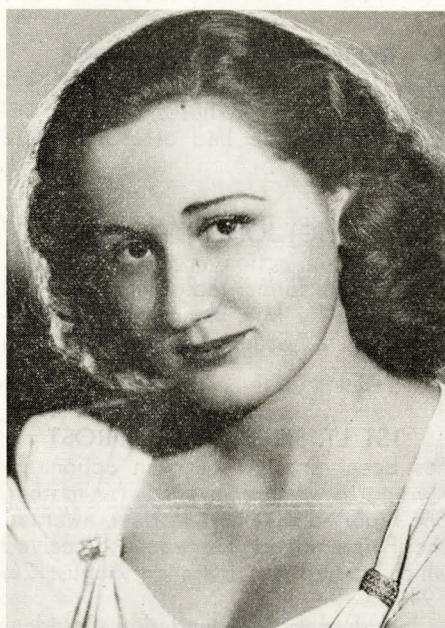


# THE AZTEC NEWS LETTER



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

This time the *News Letter* probably shows much more of the spirit of VE day than it did last month when it reported that VE day had been observed on the campus. The news and the letters have made a difference, but the most important part of it was the news that every one of the 25 *State College Aztecs* who had been held prisoner in Europe has been liberated. See the detailed reports further down.

Since the editing was done for the

liberated prisoners, additional information has come in. **Griff Williams** and **George Crawford** are home as is **Honorary Aztec Ernie McNulty**. Your editor saw Ernie, and he looked well, felt fine.

Seven *Aztecs* are still missing from action in the ETO. They are **Lt. William E. Baldwin**, **Capt. Richard W. Burch**, **S/Sgt. Stanley Gue**, **Lt. Edward L. Imblum**, **Sgt. Kenneth L. Johnson**, **Lt. Ross A. Tenney** and **Capt. Jerry E. Thomas**. Information is wanted about any of these men, so if you have any



official news, please send it along.

Fourteen **Aztecs** are missing in the Pacific Theater and five are prisoners of the Japanese.

The total number of **Aztecs** who have entered the service stands at 2,975. Of these, 95 have been killed in action and in training during the war.

You have asked for more home front news. This time you are getting it. **President Hepner** was asked to give you at first hand some of the important news about changes and additions for the fall semester.

**Dean C. E. Peterson** is giving you the athletic program, and **Bill Cordtz** who is a student at **State College** and a sports-writer for the **Tribune-Sun** wrote about the coaching set-up.

**Marion Bowler**, **State College** graduate of 1940 and now a flight planner at Convair, was asked to write a column of **Home Front News**. Marion, herself a pilot, is a past president of the San Diego Unit of the Women's National Aeronautical Association and is now vice president of the national organization. **Jayne Dempsey** was asked to write the campus news. She was, among other things, co-editor with **Jeanne Oncley**, of this year's **Del Sudoeste**.

Recently a great many **News Letters** have bounced because you have moved. When they come back, you are off the mailing list until you send in the new address. This is important to us. When you return from overseas, please let us know so we can take you off the overseas list. Those envelopes cost us money—6c as compared with the 1 1/2c for domestic mail.

Civilians who are on the list but who no longer wish to be because of return of relatives and friends also are urged to let us know. It has been our policy to send the **News Letter** to all who really want it, but we want to know when we can be permitted to send fewer copies.

And again, best of luck,

Lauren C. Post

Editor of the News Letter

P.S. For the past two months the **News Letter** has been decorated with the pictures of girls from the six sororities that led in selling the **Third Anniversary Issue of the News Letter**. This month six non-sorority girls are represented. Many of you have written that you like the pictures. This is what **Dick St. John** wrote: "Say Doc, this little lad gives his full approval of the glamor girls that grace the front page. Nothing could be better. Just keep on putting some on each issue. It makes for faster opening of the envelope." Sometime we will try to have a final selection of the "**News Letter Cover Girl**" for you. LCP.

#### PFC. RICHARD H. BAILEY

is "deceased" according to a verification on one of his **News Letters** which was returned to sender. He had been in the 104th Division, the Timberwolf Division. (More information, please. LCP.)

#### ROBERT COCHRANE, RM3c

who was reported missing in the Gilberts back in 1943 has since been reported killed. He had attended **State College** in 1939.

#### LT. (JG) JOHN J. FRASER

was killed in action in the Pacific. Lt. Fraser was a former radio announcer and is survived by **Mrs. Blanche Horton Fraser** and a little daughter, **Barbara Blanche**.

#### 1ST LT. JOHN (JACK) FROST

has been reported killed in action according to word received by his mother. She reported that he had been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received which caused his death on August 26, 1943.

Jack had been awarded a Presidential Citation for his service as pilot of a B-17 in photographing enemy territory in North Africa. On his first mission over enemy territory as pilot of a P-38 he failed to return. He had last reported in by radio from the vicinity of Salerno, Italy.

#### ROBERT M. FULLER, PHM3C,

was killed in action on Okinawa on May 2, 1945. He had been attached to the Marine Corps for duty.

#### CAPT. DONALD C. OWEN, USMCR,

died in the Pacific Area on May 26, 1945, according to word received by his parents from Washington.

In 1942 Capt. Owen and his squadron were sent to Guadalcanal to assist the Marines in holding Henderson Field. After 15 months of Pacific duty he returned to the States and later he shipped out again.

He and his **Wolf Pack** squadron were equipped with Corsair fighter planes, and were assigned to a carrier that was in on the big Tokyo strike in February. They were also in on many strikes against Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

(Capt. Owen was one of the first returning **Aztecs** to address a student body group at **State College**. He spoke of their activities around Henderson Field and the Solomons and told of early difficulties in getting their planes off to fight the Japs. Those were the days when the going was really tough. Don, in his modest way, gave us a clear picture of some of their troubles. We will all miss Don, but we know that he was a real scrapper. LCP.)

#### LT. GILBERT QUON

was reported missing in action in the Pacific. He had been in a heavy bomber outfit, probably in the Marianas.

(Following are the reports on the former prisoners held by the Germans. Some of the reports are brief, but your editor believes that each is reliable as far as it goes. All of the prisoners have been reported liberated and alive. Their physical conditions are not known other than as reported below. We hope you will send in additional or different information as it comes to you. LCP.)

#### LT. JASON AXSON

was liberated from the prisoner camp. He had been shot down last August while on a bombing mission over Germany.

#### LT. KENNETH E. BARNHART, JR.

is back in San Diego following his stay of eight months in various prisoner of war camps in Germany. He had been shot down while on his 15th bombing mission out of Foggia, Italy. He went down over Hungary and was at large for four days before the SS picked him up.

Ken lost 20 pounds right off and never gained it back until he began eating real food following his liberation. Now he is perfectly well and has gained back practically all of the 20 pounds. He would be good for at least several **Snow Jobs** but so far, "He just ain't talking."

Lt. Barnhart is the son of **Dr. Barnhart** of the **State College** faculty. His brother, **Donald**, is a PhM2c, and he headed for the Philippines the very day that Ken was liberated.

#### LT. MAX BINSWANGER

was liberated from a prison camp in Belgrade. His liberation and visits to the campus were reported some time ago in the **News Letter**.

#### LT. HORACE DALE BOWMAN

has been liberated and is expected home soon.

#### PFC. ROGER E. CASH

has been reported liberated from a prison camp. He had been wounded and taken prisoner last December at the time of the German offensive.

#### CAPT. ARCHIE W. CHATTERLEY

is well and free again according to a cable that he sent to his mother, **Mrs. Laura E. Chatterley** of 1036 Bush St., San Diego.

#### LT. GEORGE G. CRAWFORD

was seen in Paris by **Lt. Larry Devlin** shortly after he was liberated. He was with **Capt. Griffith P. Williams** and **Lt. Ernest McNulty** at the time. Lt. Craw-



ford was one of the main sources of news to the POWS as he took his recollections of the **News Letter** to the fellows who had been in longer than he.

#### **PFC. MARIO DELL'ACQUA**

was reported liberated before this office even had him listed as a prisoner. He has been reported missing a couple of months before the surrender of Germany.

#### **LT. DONN DEMARCE**

has been reported liberated. He had flown 30 missions as a co-pilot of a B-24.

#### **S/SGT. RUSSELL ELDRIDGE**

was liberated after having been a prisoner for 20 months. He will soon see his son, **Glen**, for the first time. Glen is two years old.

#### **LT. AUGUST FLEISHBEIN**

has been liberated and is expected home soon.

#### **CPL. MERLE M. GENET**

wrote the following letter from near Linz, Austria:

"I just received the May issue of the **Aztec News Letter** yesterday. I have already read it completely through and have passed it on for other fellows to read. I want to take this opportunity to thank you and everyone concerned for the splendid work you have done in getting the **News Letter** out every month. It certainly has been a wonderful contribution to the war effort. The colored panel on the April issue certainly was a beauty. Although I never attended **State** at its present location, it sure made me homesick. I only attended **State** for one year (1927-1928) and was affiliated with the **Eta Oemga Delta** fraternity.

"I have been with the Third Army over here. I was in on the battle of the Saar Basin (Saarlautern), then headed for Leipzig and finally ended up down here in Austria. I was taken prisoner by the German SS troops at Eferding, Austria, on May 4th and was later released upon an exchange of prisoners the same day. When they first captured us they were going to shoot us, but for some reason or other, (we did not ask) they changed their minds.

"We have been having some beautiful weather here for the past two weeks or so now. We can see the Alps from here and they are still pretty well covered with snow.

"Keep up the good work as it certainly is appreciated and will continue to be until the war is won and long after.

"I notice that **Mrs. Lucile (Daney) Martin** is now working for the San Diego Electric Railway Company. I was em-

ployed by this company as Service Inspector before entering the army two years ago.

"Again I want to thank you for the interest you take in those of us who are so far from home these days."

#### **LT. JOHN GILL**

has been liberated. He had been wounded at the time his bomber was shot down a year ago last March.

#### **LT. JAMES S. HIGLEY**

who was shot down when piloting a P-38 last December has been liberated. He has a son, **James W.**, who is six months old.

#### **LT. PAUL W. JOHNSTON**

who was taken prisoner in Italy (**News Letter No. 25**) has been liberated. He had been in the Anzio action with a Raider Bn.

#### **SGT. DWAIN KANTOR**

was the third **Aztec** who had been a prisoner in Germany that your editor has seen. Dwain was shot down while on his seventh mission over Germany and he was a prisoner for two months before he was liberated. He lost 20 pounds, but he has long since gained it all back. For his seven missions, Dwain was awarded the Air Medal.

#### **LT. RICHARD F. KENNEY**

who was a low-number prisoner (POW No. 1747) came home after 22 months in prisoner camps. He had a couple of low visits on the campus and appeared to be perfectly well. He will be ready to go again, if necessary, after his 60 day leave.

Richard told many stories of happenings in prison camps, some with humor, and others in a different mood. His experience, although not as bad as some, is not the kind one would ever want to repeat. He told of solitary confinement and interrogating when his arms were badly burned from his crash landing. Altogether it was pretty rough.

Richard had flown P-38s when the going was rough back in North Africa. He was shot down on his 27th mission.

#### **LT. WILLIAM LANSILL**

was liberated and at last report was at Lucky Strike camp in France awaiting transportation home. He was a B-24 pilot and was shot down on April 8, 1944.

#### **LT. WILLIAM M. MILTON**

who was a prisoner of the Germans has been returned to Allied Military control, according to word received by his mother, **Mrs. W. M. Milton** of 1428 Law St. in San Diego.

Lt. Milton was a P-38 pilot and was shot down over Germany on October

6, 1944. He has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious service in the ETO.

He is the 5th of the prisoners to check in. Date, May 17.

#### **F/O JOSEPH K. ROBBINS**

was the second prisoner from Germany to return to the State College campus. He and your editor had a long visit and along with Richard Kenney's stories, helped to clarify the picture of life as it was in German prison camps. Joe has gained most of his weight back and looks very well. The **News Letter** had reported him missing back in No. 19 so he had extra reading to do when he came home.

#### **LT. GEORGE SCOTT**

is home following his liberation. He had quite a time of it in the prison camp according to **Richard Kenney**. It seems that Scott had drawn a picture of Hitler (with a noose around his neck) and one of the ferrets found it on his bunk.

#### **CAPT. THEODORE RUNYON**

was released from a German prison camp and he has returned home to Coronado. He was one of the first flyers overseas and won the Distinguished Service Cross and the Air Medal with a Silver Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of five Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters.

Capt. Runyon was in the prison camp for 27 months. He looked well in a picture printed in a local newspaper.

#### **LT. COL. ROBERT TUTTLE**

who was held a prisoner by the Germans has been liberated, and he has returned to California. He is up in San Anselmo with his family, and he is reported well. Col. Tuttle was the 25th of the **Aztec** prisoners to be reported liberated, and with the report on him, we were really relieved to know that there had been no fatalities among our own **State College** men who had been held prisoner by the Germans. LCP.

#### **LT. CARTER VAUGHN**

was liberated. No other news has come in to date.

#### **S/SGT. EDWARD W. WEISENBERG**

has been liberated from a German prisoner camp. He was first reported missing in **News Letter No. 17**. He has a little daughter he has never seen.

#### **CAPT. GRIFFITH P. WILLIAMS**

has been liberated and was first reported to this office as being well by **Lt. Larry Devlin** who saw Griff in Paris. Griff was the first **Aztec** to give us a **Snow Job** at **State College**. That was back in the summer of 1942 when we were working on **News Letter No. 4**.

He was shot down on July 4, 1943,



over Sicily and his pals reported that he didn't have a chance as they had seen his plane go down in flames. We are looking forward to a further report on Griff as on the other **Kriegies** as they check in on their 60 day leaves.

#### **LT. RICHARD I. CHUGG**

was wounded in action in Europe and is now in a hospital in England:

"I was hit in the arm a while back by an enemy rifleman and they now have me in a hospital in England. I would like to say that I have had wonderful care and that the front line medical corpsmen are men that all men who have been in combat look up to. The boys up front have been doing a wonderful job and from the news that has come to me, they are still doing so." (Dick is in 4204 Hospital Plant, DOP. LCP.)

#### **CAPT. CHARLES PERRY DELONG, USMCR,**

was wounded in action on Okinawa. He was hit by a shell fragment and he wrote **Mrs. DeLong** that he was doing all right. See **Chet DeVore's** note about Perry in this **News Letter**.

#### **CPL. WILLIAM L. POST, USMCR**

was wounded in the leg by shrapnel on Okinawa on May 14. He was hospitalized for a while but rejoined his outfit and was with the boys when they finished the fighting to secure the island. He is in an engineering Bn. of the Sixth Marine Division. This is his second tour of overseas duty with the Marines. (Bill is your editor's nephew. LCP.)

#### **PFC. J. R. McVEIGH**

has the Purple Heart and one battle star. He wrote:

"I've just received my copy of **Aztec News Letter**, and I can't tell you how much it means to me. I'm in the 69th Division of the First Army. I joined my outfit, Co. B, 271st Regiment, at Wald, Germany, which was in the Siegfried Line, just in time for the push off across Germany. We saw some of our hardest fighting taking Leipzig. We really had a battle around the 'Soldier's Monument,' a tower dedicated to Napoleon. I spent that night in a foxhole right next to a grave. We crossed the Rhine on one of the pontoon bridges. We crossed over at Niederbiesick. The hardest fighting we had was taking Eilenburg where we met the Russians. After that we knew it would just be a matter of time.

"It was swell to read about the **Chase Brothers, Walt Sefton, Don Moody** and some of the other fellows I knew. My brother Don is still in India and has completed several missions. One with bad weather, but he made out all right. He writes me they really live a primitive life there. I haven't met any **Aztecs** over

here but I'm keeping on the lookout. After having walked and ridden over a lot of Germany I say that their country is rich and beautiful. Why they aren't satisfied with it beats me. Seeing a manure pile in every front yard still amazes me. You can sum up the Germans by a comparison with the same pile. Thanks again for placing me on the mailing list."

#### **CAPT. THOMAS W. QUEEN**

was awarded the Purple Heart for a wound he received in aerial combat over Hanover, Germany, on January 14, 1945. He and **Capt. Charles Rotzler** were two of five American fighters against 20 German fighters in the battle.

Tom has many decorations, and on two different occasions he shot down three German planes.

#### **S/SGT. ALAN L. ROBBINS**

was wounded in action in the Philippines. Al had been in the tough fighting around Manila and presumably had jumped there with the paratroops.

#### **LT. LYMAN BALLINGER, USNR,**

was another campus visitor. He has been overseas for a year during which time he was with a Navy bombing squadron under Comdr. Miller (of the One-Man Task Force) in the Gilberts, Marshalls and the Marianas. Lt. Ballinger was engineering officer for the squadron and kept the planes going. Their squadron recently was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, and he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Lt. Ballinger's new assignment is with the Bureau of Aeronautics in Washington, D. C.

#### **LT. JAMES F. CARLSON**

was commissioned in the field during the Battle for Leyte and he was also awarded the Bronze Star Medal for the heroic rescue of wounded comrades under enemy fire. He is in action now on Okinawa.

#### **SGT. DONALD J. CROUCH**

was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service with the Fifth Army in Italy.

#### **LT. (JG) WILLIAM F. DOWNING**

came in to pay the campus a visit. He had been on the USS Pringle when she was sunk by a Jap suicide dive bomber off Okinawa. He was in the water for an hour and a half, part of the time without a life preserver. He was picked up and he came through without a scratch, but he says that he was just plain lucky.

His ship was in on five assault landings while he was aboard her. His first was at Bougainville, Bismark Archipel-

ago, Marianas, Iwo and finally Okinawa.

It was on the Bougainville support bombardment that Bill earned his Purple Heart. He was hit by a shell fragment from a shore battery.

**Lt. Joseph Suozzo** has been in town and was with Bill. They are two more of the 33 fellows from our V-7 class that went to Northwestern.

#### **MAJ. CHARLES V. FRY**

was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Luxembourg and Germany. He is with an AAA weapons Bn.

#### **LT. GORDON S. GAINES, USNR,**

received a commendation for his services aboard the USS Caldwell on which he was assistant engineering officer. The ship was hit in a violent air battle off Ormac and Lt. Gaines was credited with assisting in fighting the resulting fires and in aiding the wounded.

There were 74 casualties aboard the ship which suffered a bomb hit on the stern, but the destroyer's crew extinguished the flames and she emerged from the engagement still fighting. She managed to knock down five Jap planes which dive-bombed and strafed her and other ships screening the convoy.

#### **1ST LT. GENE HARTLEY**

came home after 35 missions as a pilot in heavy bombers in England. He had been awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

#### **CPL. WHIT HOSKINS**

was awarded the Silver Star Medal for his services in the 513th Parachute Infantry of the 17th Airborne Division. He wrote from Sterkrade, Germany:

"My last letter was written shortly after our mission in the Belgian Bulge. Of course we had other names for it, unprintable names, naturally.

"Since then the 17th Airborne has made military history with its airborne mission across the Rhine and its aid in the enveloping of the Ruhrland, forming the Ruhr pocket. Later, we aided in closing that pocket.

"I'll always believe that the defeat of the German army in the west took place in Belgium. After the Bulge, the main enemy was old man weather. Weather, rather than enemy opposition was the main factor in slowing down our advance.

"**Joe Carter** received a battlefield commission for his work in Belgium. He is now in charge of one of our Displaced Persons camps. I see him very frequently because I service his medical section and keep medical records on his camp.

"Our only contact with other Aztecs is through the News Letter, as there are



no other Aztecs among us. What are these fellows doing: **Claude Kishler, Bob Bouton, Jim Buck, Jack Hopkins, Doug and Wayne St. Morris?** Also does **Louis B. Thomas** get the **News Letter**?" (Yes, Louis has been on our mailing list for a long time. His address appears elsewhere. LCP.)

#### F/O DEXTER LANOIS

has been awarded the Air Medal and he has two bronze stars on his campaign ribbon. He has more than 1,000 hours of flying time to his credit, some of which was in ferrying B-17s, C47s and fighters to the Russians up in Alaska. He has since flown to India and is now in China.

#### SGT. CHARLES W. LISTMANN

who is in the 24th Division in the Philippines has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal. He has the Philippine Liberation Ribbon and also five overseas stripes.

#### LT. WILLIAM LYLE


was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for his work with a VB and later with a VPB outfit in the Pacific. He did his first tour in the Solomons and later was in the Philippine area.

#### IST. JOHN J. O'LEARY

flew 50 missions over Austria, Germany, Rumania, Italy, France, Hungary and Yugo-Slavia and has been awarded the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters and also the Distinguished Flying Cross. At present Lt. O'Leary is in communications school at Chanute Field, Illinois.

#### LT. WILLARD B. PETERSON

has completed 24 missions in the Philippines and has 20 to go before completing his tour. He is leading a squadron of B24s. Willard reports having seen **Jeanne Quint** who is a nurse in his area.

 **MAJ. FRANCIS E. PIERCE, USMCR,** had the Distinguished Flying Cross added to his list of decoration for 66 missions in the South Pacific. Maj. Pierce has the Purple Heart for wounds received at Guadalcanal.

#### IST LT. RICHARD S. RASH, USMCR

was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in his Pacific service of 20 months. He is back at Miramar after having had three planes shot out from under him, landing in the water all three times after parachuting to safety.

The first time he was shot down was over Kavieng, when ack-ack crippled his plane. He was in the water 30 minutes before being rescued by a flying boat. The second time he was hit as he strafed at tree top level over Babelthaupt. He flew on and parachuted to safety in the water, being picked up in 20 minutes by

another flying boat. The third time he was hit while bombing Babelthaupt airstrip and landed in the same place he did the second time, being there ten minutes before a destroyer picked him up.

#### CAPT. CHARLES M. ROTZLER

returned from England where he was based with the Eighth Air Force, 56th Fighter Group. He flew 73 missions in P-47s and has been awarded the Air Medal, 11 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross and one Oak Leaf Cluster. He denied that he had shot down seven planes—"It was only five." Three of them were on a single mission over Fulda.

While in England Chuck was with Tom Queen throughout and he also saw **Lt. Gene Bowman**.

As a diversion from fighting, Chuck organized and conducted a 13-piece band that played all of the popular hits. Many of you will recall Chuck's orchestra here that played at the Collegiate Club.

From here Chuck goes to Santa Ana for reassignment. He does not yet know what his assignment will be.

#### IST LT. ROBERT RUIZ

came home for a 30 day leave after completing 35 missions in the ETO in heavy bombers. Lt. Ruiz has the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Presidential Unit Citation. He is to report to Sacramento for reassignment.

#### LT. ROBERT F. RUSSELL

has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal. He is at present in the 128th Station Hospital in New Guinea with a bad back. "Everyone in the ward reads the **News Letter**. Keep it coming."

#### LT. (JG) EARL E. SECHRIST

came in during leave following the sinking of his ship, the USS Bush, off Okinawa. He was in the water for eight hours, and he said that his teeth were chattering after 15 minutes of it. Although Earl didn't say much about it, there is little doubt that the going was rugged.

#### LT. STANLEY SCOFIELD (MC) USNR

has been awarded a Navy Unit Citation for his 18 months service overseas. He participated in the Guam and Okinawa operations and is with the Sixth Marine Division, Co. A, 6th Med. Bn.

#### SGT. FERN W. THOMAS

who is the son of **Mr. William Thomas** of the **State College** maintenance staff, was one of the first men to cross the Rhine River over the Regmagen Bridge. He is a busy man these days as he is one of the American soldiers assigned

to counting **Heinrich Himmler's** money somewhere in the Bavarian Mountains in Southern Germany. Sgt. Thomas' picture appeared in the **Phoenix Gazette** showing him hard at work—counting money. Previously, he had been in the battle of the Belgian Bulge. He has not been wounded but at one time a shell burst threw frozen dirt in his eyes.

#### S/SGT. WILLIAM HALE THOMPSON

is back in San Diego after a most exciting tour of duty in the ETO. He flew 47 missions in heavy bombers out of England and was shot down twice. The first time was over St. Lo in France the day after the Normandy invasion. The second time was over Hanover on April 13, 1945. On the second occasion he was rescued by Russian slave laborers and hidden by them until the city was taken by the Yanks.


Sgt. Thompson has the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is now home on a 30-day leave.

#### LT. HOWARD B. TURRENTINE, USNR

was given the Commendation Ribbon for his part in the discovery and annihilation of a Jap naval force while on duty in the Southwest Pacific. He was cited by Vice-Admiral Kinkaid for his work as intelligence officer and strategic plotter for a division commander.

#### LT. COL. KENNETH S. WADE

has been awarded the Air Medal, the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross. First he was in fighters and later he became a bomber group commander.

 **Lt. Ed S. Conant, USNR,** wrote from his carrier in the Pacific:

"Had expected to get a 'batch' of mail aboard today, but only a handful was delivered. This fine N.L. of 1 May (#38) kept me from drawing a blank. Wish there was some way I could tell you how much the **News Letters** are enjoyed and appreciated—not only by **Aztecs** either. I passed No. 38 on to **Lt. Comdr. Bill Romberger**, husband of **Aztec Mary Ann (Jessop)**, as there was mention of him and family in the 'gossip column.'

"My goodness (as we rough speaking old salts say) do you really have pretty things like that back in Uncle Sugar (I mean the pictures of the co-eds o' course—we haven't seen any female critters for five months, and before that they were Guamese).


"I've flown some very interesting missions this time out—over Tokyo three times, Iwo, Okinawa strikes and support, and over Kyushu, Inland Sea, and Shikoku (I've got a good notion to come back to State and breeze through that




'Geog of Asia.' Also had a hand in the sinking of the Yamato.

"Have been pretty lucky—have had my Hellcat hit three times by A.A. (once by Jap DD five-inch in Tokyo Bay) and twice by aerial gunfire, but only received a few minor cuts myself. I went back later to the place when I got the P.H. and we set fire to the town, put the A.A. out of business and I shot down a Zeke and a Tojo over the joint. Vindictive, wot! Still haven't been able to get that big fat flying boat. Have a total of seven 'kills' for this cruise, but all Jap fighters.


"Remind me to tell you about the typhoon when I next see you—it was quite an experience.

"I'm now C.O. of the Fighter Bomber squadron, and really have a great bunch of boys. I'm very proud of them. We've been out of the States but eight months, however, our losses have been pretty high, so I expect to be visiting the 'old school' again shortly. We'll get leave when we return to re-form (not to be confused with 'reform' in the **Carrie Nation** sense of the word!)." 

(P.S. Ed's friends will be glad to know that he hasn't changed since he flew with **Ed Overend** in Burma, or for that matter, since he used to throw those phony passes for **Leo Calland**. LCP.)

 **Lt. Thomas M. Staunton** wrote from the Western Pacific:

"I've met only one former **Aztec** since I left the States—he was **Lt. J. E. Hedquist**, USNR, of the class of '36. He's been out here but a short time, having recently returned from the ETO where he was on 'D' Day."

 **Ens. David Lippitt** wrote from the Philippines:


"If some **Aztec** were to run into me now they'd find me attached to a Negro Special Seabee Battalion in the Philippines. Before that I was somewhat on the loose and spent two and a half weeks tramping from one end of these islands to the other. Besides seeing Manila and traveling in guerrilla held territory, I managed to track down my brother **Jon**. In the eight months he's been overseas he's picked up four stars to decorate his ribbons—he's a Pfc. in the Air Commandos. When I flew from San Diego to San Francisco about two months ago, who should be the stewardess on the plane but **Adrienne Wueste**."

 **W. Lee Clapham**, SK1c, wrote from an island in the Pacific:


"This Rock is much more beautiful than any of us ever dreamed it would be. In some respects, it reminds me of some of the country you see on your way to Palomar, Cuyamaca or the Llagunas. There are lots of widely dispersed


small pine trees, which lend a rather soothing atmosphere to our camp, particularly at dusk. Our present weather reminds me so much of home. Not a drop of rain has fallen for two weeks, a pleasant surprise, I must say—a calm after the most terrific, seemingly endless storm I have ever witnessed. And the Orientals here tell us that that was only a mist compared to what is in store for us within the next couple of months!


"Next to missing my wife and daughter **Marilyn**, I deeply miss my piano. Am determined to find one and simply let myself go for at least five solid hours. Are they ever a rarity out here!


"It might interest you to know that at present I am 'camping out' with four others—two officers and two enlisted men. We cook, eat, clean up, work and sleep together. And to think that I left home to get away from cooking and washing dishes! Oh well, my Scoutmaster always said there would be days like this!" 

When you use V-mail, kindly print those names large and clear. And in case you have a lot to say, please use an extra sheet. I'm wearing glasses now as it is. LCP.

 **1st Lt. Ira Lipscomb** is with an AAA Bn. in Saipan. He has somewhere along the route picked up a few battle stars and a citation.

 **1st Lt. Raymond Knapp**, USMC, has been in the campaigns of Roi-Namur, Saipan, Guam and Iwo Jima. He was born on Guam so he had another chance of seeing his old home. He is now in the Third Division.


 **Lt. John Westland** is flying wounded men out of Okinawa and other places and on other trips he hauls in needed supplies. Soon he is to be in a new transport squadron. He and **Marybelle** bought a place at 16014 Via Pinale in San Lorenzo where she is at present with their two children.

 **Irving E. Lewis**, CM1c, wrote from the Philippines:


"I've really been on a merry-go-round since I left San Diego in January 1943. We hit Guadalcanal and the New Georgia group; Vella la Vella, Bougainville and Treasury Island. Then our next jump was up to the Bismark Archipelago and finally, a well needed rest in Australia. We felt sure our next jump would be home, but now we find ourselves back to work again in these war-beaten Philippines.

"However, out of all this ruggedness and hard work and bad chow (ha!) came plenty of laughs (even some of the fox-hole episodes were terrific), a little good recreation and invaluable friendships,

and a good solid reputation to add to the list of the 'Fighting Seabees'."


 **Pfc. Jack Bahl** wrote from Brodernach, Germany:

"We sat out the last week of the war in Hanover. Previous to that we were the closest American unit to the Russians. We were across the Elbe River with the 83rd Division. We have traveled considerably of late. As a result, I have been in several large German cities. The larger ones were Hanover, Hann, Dartmund, Munster, Cologne, Dusseldorf, Essen, Bochum and others. At present we are in a former Hitler Jugund Camp 15 miles from Coblenz. I believe this part of Germany is called the Eifel. The Moselle River is part across the road and the Rhine is close by.

"I heard that **Jason Axsom** was finally liberated after almost a year as a German prisoner of war. **Clarence Bach** is in Armored Force O.C.S. at Fort Knox and **John Forrest** is a F/O down at Victoria, Texas. 

 **Lt. Ralph Richards** wrote from his mountain engineering outfit in Italy:

"I saw a note in a recent **News Letter** to the effect that I have been serving with the Fifth Army. I want to go on record as saying that I am with the 10th Mountain Division and damn proud of such a terrific outfit. I haven't met any other **Aztecs** over here yet, and I think I am the only **Aztec** in the old 10th. Did get a letter from **Archie Johnston** ('41) over in England, though. I watch your address column for old-timers of the 251st (San Diego's Own) and I like to read their letters, but I never seem to meet any of the old gang. Say hello to any of them you see, will you, Doc!?? I see **Lee Harned** is in civies now and hanging around the campus. Will you tell him to write me a line before I come home?"

 **Pfc. Gordon Luce** wrote from France:

"My division, the 97th, will return to the States in July for thirty day furloughs. There, we are scheduled to go to Fort Bragg, N. C., for Pacific training. Our battle history mainly concerns the Ruhr and Czechoslovakia. Just before the end of the war, we cleared the town of Schwarzenfeld, where a notorious German atrocity camp was. Instead of flying white flags of surrender, the inhabitants hung from every window white flags with black on them. Even some of the German citizens were sickened by the sight of some 300 Polish victims who had been thrown on the bank of the town's main river. The people claimed it was all the fault of SS troopers, but all through our journey in Germany each civilian blames the other, or the soldiers blame the SS. We made the people of



the town bury the bodies, but the darkness of their activities and cruelties will remain and stand out on them for a long time to come, as did the black on their surrender flags. It will be a long time before Germany can rise again to commit such deeds, and we are doing our utmost to see that they never do."

**Lt. J. R. Walton, USMCR**, wrote from the Classification Office, Bldg. 318, Camp Lejeune, N. C.:

"Just to let you know that I have qualified for membership in the Fathers' Club. It is a daughter (our second) born at the San Diego Naval Hospital on 5 May. Weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. Mother and both daughters are doing fine—they are in San Diego at 3604 Thirtieth St. For your records, the mother's name is **Hazel (Scofield)** and the daughters are **Jennifer Gwen**, 2½ years, and **Marilyn Adele**, brand new!

"Have just had word from **Lt. Stanley Scofield, USNR**. Reports that he has a fine field hospital set up on the north side of Okinawa and that the native population is more Chinese than Japanese, since the Japs moved in there about 90 years ago.

"Brother **Lt. (jg) Horace B. Walter, USNR**, with his wife, **Willa (Snell)**, and daughter **Adrienne**, are holding down a residence at 11 Nichols Rd., Plantations Park, East Greenwich, Rhode Island, while Horace is on duty at the Quonset Point Naval Air Station.

"1st **Lt. Earle Egolf** departed from Camp Lejeune this week with a replacement draft. They are headed for the Pacific Coast for further transfer to some place a little more to the west. Earle had formerly been an instructor at the Marine Corps schools at Quantico."

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

"Enjoyed **Connie Frith's** column listing wedding bells for couples on the **State** front. This way the fellas can keep track of their old flames!

"The big thing I wanted to ask, Doc, was this: I think there should be a little publicity in the **News Letter** concerning the date and type of program for the Final Victory **Reunion**. This is especially important at this time now that Germany has folded. I believe that a consensus of opinion on this problem through the columns of the **News Letter** would solve it to everyone's satisfaction. The Pacific side of the Clan struggles on."

(P.S. No date has been set for the **Big Reunion**, although there has been a little talk about it. Right now I am working on the idea of some little **Reunions**. You would be surprised at who turns up at a Blue Book Ball, or an **Open House** for the **Picture Panel**, or

who will be at the football games this fall. We ought to have a little reunion section at each game. LCP.)

**Ens. Robert F. Smith** wrote from his battleship in the Pacific:

"Not so very long ago I met H.O.D. brother **Art Munzig** in Honolulu. We wine and dined in a pint sized **Aztec Reunion** all of our own. Art has both a commission and a wife since leaving State. Quite by chance I have also run into **Mitch Angus**, former San Diego sports writer, who attended State for his freshman year. Mitch has been doing news correspondence for the Navy out here."

**Lt. Robert B. Duncan** wrote in April, from headquarters of the 9th Armored Division, G-2 Sec. in Germany:

"We have over-run a good many Stalags, and I keep hoping to free some of the boys from home, but so far no luck. Incidentally, everything you read about conditions in these Stalags is true and then some. I've seen the results and know. This is a funny war—have been in enemy territory more often than I care to admit, and entirely unintentionally on my part. There are just no front lines and when you want to go from one spearhead to another you don't feel like going back twenty miles or so—so you take a chance and cut across. So far so good. It's probably a good thing that the Krauts aren't too interested in shooting."

**Ann Powers, ARC**, wrote from Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah:

"Both my sister **Bettina** and I are serving with the Red Cross. She is stationed at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Shoemaker, California, while I am in the wide open spaces of Utah at a large Army hospital. Bushnell is the largest amputee center in the western area and is filled to capacity with casualties from both the European and Pacific fronts. You cannot help being proud of the spirit of the men here who have been so seriously wounded."

**Ens. James E. Bunker** wrote from his LSM in the Pacific:

"I spent some time at Pearl Harbor, Guam and Saipan. At Guam I was assigned to this LSM and we have been on some more missions, but as yet, they are still dark secrets.

"There is no telling where these **Aztecs** will show up. When I was on Saipan, I took some men to an APA for dental work, and who should I run into, but an old **Epsilon Eta** brother, **Ens. Bob Gardner**. He was in on the invasion of Iwo Jima and we were both at the last place. Every once in a while I get back around Saipan."

**Lt. Lionel Chase** wrote from Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colo:

"It seems that almost all of my time in the service has been spent in the desert. In fact, I'd been in Texas so long I was acquiring an accent, and seriously considering the purchase of a horse, with associated equipment. Then, out of a clear sky, came rumors of transfer. No more paper work, but back to the best part of the Air Corps, which is Flight Test.

"The other evening I met **Lt. Col. Jack Fitzgerald** at the Broadmoor. **Sgt. Johnny Hays** is here with the radio school. I was best man when he was married in Salt Lake in February of 1944. There is a **Lt. Col. Orin H. Rigley** here on the field. Is he the one from State?" (Yes. He's ours. LCP.)

**Pfc. Don L. Chamberlin** wrote from Co. B, 413th Inf., 104th Division:

"**Capt. Jim Stacey** drove in on me this evening and we spent a very enjoyable half hour talking over old times. I had a hard time convincing him that our 104th Division cleared the way for his division so they could link up with the Russians first, in fact, I don't think I succeeded at all. Was surely swell seeing him. Doc, I gave the **News Letter** credit for making it possible. He is looking swell and from the reports I get about him, he is doing a bangup job.

"I guess you had a big V-E celebration—I sincerely hope so. Our V-E Day was comparatively quiet, we had our big celebration the day we met the Russians. A little sip of the stuff they drink would make anyone want to celebrate.

"I haven't seen **Jim Leisure** recently, but he isn't far from me at present and I am going to try to look him up."

**Cpl. Manual M. Doria** wrote from Germany:

"Still with the 'pill-rollers,' only now with a unit which has seen a great deal of action with the Sixth Armored Division.

"It seems very strange seeing German soldiers walking around, many still in uniform. On many, expressions of hatred seem to be on their faces. But one thing I am sure, everyone is glad it's over, at least here—I know I am! Now whether we go directly to the South Pacific or home first, is our 'problem.' At present we are in the field, but it is beautiful. The weather is good but not like San Diego. I understand my brother is in the thick of it in Okinawa. He is **John Doria, PhM3c, a Phi Lamb**."

**Lt. Richard St. John** wrote from Hawaii that he had seen **Cotton Gilliland** and also **Lt. Louis Lepore**. He was amazed that Louis had been out to Iwo Jima and was back. LCP.



**Richard Raper** writes from his second tour of duty somewhere in the Pacific: "No one who has been out once will admit openly that he wants to go back, but just between you and me Doc, I was kinda glad to go out again. I was going to seed there in the States, so darn much liberty and so little to do, you had no recourse but hit a path to the local hangout."

**Lt. Lawrence Madalena** wrote from Italy:

"Got assigned, after four most pleasant months as club officer in Naples for the 24th Replacement Depot, in time to see the end of the Italian campaign. Our outfit was attached to the 88th Infantry Division during its dash across the Po Valley and up into the Alps. In two weeks with QM, I saw more of the war than I had in three years with Anti-aircraft!

"Censorship is out here, so we're allowed to give our location. We keep hopping about, but our headquarters at present is in Verona. Been taking in a number of cities in northern Italy, Venice, Padua, Bologna. Quite a change from southern Italy. I hope to get a few days off when the rush slackens, to visit Milan and drop in on whatever relatives are left around there. Looking forward to a real reunion.

"The outfit I'm with has been over a good while, so we stand a fair chance of returning to the States before hitting the Pacific. But I'm not counting on it."

**Sgt. Donald J. Crouch** wrote from Italy:

"Well it's over over here, and I'm still alive and kicking. A couple of times while coming up to my present home in the Alps, I thought I was going to see the Angels. Funny some of the things a fellow thinks about when a burp gun opens up on him, or an 88 lands nearby.

"I'm at Arco, Italy now, about 5 kilometres north of Lago di Garda. These Alps certainly have the Rockies beat for ruggedness, but not for height. I'm almost at sea level, but one would think from the looks of things here and on a map that we were thousands of feet in the air.

"In my short escapades in the Italian campaign, I've come about 400 miles in four months. From Cutigliano to Brenner, it's quite a record for a division in Italy. In fact, we actually made 55 miles one day, and lost contact with the rest of the Fifth Army. That was the day they mentioned that fact over the radio. Yep, the old 10th Mountain Division came through on top again. Are there any other **Aztecs** in my division?"

**Ferne Downes** wrote from Germany, where she is with the 6817th Special Service USO Co.:

"This is such beautiful country one wonders why the Germans weren't satisfied to let well enough alone. Along the Rhine River it is so fertile and lovely. We've passed such destruction that it is almost unbelievable—whole cities almost completely level.

"The Krauts are strange people. The only time I have seen them show any animation is when German prisoners ride by. Believe me, the civilians don't wave to the Americans. We've driven by several huge German prison camps. The men are in the open, except for the fortunate few who have acquired pup tents. 'As ye sow, so shall ye reap'."

**Cpl. Norman G. Levi** wrote from Caserta, Italy:

"I'm now working in Supreme Allied Force Headquarters for the Mediterranean Theater and very interesting work it is too. We are in the King's summer palace, just 20 miles from Naples. It is a tremendous building, ornate and beautiful, supposedly built by Louis Bourbon when he was King of Italy."

**Cpl. Sam Woodhouse** wrote from Guadalcanal:

"I have been here since last December, assigned to the Headquarters Quartermasters Office handling the issuance of food, so you can understand I am getting enough to eat.

"We had a little get-together last night, consisting of **State College** alumni, as follows: **Lt. Clelland Wharton**, **T/5 Elmer Siegle**, **'De' Stanley** of the Navy band and myself."

**Capt. Bernard G. Carroll** wrote from his weather squadron at Caserta, Italy:

"As the return address indicates, yours truly has been promoted. It was really quite an occasion, as it came at 4:30 p. m. on 7 May 1945, and at 5:20 p. m. on that day we received word that Germany had surrendered unconditionally. I guess that my being promoted was too much for the Krauts."

**1st Lt. Emery F. Johnson** wrote from the Veterans' Administration Facilities, Bay Pines, Florida:

"Believe me the professional men who have been given to the Veterans' Administration on lend lease from the Army are really step-children. We do not belong to the Veterans and we are out of contact with the regular army. The only advantage of the set-up is the 8 to 4:30 shift six days per week. As soon as we leave the place we are really through for the day."

**Ens. V. G. Rivers** wrote from his ship in the Philippines:

"During the tour of Manila, I became acquainted with an Army major, who had been an attache in Africa, Italy, France and Germany, and he said, 'In all my travels in Europe, I have never seen a city destroyed and in such shambles as is the Philippine capitol.' You've probably seen newsreels of the destruction of Casablanca, well that will give you a rough picture of the south side of Manila. Reconstruction, at the least, will require ten to twenty years. If the war torn cities of Russia, such as Stalingrad and others, like Manila, are blown to Hades, I can understand why the Russians fought the Germans back with such undying determination. It is unbelievable that in this age, civilization could wilfully destroy such beauty.

"It wasn't just the bombing and artillery fire that destroyed Manila; on the contrary, it only attained minor damages. It was the Japs, when on their death retreating march to Manila Bay, who burned and bombed the buildings from within and discharged office equipment and apartment furnishings out windows, that cremated the once beautiful city. The quotation, 'war is hell,' is a multi gross understatement."

**S/Sgt. Chuck Ables** is back from Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima where he served through three campaigns during his 28 months of overseas duty. Chuck who is quite an artist in his own right kept the progress map in divisional headquarters and had a somewhat better job than some have had. He had a chance to watch operations and also use the hectograph to decorate his writing paper in his own inimitable way. Chuck lost a lot of weight, but he has been doing all right since he hit San Diego. He was in the Third Marine Division.

**Lt. Clem Abbey, USMCR**, finished up at Quantico and received his commission all right and is now back there getting his final training.

**Jack Maupin, RdM2c**, is still on his ship, probably up in Alaska as he says it's awfully cold and miserable where he is. They have athletics when they are in port but even so, they are driven indoors by the weather most of the time.

**William S. Keene** is up at Hammond General Hospital in Modesto. He was in New Guinea and the Philippines and was flown back to the States. He is expecting a discharge and hopes to enter **State College** again this fall. He read in a San Francisco newspaper that **Bob Breitbard** is to coach football this fall. Bill played under Breithard as a Frosh in 1941. LCP.



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

"As you probably know, our division, the 'Fighting 69th,' was the first to contact the Russians. It was a Los Angeles officer who made the contact. California scores again. However, it wasn't our regiment, although we met them soon after. They are truly a bunch of characters. Real screwballs, but they get the job done. I met one major who was a real Caspar Milktoast in the flesh, but later I found out that he had been a sniper and accounted for a whole bunch of the enemy as his chest was covered with ribbons.

"I did notice a strange thing, the Russians do not wear ribbons, but rather the entire decorations, and these they continue to wear even when fighting. One really put a slam on the American scotch when he drank a water tumbler full down without pausing or even blinking and then said 'Pretty good wine, but rather sweet.' I guess they must practice drinking gasoline or a reasonable substitute.

**Ens. George Saunders** wrote from New Caledonia that when he was in New Hebrides going out to an air field he met **Ens. Francis Millikin**.

George is assistant yard superintendent at their Advance Base Construction Depot. LCP.

**Pfc. Oscar Thomas** is back at Dibble General Hospital (Ward 33) counting up his points. He has 20 points on campaigns and 15 on Purple Hearts but even so, he can get the total only up to 76.

**Virginia Evans**, an **Aztec** graduate who is teaching in Bostonia, sent in some news about **T/5 Richard S. Turgon**. Richard has been in and out of England, Paris and other places. He was operated on in a rehabilitation hospital, and he ended up in the Seventh Army in Germany.

Virginia has been working from three to five evenings per week at the USO at First and Broadway and has 1,500 hours to her credit, and Richard has 69 points. Too bad she can't give him some USO points. LCP.

**T/5 Henri Jacot** wrote from the **Hotel Schniff Langenargen am Bodensee**:

"I didn't mind getting stranded in such a nice place in the middle of the Vosges mountains. The early spring was just beginning to warm the earth. Besides there were three GI movies, at the casino, plus many recreational halls, libraries, and lots of dancing. After twelve beautiful days in the mountains I said goodbye to la belle France and went to Kaiserlautern. The Palatinate

towns were just as drab as the rest that was to come. We settled in Speyer because it wasn't destroyed.

"That was the time when looting was at its height and neither French nor Americans could cope with the problem. Many people were shocked by it. I am always a little shy of any assumption of moral indignation; there is always in it an element of self-satisfaction which makes it awkward to anyone who has a sense of humor. Besides the loot soon stopped—once everyone had their pockets full of 'souvenirs.'

"Being with the French Army helps a lot in the way of non-fraternization. We don't have to call the Germans Ukrainians. I let the Germans talk to me, and I say enough so they will continue. They put a very sad picture and anyone who hasn't seen what they did with their slaves when they were masters will take in the whole story. They are quite false and try to create friction between us and the French. Many times they think I am French and they talk about the Americans.

"The war is over and I want to enjoy this peace as long as it lasts. I go swimming every day after rowing a little while. There is some fishing in another little lake near here where in the evenings we go fishing. This is the German Riviera, and we are really leading the life of Riley. At night we go to dances given either by the French WACS or English and American internees. Then we ride along the lake sometimes as far as Constance itself. The Russian girls have invited us to their dances and I have learned to dance Russki way. Life is all centered around the lake and takes our minds completely off the German problem. I thought that life was really very pleasant in Germany when we were in Baden Baden and the Black Forest, but this really takes the cake. Our billets are right by the lake shore.

**L. N. Sanford, CM2c**, is with a Seabee outfit in the Marianas:

"After leaving the Aleutians we came out as far as the Gilberts which at that time were an active theater of operations. Those Leathernecks capture islands as fast as we can rebuild them."

**Adrienne Wueste** wrote from 130 Anza Way, San Bruno, Calif.:

"As you know, I am a stewardess with United Air Lines. I live in San Bruno with four other stewardesses, one of whom is **Edalee Orcutt**, who is also a **Theta Chi** and was editor of the **Del Sudoeste** in 1943.

"I have been flying to Cheyenne and Denver about twice a week, but now I am on the Seattle run. I did fly to Los Angeles and San Diego for two weeks, however, and on one trip, had **Ens. Dave Lippitt** on board. We spent practically

the whole trip talking over old times at **State**.

"**Edalee** flies to Los Angeles and San Diego regularly and enjoys it immensely. **Lt. Bob Chamberlain** was on board her plane one night.

"We would like to have you tell these fellows flying up and down the coast to be on the lookout for us. We are certainly on the lookout for them, and as we used to say in the cafe, we'll certainly give them a '**Special Deal**.'"

(**Adrienne** really finished in February, but dropped by the campus on June 15 to get her sheepskin, with honors, at the regular graduating exercises. LCP.)

**Pl./Sgt. Allison B. Lutterman** wrote from the First Marine Division on Okinawa:

"Received your note with **Bill Post's** address in it and will try to look him up soon. We've been in the lines for awhile and are going in reserve for awhile now. So I'll probably have a chance to look him up.

"Our picnic is over for certain. These ridges and caves are as bad as Peleliu. The Japs are dug in beyond description or belief. I've been in some of the caves which run completely through the ridges with dozens of corridors and side rooms. How they can live in them like rats is beyond me."

"The fighting has been tough but my job has kept me pretty much in the C.P. where we had shells and mortars coming at us as well as sniper fire, but none of the Banzai stuff that our line companies have. For most of the time I've slept in a tomb with four others. The Japs had removed the porcelain urns with their grisely contents so they made safe, warm and dry bomb proofs. The Hon ancestors failed to disturb my sleep.

"This will undoubtedly be the bloodiest yet when it's over. They are throwing everything they have into it. I've seen several suicide planes do their stuff. It's sickening.

"I enjoyed the copy of **The Aztec** and like the idea of a memorial for the fellows who went out. I'll contribute as soon as I see the paymaster. All I have at the moment is invasion money and that's not much good. I am enclosing a 10 Yen Jap note as a souvenir for you.

"Keep pitching Doc, and here's hoping I see you very shortly."

**1st Lt. John W. Stearns** is back from a prisoner camp in Germany. He had been in for about eight months, but he has already gained back all of the weight that he lost. Lt. Stearns, not a former **State College** student, was known to many **Aztecs** and they will be glad to know of his safety. He had attended the Boyden School along with some of our own **Aztecs**.



**Lt. Terance B. McArron** wrote from his bombing outfit in Europe:

"Now that the combat missions for us are completed, we are taking the ground crews and other non-combat personnel on an air tour so they may see the results of their recent efforts on the ground. They seem quite impressed, judging from the comments and expressions noted. Of course a few get sick and are unable to enjoy the trip much, but most say they wouldn't miss it for anything.

"It was quite a relief today to fly over Germany at tree-top level, but usually from 500 to 1000 ft., and have no worry about flak or fighters. I think some of the planes brought back leaves of trees from the Black Forest.

"I am in a heavy bombardment group flying B-17's, but I got here too late to complete my missions, so I am wondering what is in store for me in the future."

**Sgt. R. L. Walker** wrote from his night fighter squadron in Germany east of the Rhine:

"I doubt if Herr Hitler and Co. are happy about this years influx of foreign tourists. Germany seems to be a neat well-kept country except for certain areas where our air force left its mark. No kidding, after seeing what can be done with air power, I am thankful that it didn't happen to us, and I pray that it never shall."

**Pfc. Francis V. Howell** is in a beautiful little town in Czechoslovakia. The place is called Rokycany.

**Miss Florence Shafer** probably has completed her training for Red Cross work in Washington by this time. She doesn't yet know what her assignment will be, but it could be in either direction.

**Lt. Richard Joseph Carter** wrote from the 17th Airborne Division in Germany:

"I am still alive and griping. We made the jump across the Rhine, landing between Wezel and Hammerkorn. I was sorry to hear about **Chamberlain**. A lot of us glider pilots were killed during this operation. The air corps dropped us about three miles from our D.Z. and it took some time to fight back to it. In the meantime the gliders came in and hit their L.Z. and we hadn't cleared it yet. The gliders really caught hell as the Krauts were waiting for us. Most of the tree landings were casualties. All the Krauts needed was a target, and a trooper hanging in a tree is like shooting ducks on water."

**Lt. Warren C. Golson** was commissioned at San Antonio aviation cadet center at San Antonio, Texas.

## WHO—WHAT—WHERE

**Pvt. C. W. Christensen** is in France. **Lt. (jg) Magner White** is back in this country after 19 months overseas.

**Lt. Paul A. Duich** is in the Marianas. He is a flight engineer in B-29's.

**Pvt. Arthur M. Myers** is with a medical outfit on the island of Oahu.

**Cpl. Gale S. Evans** is overseas, APO, S. F.

**Lt. Helen Clemson, USNR**, is War Bond Officer, Bldg. 284, NAS, San Diego.

**Pvt. Joyce Meachum** is with a WAC Det. Pacd. ATC, in Hawaii.

**T/5 Charles D. Clark** is with the 604 Malaria Sur Det, on Oahu.

**Capt. Clyde W. Snider** is now at Ft. Sill, Okla. He is training recruits.

**Richard Van Zele, SM1c**, is on a new ship in the Pacific.

**Lt. Robert D. Farmer** is at Barksdale Field, La.

**Richard G. LeClair, S1c**, is at USNTS, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

**Edwin Ratliff, EM3c**, is at NTS, Camp Peary, Va.

**Capt. George W. Kimball** is still in El Centro and lives at 748 Broadway.

**Louis B. Thomas** has a civilian job in Washington, D. C. He lives at 621 19th St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

**T/4 Eleanor Wright, WAC**, has a new assignment. She is with the 107th Wac Detachment, at Ft. Mason, Calif.

**Marion Moreno, PhM2c** is still overseas.

**Cpl. Gerald H. Patrick** is with the 57th Field Hospital in Germany. He has been seeing the country around the Brenner Pass and also the famous beer garden where Hitler got his start.

**Ens. Albert J. Cech** is on an APA, in the Pacific. He is "waiting to assault some enemy island."

**Jack Waller, Y2c, V-7**, is at 420 McKeen Hall, at the University of Pennsylvania. Apparently he is very glad to be off of the rough little YMS which was his home for so long in the Pacific.

**Capt. Charles G. Kerch** recently ran into **Johnny Jensen**, another **Omega Xi**, who is playing ball for Hickam Field.

**Maj. Bryant Kearney** is again down at Panama. He has just issued "Bull" No. 21, which is his own personal newsy **News Letter**.

**Pvt. Franklin R. Harwood** is overseas, APO, S. F.

**1st Lt. Earl Allison** is overseas, APO, S. F.

**Pfc. Kenneth J. Kopecky** is still with a QM Truck Co. in Europe.

**Pfc. Raymond A. Power** is at Birmingham Gen. Hosp., Van Nuys, Calif.

**Edward E. Requa, QM2c**, is on an LSM in the Pacific.

**Ens. Thomas I. Brown** is on the staff of the commander of the Third Fleet.

**Sgt. Nevin O. Adamson** is overseas, APO, New York.

**Pfc. George S. Reed** is still with Hq. Co. G-5 Sec. of the Timberwolf Division.

**Charles Byrne, Pay Clerk**, is still at the USMS Graduate Station in Seattle. The address is 1427 Main St.

**Maj. Jack Bray** shipped out in a P-51 outfit to the Dutch East Indies. **Mrs. Bray (Patricia West)** and their little daughter are at Rt. 1, Box 660, Lemon Grove, Calif.

**Lt. (D.C.) and Mrs. Frank Losey** have a son, **Frank Richard**, born May 8th. Lt. Losey is at ABRB Dental Clinic, Port Hueneme, Calif.

**Silvia Wolf, S2c**, is at Spar Bks., Rm. 2377, 9th and Independence, Washington, D. C.

**Lt. Pat Wyatt** is still in the Philippines and has flown 41 missions. His big battle, it seems is: Wyatt-vs-10,000 flies.

**Ens. David M. Jeter** wrote from his squadron in the Pacific:

"The same day that I ran into **Dick Cormier** I also saw **George Peck**. Took a ride in his ship. Later when viewing some California movies I remarked to the fellow beside me that I would like to see some of that real scenery. And sure enough, the fellow beside me turned out to be **Lt. (jg) Curt Clemmer**.

Have seen **George Dall** and **Bill Goshorn**, but I have not had time to get over to see **Sef Murill (Jose Torres)** yet."

**Lt. Phil George** is at Sec. H at Boca Raton, Florida. He sees **Sgt. Vincent Farina** and used to see **Bob Farmer** until he shipped out.

**Pfc. Jack Chandler, USMCR**, of the Third Marine Division came in after his 28 months of overseas duty during which time he landed at Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima. It seems that the last campaign was the roughest of all, and Jack was up on the line most of the time. The men who went through unwounded fought through under very difficult circumstances. For days Jack said he could not see a Jap, but they were hidden all about and cross fire was coming from hills and sand dunes that didn't show a thing.

Since Jack left **State College** his maximum weight was 195. His minimum weight was 135. Now he weighs 185 so he is getting back to the condition that he enjoyed when he played tackle for the Frosh back in about 1941.

Jack has gone east and is to see his sister, **Velma Chandler**, who is doing some special research work in Washington, D. C.



**Pfc. Crane Johnson** who is stationed in Iran sent **Dr. John Paul Stone**, our librarian, a copy of an old hand-written Arabic prayer book. It is bound in leather and has all of the indications of really great age. It is a unique item for the **State College library**. Dr. Stone considers it a real treasure.

**Ens. James L. Hannah** wrote from his LCS in the Pacific:

"I have always appreciated the **News Letter** but now, not only do I eagerly await it, but the other **non-Aztec** officers have become ardent **Aztec** supporters, especially since the **Feminine Touch** has been added. Those **Pin-Ups** are really all right. They alone are enough to make us dig in and get this war over with.

"**P.S. Patricia Callaway, Barbara Mackay and Mary Helen Ramsey** were voted tops on this ship."

The former **Arlene Learner**, now **Mrs. Edwin A. Kibrick**, offers hospitality to **Aztecs** passing through the Bay Region. She would like to welcome any who can phone or call. The address is 5923 Colby St. and the phone is Pledmont 6497W.

Arlene edited the **State College** annual a few years ago and now is married and has a son born earlier this year. Should you at least phone in to the above number, undoubtedly, many of you could get in touch with each other and help keep up the old contacts. LCP.

**Ens. Robert L. Ricketts** wrote from his LST in the Pacific:

"Not much happening right now. Making short inter-island trips in the Marianas for the last month.

"Ran into **Chan Mitchell, Dick Mitchell** and others at Pearl. Also saw Dick at Okinawa.

"I used to think sports publicity was a head-ache but it would be a welcome one right now."

**1st Lt. Lewis P. Thomas** is back from the Philippines. He was with a Marine fighting squadron as a communications officer. Their fighters worked in support of Army ground forces during the invasion of the Philippines.

While off the Philippines, Lewis had the opportunity of seeing his brother, **Ed Thomas**, who is a UP correspondent. Ed really has been around. He was in on some of the important naval activity off Iwo Jima and then he reported at first hand a lot of fighting on the island itself. Later he landed on Okinawa where he has been since the original landing. (We have been reading Ed's stories right along. LCP) Lewis looks well and feels fine except for a little heat rash.

## WHO—WHAT—WHERE

**Ens. Robert E. Lando** is at 1341 Pennsylvania Ave., S. E., Washington, D. C.

**Lt. Henry F. Lippitt, USNR**, moved to 601 19th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

**W. B. Johnston, CBM**, is at the Naval Net Depot, Tiburon, Calif.

**1st Lt. Jerry Davison** is still with his Port Co. in the Pacific.

**Pvt. Frank W. Whildin** is at Chanute Field, Ill.

**Pvt. A. R. Stetson** is at Lowry Field, Denver.

**Lt. W. S. Bruner, USNR**, formerly of the **State College** faculty, is at the NAAS, Arlington, Washington. He reports that his sister-in-law, **Sgt. Lillian Bankerd** is now in the Philippines.

**S/Sgt. Albert W. Bradt** is back from Italy.

**Lt. Irving W. Levikow** is overseas, APO, San Francisco.

**A/C William Jamison** is at Ward H-1, U. S. Naval Hosp., Charleston, S. C.

**Pvt. Lou Estes** is at Ft. Riley, Kan.

**Cpl. Royce Boaz** is in Germany.

**Jack Lamon, CSK**, is overseas, probably in Hawaii.

**Pvt. Alfred S. Sigmund** is overseas, APO, S. F.

**Pfc. Robert F. Reed** is with a bombing outfit, APO, N. Y.

**1st Lt. Eugene L. Kendall** is overseas, APO, S. F.

**Ens. Robert S. Walter** is at the Naval Hospital, Long Beach, Calif.

**Richard Baxter, USCG**, is the commanding officer of the sea-air rescue task unit at the Marine Air Station, at Cherry Point. He has been promoted to the rank of commander of the district coast guard office at Norfolk.

**Lt. Don H. Gautreaux** is with the Timber Wolf division in Europe.

**S/Sgt. Carl H. Larson** is overseas, APO, S. F.

**Pvt. F. V. Howell** is with an infantry company APO, New York.

**Delmore T. Ball, A.S., USNR**, is at Johnson Hall, Midshipmen's School, New York.

**Robert T. Olmstead, R.T.3c**, is overseas, FPO, San Francisco.

**V. R. Dennis** is with the public health service, APO, S.F., and **Pfc. Howard C. Dennis** is overseas, APO, New York.

**James W. Beck, TR2c**, is at Ocracoke, N. C.

**Lt. Bruce S. Nordahl** is at Tonopah AAF, Tonopah, Nev.

**Sgt. Ray Gosnell** is in Germany.

**F/O Allen Luce** is at CAAF, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

**Col. Seymour Wurfel** is still at the School of Military Government, at Charlottesville, Va.

**S/Sgt. William N. Parr** is overseas, APO, New York.

**Lt. George E. Lindsay** wrote from his combat camera unit in Germany to **Dr. Hardwood**:

"This last week has probably been the most interesting of my life. Our assignment was to photograph the collapse of the German Army, and as you can imagine, it lead to strange situations. My Sgt. and I drove out past our territory, spent a night as guests of the 1st Panzer Division, accepted surrenders from five Generals, and had other out of this world experiences! The German Officers are very formal about their surrenders. I am keeping a few of the pistols they presented me. Also a couple pairs of binoculars. They didn't seem to have any Leicas, darn it! I find the German Officers of Company rank quite nice chaps, and it has been interesting learning their views. I find them very uninformed concerning world events.

"This country is wonderfull, full of hills and castles and streams with trout. Nice little villages. The people are very friendly, too, particularly as they are terrified of the Russians. Drove out to meet the Russians the other day, they seem pretty much like any other soldiers, except for having their families along with them. Germans have their families, too."

**Pfc. Maurice Kahan** came home from the Philippines on a 45 day leave. He flew back and still had the "Atabrine glow" but he looked fine as apparently had had a great deal of experience with the 30th Evacuation Hospital. While on the way to Mindinao in a recent Philippine landing he saw **Lt. Ernest Casares, USNR**, who is flotilla dental officer. He tried to find **Lt. Fremont Koch** but just missed him. He also just missed seeing **Bill Holden** who has since been reported wounded.

Maurice's job was that interrogating all patients who came into the receiving office of their hospital. Their roughest experience was back in New Guinea when the Japs came near breaking through clear to the hospital. The stiff fighting went on for 36 hours and the hospital was right at the very front. "We were ahead of the outfit that was supposed to be ahead of us." Maurice had been overseas for 21 months and served with the Marines in New Britain, Aitape and in Mindinao.

**Lt. (jg) Stanley Sponholz** is on a PC in the Pacific while **Lt. Col. Herbert Sponholz** is in Hq. of the 79th Division in Europe. Stanley recalls with interest the days when **Jack Edwards, Harry Parker, Val Robbins, Jake Duich, Louis Poluzzi, Bill Downing, Jim Ahler and Jim Stacy** used to work down in the ice cream department at Arden's (I guess a good many of the fellows wish they could be in the ice cream department again at this very moment, LCP).



**Don C. Moody, Ch. Radio Officer,** wrote from his ship in the Philippines: "Since my last letter, I have moved up from Guinea to the Philippines. The port we are in at present is one of the most interesting spots I have hit since going to sea. We were the first convoy to arrive, and therefore I was able to see and hear many stories of Jap brutalities first hand from the native Filipinos. The village I visited had just been recovered from the Japs a week or so before, and the suffering of the people was apparent. The Japs had taken everything they owned, and left them with hardly enough clothes to cover their bodies. I was rather amused when I noticed a piano in one of the larger bamboo huts in which they live. It was mounted rather precariously on the split bamboo floor, which is raised above the ground about six feet. Someone had hinted that I could play, and so I was invited to do my stuff on the old 88's. Still a little rusty after months at sea, I managed to pound out a few rather discordant notes. I was surprised when one little half naked tot asked me if I could play the 'Chattanooga Choo-Choo.' How they love music, even my feeble efforts managed to drag out half the village. I think I got a bigger bang out of it than they did. They know nearly all the popular songs by heart and requests were pouring in. It was a thrill to give some enjoyment to those people in the little village. They later set up a dinner out of their meager stock for my companion and myself.

"A short while back, I traveled by truck convey into Manila, which is some distance away. I wished to see the much discussed town. The sights were pitiful but extremely interesting. I shall not delve into the utter destruction which was there as I'm sure others have written you about it."

**Lt. (jg) Richard Wooley** came home on leave after being away from the campus for just 24 months. He took part in the invasion of Normandy and had his share of close calls. One of the real close ones came when a German 50-caliber machine gun stitched the gunwhale of their landing craft with a whole line of closely spaced holes.

**Paul Casad, CEM,** is back from a very long stay in the Pacific. He looks fine and rose to the rank of chief by a long and steady series of promotions.

**John Spade,** brother of **Carson Spade,** has been liberated from a German prison camp and has returned to California. Although John was not a **State College** student, he is a brother of **Carson Spade,** a **State College** student whom many of you did know. John was taken prisoner in the battle of the Belgian Bulge.

## WHO—WHAT—WHERE

**Maj. Jerome Niederman** is at the Command and General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

**Sgt. Margaret A. (Mason) Butts** is at Fort Bliss, Tex.

**Mid'n. Harry H. Hubbard** is at Midshipman's School at Notre Dame.

**Roland V. Davis, TM3c,** is at an NAS, FPO, S. F.

**Milton Effron, PhoM1c,** should be back in San Diego by this time. He had been stationed at Tulagi in the Solomons.

**Lt. Douglas R. Olson** is with a ferrying group at Romolus, Mich.

**H. L. Jensen, MM1c,** is overseas, probably in Hawaii.

**Harry Cook, RM2c,** is on a British ship in the Pacific.

**James Remmer, A.S.,** is at USNTC, in San Diego.

**J. E. Floto, HA1c,** is at SCTC Roosevelt Base, T. I. San Pedro.

**Lt. Charles E. Dahl** completed his training as a bombardier at Carlsbad, AAF, New Mexico.

**Col. William D. Stenhouse,** who graduated from State College in 1930, is chief of the maintenance section, supply and maintenance division, for the Training Command at Ft. Worth, Tex.

**T/Sgt. E. L. Flood** is on his 30 day furlough in San Diego, following the completion of his tour of duty. He is to go to Santa Ana for reassignment.

**Pfc. Francis X. King** is overseas, APO, New York.

**Lt. Roderick G. Langston, USNR,** is at the USNABPD, San Bruno, Calif.

**Lt. Terry Geddis** returned from the Pacific. He has a four months old son whom he had not seen.

**Pfc. Robert W. Martin** is overseas, APO, New York.

**Lt. Robert T. Ames** is at the Naval Construction Training Center at Davisville, R. I.

**Lt. William A. DeRiemer** is at Brooks Field, Texas.

**Lt. John R. Carlisle** is with a bombing outfit, APO, S. F.

**Charles F. Hickey, S2c,** is at the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

**Pfc. John Stinstrom** is with the infantry, APO, New York.

**Capt. Bernard J. Harmer** gets his mail at Box 502 EAAF, Enid, Okla.

**Lt. Lawrence R. Devlin** is at headquarters of the 9th Air Defense Command in Europe.

**Sgt. John C. Hays** is at Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colo.

**Lt. (jg) John J. Duich** is with HECP, Naval Detachment, San Pedro.

**John W. McLean, RT1c,** is on RMS Staff, Naval Research Lab., Washington, D. C.

**Lt. (jg) William R. Kruse** is at the Amphib. Warfare Training Center, Norfolk, Va.

**Lt. (jg) Robert Menke** came home after 20 months on an LST in the Pacific. He had his share of activity in most of the campaigns and was glad to be back, as is every one else, but Bob showed it more. He has the Philippine Liberation ribbon with two battle stars and the Asiatic Pacific ribbon with three stars.

**Sgt. William Scarborough** is still working on B-29s at Biggs Field in El Paso. He lives at 703 East River St., Apt. C4, and wants any Aztec who may be passing through El Paso to drop in on them.

**Capt. Jack Edwards, USMCR,** who was with the Third Division came home and is on a 30 day leave. Jack was in all of the campaigns with his outfit from Bougainville to Guam and Iwo Jima, and in all of his 28 months overseas he suffered no wounds, no moo-moo, and no malaria.

During the entire 28 months that Jack was in the Third Division he did not see either **Ables** or **Chandler**, but he did see **Chet DeVore, Fred Carr, Clarence Huddleston, Johnny Babick, Paul Breese** and **Wally Springstead**. It was **Paul Breese's** landing craft that carried him into Iwo Jima.

For his particular battalion, Bougainville and Guam were both rougher than Iwo Jima, Jack said, however, that for infantry companies, Iwo Jima was by far the roughest.

Jack's first assignment was that of platoon leader. Later he was a company commander, adjutant and then later he was operations officer for his battalion. Mrs. Edwards (**Mildren Larson**) came down to San Diego with Jack. She has been up in San Beraridno doing Red Cross work. Jack's new assignment is with an engineering training battalion at Camp Lejeune.

(At the moment of this writing Jack is just heading out to **Katie's** for a dozen hamburgers. Wonder whether he will get a special deal out of it. He is Katie's nephew and probably has a little drag. Some men get all of the luck. LCP).

**Martha Shown** left for Plymouth, Mass., where she is to have six weeks of intensive training in drama. Miss Shown was awarded a scholarship with the Priscilla Beach Theater there and is to receive her training with the Plymouth Drama Festival. During the time she is to spend in Plymouth she will work on a different play each day.

During the semester that has just closed Miss Shown participated in many activities on the stage and in radio. She starred in "The Taming of the Shrew" in the role of the male lead in **State College's** all-girl cast, and she also took part in **Aztec News Letter** broadcast over station KGB. See picture on page one. LCP.



**Pfc. Theodore W. Livingston** wrote his parents from Czechoslovakia: In V. E. Day our squad and a few other fellows boarded a truck to move to this location—Instead of white flags, all the houses flew the Czech flag. The streets were jammed with people dressed in their best, who showered us with flowers and wreaths. They had bunting stretched across the streets and quite a few tall fir trees had been cut. These were stripped of bark and branches up to within 8 feet of the top and the bare poles 'barber poled' with red, white and blue bunting. About every other person had a plate of cookies or cakes. The alternates had a pitcher of milk or a bottle. We couldn't stop in all the towns, so we had to disappoint many of the people and let them feed those who came later.

"When we arrived in this town our jeep and truck were swamped with people. . . . When they heard we would stay they all wanted an American in their homes. . . . I am in a very modest but scrupulously clean house with an American-worshipping 12 year old son and a vivacious 16 year old daughter. As soon as we entered, the latter wanted to know if there would be dancing at night. Soon everyone was asking the same question. . . . Therefore it was arranged for 7:30. . . . Then some one got the bright idea of autograph hunting. We started signing name and the date on money, photographs, in books, Nazi orders, etc. I think I signed my name 500 times. . . . The band must have done some secret practicing for it was surprisingly good. Of course we had a pretty hard time getting the idea of the whirling polkas, and whatever else they do, to the great enjoyment of the old folks sitting around the walls. The more tangled up we got, the harder they laughed. . . . Then there were speeches and cheering which, of course, we couldn't understand except for an occasional mention of American. . . . We try to keep them from going 'hog-wild' with enthusiasm and hospitality, but after six years of oppression that is hard to do."

**Lt. (ig) Fred Jennings** has been awarded the Dolphins. He is still on that famous submarine out in the Pacific.

**Ed Herzig** and **George Hayler** are living at a different place in Berkeley now. The house is the Kappa Sigma house at 2220 Piedmont Ave., and their phone number is Berkeley 8721.

George came down a week or so ago and said that they have put up a great many traveling **Aztecs** when they had trouble getting other accommodations. Among the lucky ones were **Darwin Flakoll**, **Art King**, **George Marin**, **Bud Thacher**, **Wayne Warlick**, **Phil Bulat** and **Harry Barnet**.

## WHO—WHAT—WHERE

**Carl Frisco, GM3c**, is on a tanker, FPO New Orleans, and is the father of a young son. His son's name is **Terry**.

**1st Lt. Stanley Weinrich, USMCR**, has returned from overseas duty and is up at Miramar at the Air Depot awaiting reassignment.

**Lt. Edwin Wellington, USCG**, was aboard the ship that escorted the first German submarine to surrender into New York harbor.

**Cpl. John A. Gregory** is now in Belgium.

**M/S Katherine M. Pyle** is again on the job in Italy.

**T/5 Elizabeth B. Jost** is at Allied Force Headquarters in Italy.

**T/5 Marjorie G. Cadman** is also in Italy.

**Lt. George Capatanos** and **Lt. Hardy G. Kuykendall** were commissioned at Quantico and have had their leaves.

**Remo Sabatini, QM3c**, is still aboard his DE in the Atlantic.

**Lt. Clifford A. Perkins** has shipped out to Hawaii, following his leave.

**Cpl. Walter Bean** is at LAAF, Lincoln, Neb., and will be assigned to a crew on a heavy bomber, as a radio operator.

**Lt. H. J. Blanchard** is at Camp Beale, Calif.

**Lt. Richard C. Booth** is at AAFBU, Van Nuys, Calif.

**Cpl. Ernest H. Boldrick** is at GIAFF, Grand Island, Neb.

**Ens. W. A. Redelings** is at NAS, Deland, Fla.

**Sgt. Eugene A. Johnson** is in the 4th Marines of the 6th Division.

**S/Sgt. Leonard H. Meline** is at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

**Ens. Jeff R. Townsend** is on an LCT in the Pacific.

**Sgt. Rolland W. Ostrander** is in an AAA Gun Bn. in the Pacific.

**Ens. Jerome J. Hope** is on an LST in the Pacific.

**Lt. (ig) W. C. Irvin** is on an LCT in the East Indies.

**Maj. Leon H. Fish** is at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

**Emmet Estep, EM1c**, is on a DD in the Pacific.

**Pfc. J. T. Warburton** is overseas, APO, N. Y.

**Lt. G. F. Cornell** is on an APD, FPO, N. Y.

**Ens. Harry Hodgetts** is at 925 N. Front St., Harrisburg, Pa. (c/o Lt. Kearney.)

**1st Lt. F. T. Quiett** is still in Europe.

**Lt. Ernest M. Head** is still at Goodfellow Field, Texas.

**Lt. John Thiele** is on an APA in the Pacific.

**1st Lt. Harry Painter** is at the Training and Replacement Center at Camp Pendleton.

**George Bergman, CY**, wrote from the Pacific:

"I am enclosing a small dash of dirt. It is genuine Iwo Jima sand, picked up on the original invasion beach (but not during the invasion) quite close to Mount Suribachi. If you don't have this sort of collection and wish to start one, I was just kicking the idea over in my mind, that with all your service contacts, you could gather an astounding collection of valuable samples from everywhere. A word about it in the **News Letter** would surely do the trick, and you no doubt would be deluged with dirt.

"Having a wonderful time, but don't necessarily wish any of you were here." (I took the Iwo Jima sand over to **Mr. Brooks** for the geology collection. He was very glad to get it, and I think that we may start something along the line you suggested. **Dr. Harwood** gets bugs from his former students, **Mrs. Harvey** receives plants. Some day I'm going to put in a want ad for photographs of house types, racial types, physiographic types, and also aerial views that show village and field patterns. More about this later. LCP).

**Lt. (ig) Phil Krutzsch** is still on Guam with the Sea Bees. **Mrs. Krutzsch**, who is now attending **State College**, reports that he sees a great many of our former students on the island. She sends him addresses from the **News Letter** office and they drop by his Quonset hut and have regular sessions. Wonder what the main topic of conversation is? LCP.

The Hoover High School A Capella Choir **News Letter (Aacapellecho)** for June 1945 is a most interesting publication. It is printed and contains many pictures, but its best feature is the fine job of editing and the orderly way in which it was gotten up. If you have not seen it, you should. I suppose you could get a copy by writing to **Mr. Myron Green** or **Mrs. Josephina M. Richmond**. And I am sure they would like to hear from you. LCP.

**Cpl. Francis M. Worcester** wrote from the Marine 6th Division on Okinawa; May 1st:

"Nothing much came my way on this operation, in fact, it was and is very quiet and peaceful. It's just like home. In fact, this place where we are now is pretty much like the country around Carmel and Monterey.

"Ran into another **Aztec**, **Capt. Chet DeVore**."

**Lt. Earle E. Carr, USMCR**, is with the Third Marine Division in the Pacific.

**Lt. John A. Muelchi** is in China where he has seen **Capt. Dearing**.



**Sgt. Thomas M. Rice** wrote from his parachute outfit in Berchtesgaten, Germany:

"We are stationed here at Berchtesgaten the home of Hitler's elite corps of S.S. troops, being quartered in very modern two story battalion capacity buildings. The camouflage of the installations as well as Der Fuhrers hideout is perfect. His Eagle's nest is plainly visible and only 6000 feet above sea level. It sticks out like a sore thumb on this precipitous mountain. Snow is still very deep at higher levels and the weather is very pleasant. The RAF really cratered his hideout but the Eagle's Nest is intact. The S.S. men really had a layout up here with every conceivable convenience available.

"Many of the fellows are finding caves laden with rich treasures of art, currency and even great caches of arms have been dug up. Small groups have been going out on five day trips hunting and fishing around the numerous lakes. It takes an .03 with a scope to get these mountain goats but the deer are readily rendered lifeless by our M1's with the nose cut off the bullets and holes drilled in them. There are large Jerry vehicle depots all over this area and almost everyone had a car or cycle at one time or another whether it be diesel or gasoline ME 109's and Junker 52 and 88 are still standing on airdromes near Munich. They used the autobahns as landing strips and interception bases.

"There are still thousands of diehard SS men hiding out in these mountains of the Bavarian National Redoubt Area. Even children are carrying concealed lugers and B 38's. One of these kids drew a luger on one of the boys and offered to trade it for two bars of chocolate. The gun was fully loaded and off safety. This is hard to believe but true. Propaganda of all nature is being unearthed and the children flock to our chow lines. Every once in a while machine gun fire is heard echoing through the area as one of our boys is being fired upon. These SS men who are still hiding build fires out in the open every night and fire flares. Sometimes a mountainside is completely illuminated by their activity.

"Track and Field has started for us as well as swimming. Prospects of interallied meets are in the offing at some of the world's best stadiums at Nuremburg."

**Lt. Herbert Peiffer, USNR**, formerly of this faculty, is the father of a new son born May 27. His name is **John Steven**.

**Capt. Ralph Thompson** of the chemical warfare department returned home from the Pacific after more than two years of overseas duty. He is to be in this country for 10 weeks before going back to the Pacific.

## WHO—WHAT—WHERE

**I. G. Cotton, QM2c**, is still on his destroyer in the Pacific. He has seen the Marshalls, New Guinea, Philippines, Admiralties, Guam, Saipan. He was also in on the second battle of the Philippines and has been in on raids in the China sea and against Japan itself. His last two operations were against Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

**Ens. Mildred Morse** is at the Coast Guard Operating Base in San Diego. Her husband is back from two years in the South Pacific.

**T/S Irvin W. Lyons** is overseas, APO, N. Y.

**T. Arthur King, S1c**, was at Camp Parks, but he probably has moved on from there.

**Pfc. Robert J. Williams** is with a Weather Squadron in the Marianas. He watches the B-29s take off for the raids on Japan.

**Pfc. Austin M. Mason** is with the 9th Armored Division in Europe. He was one of the first to cross on the Remagen Bridge.

**Capt. Chester S. DeVore** wrote from the Sixth Marine Division on Okinawa:

"Our Battalion is in reserve so we all are trying to catch up on living—such things as sleep, chow, etc., have been a little hard to obtain lately. I don't know if this Okinawa deal is very impressive in the news, but it is rough in comparison to the other fights I've been in. Casualties have been high—Nip artillery and mortar fire the main cause. Our division has been on the right flank attacking toward Naha for some time, and finally we walked in the other day. Maybe from now on it won't be as tough as it was. The Nips are falling back, and once they are out of their holes they're easy.

"The day before **Perry DeLong** was hit I saw him, and we had quite a conversation about old times at **State** and how we met on Guam under similar circumstances—he told me then he didn't see how his luck could hold out—his gear was filled with holes, a bullet had taken the zipper off his jacket—guess we all wonder at times. The best information I have is that he was hit in the leg—sure hope nothing too serious.

"Does it say in the book that its supposed to rain every day on Okinawa? If it doesn't, re-write that chapter—mud and rain have really hindered this fight and there seems to be no end to either. The weather has really changed in the 60 days we have been here."

**Pfc. William Mayne** is back in San Diego on leave from Bushnell Hospital in Utah. Billy was wounded twice in the ETO, and the second time he lost a leg. From all indications he will be as good as new when they get him fixed up.

## CAMPUS NEWS

By **Jayne Dempsey**

June always seems to be the most exciting month of the year, what with graduation, the Blue Book Ball, vacation, and this year especially, with lots of **Aztecs** home on leave.

Graduation ceremonies were held in the Open Air Theater Friday afternoon, June 15. The graduating class hit a record low of 65 members, since this, as you remember, is the group that was the freshman class when we began to fight. Those who graduated with honors were: **Jane Collard, Mildred Fluck, Anita Gillett, Elna Hortie, Laurence Jacobs, Lois Ann Jones** and **Phyllis Kefalas**.

Pacific Square was the scene of the Blue Book Ball, and we recognized many faces we hadn't seen for a long time. In the receiving line were **Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Chesney Moe**, and **Lt. and Mrs. Dudley Robinson**. Also ran into **Bob Menke, Joe Suozzo**, and **Dick Woolley**, all Lieutenants (jg) from the 33 who had gone to Northwestern in 1943 and all back from overseas. Bob was overseas in the Pacific, and the other two were in the ETO. All three are at the amphib base in Coronado; **Lt. (jg) Bob White**, former cheer leader, back from flying heavy Navy planes over the Pacific; **Midshpn. Wayne Warlick, Tau Delt**, who has another year at Annapolis; **Lt. (jg) Chesley Jones**, back from the Pacific and the "Fighting Lady"; **Lt. Joe Rogers**, returned from Iwo Jima and wearing the Purple Heart; **Lt. (jg) Herb Tompkins**, stationed at the NAS following his sojourn on carriers in the Pacific; **Ens. La Verne Brown, USN**; **Lt. Bud Schmid**; **Dick Emery, USMCR**; and **Bob Kennedy** of the Coast Guard.

This year the belles of the Blue Book Ball were **Lynn Lucas, Bee Jay Wilson, Barbara Mackay, Alice Bickham, Mary Fox** and **Gloria Vallier**. From them, **Alice Bickham**, a Theta Chi sponsored by Eta Omega Delta, was chosen queen of the ball. She was crowned in the traditional manner by the Frosh president, **Bob Horton**.

The newly elected officers of Associated Students are **Lee Todd**, president, **Fay Waters**, vice-president, **Jeanne Oncley**, secretary, and **Don Derr**, commissioner of finance. Todd called a meeting of his new council Thursday, June 14. Guests were **Dean C. E. Peterson, Bob Lantz**, and **Bob Breitbard**, new coach. Entertainment of the day was the try-outs for song-leaders for the coming year. We'll soon be singing the old fight songs under the leadership of **Martha Brown, Patsy Brown**, and **Shirley Brown**. Alternates chosen were **Barbara Lowe** and **Bee Jay Wilson**.

**Lt. Raymond Harper** completed his missions in the Philippines and is to be home soon.



## AZTECS ON THE HOME FRONT

By Marion Bowler

Hi there **Aztecs**—Here's hoping you can turn back to "Chapter 40" and picture these people you used to see having cokes in the caf', or leaning against old **Monte** in the sun, or cheering at **State's** games.

**Marjorie (Ernsting) Stooke** and young daughter spent a sojourn with her husband, **Lt. Charles Stooke**, in Long Beach this month while his ship was undergoing repairs.

**Barbara (Ernsting) Dennis** is busy with two young sons and a garden while her husband, **Pfc. Howard**, is with the airborne engineers in France. Howard expects to see a change of scenery to the Pacific.

**Melba (Southern) McCormack** has turned her hand to secretarial work at the San Diego Naval Hospital with the start of the war, and husband **Gene** gives his attention to the inspection of planes at Convair.

**Virginia Taggart** is teaching Home Economics at Roosevelt Junior High. She will study for her Masters again this summer at USC.

**Jeanne Brazeale** works hard for the Ryan Aeronautical Co. and relaxes—it says here—ice skating.

**Norma (Boldman) Pyle** and **Ray Pyle** have an adorable 21-months-old daughter. Ray is Assistant Flight Test Engineer at Ryan's.

**Mary Lynn** is active in USO work. A great student of Spanish, she traveled one summer to Mexico City; last summer to Guatemala; and next summer she'll venture to South America.

**Major George Prodanovich** formed the B-25 base at Enid, Oklahoma, where he and his bride, the former **Pat McKinney** of San Antonio, are living.

**Barney deSelm** is giving special aid to the war effort as Assistant to the Chief of Flight at Convair. He was recently elected prexy of the Aero Club which was formed to get civilian flying under way.

**Evelyn (Lory) Edwards** is working hard at Solar to speed the return of her husband, **Major Sam Edwards**. He was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal for outstanding work with the Medical Administration Corps in landing in France on D-Day. For two months he acted as mayor of a German town during the military occupation.

**Eva Louise (Caldwell) Garaglinano** teaches dramatics in a Los Angeles high school; her husband, **Cedric**, is working for his Master's in L.A.

**Lt. Eric Pfefferkorn**, former State track man, will claim **Nancy Rogan** as his bride soon.

Miss **Ruth Ann Trupin**, State College graduate, became the bride of **Marine Lt. Sam Solomon**.

**Lt. James Russell Lowell**, who recently graduated from the Douglas Army Airfield School in Arizona, made the trip to the altar with **Dorothy Evelyn Tull**.

**Cpl. Phyllis Llewellyn**, who serves her country as an air Wac, became the bride of **Walter Ambler**, U. S. Coast Guard.

**Lt. Orville Nordberg** and **Miss Iris Drake** were married recently in San Diego. The bride is from Portland.

**Mr. Harvey Jean Urban** and **Miss Joyce Brubaker** also were married recently.

**Lt. Comdr. Claude Kishler**, one of State College's most experienced naval officers, married **Lt. (jg) Hazel Marjorie Sinclair, USNR**, formerly of **Smith College**. It took a wedding to let us know that Claude is now a two and a half striper.

**Lt. (jg) Robert Menke** and **Pat Herney** were married recently here in San Diego. **Dr. Harvey Jean Urban** and **Joyce Brubaker** also were married.

**Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Robert G. Dose (Betty Curtis)** have a new son, **Curtis Richard**. Their other child, **Carole Lynn**, is two and a half. The Curtis' are in Green Cove Springs, Florida.

**Lt. Oakley M. Hall, USMCR**, and **Miss Barbara Edinger** were married in Berkeley earlier this month.

**Lt. John K. Sinderholm, USMCR**, and **Miss Evelyn Andert** were married at Cherry Point, N. C.

**Virginia Ascher** was married to **Lt. Comdr. D. R. Sharp** at the Naval Hospital Chapel in San Diego.

**F/O and Mrs. Fred Eisert (Carrol Faye Thompson)** have a son five months old. His name is **Christopher Dale**. Fred reports that **Capt. Hal Hevener** and **Capt. Richard Coutts** are both flying wounded men out of Okinawa to various hospitals between there and the States.

Last month in the column on **Home Front News** an error was made in reporting. **Charlotte Morrison** is engaged to **Lt. (jg) Samuel D. Erwine**, not married to him. He is on a ship in the Pacific, and Charlotte and he are to be married when he returns. We are sorry about the error, and we hope to report the wedding at an early date.

Charlotte reports that her sister, **Eleanor (Mrs. Roderick Steddom)** has a son two years old and that Rod is in the Navy down at the Naval Training Center. LCP.

**S/Sgt. William B. Boone** is in Austria with the Co. A of the 63rd Armored Infantry. His outfit had rough going for a long time, but we hope that things are better with them by this time. We read a lot about the 11th Armored, and they really had a record. LCP.

## THE AZTEC COACHING STAFF

By Bill Cordtz

Tribune-Sun Sports Writer

**San Diego State College** is indeed lucky to secure such capable and ambitious young coaches to carry it through its first year of return to a full sports program. The three—**Bob Breitbard**, football; **Estel Robertson**, basketball, and **Alex Alexander**, track—have already begun to mold their plans for winning teams in all three sports.

Breitbard graduated from **State College** in 1941, after earning his letter for three years in football and being voted all-conference guard. After graduation he coached the highly successful 1941 frosh team. For the last three years Breitbard has been at **Hoover High** as assistant football coach and head baseball coach.

Thirty-three prospective gridders greeted "Smilin' Bob" on June 13, when a banquet was given at Scripps Cottage in their honor. Before opening workouts September 1, the number is expected to swell to nearly 50. The team will consist of several discharged veterans, a few 4-F's and plenty of 17-year-olds.

For his system Breitbard says he will use an unbalanced line, with a split tackle and an unbalanced T shifting into a single wing. "I've never seen anything quite like it, but we used it pretty successfully on the '41 frosh team so I'm going to see what it can do," he said.

Basketball Mentor **Estel Robertson** is a graduate of **Greeley State College**, Colorado, where he was a three-year basketball letterman. He has played in several national A.A.U. tournaments in Denver and served as a high school coach for several years before coming to San Diego as physical director of the Y.M.C.A. two years ago.

**Alex Alexander**, who will handle track, is a 1941 State graduate. He has been supervisor of physical education for the La Mesa school district for the last three years, during which time his junior high teams have won 210 contests while losing 21. Last season his junior high team was undefeated, numbering among its victims the Class C teams from both San Diego and Grossmont highs. It also won both the county and city junior high track championships. During his competing days, Alexander was one of the most versatile trackmen in the United States, competing in every event except the pole vault and distance events.

**Lt. (jg) Don Woods**, who was in the MTO, saw **Lt. Walter Harrington** of the Canadian army. Walter had the Military Cross, third highest decoration that he could have earned. Don hauled Walter in his landing craft, on an invasion in Italy.





**PVT. HERMAN S. ADDLESON**

This year's annual, **Del Sudoeste**, was dedicated to the Gold Star men. In it are pictures of those who are listed below. You may procure a copy of the annual for \$3.08 by ordering through:

**The Aztec Shops  
San Diego State College  
San Diego 5, Calif.**

You may also order last year's annual at the same address. **El Palenque**, which is the college literary magazine, can be purchased for 25 cents. **Jayne Dempsey** and **Jeanne Oncley** edited the annual, and **Phyllis Kefalas** edited **El Palenque**.

(The above are not connected with the **News Letter** and should not be ordered through this office.)

**Pvt. Herman Addleson**, whose picture appears above and also in the annual, was chosen by your editor to introduce the topic of annuals as he was, according to the many notes that have come in, one of our most beloved and missed Gold Star men. We all loved Herman for his willingness and cheerfulness, and we miss him at every basketball game and every other college function. Too bad we can't run all of the pictures of our 95 men killed but you may see the pictures of the following in the **Del Sudoeste** for 1945:

John E. Abbott, R. L. Adair, Herman Addleson, Martin F. Anderson, Roger Armbrister, Allen Bailey, John W. Bassett, Jack N. Berg, John Burdette Binkley, John William Borum, Warren Brown, Wesley E. Carter, Thomas H. Cozens, T. J. Davies, Sherman Denny, Charles Dowell, W. P. Eby, Howard J. Engle, George J. R. Ewing.

Paul A. Fern, Howard Flisrand, Lyman J. Gage, Joseph Norman Gates, Frank J. Guasti, Warren Edward Hand, W. Headington, Arthur N. Kelly, James D. Koester, Robert J. Landis, Wendell E. Langford, Maurice C. Morrell, Kenneth B. Moyer, Raymond W. Mueller, Frank Oliver, Robert C. Peterson, Craig Potter, George D. Rosado, Frank Ryan.

Richard J. Sawaya, Edward L. Searl, M. B. Sherwood, William B. Shropshire,

Robert H. Smith, J. Stevenson, Clarence F. Terry, Walter L. Tichenor, Leo P. Volz, Donald Webber, Clea E. Williams, Maurice Wilson and Louis Massey Winn.

## THE DEVELOPING STATE COLLEGE PROGRAM

By President Walter R. Hepner

Your **Alma Mater's** future is bright! The enrollment dropped from 2300 in 1940-1941 to 900 in 1943-1944 and then it came up to 1200 this last year. Our plans are set for 1500 students for 1945-1946.

Our budget will provide for fifteen additional faculty members. The enlarged instructional staff will make possible the offering of eighty-five additional courses spread over twenty-six different subject fields. Former faculty members who will return next year are **Professors Baker, Haskell, Lesley, Mead, Nichols and Ross**. Those who have resigned are **Professors Allen, Calland, Eubank, Gross, Hunt and Messner**.

Post-war building plans include provisions for an Art Building, an Industrial Arts Building, and additional housing for Science, Speech Arts and Radio, and Commerce.

The Legislature has passed a bill which authorizes the College to give graduate courses which lead to the General Secondary Supervisory and Administrative Credentials. When **Governor Warren** signs this bill, which we are fully expecting, the State Colleges will become full-fledged teacher training institutions.

We sincerely hope that many of you former **Aztecs** and your friends will be able soon to take advantage of the expanded opportunities here at **State**. Our interest in your activities and our hope for your early return to civilian status are matched only by our appreciation of the contributions you are making in your various and far-flung assignments.

## OUR ATHLETIC PROGRAM

By Dean C. E. Peterson

**San Diego State College** will field a football team next fall, and if man power and transportation do not take a decided turn for the worse, a fairly complete schedule of competitive sports will be included in the plans for the 1945-46 college year.

There are a number of problems facing the administration in making the decision. Many colleges have sidestepped it and plan to re-enter the field a year later. Whether or not there will be sufficient manpower to field a team, whether transportation problems will be worse than they were during the past year, and whether a schedule could be secured, are among the problems faced by the Student-Faculty Athletic Committee. Another important item to be

considered was that if the war was to take a decided optimistic turn, some of the men who are on military leave would return to the college where they are naturally entitled to their position and plans had to be made for coaching on a part time basis. **Bill Cortz**, in another article gives you an excellent idea of the assistance which will be given the sports program for the coming year.

In order to determine the available man power the county and city high schools were canvassed and a poll taken of the available football material in college. It was thought after a rather thorough check up that sufficient men would be here to field a team. Letters were then sent out to every college in Southern California and the University of Arizona to determine whether or not a schedule was possible. Santa Barbara, University of Arizona, and California Polytechnic Institute have decided not to field teams for the coming year. The College of the Pacific had a schedule with the larger colleges and said that for financial and prestige reasons it was to their advantage to schedule the service teams and the members of the Pacific Coast Conference. However, a very acceptable schedule was finally arranged after making a tour of the Southern California college group. The schedule at present, which lacks verification in one or two items, is:

University of Redlands, here, September 29.

California Institute of Technology, here, October 6.

U.S.C. Junior Varsity, October 13.

Bye, October 20.

Fresno State College, at Fresno, October 27.

Pomona College, here, November 3.

San Jose State College, here, November 16.

It was necessary to schedule some of the colleges earlier than was desirable because they were dependent on military units for men to play football, and many of them feel that they will lose these military units the latter part of October.

Many problems are still ahead before **State** is back in the sports program in full stride. The field has to be reconditioned; the staff has to be augmented; and most of all, some of the fine athletes who represented **State** in the past and who are called into service, will probably have to clean up this war situation and then return to **State** and carry on in the **Aztec** uniform. Many have already written in telling of their plans, and we are expecting a return of a large number of our students who still have a number of years to finish at **State** and elsewhere before their education is completed. We all hope and pray that that day of return will be soon at hand.