then was. I dropped in to say hello. We had a short visit before I decided I'd better get back before my officers should decide to send a posse after me. Remembered afterwards that I didn't remember to give him my name. He's probably wondering who his surprise visitor was—unless he's accustomed to such things by now. In Washington most anything can happen."

1st Lt. Ohan S. Kerian wrote from Europe:

"I have had a hectic career over here Doc. I came over to France with an S. S. Platoon to make a circuit of all the depots in the Reinforcement Command. Our first stop was just behind Metz when they had just begun to shell that famed city. It proved to be excellent orientation to artillery fire and war noises in general. Since then I have crossed and recrossed northern France five times. Each time we manage to make a stop in **Gay Paree**, which is a morale builder in any man's language. My travel activity has been curtailed of late however, for now I am back in the AA with the Third Army.

"By the way, Doc, I managed to get a small Nazi flag today which I shall send you as a souvenir."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Ens. Alfred O. Nesvold is on an AKA in the Pacific. He is the father of **Alfred O. Nesvold, Jr.**, born December 22, 1944. **Betty** is now living at San Gabriel, California.

Lt. (jg) Phil A. Allred is on an LCT, FPO, N. Y.

Cpl. Norman G. Levi is overseas, APO, N. Y.

Pfc. Jonathan Lippitt is with a squadron in the Philippines. He has the Southwest Pacific ribbon with one star and the Philippine Liberation ribbon with one star.

Lt. Giles G. Larabee is at NAS, Pensacola, Fla. He was on a ship that was in the first bombardment of Japanese territory. He was overseas thirty-three months.

Pfc. William R. Yoggerst is in France.

Sgt. Robert L. Walker has been overseas for two years. He has four battle stars for the ETO.

Sgt. Arthur I. Stone is still overseas in the Pacific.

Lt. (jg) Marjorie Thomas is now stationed in San Diego. She lives at 3330 31st St.

Lt. (jg) Orville A. Wahrenbrock is skipper of an SC boat, FPO, S. F.

Daniel C. Votaw, Qm3c, is on a ship, FPO, S. F.

Cpl. Gerald H. Patrick wrote from Germany:

"We have been on the go for quite some time and have been doing all right. We are in the Third Army and are now in the drive to clear up the Saar Basin.

The only other **Aztec** I see is **Seba Hutson**, who is an aid man in a heavy weapons company of my regiment. **Chris Franovich** is also in this army, but he is north of us. The weather is finally beginning to get warmer. Boy that was sure a cold miserable winter."

1st Lt. Robert Chase (Honorary **Aztec** because he is a brother of **Lionel Chase**) wrote from Oahu:

"The weather is still fine, the pineapple juice continues to flow rain or shine, and the school kids claim that the plural of mongoose is 'plenty mon-goose.' What a place!

"Thanks again for the **News Letter**, LCP, especially the quintet on the cover. They have now jointed the ranks of the better pin-up gals." (How does it feel to be an uncle? LCP).

S/Sgt. Alan L. Robbins wrote from his parachute outfit in the Philippines:

"Just want to check in with you and let you know that I'm still around. We got here in time to help finish off the Japs. We were handed a tough job to do and I guess we did it as well as any one could have done it. I had many experiences that I could tell you about, but they would not make pleasant reading. I don't know why, but every place we hit is just having its rainy season. For a time I thought we should have been in Amphibs. But I still like this country better than New Guinea. It is more open and civilized."

(Al jumped with the 511th as announced at the time of the taking of Manila. We can just guess that he is in a rugged outfit. LCP).

S/Sgt. Charles N. Ables, who is with the Marine Third Division, wrote from the Pacific, using his own personally decorated envelopes and Japanese writing paper:

"Just got back from Iwo and it surely feels great to still be alive and in one piece. It surely is a pleasure to be away from that miserable hole.

"**Jack Chandler** was still Ok when I left and he'll be back in a few days. He is mighty lucky to be alive as his outfit really took a beating. **Clarence Huddleston** came through all right also. We were on the same ship coming back.

"I have been overseas 27 months now and have exactly 27 **News Letters** tucked away in my sea-bag. I think that is about perfect, considering that I have received them at about a dozen different islands, and even aboard ship a couple of times. You people back on the campus have really been on the ball, and speaking for myself as an **Aztec**, and for my buddies (not **Aztecs**, but interested readers) thanks a lot!"

CWO John M. Leaf is in France. He is trying to contact **Capt. Archie B. Johnston**, and also, he heard from **Monte Moulton**, who was in Luxembourg with the Third Army. John is with a Cavalry Recon. Squadron (mechanized), and now weighs 190 lbs.

Lt. (jg) Lee Packard wrote from his DS in the Pacific:

"Thanks for the list of addresses. I'm sure to run into some of the fellows when we get through with this one wolf hunt. We have been in two more operations since Lingayen, but the names are not yet released. I can report that we came through unscathed. We seem to have a good luck charm on the ship somewhere. We like to think that the Japs are afraid of us but that's giving a Destroyer Escort too much credit."

1st Lt. James N. Boles (not an Aztec but a **Golden Bear**) wrote from the Marianas:

"Several copies of the **Aztec News Letter** have reached me through various sources. I have lived in San Diego all my life, and thus many of my old friends are mentioned in the **News Letter**. This tie to the life that was deeply appreciated, and many of the names mentioned are those of old friends and acquaintances. I would like, if possible, to have my name on the mailing list. I have been overseas about 16 months, all in the Central Pacific. At Kwajalein I met a cousin of **Ace Carver** with whom I played frosh football at Cal. Our softball team played against a team captained by **Dick (Lefty) Mitchell**. **Bob Harvey** was around, but I did not get to see him before he left for the states.

"As I completed only two and a half years before the war, my present plans are to go to **San Diego State** and take refresher courses and then finish up at Cal." (As one old Cal man to another—UC 25, 31 and 37—I'll see what I can do about the mailing list, and we'll be seeing you in about 1946. LCP).

Sgt. Leon Wheeler wrote from the Pacific on a Japanese postcard:

"Six years have glided by since I last roamed the hallways of **State College** but I well remember you and **Walt Sefton** and the quad in 1939. The **News Letter** is a symbol of what I enjoyed so much at **State**."

Pvt. Jack Bahl wrote from Germany: "Recently had an opportunity to visit Brussels. In my opinion it is the most beautiful city, next to Paris. We also visited Metz several times and also at Bastogne. So you see I have really been around some."

1st Sgt. Eden (Bus) DeVolder wrote from Fort Benning, Ga.:

"Was in the hospital for five months with a broken ankle I received last August playing ball here at Benning. At present I'm on limited service due to a stiff ankle, but as soon as it is well,

I'll be hitting the high seas again. Doc, I think I'm getting old because each year it is harder and it takes longer to get in shape.

"Got a letter from **Capt. Jim Stacy** and he says the Siegfried Line is really something to see. As Jim explains it, the Germans didn't intend for anyone to cross it. I hear **Pepper Martin** is managing the **Padres** this year."

Blair Burkhardt is still in northern Italy with his aircraft company. He reports that **John Dillin** has been promoted to Captain he also reports that most of our fellows who used to be in Corsica have moved on up.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Capt. Neil G. L. Boothby has the ETO ribbon with two stars.

A/C T. R. Newbery is at SAACC, San Antonio, Texas.

Ens. Dave Lippitt, CEC, USMR, is at Camp Endicott, Davisville, R. I.

Sgt. Lewis M. Keller is with his Claims Team in France.

Pvt. Richard A. Held is at DAAF, Douglas, Ariz.

Pvt. James Woodward is at Lowry Field No. 1, Denver, Colo.

George Bergman, CY, is somewhere out in the Pacific.

Lt. John B. Clark is in Communications School, Quantico, Va.

Lt. Harold M. Otwell, USMCR, is with the 2nd Marine Division.

Lt. (jg) Glen M. Wirt is at NTS, Newport, R. I.

T/Sgt. Benjamin W. Wirt is at North Fort Lewis, Wash.

1st Lt. William A. Gustafson is overseas, APO, S. F.

Lt. (jg) James Polak is overseas, probably in England.

Sgt. Nevin O. Adamson is overseas, APO, New York. He was with the 251st before it went on active service.

Sgt. Richard K. Schroeder is at AAF, Amarillo, Texas.

Sgt. Charles P. Bradley wrote from Belgium:

"Had a chance to see **Bob McKervy**. He left soon after and took part in the first bridgehead operation over the Rhine at Remagen.

"I was lucky enough to get to Brussels two weeks ago. It is some town the only trouble is that it took a months pay to go there for just two days."

Walter Harvey, C. (Sp.) and **Mrs. Harvey (Cora Jones)** have a son born in San Diego on April 4. Walt is on an APA in the Pacific.

Lt. Roy J. Grimse had a 34 day "Battle of Sydney."

Sgt. Don Crouch wrote from Italy:

"Guess its about time this former **Aztec** wrote his first letter to you from Italy. I should have written sooner, while my division was in the headlines back home, but I didn't have the time. Too busy snatching mountains from Jerry."

Ens. Tom D. Cullen wrote from his APA, probably in the Philippines:

"It was quite a surprise to read that **Paul Breese** was on an APA at Lingayen Gulf, because I was standing on the beach sightseeing when **MacArthur** came ashore. I couldn't have missed seeing him by very much."

Cpl. Jack W. Hudson is in Germany with an AAA outfit. He has battle stars for Normandy, the battle of northern France, and for Germany. (Thanks for the magazine. LCP).

Capt. Robert H. Anderson, USMCR, wrote from his scout bombing squadron in the Pacific:

"Haven't seen any **Aztecs** except **Ralph Monsees, Jack Yount** and **Dick Cormier**."

Lt. William Jennings wrote from his night fighter squadron in the Pacific:

"Of greatest interest to myself is my recent promotion to the exalted rank of second lieutenant from my long held grade of flight officer. I now am an officer and a gentleman by a careless act of Congress.

The only person I have seen recently is **Jimmy Dall** who is masquerading as a j.g. in the Navy Supply Corps. We had a couple of days together and then he moved on down to (censored) where he is polishing an easy chair behind a big desk.

"I'm still flying around as a back seat driver in a beautiful big black widow which still is my idea of a good airplane. Apparently the army thinks so too. At least we keep on flying 'em."

S/Sgt. Albert W. Bradt wrote from Italy:

"I am very happy in my present job and only hope that it holds out for the duration. Did you know that I am in the Information and Education department at present? It is really a fine field and seems to be growing by leaps and bounds. At present we are operating a night school and we are continually adding to our list of courses.

"Would like very much to have a couple extra copies of your color picture of next issue if possible. Was so glad to hear that another color picture is coming out. Sure is good to see the old campus in full color."

Capt. Thomas H. Greer wrote from 2627 Greene St., Fort Worth, Texas:

"The colored picture of the silos is a knockout. A few more like that and you'll have us day-dreaming.

"I am solidly behind your ideas for a strong Alumni Association after the war. I think that the name of its official journal should be Aztec News Letter. That name means a great deal to thousands of loyal alumni already.

"It won't be very long now until I will have earned my first 'fogey!' I hope I will not complete more than one during this tour of duty."

Capt. William C. Stoll wrote from his Amph. tractor outfit in the Pacific:

"Iwo Jima has been officially secured. There is no doubt that it was one of the Marine Corps' toughest. I was aboard ship until D-Day plus 3, and even then we didn't feel too safe as we could see artillery and coastal gun shells splashing into the water all around us. When I got ashore, the Japs were registering in quite regularly with their mortars and the snipers were amusing themselves during the night as they infiltrated through our lines. Our fleet and air forces did a wonderful job, but their work is limited, and the infantry, with the flame throwers and bayonets must always do the dirty work.

"I suppose we will go back and rest up for the next one. That should wind up my combat time, as the next one will be my fourth landing and fifth major battle."

Sgt. R. W. Mossholder wrote from his B-29 base in the Marianas:

"I received the February issue of the **News Letter** night before last, just before we left for a mission over Tokyo. I was thinking of the **News Letter** the whole way up there and how nice it was telling the fellows and girls where their friends were and what they were doing. I really don't have anything of interest to write because I can't see a thing interesting about a war.

"My main reason for dropping this line to you is to ask if you could send me a little information on the G.I. Bill of Rights for a married man with one child. My wife said that she heard your program over the radio dealing with these benefits. I really would like to know my chances for getting a little more education after the war."

Lt. George Henry, (SC) USN, wrote from a cruiser in the Pacific:

"This is one of the oldest, but most comfortable riding cruisers in the Navy. I have a nice soft bunk, and the meals are good, so what more can one ask?

"A few weeks ago I was transferred to another ship while under way at sea.

This is quite common now, though it used to be quite a novelty. It is quite a thrill, especially when the ships pull in and the rope goes slack, and the sea reaches up for you while traveling at 12 knots." (Ens. **William Shropshire** was on your ship the morning of Pearl Harbor. Some of your men should remember him. LCP.)

1st Lt. Grant Nielsen is back from England. He flew 35 missions as a bombardier and navigator in heavy bombers and covered most of the main targets in Germany in the last eight months. He pulled through all of the missions without a scratch although he admitted that from the bombardier's seat, he saw altogether too much flak bursting around their plane.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

1st Lt. Donald Boone Smith is with a Fighter Control Squadron in China. He is on the lookout for **Lt. Ray E. Moore** of **Randall's Raiders**.

Lt. (jg) Seymour Rabinowitz is on his ship in the Pacific.

Walter W. Simpson, Muslc, is at a recreation center in the Pacific. He has seen **Earl Finder** and **Lloyd Patterson**.

T/5 Merle M. Genet is in France.

1st Lt. Albert R. Lepore is with the infantry, probably in Germany.

Pfc. James C. Leisure expects to be in Berlin soon. (Emma and the baby were at the picture panel on April 8 and both were looking fine. LCP)

George G. Claspill, AMMlc, is still with an FAW, FPO, S. F. He has seen **Lt. C. E. Skidmore**, **Lt. (jg) D. Cole**, **Lt. (jg) J. Stalnaker**, **Ens. T. E. Stixrud** and **C. H. Milne, AMMlc**.

Midn. James McBlair is at Notre Dame.

Pfc. Robert W. Martin is overseas, APO, N. Y.

Lt. Richard W. Neal is still at Camp Roberts.

Pfc. Carlton H. Wolfarth is with a Marine Detachment on a battleship in the Pacific.

Cpl. Donald C. Kiel is in Hq. of FMF, Pacific.

Capt. James E. Stacey wrote from Germany:

"The one thing that we never heard about the Germans was their artillery. From all the papers that we read they have none and what they have, they can't use. That was just the writer's idea. They have plenty of it, plenty of ammo, and they know how to use it. Their 88 is a favorite weapon; however, the thing we hate most is mortars, because you can't hear them coming. These American lads sure confuse me—they are the most curious people in the world. They

will pick up anything, a habit liable to be fatal, but I have noticed the change in this company. Now they look and leave things alone. They seem to have an endless supply of energy and although they complain, they are usually in fine spirits. I believe it is their sense of humor which makes them impossible to beat.

"Recently we took a town and immediately pushed on to secure it against counter attack, which never came. We set up just before dark and dug in. We had only our ponchos and as it rained and snowed and got cold, we spent a miserable night and part of the day out there before we received orders to pull back to town and get the men under cover. This we tried to do, but I say **tried**, because while we were freezing, the rest of the division moved into town and fixed themselves up swell. We got what places we could, and because of my exalted position in the company, was given special consideration. I got to sleep on a meat block."

Lt. Howard Niederman wrote from France telling of meeting **Johnny Leaf** and catching up on about five years separation. He also told of meeting **Lt. Harold Otwell, USMC**, in New York.

F/O B. D. Lanois is in China flying big planes.

Lt. James E. Stubbs, USNR, wrote from his recreation center on a Pacific island:

"You have no doubt heard about the Royal Navy being in this area. Well, although its not supposed to be published, your's truly is now playing nurse maid to the Royal Navy. I used to think we were a screwed up outfit, but these boys really take first prize hands down. They can't understand how we have built such a base in a year and seem to have no idea of how to operate heavy equipment or even drive a jeep. The big question is, 'Are they going to tour our overseas bases or take an active part in the Pacific war?'. Of course I think the answer to this one lies in the lap of the big wigs who can't quite agree as to just how or where we where we should use them. In the meantime, we just continue to house and feed them while they admire our doings out here. I expect to have them in here for another month or so and then I will be right back where I started from."

Lt. John Muelchi wrote from Asia:

"They sure build these mountains straight up and rugged. My only salvation lies in the fact that I'm once again airborne. We are in the most modern town in Burma. We have a house with hot and cold running water and even a bathtub!"

Ens. Lloyd O. Williams, Second Officer, wrote from a ship in the Pacific: "There are many **Aztecs** in the various outfits in the Pacific that we have been close to, but always there is so little time to scout around when we hit those ports that it is difficult to locate them. Perhaps if I were to post a couple of **Aztec** stickers around the ship in conspicuous places (the captain willing) they might catch an **Aztec's** eye, and I could tempt him aboard for a steak dinner or so. We **do** have them occasionally.

"I noticed in the February issue that **Lt. William Koller** is attached to coast pilot duty in the Southwest Pacific area. So far all the pilots I've met in that general locale have been either Dutch or British, but henceforth, I shall keep a sharp lookout for him. I don't know **Lt. Koller** personally, but remember him on the campus.

"My present occupation is 2nd mate aboard a 'Swan Island' class tanker. As the old spiel goes, 'She's a home and a feeder. She's big, she's fast, she's air-conditioned; a slippery piece of steel.' A fellow said that all in one breath to me months ago, and I told him to wrap it up, I'd take it with me, so—here I am on the old 'Pacific Shuttle.' These 'Rust Buckets' are supposed to hit the States at least once a year, but they don't bother to hand you a guarantee when you climb aboard.

"I received a card the other day from my wife written to her by my cousin, **Griff Williams**. The card was dated December 8th, and I understand he has been heard from since."

Ed Herzig is still at 1727 Euclid St., Berkeley. He wrote:

"If I had realized what a pleasant surprise receiving your **News Letters** could be, I would have been able to help you more while I was there. But at least, I am proud to think that I was able to help you some. Your idea about making each one better is really true, but there must be a stopping point. I don't see how you can improve much more.

"I like it better here now, but I am glad that **State** isn't such an education machine as this."

George E. Tinkham, Capt. Dent. Corps, wrote from Dutch, New Guinea, saying that he had been overseas for 38 months and was to return soon. He expects to be mustered out because of age. (Thanks for the nice note, and we hope to see you soon. LCP).

Dr. Ambrose R. Nichols wrote a nice long letter from Berkeley (2547 Ellsworth Street). He reads the **News Letter** and sees a good many of our former students up there.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

John M. Thorkelson is on a ship in the Pacific. He is a radio operator.

Pfc. Max Philip Vander Horck is in the hospital at Camp Lockett, California. He is back from the MTO and is to be discharged medically soon.

Lt. R. A. Griffith, USMCR, is with a bombing squadron in the Pacific.

Capt. A. F. Brindley is overseas, APO, New York.

Cpl. Bill Ellis is overseas, APO, S. F.

Pfc. Jack Deeble is overseas, APO, New York.

Maj. Jerome Niederman is overseas, APO, New York.

Alan Van Horne is with the Infantry overseas, APO, S. F.

Lt. Dave Corbett, USNR, is still on his cruiser, but is heading for home.

Capt. Zachariah Allen Barker, USMCR, is still with the First Division. He was in on the invasion of New Britain, Palau, and is probably in on another at this very moment.

Ens. Robert L. Ricketts is on an LST in the Pacific.

Lt. Earle E. Carr, USMCR, is with a replacement draft in the Pacific.

Sylvia R. Wolf, S2c, is at USCG Barracks, Escanaba Hall, Washington, D. C.

1st Lt. Newton M. Layne is in Europe with the First Army. This is his fifth year of service. His combat action began at Pearl Harbor.

A/C Robert R. Brazell is at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Texas.

Robert Rock is on duty on a destroyer probably off Okinawa.

Rupert Rock is in Norfolk, Va., and **Lincoln Rock** is at Del Mar expecting transfer at any time.

Cpl. Hugh H. Sterling is with the military government section in the **Third Amphibious Corps**.

T/5 Henri Jacot is still in Europe.

Chaplain (Capt.) Ralph R. Bailey is still in Europe.

Lt. (jg) Willard Trask is on an APA in the Pacific. He was at Saipan, Leyte, Luzon, and Angaur. He has seen **Bud Quade**, **Ed Moore**, and also **Perry DeLong**.

Lt. (jg) Richard J. Pabst is still on the same ship, a destroyer. He was in the Marshalls, Marianas, Leyte and Luzon operations and also a Tokyo operation.

Capt. Herbert J. Childress is still in Europe.

Pvt. Jack Bahl is in the medical corps in Europe. He has the Meritorious Service Plaque, ETO Campaign Bar and three battle stars.

S/Sgt. John Fox is still at CAAF, Carlsbad, N. M. He has seen foreign duty in New Zealand, New Caledonia, and New Mexico.

Capt. Sidney J. Colvin is overseas, APO, N. Y.

Lt. Theodore Thomey, USMCR, wrote from a hospital in Hawaii. He had been wounded at Iwo Jima, where he landed with the Fifth Division:

"One item here might be censored, but I'll give it a whirl anyway. **Joe Rogers, Cotton Gilliland** and I are together in an Hawaiian naval hospital. Joe and I flew here in hospital planes, but Cotton came by cattle boat. Joe has a compound fracture of the arm and one toe is hanging on by a thread of skin. He should by rights of the twin explosions he was in be dead, as I'll explain in a moment. Cotton got a slug in the calf of his right leg. I got a Nambu machine gun slug through my left foot and another through my pants leg. Joe will be evacuated to the mainland soon, but Cotton and I will return to the Fifth Division and the 28th Regiment—the one which scaled Suribachi! (Incidentally, Cotton was a battalion operations officer and I was his assistant, ever since the Fifth formed.)

"Joe was hit on the twelfth day. Cotton and I saw almost nothing of the inland battle, having both got hit on the beach a little after H-hour. Cotton got evacuated in the morning, but I got stuck with my foot in a shell hole about 250 yards inland, and couldn't leave until late afternoon because the Nips kept me sealed in with mortar, machine gun and sniper fire. I was scared silly.

"**Louie Lepore** landed too. He was on Cotton's and my ship. I wish I knew how he got along; the casualties were, and are, unthinkable. All four of us, Cotton, Joe and Louie, and I landed from 150 to 250 yards from that huge blockhouse, Suribachi. It looked like Mt. Everest.

"About Joe: He was a forward observer for an artillery battery and was on the front lines knocking out Nippers right and left that twelfth day (his friends have said his barrages accounted for 400 Japs). He had a crew of four men along. Suddenly, whoomff! an artillery shell (Jap) landed **two** feet from Joe, but its blast miraculously went the opposite way from Joe, killing two of his men ten yards away. Joe's arm was broken. The last man in Joe's crew immediately started attending to Joe's wound and whoomff! another shell landed **four** feet from them, sending shrapnel through the other man's brain. Joe only got a toe nearly blown off. You can see what I mean by 'he should be dead'."

S/Sgt. J. C. Torres (Sef Murillo) is at Hqs. of the 24th Army Corps that landed on Okinawa. Of the many **State College** men on Okinawa, possibly he would be easiest to find. He used to be with the Seventh Division, and this assignment is new to him.

Capt. Ben L. Parker has been at Command and General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. He wrote:

"In my course through the Army I very seldom run into any of the old gang but I have heard that **Lt. Robert Wilber, USN**, is back at sea somewhere in the Pacific and that his wife just presented him with a brand new baby girl.

"Last June I was sent to Command and General Staff School to further my education in the Army and upon the completion of the course, was sent to the Air Staff Course at Orlando, Fla. For some unknown reason, I was sent back to Ft. Leavenworth as an instructor and now beat my poor brains out teaching students all about staff work and the Army Air Forces at C&GSS. The work is interesting and I have discovered that teaching is quite a job. You know we used to sit in class and listen to you gentlemen lecture and never thought of all the preparation that you had to do to talk to us for that hour. Funny that you never realize the difficulties of the other fellow's job until you have to do it yourself some time."

O/C John Wilbur wrote from the ETO, where he is in OCS:

"Well, sir, we've done it again. The army can't break up the team of **Mer-rill and Wilbur**. We've had five transfers together now, from Tank Destroyers, Infantry, ASTP, field artillery in which we came overseas, and now OCS."

Lt. W. Pat Wyatt, USMC, wrote from his Scout Bombing Squadron in the Philippines, on his own specially decorated stationery:

"I haven't run into any **Aztecs** since leaving **Bob Griffith** in Emiran (west end of the Solomons). He checked me out in B-25's and I gave him a ride in my deadly Douglas Dauntless. We had a lot of good times there.

"We acted as close air support for the Army during this campaign, and according to them, haven't done too badly. Got myself a bunch of souvenirs, including a Jap Luger, Jap flag, money, bolo knives, etc."

Lt. Keith Whitcomb, USMC, wrote from San Diego:

"After I got back from Quantico I saw **Lt. Dudley Robinson** who is doing a nice job of directing activities at the Materials Testing Laboratory on North Island. I also ran into **1st Lieut. Joe Irick, USMCR**, who is now flittering about in F-4-U's. Was pleasantly surprised to find that **Lt. Tom Maguire** was attached to my outfit (or visa versa). Although he did a little subterranean flying last year, he's back in shape to do some more flying."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Lt. (jg) Timothy V. Hallahan is still on his DE in the Pacific.

The address of **Robert W. Johnston, NROTC**, is Mail Center, U.S.C., 3518 University Ave., Los Angeles.

Laurence F. Hubbard, CEM, is in the submarine service in the Pacific.

Pfc. Robert J. Williams is overseas, APO, S. F.

Pvt. Ben L. Ortlieb is a dental technician in France. He is with the 254 Gen. Hosp. Med. Dept.

Mrs. R. P. Newsom has not heard recently from her son **Cpl. Robert Newsom**, who is a prisoner of the Japanese.

Ens. William Zentner Bock is at NTC, Miami, Florida.

1st Lt. Ray E. Moore is a P-38 pilot in China. He has flown the hump many times, also visited the Taj Mahal.

Lt. Glenn Holmes, USNR, is on Guam.

Lt. John Cornish Swift is in IRTC at Ft. McClellan, Ala.

Lt. Brent Burrell is still at Birmingham General Hospital at Van Nuys. He is recovering from his fourth operation and getting ready for his final.

Lt. (jg) Maritt (Jack) Rand is at the Amphibious Training Base, Little Creek, Va.

Lt. Robert Goodbody who formerly was with the 251 and later with the Royal Canadian Air Force, is with a bomb group, APO, N. Y.

Sgt. L. S. Harder is with a bombing squadron, probably in England.

Lt. Bruce W. Dorsch is overseas, APO, S. F.

Pfc. Bryce W. Hughes, USMCR, was in the battle of Iwo Jima with the Fifth Marine Division. It seems that he pulled through all right, and word has been received that **Pvt. Jack Berliner** also is all right.

T/5 John M. Phillips is at Hdq. of the Island Command, probably at Guadalcanal.

S/Sgt. Richard S. Ball is at Camp Polk, La.

Capt. C. S. Marsden, MC, is with the 22nd Field Hospital, APO, New York.

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

Pfc. Edward L. Thomas was evacuated from New Guinea and is now at Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, California. He had been overseas fifteen months and has been awarded the Asiatic Pacific campaign bar with one battle star. While overseas he saw **Myron Lee, Eddie Barr, and Dutchy Helder**.

William H. Roe, S1c, is on an APA in the Pacific.

Lt. Robert S. Jennings, (SC, USN), returned from fifteen months duty in the South Pacific.

R. J. Clardy, CSK, is out in the Pacific, probably in the Hawaiian Islands.

Lt. Robert O. Steck is flying B-24s in Europe.

Lt. John Babick, USMCR, wrote from the Pacific:

"**Lt. (jg) Joe Davis** visited the transport I was on. He was in the very next cabin to mine and I didn't see him. One of the officers in my outfit casually mentioned that a basketball player from San Diego State was aboard. That was the closest I have come to seeing an Aztec."

Lt. Richard Chugg is in Germany. Apparently he was commissioned in the field. He wrote that Paris is all that they said it was.

Pfc. James Hurley is still in Italy with the Fifth Army. He has seen **Lt. Brewer** and seems to be O.K. except for the way the war seems to drag on down there. (Jim, there are no forgotten fronts—not as long as there are **Aztecs** on them, and we have them on all of the fronts. I wish I knew the meanings of some of the big words you used, but you see, I was just a Navy man. I thought I knew the meaning of your expression, "Benning idiot," but really Jim, he is a pretty nice guy. I hope your war is won before you get to read this. LCP.)

Arthur King, S1c, is still up at Camp Parks, Calif., trying to get overseas.

Ens. Ted M. Smyer wrote from his fighter squadron in the Pacific:

"Have seen quite a bit of the enemy's homeland. That mountain of theirs covered with snow really looked beautiful. That is, till the flak and enemy fighters filled the sky. We did a good job of knocking them down for a count. The battle for the Pacific is over as far as we are concerned. From now on, it will be the battle for the homeland and Empire of Japan.

"Had a bird's eye view of the Marines battling for Iwo. They really went up against a determined foe.

"I've found that the Jap pilot is a good pilot, poor shot, and a slow reactor with flashes of the traditional Japanese tricks. At times these Japs look like major leaguers in there, but other times they couldn't be a ball player on any team. One of them put a few rounds in my fighter. I really thank God for the armor plating behind my head. Stopped a slug for me. We have seen some dense AA, they don't like to see us strafe their air strips. A five inch shell burst nailed my plane a few days ago, but it didn't do much damage. The old gal didn't even shudder (very much). **Mr. Grumman** built his planes to last."

Ens. William H. Wheeler wrote from a ship in the Pacific saying that he had heard that **Robert F. Reed** is engaged to a Scotch girl.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Pvt. Francis Fisk is with the Infantry APO, New York.

Karl A. Marshall, A. S., is at 1101 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tenn.

Capt. Charles W. Nolen is at Ft. Bliss, Tex.

1st Lt. Don R. McVeigh is in India flying C-54s over the Hump.

Pfc. Jack R. McVeigh is with the Infantry in Germany.

Capt. James R. Phalen is a task force surgeon on a Pacific Isle.

Lt. (jg) William R. Kruse is still at Miami, Fla.

Pfc. William F. Emery is somewhere in Europe.

Pvt. Harold Stark is in a medical company with an airborne outfit in Europe.

Lt. Thomas F. Maguire, USMCR, is at NAS Delano, Fla.

David L. Fellows, ARM3c, is with a squadron FPO, New York.

T/5 Nick S. Stamatopoulos is overseas, APO, New York.

S/Sgt. Arthur Owens is at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Ens. B. L. Stocking, (SC) USNR, is overseas FPO, S. F.

Pfc. Paul Vance is still at Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah.

Pvt. Frank M. Watenpaugh is still with his weather outfit in the Pacific.

W. Lee Clapham, SK1c, is with a Military Government Headquarters in the Pacific. Although he is a Navy man, his address is APO.

1st Sgt. Robert A. Harer is still at Camp Howze, Tex.

Pfc. P. R. Oncley is at SAAF, Stuttgart, Ark.

Sgt. Emlyn Owens is at Camp White, Ore.

Capt. James E. Stacy is still with his infantry outfit with the First Army in Germany. They had a rest and they are at it again. He says that everyone is sweating out orders for the CBI theater. They expect to be off to the other races as soon as their war folds. (Yes, in answer to your question, **Seymour Wurfel** is a full colonel. LCP.)

Sylvia Yellen, ARC, wrote from the Second General Hospital in France:

"We're located not too far from the Rhineland and are kept terrifically busy with the patients and evacuations. We felt very honored the other day when **Gen. Patch** was here visiting his nephew before we evacuated him back to a rear hospital.

"The Germans had our hospital before we took over. I must say that they left us some very nice things—such as radios, soft mattresses and furniture. Life here seems to be much more comfortable than when we were living in tents. As the patients say, 'Anything is better than a fox-hole'."

Sgt. Robert R. Falconer wrote from the Philippines:

"The Philippines are almost a vacation after time spent in N.G. and nearby islands. The scenery is much the same, coconut palms by the million, but the weather is almost decent, except for excessive dust.

"The people are friendly, and amazingly bi-lingual. It's amazing in a way to hear a tot come out with a salty G.I. expression he picked up somewhere. And for the first time in months and months, I've found a laundry woman who washes, irons, and starches suntans—you furnish the soap. I'm hanging on to her."

Pfc. Bill Yoggerst wrote from France:

"The people around here are very friendly and really appreciate our coming. Things were very tough for them when the Germans were here. However, in other parts of France I didn't see the enthusiasm in the greetings which is common here. Wish I had taken a little French in college, as I could certainly use it."

1st Lt. Donald B. Smith is a member of the Controllers Squadron of **Gen. Randall's West China Raiders**. He arrived in China in time to participate in the first B-29 operations against Japan.

Lt. J. Bert McLees, USNR, wrote from his DE in the Pacific:

"Aside from participation in the Lingayen campaign, my last four months in and about New Guinea and the Philippines have been spent on patrol and convoy duty of such a dull and routine nature that the less said the better.

"Thanks again for your monumental efforts on our behalf; yours is a work none of us in the war zones will ever forget. Please give my regards to all and sundry of our mutual friends."

Lt. Alice F. McDaniel wrote from the 226th General Hospital in France:

"Would you please tell any **Aztec** who might pass through our hospital to ask for me. I would be very happy to see them.

"There isn't a lot I can tell you about my work except that I would not change places with anyone I know. Believe me, we have in our great army the finest, bravest lads in the world. I have every reason to know. It is my solemn wish that they let the Army nurses plan the next world conflict. I rather fancy it would be conspicuous by its absence."

T/Sgt. Alex Regas (Rogers) wrote England saying that he hopes to be back in France after his present new training course is over. He had been in France before and had been awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Lt. Richard C. Booth is at Hayward, Calif.

Lt. (jg) Robert K. Cleator, USNR, will be at American Air Lines School, Ft. Worth, Texas, for another thirty days.

Lt. Dorothy Les Tina is overseas, APO, New York.

R. M. Carr, S2c, is overseas somewhere in the Pacific.

Lt. Zedler Cupples is still overseas, APO, N. Y.

Ens. Don H. Horner graduated from the Navy Supply Corps School at Harvard.

Sgt. Vincent Sund is with Supreme HQ, AEF.

Cpl. Jack W. Hudson is overseas, APO, N. Y.

Pfc. William Bossard is overseas, APO, N. Y.

T/5 Herman Branin is overseas, APO, N. Y.

1st Lt. Ray W. Fellows is overseas, APO, N. Y. He has been in service four and a half years.

Cpl. James C. Cook is overseas, APO, N. Y.

Cpl. Kenneth C. Hensell is in France.

Cpl. Jack M. Welch is overseas, APO, N. Y.

Capt. James M. Dalby is with the China National Aviation Corporation.

Lt. Charles Wurr, USNR, was in the invasion of Leyte and has been overseas two years.

Lt. Walter V. Harlin is on an LST, FPO, S. F.

Capt. Garry W. Meeker has been overseas thirty months.

Lt. Ira Dwight Putnam is still on a submarine.

Lt. (jg) Reeve Gould wrote from StaffComEsCarFor, FPO, SF:

"We were organized just in time to participate in the Lingayen Gulf operation in the Philippines and two or three others.

"A while back I had the pleasure of being with the **Epsilon Eta** brothers **Bob Langsett** and **Bob Gardner** for several meals. Bob Langsett and I had been practically within a stone throw of each other for several months."

Pfc. Frank W. (Bill) Crane Johnson wrote from Teheran, following a trip through central and southern Iran. He has been to Baghdad and other ancient spots in Iraq. He also took an airplane trip to Cairo. He had a white Christmas and managed to squeeze in some skiing in January. Jerusalem and Tel Aviv were also in Johnson's itinerary, as was Turkey.

Lt. Weidler B. Musselman, USNR, is down in the Solomons, probably at Guadalcanal.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Lt. (jg) Harlow C. Bell is still on his cruiser, FPO, N. Y.

Delson Dartman Drake, AM1c, is at NAS, San Diego.

T/Sgt. J. M. Ellison is somewhere in the ETO.

Major Jerome Niederman is overseas, APO, N. Y.

Pfc. Franklin G. Alverson is probably in the Philippines.

Cpl. Merrill N. Scott is with a bombing squadron in Europe.

Capt. John R. Clark has three battle stars for the ETO.

Lt. John R. Watson is still with the Aviation Engineers in the Pacific. He has been given the Meritorious Service Award.

Cpl. John W. Burnett is with the First Marine Division.

1st Lt. John A. Blackstock is at Congaree Airfield at Columbia, S. C.

Cpl. Jimmy I. Kaupp is in the Netherlands East Indies.

Lt. (jg) Charles R. Dryden is with a squadron, FPO, S. F.

1st Lt. Laurence L. Scott, USMC, is at a base depot in the Pacific.

Sgt. Charles A. Blackburn is at SAAAC, San Antonio, Tex.

Lt. (jg) Virginia L. Rice is in the cable censorship office in San Francisco.

Bob Rice is awaiting active duty on a destroyer in Norfolk.

Emery F. Johnson, 1st Lt. (DC), is at Vets. Admin., FAC, Hines, Ill.

Pvt. W. G. Robison is in Ward 2 of Dibble Gen. Hosp., Menlo Park, Calif.

Pvt. Jackson T. Lewis is up in Alaska at Anchorage.

Garold W. Spitler, Sp(A)3c, is in a V-7 unit at Troy, N. Y., taking work at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

T/Sgt. Willard C. Barbour is in Qm. Training Co., at Camp Lee, Va.

Herbert E. Wells, QM3c, is still on his destroyer in the Atlantic.

Ens. Milton Frank, USNR, is on an LST in the Pacific and has taken part in three major invasions.

Cpl. John A. Lamp graduated "with high honors" from advanced communications at Boca Raton.

Pvt. Foye M. Pritchard is overseas, APO, N. Y.

Pfc. John D. Stinstrom is with the Infantry in France, along with **Dave Erwin** and **Dick Caufield**.

Sgt. John R. Rowe is still in the Netherlands East Indies.

Pvt. Robert E. Young is overseas, APO, N. Y.

Lt. (jg) David Steinman is with a squadron, FPO, S. F. He is a command pilot flying C-54s out of Pearl Harbor.

Lt. Terence B. McArron is overseas, APO, N. Y.

Ens. Robert Marshall is now at General Ordnance School, Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.

Lt. Joseph L. Howard, (SC) USN, wrote from his Sea Bee outfit in the Pacific:

"The passage of time merely heightens my conviction that yours is an idea which is worthy of praise from much higher quarters than I can offer.

"My recent travels have brought me into contact with **Magner White** who is on shipboard hereabouts; **Gene Muelheisen**, who recently left this area for San Diego; and **Orv Nordberg**, who was passing through on his way back to duty after a respite further south. I am currently in a rest area where the country is so much like our own San Diego that it is difficult to believe that I am actually on the other side of the world.

"The hillsides, the vegetation, and the general atmosphere, even the weather, are reminiscent of our back country. Were I able to elicit a trifle more interest in the geographical aspects of this beautiful little country, I could probably make this somewhat more interesting for you, but knowing it is so much like San Diego you can draw your own expert conclusions as to what I am seeing here."

S/Sgt. Bob McCarthy wrote from his Troop Carrier Command in France saying that there are a lot more GI's in France now than when he was there before.

Pfc. Roy Richards is with the paratroopers in France in **Tom Rice's** outfit. He seems to be all ready to get into action.

Pvt. J. A. Orcutt wrote from France: "For my money, France is a great improvement over Italy. The country is far more beautiful, the cities more modern, the towns more picturesque, and the people far more friendly. Some of the people here are actually on our side! Although war has hit France hard, one sees nothing to compare with the poverty, hunger, and complete desolation that stalks so much of Italy. The French possess what the Italians lack—pride, spirit, and ambition."

1st Lt. E. F. Bennett wrote from Germany:

"Our latest little escapade was that of crossing the Rhine just recently at Wessel, Germany. Naturally, we had quite the gay old time of it as usual."

Pfc. Oscar Thomas is in Ward 25 of Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, Calif. He wrote with his left hand because he had been wounded and his writing now looks very much like that of **W. J. Robison** before he had his hands wounded. We'll be seeing Oscar down here on leave soon. LCP.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Pfc. John B. Gibbins is with the Infantry in Germany.

Lt. Earl L. Allison is at GAAB, Greenville, S. C.

C. R. Lake is at NTS, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

Jack Lamon, CSK, is at a NSD, in Hawaii.

G. J. Kendall, PhM1c, is at NTS, Lido Beach, L. I., N. Y.

Lt. William A. DeRiemer is at LAAF, Liberal, Kan.

Capt. George Krueger is overseas, APO, N. Y.

Capt. George W. Kimball, USMCR, is at 728 Broadway, El Centro.

Lt. (jg) Wilbur S. Kelley is on a ship, FPO, S. F.

Pvt. John Glenn is overseas, APO, N. Y.

Cpl. John Jensen is at 4546 Lockwood Blvd., Long Beach, Calif.

Capt. Charles Alfred Carr, USMCR, is at 443 So. Alhambra, Monterey Park, Calif.

Capt. W. A. Benton is overseas, APO, N. Y.

Pvt. Leonard T. Bell is at Camp Howze, Tex.

Lt. D. E. Bates is at 11th Naval District, San Diego.

Pvt. Denzell Estes is at Ft. Riley, Kan.

Pfc. Arthur J. Sherman is at Camp Lejeune, N. C., expecting to go to Quantico.

Lt. Stanley L. Chambers is at Shepard Field, Tex.

Lt. Richard C. Booth is at Hammer Field, Fresno, Calif.

Cpl. Herman L. Gatewood has been transferred to MacDill Field, Fla.

Lt. Col. Joseph Archie Anderson is at 1401 S. Fedora St., Los Angeles.

Ens. Frederick W. Schott is at MIT, at Boston, doing some special work.

Pfc. Richard Edwards is somewhere in Europe.

Cpl. Vernon J. Smith is still overseas, APO, S. F.

Pvt. Ralph R. Berman is at Camp Maxey, Tex.

Lt. Paul E. Novotny is overseas APO, New York.

Lt. J. R. Conant (DC, USN) is at a dental dispensary, probably in Hawaii.

1st Lt. Jack C. Anderson is overseas APO, New York.

John L. Estep, S1cRT, is at USNTS, Del Monte, Calif.

Lt. Robert F. Russell has gone overseas.

Lt. Comdr. N. O. Walker is at NAS, Banana River, Fla.

Ens. Louis D. Gill is with a carrier group in the Pacific.

Ens. Donald S. Gill is on a PC in the Pacific.

Pfc. David S. Shepard is with the Infantry in Europe, and **Pvt. Paul V. Shepard** is at Camp Roberts, Calif.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Pvt. William H. Chilvers is instructing in the IRTC at Camp Robinson, Ark.

T/Sgt. Robert H. Anketell has a new address, APO, New York.

Pvt. Ray C. Becker is at Sheppard Field, Texas.

Pvt. John R. Hawes is with a tank destroyer outfit at North Camp, Camp Hood, Texas.

1st Lt. Philip Van Slyck is somewhere in the Philippines.

1st Lt. Winston L. McColl is overseas, APO, New York.

Pvt. Alfred S. Sigmund is overseas, APO, New York.

Delmore Ball, A.S., is in Pre-Midshipmen's School, Princeton University.

Ens. George F. Bailey is on a ship in the Pacific.

Lt. Don Hulbert is with a squadron in the Pacific.

1st Lt. Gordon H. Lee is overseas, probably in Italy.

Cpl. Robert A. Ganger is still somewhere in the Pacific.

Ens. Rowland E. Johnson is overseas, FPO, S. F.

Capt. Jack R. Edwards is still with the Third Marine Division.

Lt. Don E. Bates, USNR, an old **Omega Xi** from about 1928 to 1931, is District Landlines Officer at the Eleventh Naval District Headquarters.

Maj. Ralph M. Young, CAC, is still at Hq. of WDC, Presidio, San Francisco.

F/O Walter J. Krarup is at SCAAB, Sioux City, Iowa.

Major Sam A. Edwards is still with his medical outfit in Europe.

1st Lt. Eugene S. Bowman is based in England, and he wrote that he spent two days with **Charles Kruse** in Paris.

1st Lt. Archie B. Johnston is still overseas, APO, N. Y.

Capt. George C. Alexander is with a squadron at Mt. Home, Idaho.

Lt. Col. O. S. Harbaugh is still Chief of Surgery in the 76th General Hospital. They were in England, then France and are now in Belgium.

Lt. Robert A. Shepherd, USMCR, is on a ship, FPO, S. F.

Lt. Don E. Anderson, (D) L USNR, is at the Amphibious Training Base in Oceanside. He was in Armed Guard for two years and went around the world.

Capt. Robert T. Gardner, Jr., MC, is overseas, APO, N. Y.

1st Lt. Don Edward Totten, USMCR, is at NAS, Jacksonville, Fla.

1st Lt. John E. Fitch is still with his signal company in Germany. He was in combat in Italy, Southern France and Germany. He has the Arrowhead award for D-Day landing.

Lt. Emery M. Hurd is overseas, APO, N. Y. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

AZTECS ON THE HOME FRONT

By Mable Grant Hazard

Doc Post said he'd have room for a chatter column this month, so here's hoping you recognize some of the following:

Martha Lou (Phillips) Smith, wife of **Lt. Comdr. Marvin Smith, USNR**, reported missing in action in the Pacific zone, is visiting Marvin's family in Moultrie, Ga., with young son, **Terry**.

Lucile (Daney) Martin, wife of **James Martin** now stationed in Alaska, is making her home with her parents, **Judge** and **Mrs. Eugene Daney**, while holding down a job with the San Diego Electric Railway Co.

Doris Jean (Stewart) Wiggins, married to former **Stater Gordon Wiggins**, is managing **Hazel's Cafe** at Sixteenth and Broadway. **Gordon** is assistant to the financial manager of the San Diego City Schools, helps **D. J.** keep her books in order.

Peggy (Stewart) Holliday, sister of **Doris Jean** and wife of **Phi Lambda Xi Chuck Holliday**, now a **Capt.** in the Army, is living with her parents and young red-headed son, **Laird**, until **Chuck** returns from the fighting front.

Eleanor (Morrison) Steddom, remembered for her parts in campus operettas, is making her home with her parents and young son **Clark**. Husband **Rod**, recently inducted into the Navy, is at Naval Training Station.

Elena (Lockwood) Brineman, now making her home in Bogota, Colombia, is proud mother of a second daughter, **Elena Louise**, born March 2. Her first daughter, **Margaret Anne**, was born in Caracas, Venezuela. Husband **Jack** is field geologist for Socony Vacuum.

Marjorie (Newell) Breitenbach, a regular visitor to blood bank, keeps house for husband **Jim** and son **Peter**. Before marriage **Marj** worked as a laboratory technician.

Jane Jessop, affiliated with family's jewelry firm, does much volunteer work as hostess at Coronado Hotel Sunday dances and officers' teas, and hostesses at the new officers' lounge. She has donated blood twice.

Jo Hunter will be back at her job at Convair after recuperating from a recent appendectomy. . . **Anita Gessler** was married recently to **George Carter Jessop**. . . **Virginia Franklin** became bride of **Lt. Morris Landon, USNR**, Easter Sunday. . . **Laura Lou (Wilson)** and **Armand Ault** are proud parents of baby girl born in March. . . **Mary (Lindley)** and **LeRoy Wright** are just as proud of son **Bruce**, born in March. . . **Janet (Hoon)** and **Norman Dennstedt's** son arrived in February.

Mary Ann (Jessop) Romberger holds down the fort with two young sons, **William** and **Robin**, while husband **Lt. Comdr. Bill**, skips a torpedo squad-

ron in Pacific. What spare time **Mary Ann** has is devoted to wrapping bandages with Coronado Red Cross unit.

Barbara (Schumann-Heink) Goodbody works with telephone company in Coronado while husband **Maurice** is head of plastics department at North Island.

Elizabeth MacDonald, fiancée of **Lt. Comdr. John Hogan (MC) USNR**, works for her father at Glacier Gardens while waiting for **John** to return for that trip up the altar.

Dorothy Davis has job in the disbursing office at Naval Training Center, and for relaxation works with the Naval Aid Canteen and hostesses at the Officers' Lounge.

Elizabeth Mills works as a clerk with flight department in Convair maintenance department, has button as a five-time blood donor.

Mary Glen (Roche) Phelan is doing advertising with **Barnes Chase** while husband **Capt. Jim (MC) USA**, is overseas.

Clara Roche has been with the Red Cross Army Rehabilitation Program in Santa Barbara for two years.

Mary (Quinlan) Gould is first woman ever to serve with our Grand Jury, was recently elected prexy of local Junior League, and in spare time keeps house for husband **Gartmann** and two children.

Virginia (Dusty) Miller, Sp(T)2c, USNR, was married to **Ens. J. K. Anderson, USNR**, down in Texas. The bride and groom are stationed at Cuddihy Field at Corpus Christi.

Lt. Joseph Cobb was married to **Pat Geelan**, former **State College** student, in San Diego on April 15.

Lt. (jg) George W. Peck, USNR, and **Mrs. Charles F. Fisher** were married on March 4th at Santa Rosa, California.

Betty J. Ratcliffe, S1c (SK), wrote from Rm. 2234 Escanaba Hall, 9th and Independence Aves., S. W., Washington, D. C.:

"**Nona Ratcliffe**, my sister, also a **Spar**, and I have just spent a wonderful 10 day leave in New York. While there we saw operas, ballets, radio programs and plays, a very enjoyable pastime.

"**Nona** is still stationed in Cleveland doing recruiting. I've just finished Storekeeper School at Palm Beach and Manhattan Beach. We both worked on a few of the early **News Letters** sponsored by **Phi Kappa Gamma**, and now really enjoy being on the receiving, instead of the sending, end of them. They're better than ever, so thanks ever so much, **Dr. Post**."

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