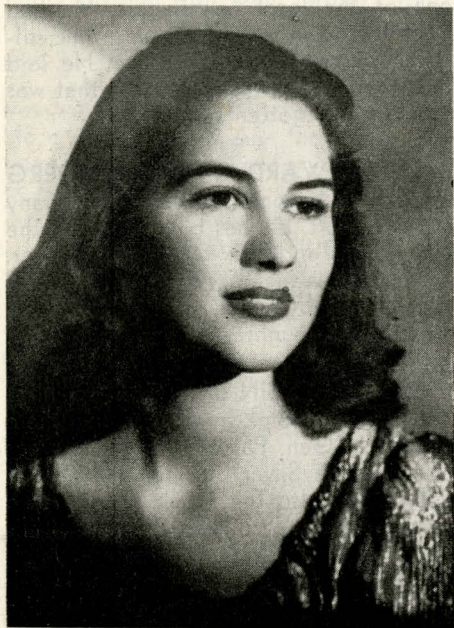


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To All of the Aztecs in Service and Their Friends:

There has been a change in the war since last we went to press. V-E Day has come and gone, but without celebration on the campus or in San Diego. It was rather an occasion for rededication of ourselves and our efforts toward the completion of the task that lies ahead. No local **Aztec** would have felt right celebrating when each and every one of us has close relatives and acquaintances in actual combat against the Japanese.

Your editor has made a sincere effort to keep track of our men in both theaters of operation, and a close checkup is being made of our men who are missing or who have been prisoners in Europe. Let me take this opportunity to say that in all probability, no news

will come to the **News Letter** office before families are informed of the whereabouts of their relatives. We know nothing that you have not already been told, nor do we expect to get one bit of news before you get it.

On the other hand, should one of our men be released and then mention another **Aztec**, we will be only too happy to pass the information on to you. There is a possibility of this happening as so many of our men were together in the prison camps and they undoubtedly saw a great deal of each other.

Should you get information about any of the 22 prisoners or the nine missing **Aztecs** in the ETO, please let us have it so that we can publish it. And let us hope that all of the news is good news.

And again, best of luck!

Lauren C. Post

Editor of the **News Letter**

P.S.: The above photographs are of girls from three more sororities that helped sell **News Letters** and colored pictures. Choices were most difficult to make because of the large number of pretty girls represented and the excellent quality of the photographs. Yet in the final choosing, the selections were unanimous. Next month the non-sorority girls will be represented, and at a later time a **News Letter** queen or cover girl is to be selected. Shall we ask **Gregory Peck** to make the final choice? LCP.

JAMES C. HARDIN POST

is to be the name of the El Cajon American Legion Post, and plans have been made for a \$50,000 memorial building and recreation park to honor El Cajon Valley war veterans.

The post's name was changed to honor **Lt. James C. Hardin**, former **State College** student whose home was in El Cajon and who was killed in aerial combat over Romania on August 4, 1944. Jim was chosen to represent all of the men of the valley who have died in service. He had been awarded the Air Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation, and had credit for shooting down at least one German plane.

PVT. JOHN R. NOLAN

was killed in action on Okinawa. This John Nolan was the one who lived in La Mesa and belonged to **Delta Pi Beta**. He was at **State College** from 1941-1943.

PFC. ROYAL A. PARKS

was killed in action in Germany on April 7 while serving with the Seventh Army. He had been overseas since October.

LT. ALAN THOMAS

died on Cebu in the Philippines of wounds received in action. He had gone overseas in October 1943 and participated in the Pacific campaigns at New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Rabaul and the Philippines. He had also served in Alaska.

F/O PARKER TOTTEN

was killed in action over Germany on April 14, 1945.

SGT. THOMAS TRAYLOR

was reported killed in action in Germany.

ENS. RUSSEL DEAN WAHLBERG

was killed in an aircraft accident at Los Alamitos Naval Auxiliary Station near Los Angeles. As a student signal officer, Ens. Wahlberg was watching the take-off of a fighter plane when it went into a spin and struck him. He had been commissioned in Sept., 1944, and had been in the service two and a half years.

LT. BILL BALDWIN

is missing in action over Europe since April 3. He was in the Army Air Corps. His brother, **Cpl. Ross Baldwin**, has shipped out to the Pacific. He is in meteorology.

PFC. MARIO J. DELL'ACQUA

is missing in action, according to a verification on his **News Letter** of Jan. 1 which was returned. He had been overseas, APO, New York. (More information wanted LCP.)

CAPT. JERRY E. THOMAS

is still missing from his bombing mission of about two years ago in the MTO. His parents have been notified that he was awarded the Air Medal, three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart.

CARSON SPADE

whom the **News Letter** once reported missing is not missing nor is he in the service. His brother, **John Spade**, who it seems did not attend **State College**, was a prisoner of war in Germany. Sorry we can't give a complete accurate report now, and also, we are sorry the original mistake was made. LCP.

S/SGT. STANLEY D. GUE

is still missing from a bombing raid over Berlin last October 6. The plane on which he was aerial engineer and top turret gunner went down 20 miles from Berlin. No word has been received concerning Stanley.

He had been awarded the Air Medal and five Oak Leaf Clusters, also a citation from his commanding general for courage and coolness under fire in action over enemy territory.

1ST LT. DAVID J. GUNN

is back in San Diego after having been forced down on a bombing mission to Borneo oil fields last December. The plane landed in the water near a small island and the crew made their way ashore where they spent three days

evading the Japs and awaiting rescue. They took care of some injured men from another plane that ditched near them. Finally they were rescued by a Catalina rescue plane on January 1. "What a Happy New Year's Day."

That was Lt. Gunn's 26th mission. He now has a total of 32 missions as pilot in B-25s, and was overseas 11 months. He came back so fast that he still had that nice "Atabrine glow."

While in the Philippines David saw **Capt. Herbert Elfring** who was formerly with the old 251.

David has the Air Medal and the Purple Heart. The latter was earned in the above mentioned crash landing.

LT. KENNETH E. BARNHART, JR.

cabled from Europe to his parents that he was liberated, well, and would be seeing them. The cablegram which came on May 15 was the first to report liberation of any of the 22 **Aztec** prisoners held in Europe.

LT. MAX BINSWANGER

was freed from a Romanian prison camp many months ago. This note is being repeated just for the record. (We are just trying to bring everyone up-to-date on our prisoners. LCP.)

CAPT. ROBERT CARDENAS

who was interned in Switzerland for some time long ago is another **Aztec** who is accounted for. He is at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio.

PFC. ROGER E. CASH

was liberated from a German prisoner of war camp by the British on April 16 after four months of internment. "Life in a German prison hospital is plenty rough going," was his description of it. Roger is now in a hospital in France recovering from wounds suffered during the German break-through on December 16, 1944.

In order of reporting in, Roger was sixth among the **Aztec** prisoners of war to check in.

LT. PAUL W. JOHNSTON

who had been a prisoner of the Germans since he was taken at the Anzio beachhead was liberated, according to a cablegram sent to his mother. His cable which had been sent by the government was the third to come telling of the release of an **Aztec** from the German prison camps.

LT. RICHARD KENNEY

who had been held as a prisoner of war in Germany cabled to his mother in Coronado on May 16 that he had been released and was well. He was the second of the 22 **Aztec** prisoners to cable.

CAPT. THEODORE RUNYON

who was a prisoner in Stalag Luft I in Germany was quoted in a press story in one of the local newspapers. He had been forced to march 60 miles while suffering from water on the knee. He said that that march was something that was not to be forgotten soon.

S/SGT. EDWARD W.M. WEISENBERG

was still a prisoner of war in Germany at last report. He has been awarded the Air Medal and the Oak Leaf Cluster. He is really a member of the "I've never seen my baby club" as he has a 17-months-old daughter he has never seen.

S/SGT. ROBBIN BRUCE BROWN

is on his way home from Germany where he was in Gen. Patton's Army. He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action and also the Purple Heart for a wound which he received in his leg. His being wounded was the cause for his return to the States at this time. In addition to the above he was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge.

CAPT. SIDNEY JAMES COLVIN

was wounded in the arm by mortar fragments on April 16 in Germany. He is back with his infantry company now after having been hospitalized for only a few days.

PFC. EDWARD W. CREEKMUR

is now at De Witt General Hospital at Auburn, California. He had received some wounds in the Hurtzgen Forest while fighting in Germany and was reported missing in action on November 15, 1944. On January 24, 1945, his parents received a letter which he had written in a hospital in Paris on January 7 saying that he had been hit by a steel fragment from an 88. The fragment tore through his body and partially paralyzed his leg.

Edward says that he owes a lot to a lot of people as he has had 16 pints of plasma and three quarts of blood poured into him. He has been awarded the Purple Heart.

W. A. EVANS, PHM3C

was wounded in action at Iwo Jima. He was serving with the Fourth Marine Division. Evans was one of the veterans at the Dad's Day dinner on May 10.

CAPT. LOWELL MARCUS

who flew 50 missions in the MTO as a pilot has been awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star and the Presidential Unit Citation. He also was awarded the Purple Heart.

Capt. Marcus is now at Camp Carson General Hospital, Ward A-26, Colorado Springs, Colo.

PVT. THOMAS W. NELSON

was wounded in action in Germany on April 23. He was with an armored infantry division with **Gen. Patton's** Third Army.

LT. JAMES P. OLMSTED

was wounded in action over Germany. He is now at Santa Ana for hospitalization. (**James** was known on the campus as "John." LCP.)

SGT. THOMAS RICE

who was wounded at Bastogne gave another man the opportunity of earning a Bronze Star Medal. Tom was in an airborne division that held out at Bastogne and was heading a patrol that was sent out to seize a town. When crossing an open field the patrol encountered an enemy tank and several enemy infantrymen. While engaging these, Tom was seriously wounded by machine gun fire which broke several bones in his arm and thigh. While Tom was in that exposed position and under enemy fire, the fellow infantryman rescued him and crawled forward under the direct fire of the enemy tank. To quote Tom:

"He saved my life and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. I truly am indebted to this fellow who really came through when the chips were down and things seemed really rough. Things like this happen right along. The reward cannot match the bravery shown."

"Upon my return to my regiment after hospitalization, I discovered that **Pfc. Roy Richards** is in the outfit. Hope **Guy Sessions** is up and around these days."

(Yes, I met Guy a few days ago. He is going to recover fully, and looks fine. We will be seeing you soon, we hope. LCP.)

SGT. MYRON GUY SESSIONS

came to the campus for the first time since he returned from Europe. He has quite a record. He jumped along with **Sgt. Tom Rice**, **Herman Addleson** and the others on D-Day in Normandy. For six days he was back of the enemy lines, and he was reported missing in the meantime. He showed up and wrote home to tell his family that he was all right. On D-Day plus 19 he was wounded by shrapnel and was laid up for a short while. He returned to his unit and was relieved to return to England on D-plus 35.

In England the outfit trained and reformed and on September 17 he jumped in Holland. Three weeks later he was badly wounded and has since spent a good deal of time in a cast. He is on leave now from Torney General Hospital where he is to have another operation before he is to be fully recovered.

Guy has the Purple Heart with one

Oak Leaf Cluster, also the Presidential Unit Citation with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Combat Infantryman Badge. In Europe Guy saw **Gordon Chamberlain**, besides Rice and Addleson.

PVT. JOHN C. SHEPPARD

paid the campus a visit. He was on crutches and was on leave from Bushnell Hospital, Ward 32, Brigham City, Utah. He was feeling fine and said that they would fix him up as good as new.

John had been with the 103rd Division in France and was hit badly by a rifle bullet and also by shrapnel. The location was near Strassbourg.

While in France he saw **John Wilbur** and **Doug Merrill**. Up at Bushnell, he is expecting to see **Paul Vance** who is in Ward 207.

(This **John Sheppard** was not the one who had played basketball at State. He attended only during 1942-43.)

PFC. WILLIAM E. SPICER

is back in the States and paid the campus a visit. While in the big push three days beyond the Rohr River he was wounded by an anti-personnel mine which the Germans call a "schu-mine." He lost a foot but is well otherwise.

While overseas Bill made Expert Combat Infantryman and was awarded the Purple Heart for a previous "minor wound" and the Oak Leaf Cluster for the later more serious wound. His present address is McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas.

CAPT. R. W. SULLIVAN, USMC

was awarded the Purple Heart and the Presidential Unit Citation. He is now at 1010 College, Apt. 6, Norman, Okla.

PFC. HARRY D. WOODY

was wounded while serving with the Seventh Army in Germany. He was with a tank Bn. that saw action in Southern France, around Strasbourg, and then again further up in Germany. He is now awaiting evacuation to the United States.

His wife, the former **Lola Barnes**, and three-months-old daughter, **Linda Ann**, reside with her parents at 4218 Middlesex Drive.

1st LT. WILLIAM B. BONNIFIELD

returned home after nine months of duty in the ETO. He was a pilot with the 15th Air Force and was credited with 46 missions and 268 flying hours.

LT. LESLIE T. BROCK

was awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in more than 30 combat missions over Germany and other targets in the ETO. Lt. Brock's squadron cooperated with Allied ground forces fighting east of the Rhine River.

1st LT. JOHN DONALD COKER

was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service with the 95th Infantry Division in the ETO.

LT. RICHARD CORMIER, USNR

is home on leave from the Pacific. He had flown 55 missions in the Pacific and probably about 35 in the Atlantic, all off of carriers and in all kinds of weather. He had been given credit for four Jap planes in one hop, and nine Jap planes all together. Richard has the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star, the Presidential Unit Citation and an individual Letter of Commendation.

He has been on the campus several times, and although he could have given us a wonderful **Snow Job** lecture on his missions over Japan, all of his **Snow Jobs** were of a more private nature. He is now stationed at North Island.

LT. (JG) WILLIAM DOWNING

who was reported last month as having been on the USS Pringle which was listed as sunk off Okinawa has returned to the States. He is well and unhurt. He saved the clothes that he had on his back.

CAPT. FRANK W. ELLIOTT

has been awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is in the MTO, probably at Foggia, Italy.

SGT. DAVID G. FARQUHAR

has completed 10 missions from the Marianas over Japan.

1st LT. DOUGLAS A. FAULKNER

completed his bombing missions in the Philippines and is due home. He has been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal.

1st LT. JOHN E. FITCH

has been in north Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and is now in Germany. He has battle participation awards for three sets of campaigns, also a Bronze Arrowhead for a D-Day landing. His company was awarded the 5th Army plaque and Clasp Award, besides the W.D. Meritorious Service Unit Plaque.

LT. COMDR. CAESAR M. GRASSINO (SC) USNR

was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation with the Bronze Star Medal for action against the enemy aboard an escort carrier.

1st LT. GENE G. HARTLEY

was awarded the Air Medal and an Oak Leaf Cluster for 35 missions as a pilot of a B-24 over enemy territory.

S/SGT. ROBERT E. GRICE

was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy. He is with the Seventh Army in Germany. His wife, **Roberta Calvert Grice**, lives at 1708 South Sixth St., Alhambra.

S/SGT. ROBERT J. HUTSON

was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for a daring single-handed attack in which he slew 11 enemy soldiers on July 5, 1944, in Italy near Riparabella. He crawled to within 25 feet of the nest and threw a hand grenade and then "fearlessly sprang to his feet and assaulted the position," the Army reported. "By the time his automatic rifle ran out of ammunition, the ground was littered with 11 enemy dead." Robert has a brother, **Pvt. Seba Hutson**, who is in the ETO.

SGT. WILLIAM E. INGHAM

was awarded the Air medal for meritorious achievement while participating in bomber combat operations over Germany and enemy occupied Europe. Sgt. Ingham is a tail gunner on a B-17 in the 91st Bombardment Group.

LT. CHESLEY JONES, USNR,

is still on his big carrier in the Pacific. He has been awarded a Letter of Commendation for his nine campaigns and ten major engagements.

CAPT. THOMAS W. QUEEN

raked an airdrome in northwest Germany with his eight 50-Caliber machine guns and destroyed 5 German planes on a recent strafing mission with the 56th fighter group, according to a press release. Tom's group holds the record with 1004 planes destroyed. On two different days, he shot down three planes. His group is credited with shooting down 90 in one day.

LT. CLAUDE O. ROBERTS, USNR,

was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement while strafing enemy ships in the vicinity of the Philippine sea last October. Despite intense anti-aircraft fire from several units of the Jap fleet he led his division in three strafing attacks, pressed home at extremely low altitude attack on one aircraft carrier and two light cruisers.

LT. (JG) EDWIN E. SECHRIST

wrote from the Pacific:

"Since the loss of the USS Bush has been made public, I thought I had better drop you a few lines.

"Many others and I were rescued from the water several hours after the ship went down. I have nary a scratch

to show for my experience and am in fine shape.

"Until my address is changed officially, I shall continue to use my present one. Sincerely, **Edwin E. Sechrist.**"

F/O WILLIS P. SMITH

was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for a number of attacks on German targets. His squadron was cited by the President for its shuttle bombing of the Messerschmitt plants at Regensburg.

CAPT. O. W. (JUNIOR) TODD

who is an **Honorary Aztec** on the **News Letter** list, is back in San Diego as a civilian. Recently, Junior was given a letter of commendation in a surprise ceremony at the San Diego Club. A letter from Admiral Nimitz described Capt. Todd's service in line of duty as officer in charge of the Second Marine Division cemetery during the Saipan and Tinian campaigns of last summer.

"By his initiative, energy and devotion to duty," it said, "he contributed materially to the establishment and maintenance of a division cemetery, a fitting and honorable resting place for our dead. He labored through unceasingly long hours, at times with personal danger to himself."

Junior has gained about 50 pounds since he left the Marianas and now shows again that sparkle which distinguished him among **State College's** friends and visitors. LCP.

O/C JOHN E. B. WILBUR

was awarded the Bronze Star for his services in Germany.

LT. W. PAT WYATT, USMC,

completed 36 missions, mostly in the Philippines, with his Marine Scout Bombing outfit.

THE POINT SYSTEM

has turned all of the Army men into mathematicians. What **Aztec** has the most points? And will you let us know how the points came? Also who is the first **Aztec** to be released under the new system?

Capt. Warren E. Whipple, USMC, wrote from a ship in the Pacific:

"My new job is Commanding Officer of the Marine Detachment aboard this ship. Sea duty as a Marine I believe is much better than shore duty. We have a place to sleep, good food, and no mud, mosquitoes, or disease to bother us. That is more than I can say for my duty on land in the Fleet Marine Force."

"I saw where **Capt. Charles Perry DeLong** was in Guam. Maybe I can look him up sometime."

Sgt. David G. Farquhar wrote from his bombing squadron in the Marianas:

"The events of war change fast. In an untiring effort Navy Sea Bees have built the roads, airfields and barracks. I can't praise their work too highly. We have such luxuries as cigars, beer, ice cream and candy. Our ground crews work day and night keeping all of the planes possible in commission. To them we owe a large portion of the credit that is reaped for our many successful missions.

"A military government is in charge of some 11,000 civilians on this island, they are of Japanese, Korean, or Okinawan descent. They only add to the problems of supply."

Pfc. Fred S. Olmsted, Kappa Phi Sigma '38-'40, wrote from Colombo, Ceylon:

"I'm taking the liberty of enclosing a bit of Ceylon currency. I thought maybe you might have a whale of a 'short-snorter' without a bit of old Ceylon. If you don't, you ought to get all of these guys on the ball and get them to chip in. You're doing plenty for us in the way of morale."

"Thank you very much Dr. Post, and all of your co-workers. I know your efforts have been appreciated by everyone of us. The **News Letter** was certainly a heaven-sent brainstorm."

(Thanks, Fred, for the rupees from Ceylon. Many kinds of strange looking money have come into my office recently, and I am doing what you suggested. Some of the fellows write their names, services and locations on their contributions of foreign currency, but if they don't, I do. Then I take it all over to the Training School where it is added to that fastest growing **Short Snorter** of all. The children there get a big kick out of it, and I like to think it helps them with their geography. So thanks again on their behalf. LCP.)

Pl. Sgt. Allison B. Lutterman, USMCR, wrote from Okinawa:

"Received the March **News Letter** today, here at my Okinawa residence. I mean residence, too. Nine of us are living in a Jap house, cooking excellent meals and using gorgeous lacquered furniture, fine china and pottery and really enjoying our waltz across the island. It's too good to last much longer though."

"Just saw our ack-ack shoot down a mess of Jap meat balls. One of the yellow so-and-so's came over us trailing smoke and spitting lead at us. We were up on the tiled roof, cheering like a football rooting section. It's quite a thrill to see a Zero or Betty go down in flames."

"This place is really beautiful. The climate is much like San Diego and the tiny fields form a checkerboard of color

across the rolling plains. The civilians are pitiful. For the most part, they are so poor. So many of them are crippled and old. They have a language of their own.

"Condition Red!—Later. Gee a couple of Zeros just about scraped tile off the roof. Our ack-ack had one of them smoking and the other's tail looked a bit shot up. They shot down a bunch of them but these got away. We have a show (air raid) at least twice a day. The Japs always come out on the short end.

"We cook on charcoal braziers, grind our own flour on stone handmills from rice. I'm cook for our small C.P. group and get quite a kick out of fixing unusual dishes from whatever we can find that is edible. Made hot cakes the other morning and syrup made from native crude sugar we found. The gang all voted for an encore. It took about two hours to grind enough flour."

Capt. Chester DeVore, USMCR, wrote from his Marine outfit on Okinawa:

"We had the privilege of landing and taking Yonton airfield, which was supposed to be a rough show but turned out like a beautiful dream. Our first real fight didn't occur until the second day and then was for a limited time. We advanced across the island and then up the east coast covering about 50 air miles in a week. We then crossed the island and had a pretty good battle on Motobu peninsula. The terrain there was extremely rough and the Nips' defended positions were all but impossible to approach.

"At present we are in a bivouac area taking life easy. The natives here are amazing people. Once their fear of us is over and they see we are not quite as barbarous as they were led to believe, they are as congenial as could be expected. The little kids are really cute, with big black eyes and black hair, which is cut in bangs. The little one and two acre farms are nearly perfect. They utilize every possible foot of space, growing all types of crops, mostly rice, sugar cane, and sweet potatoes. I could nearly write a book about this island, the ancient tombs, farms, customs, etc. It's all so strange and interesting.

"Will be glad when we hear from the boys on the ships because as you have undoubtedly read, the Nip planes have been active.

"P.S. See **Time** magazine for April 9 —**Sherrod** landed with us."

Sgt. Bartow B. Morris wrote, probably from the Marianas where he is in a bomber ground crew. He says that **Ernie Pyle** over-did describing their quarters.

Mrs. J. H. L. Vogt wrote from Vista Calif., that the new book, "Battle Report—Pearl Harbor to Coral Sea," by **Comdr. Walter Karig** and **Lt. Kelly** gives their version of her son's (**Ens. John H. L. Vogt, Jr.**) report of sighting a large fleet on December 3 in the Pacific while on flight duty aboard the **USS Enterprise**. See page 11, 18 and 19.

Mrs. Vogt also reported that **Pfc. Reynold H. Alber** had written from France.

Pfc. Mel Aubrey wrote from the Det. of Patients, Torney General Hospital, Palm Springs:

"Was on the campus twice but didn't see you. Hope to see you the next time I come by. At the present time, I am a patient at Torney General. It really is a swell layout after France and Germany. So far I have not been able to look up **Glenn Curtis** or **Guy Sessions**, but I will the first chance I get.

"If there are any other **Aztecs** here, I would appreciate getting their names."

Capt. Otto Wolgast is with an IRTC outfit at Camp Wolters, Texas.

Ens. Donald S. Gill wrote from a PC in the Pacific:

"I have run into a good many **Epsilon Eta's** in my travels. **Ens. Howard McFarland** was one of my instructors at Columbia. I met Ensigns **Archie Meils** and **Jim Finster** in Florida and again in San Diego. It seems that about half of the Eps had returned on leave or duty."

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Shropshire visited our picture panel recently. Mr. Shropshire told of his son's first combat experience. He had just been assigned to duty aboard his cruiser and on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, he took over his first Officer of the Deck watch. Just as his watch began the Japs struck.

As previously reported, **Ens. Shropshire** was first reported missing from the battle of Midway, and later reported killed in action.

Lt. W. Pat Wyatt, USMC, wrote from the Philippines:

"Have moved to a new area in the Philippines. It is a little stickier, but bearable.

"One of the lads just received word of a little one, and that, of course, gives the excuse for everyone to get sloughed to the eyeballs. I am rapidly approaching coma myself. Somehow raw gin and this climate won't mix. Come to think of it, this calls for a dual celebration, as the boy here finally made 1st Lieutenant."

Lt. (jg) Jim Polak wrote from Southern England, where he has been for over a year. He says things are not so tough in the ETO now, and also that most of the rest of the fellows have come home, meaning **Joe Suozzo**, **Don Eidemiller**, etc.

Lt. Harry Cattrell wrote from Selman Field, Monroe, La.:

"Finally got the bars. Flew to Corpus Christi on a celestial mission and saw **Stan Cobb**. Managed to see **Ens. Dick St. John**, **Ens. Malcolm Robbins** and **Donald Buss**. They are flying Navy jobs. I have great hopes for getting into B-29s, but don't know how much luck I'll have."

Fred A. Benson, A. S., wrote from USC:

"Thought I'd drop a line on the fellows: **Bob Smith** received his commission and has left for the fleet, **Howard Holly** left for the USS **Prairie State**, **James Cresswell** is still here in engineering. **Robert Johnson** is here in NROTC, and **Alfred Leidy** is here in a Marine unit. **Bob Rivera** is here on GI after getting an honorable discharge from the Marine Corps.

"**Lt. Bob Exter** is temporarily at Terminal Island in San Pedro."

Bert Nichols, MM1c, wrote from one of the 7,000 islands in the Philippines:

Am now in the **Seabees**. It came as a surprise to me as well as to some of the other fellows. While in the Admiralties I saw **Bill Downing**, **Bob Thomas**, and **Bill Stocking**. Also went over several times to see **Jim Stubbs** at the recreation center."

In all probability our ranking naval officer is **Capt. Fraser Macpherson, Mc, USNR**, who is stationed at the Naval Hospital in San Diego and lives at 1920 Evergreen St. We have a few three stripers, but very few.

In the Army we do much better with six full colonels and 20 Lt. Cols. No generals yet. Some day we will parade them for you. LCP.

F/O James W. Wallace wrote from his troop carrier outfit in Europe:

"We had done a lot more work since I last wrote. We tried to keep up with Patton, carrying gas. I believe that you heard that **Gordon Chamberlain** was killed on this last mission. I saw him in the field but there wasn't much anyone could do. He landed his load in good condition and took good care of his troops. We had heavy casualties all around this time. As a result of the casualties, we received several replacements, two of whom were from San Diego State, **Lts. Totten** and **Rossell**."

1st Lt. John E. Fitch wrote from Germany:

"Since I last wrote you, a lot of water has passed under the bridge. We are moving pins on maps and measuring distances from us to Berlin, to the Russians, to Munich and to anywhere else that looks like it needs measuring.

"I haven't been overseas as long as some, but I would like to get home, not only to be with my wife, but also my baby son whom I haven't seen.

"There is a war going on over here, but I still have some time for relaxation and enjoyment. I get the biggest kick out of spending a few hours hiking thru the woods getting a little fresh meat for the outfit. There is a lot of game to be had over here, wild boar, elk, deer, rabbits, geese, ducks and pheasants. The best part of hunting is that one has time to forget the war, forget his problems and just to forget."

Mr. Harry Warburton reported that **Lt. (jg) Sherwood Parker** had been out in the Pacific for seven months and had come back to Hawaii. He took part in the invasions of Leyte and Lingayen Gulf. Sherwood reported that **Morrie Shepherd** was in the Dutch East Indies.

1st Lt. and Mrs. Don Lapham have a new son. He was born on Friday, April 13.

Lt. Stan Conant who is with a fighter squadron in the Pacific has been over Japan three times. He was over Tokyo and was given credit for shooting down four Jap planes.

Lt. (jg) Bernard (Benny) Lamb is on a DE in the Pacific. The ship has four planes to its credit and has been in on three invasions, the last being the Philippine campaign.

John Joseph Doria, PhM3c, is not at Shoemaker as we last reported. He has been at Leyte and is now at Okinawa.

Capt. Robert P. Durbin is to be retired this month. He was in the Normandy campaign and also the campaign of northern France and west Germany. He was with the British AA for five months.

Lt. Ronald W. Madley is a B-25 pilot in the MTO. His group plasters key targets on the Brenner line.

Herbert M. Foote, AOM2/c, wrote from NATTC, Jacksonville, Fla.:

"Had the good fortune of returning to the States and am now in our rival state Florida."

Lt. Colin C. Reilly is with a fighter squadron in China.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Ens. Russell Lamoreaux finished his training at Corpus Christi and is going into multi-engine bombers.

Theo. L. Mizony, SK2c, is still on his ship in the Pacific.

Ens. James L. Hannah is on an LCS in the Pacific.

Lt. (jg) Edward Moore is still on his APD in the Pacific.

1st Lt. Patricia V. Mullaly is at Headquarters of the Marine Training and Replacement Command, San Diego area, Marine Corps Base.

Cpl. Sam N. Woodhouse is in the south Pacific, probably Guadalcanal.

Lt. William R. Burns, USMCR, is at the Boat Basin at Oceanside.

Lt. W. F. Cornett, USNR, is with a squadron in the Pacific.

Robert J. Stanford, HA2/c, is at Naval Hospital, Bainbridge, Md.

Ralph J. Black, A.S., is at Stanford Medical School and lives at Lincoln Hall, Stanford University, California.

1st Lt. Jerry Davison is still on Guadalcanal. He has seen **Lt. Clelland A. Wharton** a few times.

Capt. W. H. Hudson, Jr., arrived in the Philippines. He went by air.

Lt. Winston L. McColl is in Burma with a combat cargo task force.

Pfc. Francis M. Ramsey is with a fighter squadron, APO, S.F.

Lt. (jg) Don M. Berg is with Com. 7th Amphib. Force.

Lt. (jg) Richard H. Nida is at the Port Director's School, Port Hueneme, Calif.

Lt. Frank N. Quinn is on a DE, FPO, S.F.

Lt. (jg) Edward T. Preisler is still in the Armed Guard, FPO, New Orleans.

Sgt. Floyd M. Finnerty is with an Army Postal Unit, APO, New York.

Ens. Thomas L. Brown is with the staff of the Third Fleet.

Ens. Thomas G. English is on an LCT in the Pacific.

Lt. (jg) James V. Couche is on a CVE, FPO, New York. He is Aerological Officer.

Pfc. Robert C. Drescher is overseas, APO, New York.

S/Sgt. Bob McCarthy is with troop carrier outfit, APO, New York.

Cpl. Vernon J. Smith is with an Emergency Rescue Boat Squadron, out of San Francisco.

S/Sgt. Norval G. Gardner is with an Infantry outfit, APO, S.F. He has the Asiatic-Pacific and Philippines ribbons, also the Combat Infantryman's badge.

Stanley R. Smith, Y1c, is on a ship in the Pacific.

"I am the 'Yeoman Smith' referred to by **Lt. (SC) J. L. Howard** on the last page of the Feb. 1 issue."

1st Lt. Charles J. Thelen is still overseas, APO, New York.

L. A. Wight, ACMM, is still on his carrier in the Pacific.

"We are now allowed to say that we participated in the first carrier raids on Saigon, Comeron Bay, Cape St. Jacques, Canton and Tokyo. We also supported the invasions of Luzon and Iwo Jima. We were through one of the worst typhoons around the Philippines and still came through as did the 'Fighting Lady'."

Lt. John A. Mulchi wrote from Burma:

"Undoubtedly you have been the recipient of more of this invasion money than you can use, but I have been carrying this around for a month now and I am always pulling it out for the real stuff. I finally decided that I had better dispose of it and have been seeking a victim—you are it. Five rupee notes of this type are pretty scarce, so maybe it will add to your collection." (Thanks John for the rupees. Your invasion money now forms some important links in that long **Short Snorter** over in the Training School. When you come back you should go over and see it. LCP.)

Lt. David J. Gunn wrote from the Philippines saying that is to be back in San Diego at 1829 Granada Avenue, real soon.

Mrs. Belle J. Benchley wrote from Balboa Park saying that **Lt. Bill Jennings** wrote her,

"The only way I ever hear anything about **Fred (Jennings)** is through that swell **Aztec News Letter**. I think all of us, you home fronters included, owe Dr. Post a tremendous debt. He has done a lot for all of us lost sheep."

Ricardo de la Cruz, CSK, wrote from "The Fighting Lady" saying that all is well. (Ricky, I still think that you wrote me to show off that fancy stationery of yours. LCP.)

Lt. Lloyd J. Patterson, USNR, took an LST down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers from Evansville, Ind., and is now somewhere, FPO, S.F.

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

"A few weeks ago I ran into **Jeanne Dale**. She is here working at Hickam Field; her address is 127 Dillingham Road, Hickam Housing, Honolulu, T.H.

"**Pvt. Frank Watenpaugh** is still here—not as much because he wants to stay, as because he can't leave."

Pvt. K. Nakadate wrote from Brisbane, Australia:

"I was just transferred from the Philippines and I was flown down here to another signal unit."

S/Sgt. Ben Siegel wrote from England:

"I read that I was listed as wounded in action. That was for a minor case of frozen hands and feet, from which I speedily recovered. However, on March 23 a couple of German bullets bounced off my scalp while we were fighting for the Rhine. By the time you receive this I should be out of the hospital. They threw in the Purple Heart for this latest deal. I believe my old outfit is due for a citation."

Ens. Phil A. Bulot wrote from his DMS in the Pacific:

"I guess you know how things are on these old cans. We gave her a coat of paint the other day and she looks like a million. The deck crew had to take care while chipping paint so they wouldn't knock any of the rivets out of the deck."

(Phil that's another tin can that I helped build back in 1919 up at Mare Island. She was built right along side the one that **Tony Ghio** was on. **Treat her tenderly—be kind to your elders!** LCP.)

"I'm still dreaming up plans for that all important **Reunion**. The biggest problem will be deciding on the date for it. There will be a lot of the Tribe released in Europe now, but the Pacific clan will have to stay on out here."

Lt. (jg) H. James Ahler wrote from his DD in the Pacific:

"Before we pulled out the last time **Bill Downing**, **Ed Moore** and I had a big reunion. We have been working with **Joe Seminario** the last couple of months but so far have not actually made connections."

"How is the **Rattlesnake** in the Caf getting along without our brilliant help?" (Could we use you? Do you remember what I said about three girls doing the work of thirteen athletes? Well I have had my ears batted down. LCP.)

Pfc Alfred G. Scott wrote from Camp Tulalake, Tulalake, California:

"Due to concussion in my ears and the fact that my hearing was somewhat impaired, I was disqualified for further overseas service, then I was transferred to this place for training as a prisoner of war guard. I will be more or less permanent here. My present job is working in the PX—which is called a soft spot and besides it draws more pay."

Ens. R. T. Titsworth is on a ship that has been to Australia. He is on the lookout for **George Maillot** and **Clyde Coggins**.

Sgt. John Barnhill, former pole vaulter at **State College**, is in Europe. There has been a rumor that he is contemplating matrimony there.

Lisle Shoemaker, former San Diegan who used to come out to **State College** campus as a sports writer returned from the Pacific where he had been assigned as a war correspondent with **United Press**. For months we had been reading his releases, along with those of **Ed Thomas**, and every one showed that he was right in there with the fellows who were doing the shooting.

He made three landings with assault forces. One was with the Marine First Division at Pelelieu; another was with the Army on Leyte; and the third was made on Iwo Jima 50 minutes after the first wave went ashore.

Lisle saw only two **Aztecs**, **Lt. Courtney Kirkeeng** and **Lt. Marston Westbrook**. Lt. Westbrook was flying B-29s based in the Marianas.

This time Lisle's assignment is to be less exciting, but on it he probably will see many more **Aztecs**. He is to be with **United Press**, **CincPac**, **Rear Eschelon**.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Cpl. Nils H. Winther is still with his Infantry outfit, APO, New York.

Capt. George Henry Williams is overseas with the Infantry, APO, San Francisco, and has been overseas for 31 months.

Capt. George Wesley Palmer is at 1181 Lincoln Ave., Palo Alto. He returned from France in January and has been retired from the service for a physical disability.

Denton A. Skiles, CSK, is still overseas, FPO, S.F.

Lt. (jg) E. K. Clardy is still on his DD in the Pacific.

S/Sgt. Ralph L. Fenner, USMC, has been overseas a year and a half and was in the campaign in the Palaus.

Pfc. Fletcher B. Maddox, USMCR, is at Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va.

Ens. John L. Hubbard is with the 5th Amphibious Forces, FPO, San Francisco.

Sgt. William H. Neild is at Camp Roberts, Calif.

Ens. David Jeter is a fighter pilot on a carrier in the Pacific and has shot down two Jap planes.

Ens. Albert John Cech is overseas, FPO, S.F.

O/C James Efron is at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Lt. C. H. Schmid, USMC, is at MCAS, Kinston, N.C.

Lt. Howard B. Clayton is at CAAF, Clovis, N. M.

Lt. Walter G. Albrecht, USNR, is at Presidio CASA, Monterey, Calif.

Sgt. Charles V. Harrington is at Brooks Gen. and Convalescent Hosp. at San Antonio.

Capt. Glenn Zinser is in the Philippines.

Roland V. Davis, TmV3/c, is overseas, FPO, S.F.

Col. G. Leonard Orth, MC, has been on duty in New Guinea and also in the Philippines. He is to return from Manila for some special medical work in Washington and then he will be stationed in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Parker (formerly **Marion Campbell**) are the proud parents of an eight pound boy born May 4. Young **James Ernest**, his mother and also the father are all doing fine.

Capt. James E. Stacey wrote from the First Army in Germany:

"Still have my Jerry typewriter, as you can easily see, and still receiving the **News Letter**, which is really a God-send although there are very few of the **Aztecs** whom I remember."

"We are here in Germany and as per usual, the reception, while it has slackened some in the last day or so, can still definitely be termed as hostile. These people are really using everything, including the kitchen sink, to try and stop us, but I am afraid that it is no use."

"Have really learned to appreciate the Air Corps, for Doc, they really have done a job over here. I have seen the results of their work on Duren and Kassel and the only complaint I have is that they rarely leave enough buildings standing to provide billets for my men. Duren was the most bombed out place I have ever seen and there wasn't one building in the entire city, which must be as big if not bigger than San Diego, which hadn't been hit. They really worked it over. There are very few fellows in the infantry who have seen the results of their work that yell any longer about the flight pay."

"At Remagen, we crossed the Rhine on the largest pontoon bridge ever built. The medics were the most abused group of individuals in the States. Here they are doing a wonderful job. I am speaking only for the front line aid men for they are just about all we see. I have never seen one refuse to go out to aid a wounded soldier regardless of the fire on the area. They do this despite the fact that they are marked targets with the four white circles on their helmets. Jerry is not prone to cease firing on the aid man."

Lt. (jg) David Steinman wrote from the Pacific:

"I've been busy covering just about all parts of the Southwest Pacific and I have run into several **Aztecs**. In fact, one of the more recent ones, **Ray Spicer**, **Lt. USMCR**, was one of my passengers on a trip to the more forward areas out this way. I've got more than 2000 hours in naval air transport work and am still going strong."

Cpl. Jack W. Hudson wrote from Germany saying that he had been overseas for 18 months. He also wrote that: "You mentioned **Capt. Jack Hudson** as being about to embark for overseas, in the **News Letter**. I am sure you mean my brother, **Capt. Wilford Hudson Jr.**, who has left for the Pacific. As for me, I am still only a corporal and a long way from being a captain.

"Our boss, **Gen. Patton**, really keeps us moving, as you can plainly understand."

Pvt. N. Takashima wrote from Italy: "I am fighting up here in the mountains. Some of these mountains are so high, we call ourselves the two-legged pack mules. After we take a town and go marching through the streets, the people gather and applaud. It sure is a good feeling to know the people are glad to be liberated. Then up here, we have lots of guerilla fighters, who are helping the Allies out. The people here come and carry our ammunition bag for us up a mountain. I would not have made it otherwise. When we get to the top we give them a few cigarettes and candy and they go back home happy. Right now we are drinking water from a stream that sheep have been running in, but we put halazone tablets in it to purify it. You know, I think this water puts more flavor in our coffee!

"I finally got a picture of myself, for you. It was taken while I was in the hospital in Cannes, France."

Capt. E. Al Slayen wrote from the MTO:

"I have had the good fortune to do a great deal of traveling for the Adriatic Base Command. This past week I returned from a visit to Athens and Cairo. Athens, to me, was a very beautiful city. The city itself is damaged very little. There is everything to be had in Athens, but it costs. Four of us stopped in for an ice cream sundae (small). We had seconds with four little cokes thrown in. Our check was \$12."

Lt. (jg) Curt Clemmer wrote from his big carrier in the Pacific:

"Just a few lines to let you know that after 21 months of sea duty in the Pacific, I am still kicking around. Just you keep the **News Letter** coming.

"Sorry, Doc, I can't oblige you by writing to you as per your request. You ask the **State** fellows to let you know after each major engagement how they are. Major or no major, they are all majors to me. What do you want, a daily letter from me? I would be willing to write them if you will keep the pests away while I write them. I should kick, I joined the navy to help fight this war. How did I know they were going to take that statement literally?"

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WHO—WHAT—WHERE

R. W. Melton, **SI/c**, is in **RM School**, **USNTC**, **San Diego**.

Ens. Armond A. Ault is on an **APA** in the Pacific.

1st Lt. Ed H. Corwin is at **Carlisle Barracks**, **Pa.**

1st Lt. Warren A. Butcher is on a ship **FPO**, **New York**.

A/C Earl L. Severin is at **AAAF**, **Amarillo**, **Texas**.

Pvt. Ralph R. Berman is at **Camp Maxey**, **Texas**.

Lt. Cecil R. Thompson is at **Rt. 2**, **Box 2845**, **Del Paso Hqts.**, **Calif.**

T/5 Sidney Siegel is overseas, **APO**, **New York**.

Pvt. Phyllis G. Harlan has joined the **USMCWR**.

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

Capt. Templeton S. Walker is at **196 E. Washington**, **Chico**, **Calif.**

Austin Henry is at **USNTC**, **Great Lakes**.

Capt. Robert P. Durbin is to be retired to inactive status this month.

Lt. George B. Ramstead is at **Ft. Meade**, **Md.**

Lt. Edward R. Hawley is overseas, **FPO**, **S.F.**

Pfc. William R. Laughery is overseas, **APO**, **New York**.

F. D. Robbins, **SI/c**, is on a ship, **FPO**, **S.F.**

Joseph David Cunliffe, **Y2c**, is with the **Seventh Fleet** in the Pacific.

T/5 R. G. Chenhall is in the **239th Gen. Hosp.**, **APO**, **New York**.

Lt. (jg) Joseph Shreve is on a ship, **FPO**, **S.F.**

Lt. Iris E. Inman is at **Nurses Training Center**, **Tacoma**, **Wash.**

Maj. Wallace Springstead is at **811 Nantasket Court**, **San Diego**.

1st Lt. James M. Lee is overseas, **APO**, **New York**.

1st Lt. Edmund B. DeWitt is with a weather squadron, **APO**, **New York**.

Cpl. Earl J. Cantos is overseas, **APO**, **New York**.

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

Lt. W. B. Tichenor is on a ship in the Pacific.

Lt. Robert D. Farmer is at **Drew Field**, **Tampa**, **Fla.**

F/O Vincent Silva is at **Langley Field**, **Va.**

Ralph Black, **A.S.**, is at the **Stanford Medical School**, **Palo Alto**.

Pfc. William E. Mayne is in **Bushnell General Hospital**, **Brigham City**, **Utah**. **Paul Vance** is also there, in **Ward 207**, and **Pvt. John C. Sheppard** is there in **Ward 32**.

1st Lt. Kent Bush, **USMCR**, returned home after 24 months of overseas service. He was in **AA** on the **Ellice Islands** when they caught their worst Jap bombings. Later he went into artillery and saw action on **Saipan**. His last campaign was on **Leyte**. Kent had a lot of interesting stories to tell about the Filipino natives. He took a great liking to them, and found them to be very loyal, patriotic and intelligent. Kent described the Filipino method of sharpening knives and bolos.

Lt. C. L. McKain wrote from the Pacific:

"The pictures of **Ladene Dehnel**, **Pat Callaway** and **Gloria Fox** make me realize what we fellows are fighting for.

"A few days ago I ran into **Lloyd Patterson** in **Honolulu**. He and **Bob Houston** are the only fellows from **San Diego** I have had the pleasure of seeing.

"The weather on **Oahu** is like **Florida** and **California** claim they have."

Capt. William A. Koller, who is a Navy pilot (of ships), wrote from the Pacific:

"Arrived at new base. Am here as Harbor Pilot. Am endeavoring to become a docking pilot. All is fine here, good chow, quarters, etc. **Mac Porter** phoned me on my third day here. Previously, I'd phoned and visited the famous **'Duffy's Tavern'**, which is a part of the recreational organization."

Capt. Donald C. Owen, **USMCR**, wrote from his Marine fighter squadron, which is in a fast carrier force:

"My outfit is called the **Wolfpack** and has a fine record that began at **Guadalcanal**. The man running this show says that we can now tell that we took part in the first carrier raid on **Tokyo** and helped support the Marines at **Iwo Jima**.

"**Dick Cormier** came aboard from one of the other carriers while we were in port and gave us the low-down on Jap tactics that he's run into during the Philippines campaign. I was quite surprised to see him, and the dope he gave out was very good. He's a sharp lad and if you can get him to give you a **Snow Job** it will be well worth your while. I've been in a few fights and have managed to build my score up to five so far, and naturally I want to get just a couple more. I've done just about the same things that others aboard a carrier do, including being fished out of the drink."

F/O James W. Wallace wrote this note from Germany: (He asked us not to print it, but since the newspapers have already told of gas being flown in to Patton's men, the fact is known to all. LCP.)

"We were flying gas in to Patton's men lately. On one trip we flew in and noticed two fighters take off just before us. When we landed we were told to take cover in nearby trenches by the ground troops. We couldn't figure it out 'til these two fighters circled and made a screaming pass at the field. They were two Me-109's flown by Germans who had just evacuated the field. That gives you an idea how fast the move is. At many fields, there are German ships in perfect condition left by the Germans in their haste to get away from the tank men. It's really a miracle how these boys have pushed.

"We took some Frenchmen, who had been held prisoners by the Germans for six years."

Capt. Z. Allen Barker, USMCR, wrote from Okinawa:

"We seem to be getting closer to Tokyo all the time. The landing was unlike Peleliu and proved to be a pleasant Easter surprise for all of us. However, there were plenty of Nip planes in the air and shooting was very good. As a matter of fact, we have a very dull evening when we don't have at least four or five conditions red. What a beating the Jap air force is taking!

"The weather here is very cold at night and is a contrast to the warm, humid jungle climate. The natives farm all available land by hand. From the air the island looks like a gigantic checker board with small plots of wheat, cabbages, carrots, sugar cane, sweet potatoes, and rice everywhere. What land isn't cultivated is covered with a small scrub pine. The pine smell and cold crisp air really make me homesick. All of this is a far cry from coconut trees and clinging vines. Enclosed is a piece of our own occupational money."

Capt. George H. Williams wrote from the Philippines:

"So far have made three successful assault landings here and am still going.

"I've had a few close calls, but I imagine there are plenty of others in the same boat. But so far, I've a whole skin and hope to keep it that way. Only last week a Nip with a depraved sense of humor dropped an 81 mm mortar shell smack in my slit trench. Fortunately, it was a dud. Needless to say I was somewhat disturbed."

Ens. C. R. St. John wrote from his Torpedo Squadron in the Pacific, where he is stationed on "a swell island":

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

John L. Estep, S1c, RT, is at USNTS, Del Monte, Calif.

Lt. Harry J. Jordan is now at Comserforpac. Com., 12th Naval Dist., FPO, San Francisco.

Richard M. Brown, C1/c (RM), is on a ship in the Pacific.

T/5 Nelson J. Fry is overseas, APO, New York.

Cpl. H. J. Sick is overseas, APO, New York.

Lt. (jg) Guilford (Bud) Quade is at Apt. 201, 1916 15th St. S. E., Washington 20, D.C.

Lt. (jg) John H. Stalnaker is at a Naval Air Station, FPO, S.F.

Ens. Alexander J. Goldie is on an APA in the Pacific. **Ens. Walt Harvey** is on the same ship.

Lt. (jg) Keith Dixon is on an LST in the Pacific.

Lt. (jg) Arthur V. Potter is on a ship in the Pacific.

Lt. Dan Showley is on a carrier in the Pacific.

Capt. Montgomery Moulton is with the 11th Armored Division in Europe.

1st Lt. Loy L. Flor is still in the Pacific area.

T/5 Frank L. Cole is overseas APO, New York.

Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va.

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

Lt. W. A. MacKersie, USMCR, has gone overseas and is with a marine outfit.

Mid'n. Arthur E. Platt, USNRMS, is at Ft. Schuyler, New York.

1st Lt. Leona B. Prescott is at the 314th Gen. Hosp., APO, S.F.

Ens. Richard F. Titsworth is on a ship APO, S.F.

Maj. Arthur F. O'Keefe, USMC, wrote from the Fourth Division:

"Have a very interesting job and one which keeps me busy. Am division air officer, and so besides being on the General's staff, also have to coordinate and direct all of the air strikes in front of our division while in combat. Being kept busy is a wonderful thing, though, as the time passes by so much faster, as you can imagine it has a tendency to drag. Guess I'm blind or something as I very seldom run into any former Aztecs out here; did run into Bill Willis who is a Pan Am pilot."

The longest letter of the month came from **Sgt. Robert G. Kelly**, who is in Germany.

Bob has his eyes and ears open, and all of you are missing something by not being able to read his letter, but I can't tell which portions to include in the News Letter. You will just have to take my word for it. LCP.

Lt. Keith Whitcomb, USMCR, offered the information that the chem lab assistant that **Sgt. Lindsay McKellips** asked about, was **Paul Porter**. Keith said that Paul later went to work for the Shell Oil Company and had been transferred to a lab in Texas."

Pfc. Robert (Red) Williams wrote from his weather outfit on Oahu:

"Have already seen one **Aztec**. **Frank Watenpaugh** came over, and we had a short session. He said the beaches here can't be compared to the good ones at home."

Ens. Robert Lando wrote from 5034 Nebraska Ave., Washington, D.C.:

"We got back Stateside on the ship that brought the first internees from the Philippines. There were 375 of them aboard."

Cpl. Robert Swisher wrote from somewhere west of the Date Line:

"This island is an interesting place. The people are Orientals and apparently nearly all farm. Sweet potatoes, a type of garlic, beans, kale, rice and wheat are the predominating crops. All of this farming is done with a grub hoe. The raids have practically stopped and there are no more shells landing near here."

Theo L. Mizony, SK2c, wrote from his ship in the Pacific:

"Discovered **Eddie Requa's** ship in the same undisclosed port as mine a few days ago and sent word over, on the double, a home town boy was close at hand. Eddie was quite an active young chap at **State College** not so many years back and I believe a tennis player of some renown. Almost one of his first questions was, 'Have you any News Letters?' He had heard of it but had never been able to get his hands on one.

"Eddie has been in several invasions and was filled with a large fund of stories of what it is to be under fire from everything the Nip has to throw at the Yank. He would like very much to be included on your mailing list. It would be a real morale builder, I can assure you." (You did not send us **Requa's** address. LCP.)

Lt. Howard Ralph Mueller, USN, came home on 30 day leave. He has been in the service 4½ years and has had 38 months of sea duty, 14 in the Pacific and 22 in the Atlantic and Indian oceans. Recently he was skipper of a PCE and was at one time on the first Liberty ship that went through the Straits of Magellan. His brother, **1st Lt. Raymond W. Mueller, USMC**, was killed in action Sept. 15, 1944, in the invasion of the Palau Islands.

S/Sgt. Ralph L. Fenner, USMC, wrote from the Marianas saying that those islands are far better than the heat, rock and white coral where he had been before.

"Have run into very few people from State out here, though know they are around. Capt. Doug Inman was on an adjacent island at my former place of residence, but was unable to see him. Think Mossholder is on this island—will try to get in touch with him. It is occasionally brought to my attention, via the radio, that there is a war on, but once a fellow gets trapped in the chain of supply, the war flows through one's fingers automatically. Maybe next time I come out of the States I can be the supplied rather than the supplier."

 Lt. Louis R. Lepore, USMCR, wrote from the Fifth Division:

"I joined this outfit up front at Iwo Jima. I was up there for three weeks as fighting continued for some time after the official securing of the island. I saw enough to satisfy me for some time. I guess I saw a great deal more of the battle than did the others Aztecs with whom I went over. I saw Maj. Cotton Gilliland and Lt. Ted Thomey back aboard the first day with their slight wounds. I was very fortunate and didn't ever get a scratch. While up there, I was with a machine gun and then a rifle platoon. I still don't see how I came out because enough fellows got hit around me, and I had a couple pieces of shrapnel glance off my carbine."

 Sgt. Bartow Morris wrote from his B-29 outfit in the Marianas:

"This group is in the wing that Col. Dolph Muehleisen is Chief of Staff of. Lt. Gilbert Quon is the only other San Diegan I have run into yet. He is Squadron Flight Engineer in one of the other squadrons in this group.

"This B-29 is the finest ship in the world. They sure come through when the chips are down. We have a higher maintenance record than any outfit in any theater, fighters excepted, and the Japs can't understand how we can keep sending more all the time. It is exacting a physical toll, though. Our ground crews will need a rest as soon as the combat crews.

"Combat crews live in better quarters and get some rest between missions, but the ground men work 15 and 20 hours every day. I don't want to take any credit from the crews, no one wants to trade places with them. By the way, we have the best crews in this squadron. They have flown more missions than the other squadrons, and they hit what they are supposed to. Our ships have participated in all the big raids on Tokyo, Nagoya and Kobe that you have read about the past month."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Capt. Harold W. B. Baker is at AAF, Charlotte, N.C.

Lt. Robert D. Flynn is still on his ship in the Pacific. He is wearing all of the Pacific campaign ribbons.

Lt. Jack C. Daw is at Pyote, Texas, completing training on B-29s.

Lt. Paul E. Novotny is somewhere in England.

Sgt. N. O. Adamson is somewhere in England where he has been for about two years. He still remembers the old 251 as his outfit.

Lt. William A. Meyer, USMCR, is with a Fighter Squadron in the Philippines.

R. V. Batterton, Col., MC, is in the Marianas. George Loveall is in his command. They are in a Station Hospital.

Cpl. Lewis A. Hillyard is with a weather squadron in China.

Pvt. Jerry Davis is working in the Post Signal Office of Camp Atterbury, Ind.

Lt. John E. Rockey has changed his bars from gold to silver. He is still in Assam, India.

Lt. Robert Exter, USNR, wrote from BOQ No. 3, Lewis Park, Norfolk, Va. He is waiting for a new ship.

Lt. Herbert R. Tucker is in the Pacific with a squadron.


M. C. Higgins, S2c, is at NTS Aer M 62 W, Lakehurst, N. J. She used to be known as Peggy Conners.


T/3 Laurence C. Boydston is overseas, APO, New York.


T/5 Robert J. Berman is overseas, APO, New York.


Sgt. Floyd M. Finnerty is with a Postal Unit, APO, New York.

Pvt. Paul M. Hayes is with a Medical Training Battalion at Fort Lewis, Wash.

 Lt. John D. Babick, USMCR, wrote from the Pacific saying that he saw Clarence Huddleston and Jack Edwards. He is in Jack's old division.

 Bob McEvoy, EM2c, wrote from the Marshall Islands to send his regards to Lionel Chase and Otto Hirr, also DeGraff Stanley.

 S/Sgt. George R. Oake is in the Philippines. He wrote that he works in the day time and is greatly restricted as to area at dusk. The reason for the restriction is that everyone is still a little nervous and apparently somebody may be trigger happy.

 Charles B. DeLong, BM2c, wrote from Dutch New Guinea:

"I am on a small army tanker and they really keep us busy. Say hello to Mrs. Storm for me." (Charles was known as Bud and is not to be confused with Perry DeLong of the Marine Corps. LCP.)


Ens. Paul L. Breese wrote from his APA in the Pacific:


"Sid Wolverten wrote of a busy time especially in the Philippines, Mindoro, Lingayan Gulf, Corregidor and other operations.


"The news that Capt. Jack Edwards is safe and well was very welcome. While aboard ship here he made several friends among our boat officers during bull sessions. We were all concerned over his safety on Iwo Jima. Jack was the first Aztec to be a passenger on my favorite Tank Lighter, 'Tokyo Rose.' This very old boat has hauled everything from Jap prisoners to generals on five assaults from Palau, Leyte, Luzon and Iwo Jima.

"If any one of your Pacific friends sees this rusty old tank lighter with 'Tokyo Rose' painted on her pilot house, tell them to come on over for a discussion about good old State College.


"Spent a day bouncing over Saipan in a jeep with Phil Kruttsch. He lives in a rather enviable location only a few hundred yards from the Fleet Officers Club."

 Ferne Downs sent greetings from Gay Paree. She is with USO Camp Shows Inc., 6817 Special Service, USO Co.


 Cpl. Hadarah E. Domnitz is still at Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, doing psychiatric social work. She was promoted from Pvt. to her present rank, all in one jump.

 Lt. Robert Wilber is with a utility squadron in the Pacific:

"About two months ago, I joined that club that so many fellows are joining these days. The 'I've never seen my baby' club. She is, we believe, a red-headed daughter—it's a little early to be sure yet. They are both at the old homestead in La Jolla and everyone is well and healthy."

 Lt. Edmund B. DeWitt is with a weather squadron in France. He has been in the ETO for fourteen months and has traveled all over England and France. At Oxford he saw Milford Ellison and at Dunkswell, Devon, England, he saw Lt. James Couche, a navy aerologist.

DeWitt reported that Lt. Thelan is in India as a weather officer for ATC.

 Lt. Comdr. Leo B. Calland, former football coach at State College and at present in charge of the welfare and recreation program of the Eleventh Naval District, will be placed on inactive duty by the Navy in order to fill a new position for the City of San Diego. The new position carries the title of director of recreation, and in it Comdr. Calland is to be assistant to the city manager.

HOME FRONT NEWS

By Helen Clark Jackson

(Helen, whom many of you will remember as a **Gamma Phi Zeta** of the class of '40, manages to leave her two children with her mother on two afternoons a week so she can help with the **News Letter**. She has been the **News Letter's** most active worker for the entire semester, and our readers are all indebted to her.

Here is the news about **Mrs. Mabel Grant Hazard**—mother of a second baby daughter. The newest member of the family arrived on April 19, only a few days after Mabel sent in her last month's column. She is a blonde, and her name is **Polly**. LCP.)

I'll make a stab at reporting the home front news for you this month in place of Mabel Hazard.

The **Herb Wards (Dottie Donnelly)** have a third little daughter, **Jean Lee**, in their family, born April 6. Herb is teaching at Pt. Loma High School now.

Walt Sefton, his wife and young son were down visiting old friends a few weeks ago. He is teaching in Alhambra.

Shirlee Woodhouse is taking a night course in Ceramics in the hope of getting into Occupational Therapy this summer.

The **Jerry McCorkells (Jane Alderson)** have another child, a son this time, named **Fritz**.

Evelyn (Kells) Burkhardt is wearing a motor corps uniform these days delivering messages around town in a Red Cross station wagon.

Harriette Cooke was married to **Ens. Stewart M. Worden** on May 5 in Davisville, R. I.

Lois Ferguson and **Lt. (jg) Warren Tait** were married in San Bernardino on May 5. **Charlotte Morrison** became the bride of **Lt. (jg) Samuel D. Erwine, Jr.** **Lt. Patricia Mulalley (WR) USMC**, became the bride of **Lt. Robert J. Weaver, USMC**, in San Diego.

James Claspill, CSKV, and **Louise Allen** were married at the Wee Kirk of the Heather in Glendale. **Lyn Wills** and **Ens. James Kent Meehan** were married in the Little Chapel of the Roses in Chula Vista.

Nora Belle (Lichty) Raborn and her husband, **Lt. Raborn**, have just purchased a new home near the beach in Los Angeles, with plenty of yard space for their two youngsters, **Martin** and **Gail**.

Doris Bybee, who was **Dr. Dotson's** able secretary while she was at State, is now working at the G.I. booth in the Terminal Bldg., in San Francisco. She shares an apartment with **Edith Gorman**, a former **Tau Zeta Rho**, who is employed by the WMC in San Francisco.

Polly Wilson, who left **San Diego State** for Stanford, graduated there this

month and is now a receptionist at the San Francisco conference.

Melba (Taylor) Thomas is teaching Physical Education at Sweetwater High School, while husband **Lt. (jg) Bill** is in the South Pacific.

1st Lt. Kent Bush, USMCR, and **Barbara Cowley** of Kansas City, were married in Kansas City on May 10. **Lt. Bush's** new assignment is at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Adrienne Wueste has completed the stewardess course for United Air Lines and has been assigned to the run between Cheyenne and San Francisco.

Lt. John (Bing) Williams, USNR, and **Mrs. Williams (Jane Grant)** are the proud parents of a baby boy born May 12th in Newport, R. I.

Jacqueline (Foerster) and **Bob Linstrom** have a new little daughter, **Linda**, born on Mother's Day in San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Maupin (Virginia Snyder) also had a daughter born on Mother's Day. They have named her **Andrea Lynn**. Jack formerly played basketball and baseball at State and is now in the Pacific.

Betty (Forbes) Thompson took the Daylight to Portland to meet husband, **Lt. (jg) Bud Thompson**, who has just returned from 18 months at sea.

Josephine Dutton and **Jack Kemp** were married on May 12th at the Dutton ranch in Lakeside.

DAD'S DAY DINNER

this year was a great success. It was reminiscent of former similar occasions, but we missed you terribly. **Herman Addleson** wasn't there to announce the boxing bouts, and throughout the evening the effects of the war were evident.

Yet it was like a **Little Reunion**. **Barney Carmen, W. A. Evans, Harry Barnet** and **Mel Aubery** were all wearing Purple Hearts. **Bill Robison** was down from Dibble Hospital in Palo Alto. **Junior Todd** was there and looking great. **Rod Luscomb** put on an exhibition of badminton. **Henry Shelton** was another **Aztec** in uniform there who had been overseas.

Jack Becker, formerly of the old 251, but now a student on the campus, participated in the program of entertainment, and **Paul Sutherland**, another **Aztec** veteran from overseas, played handy man on the local staff.

Tom Howe, Bill Webster and **Eldon Pecka**, who were students on campus in your time, were there as currently enrolled students.

Representing the portion of the faculty in uniform were **Lt. Comdr. Leo B. Calland, Lt. Comdr. Chesney Moe** and **Lt. Dudley Robinson**.

Guest speaker for the occasion was **Lt. (jg) Glenn Cunningham**, former mile record holder.

A TEACHER SHORTAGE

exists in San Diego, in California as well as in the entire country. So critical was the condition reported to be that your editor asked **Dr. Richard Madden**, principal of the Training School, and **Dean J. W. Ault** to make a statement for the **News Letter** informing our former students of that need. Here is their statement. LCP.

Demobilization has already begun. A million and a half men will be returning to their former occupations or looking for new ones. The last war showed an oversupply of men for many years in those occupations for which the armed forces gave training. The situation following this war is likely to be the same—an oversupply in occupations closely related to army and naval training.

Teachers Are Needed

California will have 8,000 elementary teachers with emergency credentials by 1951, if the prediction of the Governor's Manpower Study Committee is true. Men in the Armed Forces are urgently needed in the California schools, especially in elementary education. If you held a California credential when you entered the service, it is valid until six months after your demobilization.

Men who have not finished college may well investigate teaching as a career. Beginning salaries range from \$1800 to \$2200. Elementary principalships pay up to \$3000 to \$4500, depending upon the community, and lead to other responsible positions. Elementary and secondary school salary scales are the same in many cities, including San Diego.

The boys of our elementary schools need the leadership of young men. The psychology of children and their learning is a challenging field with many possibilities.

S/Sgt. Norval G. Gardner wrote from the Philippines:

"In the last 16 months I've been in New Zealand, New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, of course the Philippines, and a couple of the smaller islands.

"This outfit has been in front line combat for 91 consecutive days now, and still going. Some of the boys think this is a new South Pacific record. Do I hear any denials? We have pushed through everything the Japs could throw at us in the way of tanks, artillery, banzai attacks, mortar fire, snipers, raiding parties, booby traps, land mines, fortified pillboxes and camouflaged caves. It's a rough go, but this is a good outfit.

"Like millions of others, I'm looking forward to that day when I can get home to my wife (nee **Fay Maupin**) and our two boys, **Jerry** and **Lorry**. It will be fun renewing old friendships, but sad too, honoring those who won't be coming home."

Pfc. Charles M. Snell wrote from Germany:

"Talk about your pin ups! I bet the Blue Book Ball was one of the best yet.

"It is raining today and the mud is plenty deep. Someone is making an awful racket with a couple of machine guns so I am a little distracted. The house we are in has two stories and a basement. The cows live in the basement and it is hard to tell which smells worse, the upstairs or the downstairs. But we have milk and eggs. I am afraid the egg situation is due to become critical, if these guys don't quit saying that fried chicken is better than fried eggs. I wanted some milk this morning so I got up at 5 to milk the cows and found the whole 1st Platoon down there with everything from buckets to empty wine bottles.

"I've been in France, Belgium, Holland, and now I am in Germany. Every time I get to where I can ask for wine, women and song in one language we move to another country, and I have to start all over again.

"We were talking with some Russian slave laborers with the help of one of the men in our company who speaks Russian. They said they had been waiting for us for four years. The Germans branded them with tattoo marks every time they ran away. One guy looked like a billboard.

"There isn't much I can tell you. Frankly, the way they put it around here, we are lucky to be able to tell you what theatre we are in. Don't see how you can get so much information on the other guys. This will probably look like confetti when you get it."

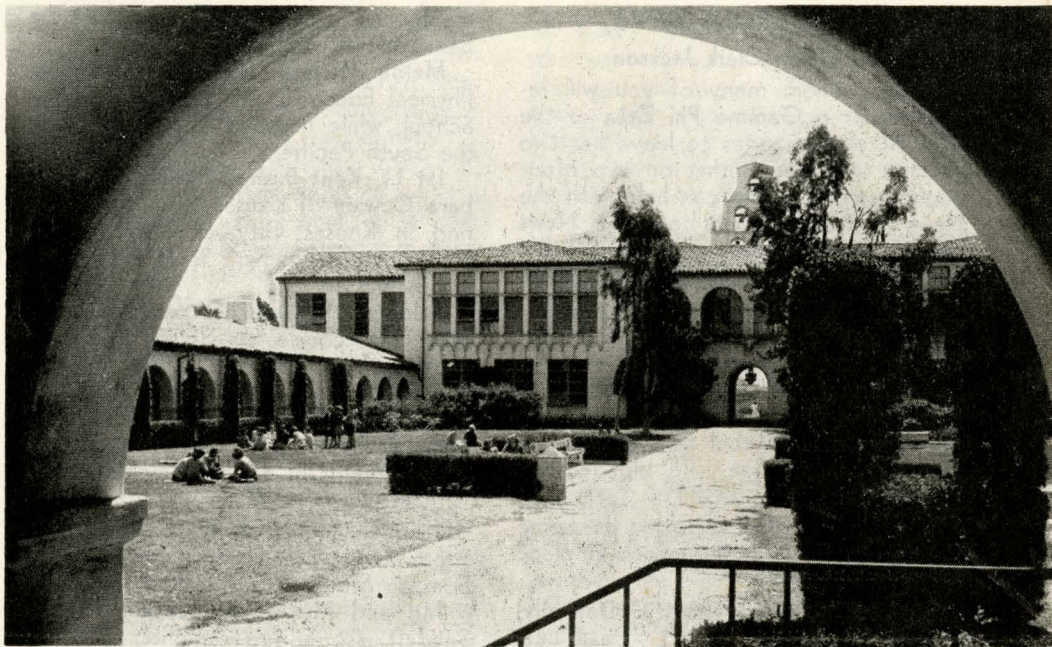
Pvt. Harold Stark wrote from Germany, where he is in a medical outfit with the 17th Airborne Division:

"We crossed the Rhine in gliders and dropped by parachute to help the British Second and the American Ninth across. My glider landed with only a couple of bullet holes, but several caught fire and others were badly machine-gunned.

"The medics set up amid artillery fire and as the days went on, followed to Munster where we left the British. The British commando is, incidentally, a wonderful fighter, all Germans say, 'Deutschland ist kaput.'

"We are now in a tavern to catch our breath, wash up and write letters. We found an old phonograph and with the help of a screwdriver, it plays wonderfully—after you drop 10 pfennings in the slot."

Capt. Perry DeLong in all probability was in the toughest of the fighting at Naha on Okinawa as he is supposed to be in the Twenty-second Marines. The newspapers reported that two of the companies of that regiment (which is



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part of the Sixth Division) suffered terrific casualties.

Lt. Albert T. Marrs wrote from headquarters of a bomber command in the Marianas:

"I'm now in the Marianas installing weather equipment where it is needed the most. This island is not bad at all. In fact, I don't see how one could do very much better in the Pacific. It's plenty hot, of course, but a beautiful beach is located just a mile or so away. A quick swim several times a day certainly hits the spot. Many say it beats anything Hawaii has to offer."

Cpl. William L. Post, USMCR, is in the Marine Division that is moving down the west coast of Okinawa. He is in the same outfit as **Capt. Chet DeVore** and **Cpl. Francis Worcester**. All reported the going easy in Northern Okinawa but none has reported yet from the south end of the island.

Lt. George T. Forbes wrote from the ETO:

"The Third Anniversary Edition of the **News Letter** arrived today and the color picture on the front hit me like an 88. What a picture!"

Lt. Page Tulloch, USNR, who set such a grand record in MTB boats in the MTO, has completed his duties at Melville in Rhode Island and has shipped out to the Pacific to be on a staff.

Pvt. Bill Simonsen wrote from China: "Am at the end of a long trail leading across the Pacific, through India, and into China. One phase of my journey included 'flying over the Hump' from Assam Province into China."

Filler material was needed for this little space so I'll take this opportunity to tell you that next month the **News Letter** will run pictures of some non-sorority girls. The pictures should be in the **News Letter** office by June 14. At a later time we will let someone else do the picking for a **News Letter** queen or cover girl.

The semester is drawing to a close and students will welcome the vacation this year, but the **News Letter** will continue as usual. We don't know what will come up in the way of address changes, but probably there will be many hundreds of changes each month from now on. Be sure to send in the changes, and also be sure to let us know if you return from overseas. You know, the overseas mail costs us extra postage. Should any of you (especially our civilian readers) find that you do not recognize many names in the **News Letter**, kindly tell us to remove your name from the mail list. We would appreciate it. Also, if you know of a person who should be on the list, just send in his address. LCP.

Pfc. Fred C. Smith, former football player, is in an infantry regiment that has been going great guns in the 96th Division on the east side of Okinawa. Fred has been in a lot of combat, according to the reports on his unit.

Capt. Doug Inman, USMCR, was a campus visitor. He had part of his 30 days leave canceled and has reported to duty again. He has seen some very intense combat action in the Palaus. Doug was another **Aztec** who really could have given us a **Snow Job** on both combat and coral reefs.