

SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE SERVICE MEN'S NEWS LETTER NO. 10

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To and from the Aztecs who are in the service:

The date line says that this is the first day of winter and that it is Christmas time. To many of you it is the first day of summer and it can scarcely feel like Christmas, regardless of days, months, or seasons. To some, this News Letter will arrive for a later holiday. But none of you is so far away from us that we would cease trying to reach you with news from your Aztec pals of a former time. And to those of you for whom this is the third Christmas away from home may that great wish be realized at an early date. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU! And as for the NEW YEAR, well we just quit thinking of prosperity. We have a much greater thought for 1943.

Thanks for all of the fine letters and cards. Many a nice long letter right from the heart of a fighting young Aztec had to be cut because of lack of space. But let it be said here again, the spirit is there and every letter was a fine one. If a letter seems short and choppy, blame the editor. In the next News Letter there will be still more pruning but don't let that stop you from writing and giving us the new addresses. Probably there will not be any directory numbers so your chance to get your name to the rest is by writing in.

And you may miss out on a couple of Aztecs during January. About 70% of our directory changed and had to be crossed off. Probably we can't get another one, even for a mailing list, until News Letter No. 11 goes out. But we are doing our best. This seems like the biggest newspaper I ever saw. And the circulation is great, whether considered mathematically or geographically.

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The OMEGA XI'S are sponsoring this issue. Most of their members who are still here have taken the oath and are all ready to go. Some of them will be on the receiving end of the News Letter before you get it. They are especially proud of the fraternity. Just a glance at the 1940 Org picture shows 25 members in the service and going strong. Sherman Denny and Tom Cozens would have been proud of the record.

Thanks, L. C. P.

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From Dr. Walter R. Hepner, President, San Diego State College

Dear Aztecs:

The Aztec spirit and service extend throughout the world! How little did we dream a few years ago that this ideal of the San Diego State College would become so realistically true. From all sections of the globe we receive splendid reports of Aztec action and contribution and always, dare I say, with a feeling of "fatherly pride"! The sons of Montezuma carry on!

Faculty and students alike are missing you men. And if I can read between the lines of your most welcome letters I surmise that you miss us just a wee bit also! Please do not hesitate to let us know of any way that you think we can be of help to you.

With the best of wishes, I am

Sincerely,

(Signed) Walter R. Hepner



From Lt. Chas. Perry DeLong. U. S. Marine Corps Unit 490-H, % Postmaster, S.F. 2.

(Passed by censor) Just a line to let you know that the News Letter and the Aztec are coming through in fine style and that I am all in one piece and still kicking---hard. I was frankly astonished to receive them out here in the wilderness (as there is no local Chamber of Commerce, I believe that I will be able to get that word "wilderness" past the censor)

We are not doing so badly for ourselves here and are quite comfortably situated---in a rugged sort of way. There is very little to do but work, but then that manages to keep us out of mischief. You see there has been no local U.S.O. club established as yet, so we pretty well have to shift for ourselves. You can tell the folks for me that Hollywood has entirely the wrong slant on the South Sea islands. Haven't seen any of the people from back home, but a few may wander this way yet. The "situation is well in hand." (Note new address.)

From Lt. Wallace McAnulty, Btry B, 251st C. A. (AA) A.P.O. 913, % Postmaster, S.F.

(Censored V-Mail letter) Just a short one to extend you my best wishes for a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

I received a letter the other day from Don Eidemiller and according to him the old school has really changed.

Have been expecting my News Letter No. 8 any day now. Remember when you asked me if any fellows other than Staters read the News Letter? Well a half dozen men have been asking me if Doc Post's letter has arrived yet.

I haven't been on the ball as far as letter writing is concerned. School had me pretty busy most of the time.

Have been checking over my last News Letters and will send you a list of changes one of these days. Well Doc, will call it pau for now. Will write a letter later.

From Lt. Donald Phillips, Btry E, 251st C.A. (AA) A.P.O. 913, % Postmaster, S.F.

(Passed by censor) Thanks, etc. I did not know that State had started a News Letter until recently and I am sorry to have missed out on the earlier ones. Was surprised to see that there were so many of us. The former Aztecs here have a lot of fun swapping stories about what we used to do on the campus. Any of us would give a lot to see the place again.

There isn't much that the other fellows have not said already. We were all sorry that State didn't beat the U. of Hawaii when the team was out there. At least they had a cheering section---and one in uniform at that.

From James L. Buck, SK 3/C Div. 10-D, Supply, Destroyer Base, San Diego, Calif.

I am in the navy as a storekeeper---there are a great many of us. Doesn't this sound silly? I was born and raised in a nice quiet little town called San Diego, attended Dr. Post's Geography classes in San Diego (38-39) joined the Navy Reserve in January 1942 in San Diego, went to N.T.S. in San Diego, and now I am RIGHT HERE IN SAN DIEGO. But I am hoping each day to be given the chance to do my part in this world conflict and bring it to an end. And I am also hoping you will continue to send me your News Letters.

From Lt. John L. Doyle, Co. A, 14th R.O.C., Bks. B, U.S.M.C.B., Quantico, Va.

Some of those addresses made me feel as though I was still playing "in my own back yard" although I am 3,000 miles from home. Don't let any one tell you that Virginia is in the "Deep South." It is colder than the dickens here---and wet. Glad to hear that Clair Berdel and some of the other boys are in the Marine Air Corps. That's good news for all Marines in the line.

From Lt. Don C. Gow, Bombardier Hq., Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N.M.

I graduated the 21st of November receiving my wings and commission at that time. They have kept me here as an instructor so seem to be settled for the time being.

From Cpl. R. Schroeder, 599th Tech Sch Sqd. Bks 1136, Amarillo Field, Amarillo, Tex.

A Xmas card.



From Pvt. Maurice J. Kahan ('40) 30th Evac. Hospital, Motorized, U.S. Army, Camp Barkley, Texas.

-----haven't had time to write, being mail orderly, bugler, and handy man around here is quite a job. .... I don't know of any Staters down here. We have over 75,000 men here and the camp is very large. In fact, in order to get around we have to take a bus or ride in jeeps.

The outfit that I am in is an evacuation unit. We are self-contained and are not and won't be attached to any other unit. We are two months advanced at present and maybe after 3 or 4 months more we will be able to take our place alongside our other fighting men overseas. I really desire to help as I have lost many good friends lately. They did not attend State but I had known them for years. ... however, we are facing the future with grim determination, and we shall win the war, and I hope, the peace.

Would like to have Bob Anderson's address. (His last was N.A.S., Corpus Christi---and he is a 2nd Lt. in the Marines.)

The other address you want is Tom Milligan, R.C.A.F., 1580 Trafalgar, Vancouver, B.C.)

Another address: Ralph McQuaid, VP Sqdn 24, % Postmaster, S.F.

From 1st. Lt. Herbert J. Childress, Jr., AAS OCD AW Section, Camp Davis, N.C.

Just a word of thanks for sending the News Letters and the Aztecs. I read them both through and through and find them very interesting since I am originally from the 251st C.A., Btry B and any news of the outfit is received with great interest.

There are a number of State and 251st boys teaching here in the AAS.. (Please give us their names and addresses if they are not already on our list. LCP) Thanks again and maybe next time I'll write a longer letter filled with news. A former Stater and 251st man...

(Herb was one of the first, if not the first, Stater to receive the Purple Heart following his being wounded at Pearl Harbor. L.C.P.)

Another address: Cand. S.J. Colvin, 28th Co. 5th Bn. 2nd S.T.R., Fort Benning, Ga.

From 1st Lt. Robert Cozens, 334th Bomb. Sqdn. 95th Bomb. Gp., Geiger Field, Wash.

Happy to receive News Letter No. 9 and was interested to note how many of the addresses had changed to A.P.O. --- % Postmaster. We are surely getting a lot of boys into the "Big Game." I thought that I was rounding into shape fairly well, but the latest is that I will have two or three more months of practice before the "Coach" will send me in. We have had such lousy flying weather up here since the first of November that we have not accomplished much lately.

I have been assigned to a new outfit and got a swell break in that I will join them as a flight commander.

Had a letter from Norman (Babe) Thompson. He is now at Primary school in Texas and really enjoys flying. (The address that we have for him is: A/C N.R. Thompson, San Antonio Cadet Center, Gp. 4, Sqdn 2, Flight D, San Antonio, Texas, L.C.P.)

Had a swell visit with Don Eidemiller when he was up here for a Frat Conference. It sure was swell to see some one from State and to learn all about what has been going on there..

Glad to see that Wally Mac got his commission---he is one who really deserved it.

Have not seen any Staters at Geiger, but I did see "Sully" Hartigan and his wife down town. (His address is Ens. Selwyn Hartigan, Maritime Service, Recruiting Station, Spokane, Wash.)

I see that Kenny Hale and Barney Newlee are at Farragut, Idaho, which is about 40 miles from here. I hope to get a chance to see them before I or they leave.

New address: Lt.(Jg) Eric S. Pfefferkorn, U.S.N.R., Barbara Worth Hotel Bldg., El Centro, Calif.



In response to requests from several of our students now in the Armed Forces in regard to academic credit being allowed for service, the following statement is being inserted in the News Letter. Probably a good many students will be interested as they may be much nearer to the Sheepskin than they had anticipated. And Thank You, Dr. Peiffer, for preparing the statement. L.C.P.

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. POST: Aztecs in the military service may be interested to know that six units of elective credit will be granted to students who have enlisted in the Armed Services of this country upon the completion of the prescribed basic training program. Documentary evidence bearing the signature of the proper commanding officer is necessary before credit can be allowed.

Nine additional units of credit will be granted to students who can document the fact that they have completed officer's training, have been granted a commission and have been assigned to active military duty.

Credit granted for military service is counted as elective credit and may not be substituted for courses that are specifically required for the degree.

Service men and women may also be interested to learn that the minimum number of semester units required for the Bachelor of Arts Degree is now 120 instead of 124 and that for the liberal arts degree only one minor is now required instead of two.

(signed) HERBERT PEIFFER, Registrar

Supplementary Statement:

Although the San Diego State College does not offer courses by correspondence, it does allow a certain amount of correspondence credit from recognized colleges and universities. The amount of such credit depends upon the nature of the courses the quality of the work done, and the student's preparation for work in the field of the course. The college reserves the right to limit credit to such courses as have been approved, and the total of such acceptable credit to twelve units.

The Registrar's office will be happy to answer special questions on credit which the students in service may ask. H.C.P.

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From Lt. W. C. Stoll, U. S. Marine Corps Unit 140, % Postmaster, S. F., Calif.  
(Passed by censor)

Just received News Letters 5 and 6. It is great to be able to read about the former friends and instructors who are now in the service.

I am still on Guadalcanal Island here in the Solomons despite the Japs effort to make us move. Communications with the outside world are getting much better now and we do not feel isolated. Receiving mail is a great morale factor and anyone with friends in the service on foreign duty should be all means write to them as life on these islands in the tropics with no towns or settlements or post exchanges is very monotonous except for the occasional visits by Tojo's boys.

Please say hello to Drs. Leonard and Nasatir for me and thank you for keeping the News Letters coming.

From Cpl. Bob Wade, 437th Bomb Sq. 319 Bomb Gp. A.P.O. 520, U. S. Army.

One of those V-mail Xmas cards from North Africa. (It makes a fellow feel rather good to get a V-mail Xmas card, but expecially so to get one from North Africa -- pretty swanky!!! L.C.P.)

From A/C D. Ed. Totten, 11A-12, NRAB Oakland, Calif. Outlying Field.

Xmas card: We certainly have a swell bunch of fellows here, good equipment, and excellent flying conditions.

From Warren Walter, Y2cl. Personnel Office, Destroyer Base, San Diego, Calif.

A Xmas card.



From: Maj. A. Long, 251st, C.A.(AA), A.P.O. 913, San Francisco, Calif. 5.

Dear Doc., Post: Just received News Letter No. 8, also the copies of the Del Sudoeste and other magazines. Had the Chaplain distribute the magazines to the units in the field. The Sudoestes, two copies, were sent to each San Diego unit.

You, your staff, and the school should be commended for the service extended to the fellows in the armed forces, in publishing the News Letter. It is almost like a letter from home, keeping all posted on what fellow classmates are doing and where they are.

The officer ranks of our regiment has increased with the assignment of Lt. MacAnulty and H. D. Phillips upon their graduation from the O.C.S. Sgts. Mobley and T. B. Sullivan have also received their commissions as Warrant Officers and assigned to the 251st C. A.(AA)

We are enjoying wonderful spring weather, and flowers are blooming in profusion. Fruit is available for the picking, providing one doesn't encroach upon the natives.

Although San Diego's Own will be spending their third Christmas Season on foreign duty, the spirit of the men is high, but their thoughts are for our dear and loved ones at home. Thanks again, Doc, keep up the excellent work for it's a good morale builder -- May you and yours enjoy a Happy Christmas and Successful New Year.

From: Capt. Boyd E. Thompson, 251st C.A.(AA) A.P.O. #913, % Postmaster, San Francisco

I never had the pleasure of meeting you (I was at State 1926-28) but with the arrival of News Letter #8, I thought that it was time that I wrote and added my thanks for your excellent publication.

Wallie McAnulty, the publicity hound, apparently keeps you well informed as to the activities of this outfit. With his appointment as a second Lieutenant the first of this month, he may find that he hasn't quite as much free time. He was formerly in my battery and my biggest problem was to get him up in the morning.

I am now in command of an automatic weapons battery and have in my command two former Staters, 2nd Lt. Wayne McGehee, and newly commissioned 2nd Lt. Herbert D. Phillips.

Possibly some of my friends and fraternity brothers of Phi Lambda Xi may better recognize me by my middle name, Ermil, but the Army insists that I use my first name.

Again, I wish to thank you for the fine work you are doing. It is really appreciated by those of us who are so many thousand miles from home.

From: Capt. John V. Long, Hq. 3rd Bn., 251st C.A.(AA) A.P.O. 913, % Postmaster, S.F.  
(passed by censor)

I never had the pleasure of meeting you but I have had plenty from reading your News Letters. Many thanks to whomever got my name on the list.

Any news for the boys in the field is welcome, especially that concerning friends and former classmates. Since our unit was originally from Southern Calif. many are former students, so, whenever we get together comment is made of the fine job you are doing.

Best regards to all of my old Profs. - Baird and Gleason will always have a soft place in my heart.



From: Corp. R. A. Wade, 437 Bomb Sq., 319 Bomb Gp., A.P.O. 520, U.S. Army. 6.

(Passed by censor - This is our first letter from Africa, L.C.P.)

Dear Doc: Just a line or two to let you know that I am now "Somewhere in North Africa." No fooling, I have been "somewhere in something" for so long that when I get home I think I'll use "somewhere in San Diego" as my permanent address.

But just the same, I'm enjoying myself here. The life is hard in some respects, but not dull. The outfit I was with was among the first to land in the invasion and I got in on a little excitement before everything calmed down. Of course, it wasn't much compared to what some of the boys saw, but it was plenty for me. I was shelled, strafed and sniped at, and generally wore out the knees of my G.I. pants diving into ditches. But that is, for the moment anyway, a thing of the past.

At present, we are living in pup tents and trying hard not to freeze to death. Whoever spread this rumor of Africa being hot didn't have all his buttons, because, brother, it's cold! We grumbled at the fact that we weren't issued khakis for this campaign --- now we'd like some fleece lined suits!

We eat from a field kitchen and wash and shave from our helmets and generally suffer the other discomforts of living outdoors. But there is really little to complain about. Our food is surprisingly good and we're not worked to death, either. And then there's the satisfaction that comes with the feeling that you are helping to end this war in the right way - and that makes up for a lot of discomforts.

What we want right now is mail. It's been nearly two months since I received a letter of any description whatsoever, and I really feel out of touch with home. Rumor has it that there is some mail coming in the next few days, but you know these army rumors.

Outside of that, my only real desire is to see an honest-to-God American candy bar again. They just aren't to be had. Money is practically valueless here since there's nothing to buy, and I have a pay allotment for 75% of my salary and still have money left!

The geography around here is very familiar, Doc. It reminds me a lot of central California - up in the San Jose Valley section. The soil seems to be a sort of clay, which forms a sticky mud when it rains, which is often. If I remember correctly, this part of Africa has a Mediterranean type climate, doesn't it? Principal crop over here seems to be grapes with tangerines second.

The days seem very short, since it isn't light till about 7:30 A.M. and it gets dark about 6:00 P.M. Since there is no amusement or recreational facilities here we usually turn in about 7 or 7:30, so you can see the one thing I do get plenty of is sleep.

Haven't gotten one of the News Letters for a long time now, and I'm anxious to see the back issues. It's hard for me to picture State buzzing along as usual. Let's see? Football season must be just about over now. Thursday night is the Turkey Trot, and soon the Christmas formals will be starting. It seems a long, long way from here.

How's the Aztec coming along with Dorothy running it? I wonder if they've forgotten that I am on the mailing list? Give 'em a prod, will you, Doc?

Well, it's time to go to work, so that will have to do for now. Say hello to Mr. Richardson for me, and give my regards to the gang in the bookstore. Tell Durlin and Ed I'll write them one of these days. In fact, just generally remember me to the whole Aztec gang. See you later, Bob

From Eldon L. Dilley, C. Sp., C.P.O. Mess, U.S.N.T.S., San Diego, Calif.

.....have been receiving the News Letter since I was in Norfolk, Va. I ran into another Aztec the other day - Alex Hayward, who is now a second Lt. at Callan.

I am still at the N.T.S. here in San Diego and have charge of small craft (sail boats) with another former Aztec, Lt.(jg) Ed Ruffa, as my boss.... but better luck for the basketball season. (My new address is 3878 Van Dyke, San Diego).

Another promotion: Sgt. Lloyd Goodell, Hq. 1st Bn., 251st C. A. (AA) A.P.O. 913,  
% Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.



From: Pfc. W. L. Post, Marine Corps Unit 970, % Postmaster, S. F. (passed by censor)

.... We certainly had a nice trip - hardly any rough weather. At first I got a little woozy but nothing came up. Some got pretty sick.

Have never seen any place so near like Louisiana. Its a little windy though. Like back home, the Negroes do the work, but they say they like the Americans. They like the Americans because they work and the (censored) stand around with their hands in their pockets. That is just about right too.

I guess it will be sometime before I can write ten pages without getting anything cut by the censor. Here I am having trouble writing two pages.

I think that we are statione ( ) from where Wally McAnulty is, so I guess I won't get to see him.

Doc, I wish you would send me some of your old magazines when you are through with them. We are short of reading material around here. And also, send me a hat full of air mail stamps. (O.K. Bill, I'll send you some. Don't you have a Chamber of Commerce and all of that sort of thing down there? L.C.F.)

From: Lt. J. H. Murphy, 93rd Grp., 328th Sqd., A.P.O. 634, % Postmaster, N.Y. City, N.Y.

It's amazing just how far the Aztec News Letter will chase you. I received mine (#6 that is) "over here" in England. The address on the letter was Ft. Myers, Florida. It was grand to hear from the college again.

To date I haven't seen any of the Aztec men in the services, but they are around this section of the globe ( I see in the News Letter), so I may run into some of them from time to time. Perhaps I'll do as I did with one of my buddies that I was in training with. I hadn't seen him in ten months, and I had no idea that he was in England, but we bumped into each other in the American Bar of the Savoy Hotel in London, which all goes to prove that it is a small world after all!

Altho I don't know many of the addresses of Aztecs now in the service, here are two. 1st Lt. George Piburn, 93rd Grp., 330th SQD., A.P.O. 634, % Postmaster, New York City. When I last heard from Joe Carter, he had just completed his 4th jump and had one more to go before he received his wings and graduated from training for the Parachute Troops. The last address of his I have is Pvt. R. J. Carter C o. "C", 1st Parachute Training Regiment, Fort Benning, Georgia. Joe's folks will be able to give you the latest news concerning him - they live at 3590 - 3rd. Ave. Please say hello to Dr. Leonard for me.

The show that we took part in, October 9th at Lille was quite an experience, but it was only the beginning, for there are bigger and better ones coming up, before very long.

Thank you for the News Letters - They are greatly appreciated. Please congratulate Herb Peiffer on his new job, and ask him to drop me a line if he's not too busy.

From: Lt. J. Frost, 15th Photo Mapping Sq., A.P.O. #634, % Postmaster, N.Y.C., N.Y.

I got your news letter #7 yesterday and was, as usual, very glad to get it. I finally saw some State fellows. Burdette Binkley and I went to school down the way for a week together, and we really had a time. Last night I ran into Jim McColl here at this place. Both of those guys look swell. Burdette is flying A-20's and Jim is flying C 47's. It sure seemed good to see some of the boys again and talk over old times. It seems ages since we were in school together. One thing about England, you never have to worry about getting sunburned as the sun is never out long enough. Both Binkley and McColl have received your letters regularly, and I know they are as glad to get them as I am, and we really appreciate all the work you people are doing to get them out. Tell everyone hello for me, and good luck. P. S. Jim and I both have a year's football eligibility left. Do you think we could get in shape?

From: Col. Warren W. Brown, 5th Co. 2nd S.T.R., Harmony Church Area, Fort Benning, Ga.

Have been pretty busy the past three months. Am to be transferred from here in the next day or so, and then I'll give you my new address.

Ran into Bus De Volder the other night and we had an enjoyable time talking over old times.



From: Lt. H. P. Loef, Ptry C, 251st C.A. (AA) A.P.O. 913, Postmaster, S. F., Calif.  
(Passed by censor)

I received all of your letters and my excuse for not writing is plain old tropical fever. I don't move down here in the sun unless the skipper says "jump". I am very fortunate in having Joe Rodney for my P. C. Lt. Johnston just joined our battery a couple of days ago so that of the four officers assigned to C Ptry, three are Staters. Not bad if I say so myself. The fourth officer is a Michigan State graduate and boy does he have a hard time holding his own in the arguments around here.

I left the good old USA over two years ago and if you think I wouldn't give my right arm to get home, just ask me where to send it. When the 251st was called to duty, they were still debating the draft. I believe that was some time ago, but I can't remember.

I have one major complaint to register against the friends that I left behind. During my tow year tour, I have written to many who have never acknowledged hearing from me. Of course I don't care if they write or not because it has been so long now that I wouldn't know who they were if they did write.

I was glad to read about Dick Bate and the others from our outfit who are living back there. Ask any of them what we mean by "living" and they will tell you. Due to censorship, we can't. Your News Letter is really welcome out here in this faraway place and the fellows here appreciate it plenty. Keep them coming and we will keep going. Sure getting a lot of miles between us but our Uncle will remember us someday and will that be the DAY. To see the coast line of the USA would cause most of us to die of heart attack so maybe it would be a good idea to keep us on these tropical islands. (A note to some of the other Aztecs: Are you doing your bit to acknowledge the service that "San Diego's Own" is rendering? Remember that the "sweating" is sometimes worse than the fire, but the 251st has had both. Pick out a few names and write a few letters. Also send a few clippings and other things besides news. L.C.P.)

From Pvt. Don Clarkson ('36), D. E. F. L., Camp Callan, Calif.

Thanks, etc. Dean C. E. Peterson, with his limited staff, should be congratulated on the fine way they are carrying on their Physical Fitness Program.

Keep on writing, Aztecs.

From Cpl. Elya I. Bressler, W. B. G. H.--D. B. D., El Paso, Texas

(The letters stand for William Beaumont General Hospital where I am stationed.)

It was grand hearing from all the boys who went to State with me, especially since I've been unable to find any in my immediate vicinity, and have to take my connections vicariously. The closest that I have come to anyone from State is through Earl Kite, brother of George, who is also stationed at Beaumont, and while he did not go to State, he knows a number of people there.

I transferred to Beaumont Hospital after spending three months working in intelligence at Fort Bliss Reception Center. The work isn't as interesting and romantic as it is cracked up to be, and even the censoring of letters can become horribly boring when one has to read the same mushy letters day after day.

Now I am in my own field working as psychologist in the Neuro-Psychiatric ward of our hospital. It's a tremendously large building with about 150 beds and we also have the use of another ward for overflow. Even here among the psychotics, I've had no chance to see any old Aztecs.

There have been a few "Cajuns" here and our ward clerk is also a "Cajun." I've had a little chance to delve into more of their folklore and music.

How can I get in touch with Francis Perry, Ohan Kerian, and Sol Schultz? I am anxious to hear from them.

Another address: Pvt. Sol Schultz, Ho. Co. Bn. 2, 120th Inf. A. P. O. 30, Camp Blanding, Florida.

Another address: Pvt. Ohan Kerian, 50th Sch. Sq., Las Vegas Gunnery Sch., Las Vegas, Nevada.



From: Mr. John M. Leaf (W-2104228). Warrant Officer, 251st C.A. (AA), A.P.O. #913,<sup>9</sup>  
% Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

I don't know whether this letter will turn out to be a long or short one, as I am writing by flickering candle light and that's not so "hot" (but the weather sure is).

I want to thank you for sending me the "News Letter" and the "Aztec". The students' names in the Aztec of course are not familiar ones, but the "Letter" has really hit the spot. I was going to give you Lt. Howard Wiederman's new address when I wrote, but today I received letter #8 and I see that he has saved me the trouble. Howard gave you his brother's address, but Jerry has moved to Fort Crockett, Texas since then, so you might make the correction. He is still with the 453rd C.A. How about Mason Durrill? His present address is Lt. John Mason Durrill 723rd C.A. Btry, A.P.O. #317, % Postmaster, New York. Had a letter from Mason and he tells me that he is in South America.

Christmas is just around the corner now and it sure doesn't seem like the old holiday season. Imagine Santa Claus showing up in the middle of summer! This is the third Christmas that we of the 251st C.A. are spending across the ocean.

I saw Wally MacAulley this morning and he looks swell with those new 2nd Lt. bars that he is proudly sporting these days. Lt. Archie Johnston was assigned to the battalion headquarters here where I am for awhile, but the other day he was transferred to Capt. "Joe" Rodney's batter "C", where my brother Bill also has his bunk. That means three of Batter "C"'s officers are ex-Staters. That will be tough for the Japs when they run up against a team like that.

Sure was glad to see the articles from some of the ex-251st men that made good the reputation of the "old outfit" by earning themselves lieutenantcies since they left us. I am going to take time off one of these days and drop a line to Lts. Dick Bate and Ralph Richards.

You can now change the rank of Bill Mobley from Tech. Sgt. (1st Sgt. of the Band) to Warrant Officer - yes, it's Mr. Mobley now - he is the bandmaster.

Your letter #7 was a big help and was really welcomed. It gives a lot of us, who have been away for so long, a chance to find out where some of our old buddies are so we can drop them a line. Monte Moulton can expect to hear from me one of these days.

I see Hilbert Crossthwaite is an Ensign in the Navy - I wondered whether he had finally decided to choose the Navy. He was thinking seriously of it when he came out to Hawaii with the "Staters" in '40 to play the U. of Hawaii. What a day that was - all Honolulu to root for the "Rainbows" and the 251st for State!

Well, it looks as though I have rambled on far enough with this letter. I know the censor would agree. So here is thanks again and keep 'em coming. S. D. can always count on the 251st to do its part in making the Jap a sorry person.

Here's looking forward to a big celebration in the old home town.

From: Ens. James J. Kinsella, VGS-16, % Fleet Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Your News Letter #8 finally caught up with me today and it helped to make an alert watch this evening go very much faster. Though it was admitted to be the biggest and longest so far, I was disappointed it wasn't bigger, so I read it again. The news letter content is like a drug - the more one assimilates the greater the craving, so don't forget to change my address!

Like quite a few correspondents of the News Letter, I also am "holding down" a rock on which the Navy chose to place an air station in the Blue Pacific. The only comforting thing about it is that you can't get sunk, though "Mr. Mosquito" is trying his best to put us out of action. They're as big as bumble-bees out here and sharp in dive-bombing.

I see through the News Letter that quite a few Tau Delts are becoming Navy pilots - wish we could get together. Merry Xmas to all my old buddies and yourself!

Change of address: Pvt. Geoffrey Rothero, Southern Land Frontier Sector, QOC, Camp Lockett, Calif.

From Lt. (jg) James (Red) White, U.S.S. Partridge, % Postmaster, New York  
A Censored Xmas card.



From: Lt. Richard F. Kenney, U.S.A., 95th Fighter Sq. 32nd Fighter Grp., A.P.O. 10.  
# 525, % Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

I have been moving so much and changing A.P.O. no.'s so often that the latest news letter I have is No. 6 of Aug. 23, 1942.

There are no Aztecs or even San Diego men here and so news from home is as scarce as sugar.

The names of Bill Harshaw, Kenneth Wade and Don Robertson all bring back memories of State and of our local Naval Reserve unit. (I was a member for 4 yrs.).

The people over here don't take much interest in geography and meteorology and the way they forecast weather is by looking at the hills. If they can't see the hills it is raining, if they can see the hills it is going to rain.

I am looking forward to every "Post" for a news Letter. Keep 'em flying!

From: John Holloway, Sp. 1c, U.S.N.R., Naval Training School, Aviation Maintenance, Bks. #62, Norman, Oklahoma.

Thanks for sending News Letters Nos. 8 and 9. It is really swell reading of the whereabouts of fellows I knew at State in '40 and '41, especially my Kappa Phi Sig. frat brothers - George Piburn, Bob Bauder and Ed Shaw. I would like to hear something of Jim McColl in England, was he mentioned in the first seven issues? Also news of W. Hoskins, B. Stoll, L. Chase, W. Harris and many others makes me know we are all in there doing the best.

Bob Cleator mentioned, in issue No. 8, that I was stationed at North Island and being transferred to Ohio State U. at Columbus to instruct aviation mechanics, but he was wrong on the location. I am at the Aviation Maintenance Division of N.T.S., Norman, Oklahoma. We have a fine big base here, and our part is training the boys who "Keep 'em flying" in the Navy.

The climate, as usual, can't compare with S.D., nor can the coeds at Oklahoma U. - just a mile away - compare with A ztec coeds. So far I haven't seen one Stater, but there are 6,000 of us here at this base, so perchance a few may be around, though unknown to me.

I am looking forward to future News Letters with great anxiety and am wishing all my fellow Staters the best of luck wherever they may be. Keep 'em flying!

From: Lt. Col. Seymour W. Wurfel, A.P.O. 759, Ft. Geo. Meade, Md.

Have received a couple of the fine service news letters and enjoy them greatly. You are doing a superior piece of work, appreciated by every Stater in the service. Please send me No. 7 which I did not receive. The enclosure will help the cause a mite.

Several of my former students in Commercial Law have written me they used to think Econ. 18 was tough, but that it was just a breeze compared to what they ran into at officers' candidate school. When this is all over and I come back to State, I promise to tighten upon on Econ. 18 to preserve it's intellectual respectability.

I have been on active duty for over two years now. During that time I have been stationed at San Diego, Monterey, Ft. Ord., San Bernardino and Pasadena in California; at Ft. Lewis, Washington; Ft. McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia; Jacksonville, Florida; Camp Forrest, Tenn; Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas; Washington D. C.; and Ft. Meade, Md.

By the time you receive this I will be on duty at an overseas station. My new assignment is one that will be very interesting.

Please say hello for me to all my friends on the campus.

From A/C Robert E. Nath, Parks Air College, East St. Louis, Ill.

I showed the last issue to some of my bunk mates and they thought it was a swell idea that the college took so much interest in the students in the service.

I am finishing here this coming Saturday, so as soon as I get to Basic I'll send you my new address. I have had a lot of fund and have met some swell fellows from all over the country here in Primary and I am looking forward to Basic with a lot of expectation. P.S. If you see any of the Phi Lambda Xi boys around, tell them I would appreciate it if you would tell them hello for me. (Phi Lambs - how about a note to an old pal? L.C.P.)



From: Capt. Joseph A. Rodney, Btry C, 251st C.A(AA ) A.P.O. 913, S.F.

It has been a long time since I have written for which I wish to apologize, but the reasons are long and varied so I won't trouble you with them.

There have been some changes among the AZTECS here, noteworthy of which are, McAnulty, Finan, and Phillips are all brand new 2nd Lts. and are really champing at the bit. Hendron and Harned are now attending the OCS and should be 2nd Lts. the 31st of January, barring mishap. It is beginning to look as if San Diego State is going to furnish more than her share of officers for this Army, a record for which we can all be proud.

We have received the new moral boxes which the Army is putting out with the phonographs, radios, and transcriptions and you would be surprised at the pleasant reactions that just those small things brought about. Recreation for the men is about our biggest problem here, there being little to do and what little is done, is done by the men themselves.

I have been watching with interest the growing list of names on the Aztec Service Roster. There are so many that I have finally given up trying to identify names.

If it would not be too much trouble for your already over-worked staff, I think that small item of adding the class to the name would help many of us to identify those people whom we know and would like to contact but are not quite sure about. There are quite a few new students getting into the list whose names are similar to the old ones, hence the mix-up.

(Yes, Joe, I have often thought of that and sometimes I am prompted to add a note which would help to identify a fellow. It so happens that I don't know them all myself so Aztecs writing in should put down their class years. Possibly next time, we will have some of them in. Thanks for the suggestion. L.C.P.)

From: Lt. Joyce Cunningham, Third Officer, WAAC, 2nd WAAC Training Center, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Thanks so much for the News Letter and the Aztec, have enjoyed them both. Since November first I have been here at the 2nd WAAC Training Center in Daytona Beach, Florida. Would you please send them here, I don't want to miss them.

Should anyone from State come to Daytona or nearby, please have them look me up, I'll do my best to see that the WAACs show them a good time.

From: Lt. Walter Bugg, 353rd Bomb. Sq. 301st Gr., A.P.O. 634, % Postmaster, N.Y.C.

So far I have received News Letters Numbers five and six. It is hard for me to express my feelings and appreciation upon receiving them. I can say, though, that no one enjoys reading the news letter more than I do. I want to apologize, too, for not having expressed my gratitude before this.

I have been over here in England with the Air Force for sometime now, but like many others, I never tire of hearing of news from home, and of all the others scattered all over the world. I am a bombardier, a 2nd Lt., and am in the same outfit as Jerry Thomas. He and I are the only ones from San Diego who are in this outfit, and we often get together to talk of the home town and all our friends. Whenever one of us receives a copy of the News Letter, he immediately brings it to the attention of the other, and we begin to read every line.

I have been wondering for sometime now how I could get in touch with Lt. Tom Fish. Could you help me?

Once again I want to say I appreciate your sending me the News Letter, and I am really looking forward to many future copies.

From: G. H. Schillreff, RT2/c, U.S.S. New Mexico, % Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.  
Xmas card that was passed by the censor.

Change of address: Lt. (jg) Phillip Bromley, Airplane Recognition School, Room 3005 Baker Hall, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

New address: Lt. (jg) Eric S. Pfefferkorn, U.S.N.R., Barbara Worth Hotel Bldg., El Centro, Calif.



From Paul Nakadate, Heart Mr. Rel. Ctr. Blk 22-24-F, Heart Mr., Wyoming 12.

Here is an address: Sgt. Paul Y. Kuyama (Class 1939) G.H.A., SWPA, A.P.O. 500, % Postmaster, S. F., Calif.

He is somewhere in Australia and having difficulty understanding the English that is spoken there. He claims that they really put the English on it. And he is getting muddled up with the exchange, pence, etc., but it is all the same expense to him. He has been there four months and he would like to hear from his fellow service men.

From Pvt. Jack W. Hubbard, Medical Det. Scott Field, Ill.

When I read of all of the Aztec Tribesmen who are fighting overseas and preparing to go over to do the swell job that they've always done, I sometimes wonder just how helpful I am in this comparatively easy job; but when I think that maybe some day I might be able to help one of our fighting men who may be hurt, I realize that there may be something to this job after all. I am very sorry to hear of the State men who have lost their lives in this war; it's men like them who will be remembered for generations to come by the free Americans and free people all over the world . . . Keep 'Em Flying.

From A/C Robert Romaine, Class 10-A Cadet Regt. U.S.N.A.S., Corpus Christi, Texas

I'm beating my brains out on "instruments" now, a subject all cadets dislike but which they swear by when flying in the "soup". Needles, gyros, and beams all thrown together to make a nerve-wracking situation.

Have you the address of RT3c Donald I Doerok, Navy Receiving Ship, Co. 15--Bks. 17, New Orleans, La. He was a Sigma Lambda and was at State in '40. He was taking radio training and will probably have a new address shortly.

I see Beckus, Tompkins, Jack Adams, Macevitz, and many other Aztecs here quite often. Another is Joe Blackstock who is in the Cadet Regt. here.

From A/S Joseph K. Robbins, RAFS--"D" Flight, Ech. 2, Roswell, N. M.

... you see every time I started to notify you of a change of address, I got sent to a new place. No. 6 still has me listed with an A.P.O. number. I have been back in the states about 7 months. Am an aviation student in Advanced Twin Engine School at Roswell, N. M.

From Lt. George A. Kimball, 2616 Lizer St., Memphis, Tenn.

I am now stationed in Memphis and fly to N. Y. and El Paso. It's a great life and almost a fat man's job. I'll be through here about January . . . And Doc, those News Letters are better than money from home. They are the greatest thing State ever put out. (Them's strong words George. L.C.P.) It's great to hear from the fellows and even the "Fighting Femmes."

I'm flying C53 now and should get a crack at C46 a little later. Have seen a lot of country lately. Have seen snow in Maine and about froze one night, but weather doesn't mean much in this business.

From Ens. Giles T. Brown, 535 South Blvd, Norman, Okla.

I am stationed at the naval training station here where enlisted men are trained to service airplanes. Good luck to you and your co-workers at State.

From A/C John Macevitz, Cadet Regt., U. S. N. A. S., Corpus Christi, Texas.

A Xmas card.

From Lt. T. S. Walker, Chico Army Flying School, Chico, Calif.

A Xmas card.

✓ From Ens. Courtney Kirkeeng, Personnel Office, Commander Service Force Pac., % Postmaster, S. F., Calif. (Passed by Censor)

A Xmas card and "Hat's off to the News Letter. Rated a lusty 4.0 with me."

Another address: Ralph McQuaid, VP Sqdn 24, % Postmaster, S. F., Calif.



From Lt. (jg) Wilson Seacord, Navy Section Base, San Diego, California

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..... yes, I received my promotion to Lt. (jg) on October first after 15 months as an Ensign.

Clifford (Bud) Perkins is now an ensign at the indoctrination school at Dartmouth.

I don't know where or what Emmett Williams is, but he is the fellow who played on my freshman baseball team at State. Thanks...

From A/C Frank Braisted, Class 43-E, Fletcher Field, Clarksdale, Miss.

....This is the best Primary Flight School in the Southeast Training Center and is commonly known as the "Clarksdale Country Club." It costs the government \$66.00 per month per man for room and board here and I'm really making the most of it after a year as a "G.I."

From Cpl. Rudolph M. Morales, Co. I, 802 Sig. Service Regt. Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Have been here just a week and am due for a lot of studying---more than in any course at State. Will try to contact Ralph Vernacchia. Hope he is still here. Was glad to hear about Frank Verdusco (who is now in India.)

From Ens. T.J. (Joe) Davies, C-21 Gallatin Hall, Soldiers Field Station, Boston, Mass.

Have just come up here from the N.A.S. at Anacostia where I was on temporary duty as assistant to the Disbursing Officer to spend three or four months in the Supply Corps training before going out to do my part in the real business at hand. Although I am very anxious to get through with these temporary duties and get into a spot where I can be of some real benefit, I found it hard to say goodbye to so many really fine men at the Air Station.

There are literally dozens of Californians here but so far I have not encountered any Aztecs. What I have seen of Boston looks good. Fortunately I was not in the vicinity of the Coconut Grove when the fire occurred.

Change in address: Ens. James V. Couche, U.S.N.R., 204 N. Baker, U.S.N.T.S. Cornell Univ., Ithaca, N.Y.

From Ens. E. E. Sechrist, West Coast Sound School (45-A) Destroyer Base, San Diego, Calif.

The day that I received the News Letter, I sat down and wrote three letters to classmates whom I had not heard from for a long time. Received my commission aboard the U.S.S. Prairie State last October. Then was assigned here and will be here only a short time. Unfortunately I have not seen any Aztecs in the service yet.

From A.C. Grant Neilson, Sq. 104, AAFCC, San Antonio, Texas.

(A note to another faculty member, L.C.P.) Another Aztec student, Harlan Torkelson, is here. He is in Squadron 106. Also, Reid Scott is here. He is in Squadron 103.

It is here the men are classified as pilots, bombardiers, or navigators according to the results of physical, mental, and psycho-motor tests. These tests take some four or five days. Luck was with me and I am classified as a pilot. Since then we have been learning to be officers and gentlemen by first learning to be soldiers. This means hours of drilling, exercise, IP, and guard duty....Life isn't too bad but I have lived better.....

Change in address: Pvt. Frank (Bill) Johnson, Hq. and Hq. Co. 9th Port of Embarkation, A.F.O. 3321, % Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

Xmas card and the above address.

From Miss Mary E. Verdusco, 930 Pint St., San Francisco.

A telegram saying: "War Department reports Frank missing in action since about November 29."

From Ensign William Kruse, U.S.N.R., Midshipman School, N.Y., N.Y.

A graduation invitation.



From Fred Eisert, 1411 E. Edison, Tucson, Ariz.

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Get a big kick out of watching those ratings go up. Am stationed at Ryan Field, Tucson, as a pilot instructor U.S.A.A. C.R. It's fun to turn these cadets into pilots. Have been watching for some Staters to come through but as yet have not run across any, but will keep on the watch for them.

Pfc. Ralph C. Frisbie is located in Phoenix at Luke Field in the Medical Dept. Station Hospital.

From Jack Waller, Y.2/c. 1911 Echo Park Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

With true Waller logic I am writing this within a few days of a possible change of residence (within the city) but I am afraid that if I postpone this simple and pleasant duty again, I may be remiss for more months. It is certainly interesting to see in which parts of the land and sea so many of my friends and casual acquaintances are now serving.

Effective November 1st, I am a yeoman second. I enlisted some fifteen months ago in the rating of seaman first class and have fortunately been promoted twice.

Within nearly all shore stations it is more fun than a football pool to estimate the exact date the fair WAVES or maybe older civilians will move in and send the younger fellows (I am younger) to sea. It is inevitable, I suppose, and most of the fellows will be glad when it comes. We have obviously made less than our share of sacrifices so far.

Change of address: Sgt. Edward A dieckmann, Jr., Btry E, 246th C.A., Fort Story, Va.

From Carlton M. Beyer, 1401 Duval St., Key West, Fla.

While I am not in the Navy, I am working for the Navy under National Defense Research Committee, the University of California Division at the Fleet Sound School at Key West, Fla.

For some of the lads that have not been to Florida, I can say that San Diego is still a wonderful place to live.

New address: Sgt. Ben Hull Clay, Co. A, 1st Bn. (Reinf.) 53rd Inf., A.P.O. 949, % Postmaster, Seattle, Wash..

New address: Lt. (jg) John W. McNulty, U.S.N.R., Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine.

New address: Spud Kunkel, 671 Glenmore, Glendale, Calif.

From A/C Gabe Ferazzi, Class A2-17 Flight C, Cadet Det. A.A.F.D.S., Big Springs, Maine

....Milky Phelps deserved a better fate as he was tops. Only yesterday Capt. Orland Huffman and I were talking about him. We are dropping combat bombs and hope to graduate Dec. 17. I am hoping my transition training will be at Westover Field in Chicopee, Mass.

From Remo Sabatini, Slc., 1451 Fernside Blvd., Alameda, Calif.  
A Xmas card.

From Sgt. Tech. Wayne St. Morris, Co. C 515 Sig. AW Regt. A.P.O. 958, % Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

A censored Xmas card.

Change of address: Lt. Don L. Webber, A.P.O. 10551, % Postmaster, S.F.

Xmas card from CM 2c. Frank Whigham, Receiving Station, U. S. S. McCook Detail, Bremerton, Wash.

Change in address: S/Sgt. Ralph A. Vernacchia, Hq. Co. 803 Sig. Serv. Regt. Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Promotion: Lt. (jg) G. S. Muehleisen, U.S.N.R., Camp Kidd, U.S.N.T.S., San Diego, San Diego.



From Ens. Barney Carmen ('36) U.S.N.T.S. Harvard, Holworth W-2, Cambridge, Mass. <sup>15</sup>

We're having a time here at "deah old Hawvawd!" We are in class 9 hours daily with one hour of drill. I am convinced that we need the training (for Communications Officer) but I am darned anxious to get to sea and join the other fighting Aztecs! I still have two months to go here, and then the big thrill will come..

Give my best regards to Coaches Dick Mitchell and Don DeLauer -- tell them that one of the men in my company is from a school in Kentucky that played in the K.C. Tournament last year. He wishes them the best in the coming season. His name is Dumford -- a swell fellow. He was really sorry to hear about Milky Phelps as he was well liked around Kansas City.

..... all the fellows I showed the News Letter to are beginning to try to figure out a way to get their alma maters to do likewise.  
ps. Tell the Omega Xi' that our old tong tops anything that I've seen about this part of the country. At the time of writing, Barney did not know that the Omega Xi's would be sponsoring this very issue. ) Barney, your letter carried me back exactly 25 years. I, myself, went to the U.S. Naval Radio School at Harvard in Dec., 1917. That was the winter of the big snow---- and me out of the Deep South, suh! My first week I stood guard around Pierce, Hastings (?) Winthrop, Perkins Memorial and a few other halls. I wore all of the clothes I had. I slept in a double decker in the rowing room of the Gym. Then I got into radio classes and came out as Electrician 3rd class, radio.

Just last night I recalled a good deal of it from seeing a picture of our company trudging around in the snow. Possibly 25 years have changed the place some, but I see that pronunciation of the name of the institution is still the same. L.C.P.)

How about the address of Francis Perry. Wish some one would send it to us. L.C.P.

Another address: Ensign Mildred A. Robertson, 4945 Brandywine, N.W. % Mrs. Roy E. Smith, Washington, D. C.

Change of address Lt (jg) Herbert B. Williams, U.S.S. Massachusetts, % PM, NY.

From Sgt. Whit Hoskins, Med. Det. S.C.U. 1947, Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif.  
A Xmas card..

From Lt. George S. Farina, 326th Fighter Sqdn, Hamilton Field, Calif.  
A xmas card.

News address: Pvt. Thomas D. Hart, 30th Tng. Co., D.R.T.C., A.P.O. 957, % Postmaster, San Francisco.

From Lt. (jg) Claude L. Kishler, U.S.S. Pensacola, % Postmaster, San Francisco.

(Passed by Censor) Have just received numbers 5 and 6 and enjoyed them. For the past four months I have not seen a person from San Diego, but I am keeping my weather eye open for someone all of the time.

Have been in the Navy exactly two years today and have enjoyed my tour of sea duty, but I believe I could stand a few years of shore duty.

Say Doc, I believe that you know my wife who was a former State student -- Mary Ruth Akin. Well she has been living at Honolulu since the raid at Pearl. She belonged to Tau Zeta Rho sorority and I am sure she would enjoy seeing a copy of the News Letter. You see, I never get home much so she seldom sees mine, in fact, I have not seen her for four months. Our address is C. L. Kishler, 2735 Laniloa Road, Honolulu, T.H.

I can't figure out what Phil Thacher means by the slogan, "Remember the Houston." The boys aboard here coined one that Phil would understand: "The Guadalcanal Express," which are fighting words to us and once the thing starts moving, its very hard to stop. Some day I may be able to explain fully.

Well Doc, I guess I had better break off here because I go on watch in 20 minutes. P.S. What ever happened to Big Ed Zender. (Don't know, L.C.P.)



From James Russell Lowell, Pvt., AACR, Smiley Field, Welton, Arizona.

Five former Aztecs grace the wide open space which is Smiley Field. The gruesome five are Don Waller, George Maillott, Jonathan Lippitt, William Meyers, and yours truly. Our duty here is that of service pilots, instructors, ferry pilots, air line pilots, in an embryo state, training with the CPT program. The work so far is wonderful with views of great things to come. New addresses for you: Robert Jorda, Thomas Newbery, and Sam Bierbauer, Liberty Air Academy, Gilpin Field, Tucson, Arizona.

From Reid Scott. A/C, Sqdn 113, Air Force Class. Center, San Antonio, Texas.

..... I don't know how you got my address so quickly... I am classified as a pilot, but it is a long way to those Wings. Right now we are receiving basic army training waiting to be shipped to PreFlight where the actual flying instruction begins.

Frankly, it is difficult to transfer from the easy, do-as-you-please attitude that is prevalent among civilians to that of aviation cadet --- quite a blow to the egotism.

From Pvt. Jim Snapp, Browne Flying Service, Fillmore, Utah.

There are 26 of us here now --- 22 from San Diego. We have been here a month and according to the schedule, we won't be through for another month. We are just starting to do solo stalls and spins .... Our ground school courses are Navigation, Meteorology, Math, Physics, Airplane Identification, Airplane Flight and Maintenance, Radio Code, and Military Drill. .

Dave Farquhar, another Stater, is here taking glider pilot training.

Another address: Lt. J. W. Rainey, 3-C.A.C.R.U., Canadian Army (Overseas)

Former Aztec, Alton H. Putnam (not in the Armed Forces) suggests that Aztecs use him and his address as a sort of clearing house for Aztecs in those parts. His address is 1802 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (Send all mail to P.O. Box 1162. His phone is Metropolitan 7835.

From A/C Homer H. Brown, Sqd. A-1, AAFPS --- CB-N, Selman Field, Monroe, La.

I am in navigation preflight school taking about 6 classes per day. Along with drill and physical training it makes a pretty rigorous schedule. That is for five days per week. Then on Saturday morning we have 3 classes and in the afternoon we have dress parade. .

Please tell all the boys on the campus hello for me, especially Jim Ahler, Bill Downing, Ed Moore and also the "bosses" and Ed Herzig. I send Xmas greetings by remote control.

From Midn. Chesley Jones, U.S.N. Academy, Annapolis Md. Room 4160.

I see in the Aztec that they are giving a good course in Commando tactics at State. You ought to see 300 of us in the cold November breeze going over a Commando Course and beating each other to bloody pulp in the best prescribed manner.

As you probably know, Jack Vogel and Leon Carver are here. We expect to be commissioned Jan. 5th and hope to survive. This week end we have 8 hours of examinations in 3 subjects.

Change in address: S/Sgt. H. R. Pierce, 21st Observation Sqdn. Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

From Ens. James J. Kinsella, VGS-16, % Postmaster, S. F.  
A censored Xmas card.

Change of address: Ens. Paul Fern, A.P.C. 28, % Fulton Shipyard, Antioch, Calif.  
"Also give my regards to Dean C.E."

New address: A.S. Arthur Elroy Platt, U.S. Naval Supply Depot, Sydney, Australia, % Postmaster, S.F.



From A/C Robert Cleator, 14th Batt. PreFlight School, St. Marys, Calif.

St. Marys is quite a place, and Doc, it was sure a wonderful experience to walk into some friends-- yours and mine. I saw Ens. Bob Brown, Lt. Pete Walker, Lt. Comdr. Young, Morgan Finney, Bob Currey and several other people from San Diego.

I sure was swell of both Ens. Bob Brown and Lt. Pete Walker, both of them came looking for me. That's what I call real people.

Is there anything that I can do to help you with the News Letter? (Yes, keep track of all of the Aztecs up there. Ride herd on them and see that they all get the News Letter. L.C.P.)

From Lt. Fred B. Smith, 6th Tow Target Sqdn, Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas.

(Fred was a fullback on the 1938 Frosh team)

I was attached to an Observation Sqdn down in DeRidder, Louisiana, for three months and I flew O-50, B25, and P40F. I was transferred to El Paso about 2 months ago and have been flying A20 and B26 and Lockheed Venturas (B34) all twin engine ships. We tow sleeve targets for anti-aircraft and believe me when I say that I know what it feels like to get shot at.

Was down at Basic with Gene Erdman, Don Peck and Lawrence Burke but we parted when we went to Advanced. I saw Hal Hevener about a month ago and he was going to Topeka, Kansas to complete his bomber training preparatory to going overseas. Also saw Dick Couts, Perry Command, and Leon Fish, glider school instructor.

Well Doc, I guess our '38 Frosh squad is doing all right by themselves in this year war, aren't they? I'll never forget that Oceanside game. Remember? (Yes, and do you remember that punt? It must have set some sort of record, but I can't--due to censorship--say just what kind. By the way, we sent a team up there this year that took Oceanside. L.C.P.)

Have Earl Allison and Andy Echle drop me a line. (Andy is in the Defense and Planning Dept., of the U.S.N.T.S. in San Diego. Earl Allison is instructing in Advanced Flying School, Victorville, Calif. L.C.P.)

From Alex Regas (Alex Rogers) 323rd Fighter Sqdn, Army Air Base, Richmond, Va.

The trip east was a humdinger. I was raised on the east coast and it felt good to get back. In Washington, D.C. I had the opportunity of visiting the capitol and I assure you it was a most impressive sight to come out of the Union Station and see the buildings that are used by the law makers.

Have no idea how long I'll be here but according to the rumors it won't be long. I graduated from Buckley Field and don't think that we didn't have to work.

From Lt. Charles R. Smith, Hq. and Hq. Sqdn. AAFWCTC, Santa Ana, Calif.

..... as for myself, I am still fighting the Battle of Santa Ana in the capacity of Athletic and Recreation Officer. Our program begins with Calisthenics at 5:45 AM for the entire squadron and ends with voluntary participation in a free play period between 5 and 6 PM. The entire session is with the boys now that the weather is getting a bit rugged.

The words of the appended song (A Sleepy Platoon) were supplied by Pvt. Louis Alter, a songwriter in civilian life and now a member of our squadron. (To understand the humor you have to know that Hqts. is built in orange and walnut groves.) His best known song "Manhattan Serenade" is probably familiar to everyone these days. I wish you could have seen the presentation of the song at our Thanksgiving Party. Leon Belasco, the character actor from Hollywood and a private in the squadron was the leader of a platoon of six men, all former actors and singers from Hollywood dressed in their fatigue (Zoot Suits). As an introduction to their act they gave their interpretation of some of the various movements used in calisthenics.

I read in the Times that coaches Mitchell and DeLauer opened by winning one. Tell them I send my sincerest wishes and luck during the coming season. I noticed that Clarence and Andy are having trouble with the early morning coffee athletes. How is Money-Bags Flag? Tell him that if he wants to play my Squadron Basketball team it will cost him plenty.

Don't let anyone lock the News Letter in the hanger. Keep 'em rolling.



From Lt. Lionel Chase, 416th Bomb Sq. 99th Bomb Gp. (H) Army Air Base, Sioux City,<sup>18</sup>  
Iowa.

Just got No. 8 which had chased me from Roswell, to Salt Lake, to Boise, to Walla Walla, to here.

I'm co-pilot on a B-17. The word co-pilot means Morale Officer, Engineering Officer, Armament Officer, Athletic Officer, and Swamper. Part of my duties are teaching each man in the crew to fly the ship, just in case. Meanwhile I learn to navigate, use the Norden sight and operate the turrets. Tearing a .50 caliber machine gun apart blind folded is easy. Putting it back is something else. Our bombardier is so good that the government has to run out pickle barrels for him to drop the bombs in.

My brother, Bob, is a 2nd Lt. instructing in the Signal Corps School at Fort Monmouth, N.J. I know he would be happy to help any of the Aztecs that go that way.

.....(My status had changed radically since I penned the above note: I am now Squadron Operations officer and I'm in line for a promotion some time. I push a pencil now instead of a stick and rudder, flying only test hops and occasionally formation flights. The work is interesting but better upstairs. We ought to go see the big show in about a month.

There are 9 men in my outfit who knew Tom Cozens. We would like to have his parents address. Every one in my squadron reads and enjoys the News Letter. There are some mighty interesting sidelights on foreign service in them. Lt. Jack Frost's letter has all of the boys buying up silk hosiery in Sioux City. Probably we'll go to Africa where they would wish we had brought red calico and bright glass beads.

P.S. Remember when the Blue Key started collecting addresses of service men and had 20 names. You really had your head out of the cockpit on that play!!!

From Midn Seymour Rabinowitz, 319 Howard Hall, U.S.N.R.M.S. Notre Dame, Ind.

As I write this letter a cold blizzard is blowing outside. You can easily see that my thoughts would turn to Southern California..

While it is somewhat of an honor to be in the first indoctrination class here, it has many disadvantages. Our instructors are inexperienced and we received our dress caps three weeks late, etc.

Our program keeps us busy. We have 27 hours of classes and drills. Our courses are Navigation, Seamanship, Ordnance, Damage Control. Except for Navigation our lessons are almost purely memory. Most of our spare time is used for study but we are continually being taken away for one reason or another such as medical exams, picture taking, issuing clothing, books, etc.

One advantage of attending Notre Dame is that we see some fine football. We were Notre Dame's guests at all of the home games.....I am the only Aztec at Notre Dame. It seems as though almost all of the other Aztecs writing in have another alumnus stationed with or near them. However, I have met some swell fellows and made some good friends.

Give my regards to Mr. Wright, Dean A.G. Peterson, Dr. Cameron, and Dr. Jordan. Two more addresses: Martin Siegel, Signalman 3c., 3291 Bronson Pl. San Diego. Pvt. Ted Withall, Flt. 31, Bks. 2118--616 TSS(S.P.) Bt. C(5) AAFTTC, Kearns, Utah.

From Cand. Albert R. Lepore, OCC 186, 3rd Plat. 27th Co. 3rd STR-ISSC, Fort Benning, Ga.

.....the News Letter gave me the address of Warren Chatterley who is now in the Eagle Squadron in England. Warren and I attended high school and State together and I had not heard from him for a year. ...U.S.O.'s are OK but when you have to walk 5 miles to one and haven't the time ... some of us wonder.

(Wish I could run all this letter but I had to save space at this time.--L.C.P.)

From John Duich, C.Sp., 8th Reg. 3rd Batt. U.S.N.T.S., Great Lakes, Ill.

A card and a note of thanks----"a welcome bit of reading except for those football scores, ouch! (Don't worry - we'll get them next time.)

P.S. I'll swap you climates. Brrrrr!



Change of address: 1st Lt. Robert C. Cozens, 334th Bomb Sq. 95th Bomb Gp., Army Air Base, Rapid City, S.D. (This is later than Bob's other address.)

To O.C.S.--Sgt. David M. Sterne, Class 49--AAA-OCS, Camp Davis, N.C.

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From Sgt. Sam Simpson, Co.C., Fort MacArthur, California  
A Christmas card.

From Thomas R. Yglesias, 2nd Lt., Proving Ground Group, Eglin Field, Fla.  
A note and the above address.

From John R. (Rollin) Watson, Co.R, 27th E.T.Bn., 4th Plat., Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

.....training to be one of Uncle's Engineers. An Engineer is supposed to be able to do anything any other corps can do plus many specialist's job. I am in a company composed of miners, geologists, etc. So tell Skipper Brooks his geology might help. I got a good deal. Dick Turgon is here in the same squad. He is trying for camouflage. Say "hello" to the A.P.O.'s and the faculty.

From Pvt. Orien Todd, Field Music School, U.S.M.C.B., San Diego

.....I practice like all get out on my clarinet and I am enjoying the experience that I am getting. I marched to colors the other morning in the big band here at the San Diego Marine Corps Base for the first time and I was certainly thrilled. The sun came up and the flag was drawn up at the playing of the National Anthem. Our flag can look very beautiful--to the point of inspiration.

Change of address: Sgt. Alfred Rhodes, Co. 320 Eng. A.P.O. 95, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

From Lt. (jg) Ed. Shaw, U.S. Navy Section Base, San Pedro, Calif. (c/o Operations)  
A Christmas card.

From Lt. Tomas N. Chavis, Btry C, 64th C.A. (AA) A.P.O. 958, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. (Passed by censor)

.....Wally McAnulty becomes the target for congratulations. Old Mac will still be in there hitting that line when the going gets tough. He's cussing a tougher opponent now but he'll find that opening. Good luck, Mac.

Another address: Timothy Hallahan, U.S.N.R. School, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.  
(Tim will soon be an ensign. -L.C.P.)

Change of address: A/C Robert Nath, Av. Cadet Tng. Regt., Strothers AAF., Winfield, Kan.

From P. W. Casad, S2c, U.S.N.T.S. (ARM), Corpus Christi, Texas, Brks. 7

....Keeping very busy now, 8 hours school - athletics, etc. School is much more interesting now, when we're working with some real stuff.

From A/C George W. Peck, Flight Class 11A RW, U.S.N.R. Aviation Base, Los Alamitos, California. A Christmas card.

Change of Address: Lt. E. Al. Slayen, Fort Washington, Maryland.



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Allen, Vernon D.	Ingram, Kenneth R.	Tavares, Carl
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Ames, Robert T.	✓Jennings, William, Pvt. TAX	Thuli, Bob
Anderson, Archie, 1st Lt.	Johnson, Clifford Eugene	Truax, Douglas
Anderson, Jack, Cpl.	Johnston, Robert	Tucker, Robert E.
Anderson, Harry (R.A.F.)	Judy, Willis	Tuttle, Arthur, Lt.
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Borum, William, (R.A.F.)	McCulley, John	Williams, Ed
Bowman, Horace D., Lt.	McKenna, Bud	Williams, Emmett
Breen, Clyde, Capt.	McKervery, Gordon R.	✓Williams, Griff, 1st Lt. TAX
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Burch, Richard, Lt.	Merrell, Maurice	Jr., Lt. (jg)
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Byrum, Fred L., Lt.	Milner, Geo.	Williams, Mary Jane
Chamberlain, Robert M.	Mock, Robert	Willis, William
Ching, Some	Moore, Wallace T., Lt.	Wimmer, John D., Lt.
✓Clapham, Lee, Y2cl.	Nation, Robert	Winnan, Charles Casper
Clark, Richard R., Lt.	O'Bryan, Duross	Wolliscroft, Merlin
Cleveland, William	Owen, Donovan F., Ens.	Wright, Donald B.
✓Coggins, Clyde	Palmer, Glenn,	Wright, Harry
Corbett, Dave, Lt. (jg)	Pease, Gordon M., Pfc.	Young, Paul
Cornell, William	Penwarden, Roy	
Cowan, George	Perry, Francis	
Darrell, Henry	Peterson, Clarence. Lt.	
Davis, Reginald, Lt.	Plaister, Deane M.	
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Hall, Joseph Roy	Smithe, ED (Buzz)	
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Harris, Frank, Pvt.	Sowers, Millard	
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Hoerger, Myron	Stevens, Fred D., Maj.	

Captain Joe Rodney suggested that you put your class year down with your name. That's a good idea as was shown by the case of Johnny Butler.

It would help the editor if you would put your addresses at the beginning of each letter, as well as on the envelope.

Thanks. L.C.P.