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The Victorious Aztecs and friends are invited to meet for their first Annual Reunion after the war at the above scene.

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To all of the Aztecs in the Service and Their Friends:

There is never the least bit of trouble in making the deadline with the News Letter copy. In fact the struggle is the other way around—trying to keep from filling 12 pages of closely spaced copy too early in the month. What to cut and do every fellow justice and still make a publication that is readable for all is, of course, the problem.

If you don't get your copy each and every month, write and let us know. A

News Letter has been mailed to you every month since we first received your address. But if one was ever returned because of out-dated address, then the address was crossed off your card and your name was posted on our "Addresses wanted" list. We are helpless the moment your address changes, so let us know each and every time it changes, and then for good measure, drop us a line each time you get promoted. Or is it correct to continue to put 'A.S.' after the name of an ensign? Some of the real old timers are on the modest side when it comes to writing, but we still want to hear from you at least every 12 months.

We keep a complete file on those who are killed, missing, wounded, taken prisoner, or decorated. All such information is noted on the AZTECS IN SERVICE panel so you can scarcely imagine how much information the panel contains besides the actual pictures. Be sure to let us know if you were wounded or decorated.

We are having another "Open House" for the panel on Sunday, November 7,

from 3 to 5. Parents, friends, and the service men on leave or who are stationed in this vicinity are especially invited to pay it a visit.

And again, best of luck,

Lauren C. Post

Editor of the News Letter

PS. See letter to Wally McNulty on last page.



A/C WARREN EDWARD HAND

was reported killed in a plane crash at Corpus Christi, Texas.



CAPT. JOHN W. BASSETT

who earlier had been reported killed in action in Attu has been awarded the Silver Star posthumously for gallantry in action. When the Japanese staged a fierce counter-attack, Capt. Bassett, who was in the Army Medical Corps at a forward echelon of his field hospital, organized a group of armed but leaderless soldiers and directed their fire to repulse three separate Japanese attacks. A stream on Attu has been named Bassett creek in memory of his intrepid stand.

ENS. JOHN CLARENCE BUTLER has been missing since the Battle of Midway. Recently his mother received his Navy Cross which had been awarded several months ago. (Johnny played center on the "B" football team in 1939 and is not to be confused with **Lt. (jg) John Butler** who was Little All-American in 1935. The pictures of both pilots are side by side on our **Aztecs in Service panel.** LCP.)

TECH. SGT. RUSSELL ELDRIDGE was reported missing in action over Europe. He had completed 20 missions as an aerial gunner of a bomber and had been awarded the Air Medal and six Oak Leaf Clusters.

2nd Lt. Richard Kenney wrote from prisoner's camp in Germany to his mother, who says:

"I received a letter from Richard dated July 27, 1943, in his own handwriting. Although he was burned again in landing, the writing was distinctly his. "All Richard asks for is warm clothing and letters. 'Please write' seems to be his theme song."

Prisoner of War Mail Postage Free
2nd Lt. Richard F. Kenney, USA
American Prisoner of War #1747
Stalag Luft 3, Germany
Via New York, New York

2nd Lt. Ernie McAnulty wrote from a prisoner's camp in Germany: (As you know, Ernie is Wally's brother and an "Honorary Aztec." LCP.)

"I'm still sweating out a letter from you, also from some of those good looking gals with some pictures enclosed. Hope most of the boys are still going. How is that brother of mine doing? How is the football team, if there is one?"

"Well Doc, I'm depending on you to get some mail started. Tell **Wally** to be careful."

Prisoner of War Mail Postage Free
2nd Lt. Ernest E. McAnulty
American P. O. W. #G 2019
Stalag Luft 3, Germany
Via New York, New York

Lloyd O. Williams, A.B., wrote to Dr. Harwood, enclosing the address of his cousin, **Capt. Griff Williams**:

"I have enclosed the sample addressed envelope that you requested. I would appreciate it if, in the event that you have the opportunity, you would pass on this information to other Tau Deltas of Griff's acquaintance. I am sure that he would enjoy hearing from them. The substance of the letters must be restricted to purely personal messages, omitting the names of places, dates, or things pertaining to the spiritual.

"I have just received news of the

death of **Lt. Jack Baum**, who was killed September 15th on a bombing mission over Germany. Although Jack did not attend State College, he was well known on the Aztec campus and played ball for Chaffey Junior College against the Sons of Montezuma. He was the son of Charles A. 'Spider' Baum, former secretary and manager of the San Diego Padres and now athletic director of a San Diego aircraft plant. I am in hopes that Dr. Post will find room in the Aztec News Letter for a notation concerning Jack, inasmuch as he had many friends at State."

Prisoner of War Mail Postage Free
Capt. Griffith P. Williams
American Prisoner of War #1764
Stalag Luft 3, Germany
Via New York, New York

CAPT. LAWRENCE BURKE returned from the South Pacific after piloting a B-24 on sufficient successful missions to have earned a leave, the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and more to follow—besides the Distinguished Flying Cross and two Oak Leaf Clusters. (I asked Capt. Burke how deep the fellows there dug their fox holes. In answer to that question of great military import, he said: "Most of the fellows dig theirs about 6 feet deep but the ground was pretty hard and the weather was awfully hot so I dug mine only about 3 feet deep." Larry hasn't changed a bit. LCP.)

LT. JOSEPH F. COBB was awarded the Air Medal and the Oak Leaf Cluster for flight missions in the Mediterranean area and shooting down a Messerschmidt. Lt. Cobb has been in that area for more than six months.

LT. JAMES JENNINGS who is a Third Officer aboard a freighter was given a unit citation by the president for outstanding service in delivering supplies through Japanese infested waters in the South Pacific. He and his brother, **Lt. Robert Jennings**, met recently on a South Pacific island.

CAPT. ARTHUR F. O'KEEFE, U.S.M.C.R., was awarded the Air Medal at Corpus Christi NAS for his flight duties on Guadalcanal. He "participated in 29 flights, engaged in scouting missions, search and reconnaissance missions, attacks on enemy surface vessels, and attacked enemy ground installations." Capt. O'Keefe is instructing at the NATC at Corpus Christi, Texas.

LT. DONALD L. WEBBER was awarded the Air Medal for action in the South Pacific area. (And also, Don is the father of a new son. LCP.)

"Dear Dr. Post:

"The **Alumni Association of San Diego State College** is on an inactive basis these days because everyone is too busy winning the war to attend meetings. However, we did have some money in the treasury which we felt could serve no better purpose than to send another News Letter on its way to our fighting Aztecs.

"Please accept this check as evidence of our great interest in the men and women in service. What an alumni group we should have when they all come home, their love for the college strengthened by a mutual background of experiences, and by the friendly touch the News Letter has provided. Congratulations on your splendid work. We're behind you all the way.

"Very sincerely,
"Harriette S. Marshall,
"Secretary."

To the Alumni:

You have done a lot for us. When the time comes for us to help you, we will be glad to do all that we can. Don't be afraid to call on us.

We are getting several hundred extra copies printed for you and you may get them from **Mrs. Marshall** or at the campus. They are for you to use and distribute. LCP.

The picture panel showing the **AZTECS IN SERVICE** is to have its second **Open House** on Sunday afternoon November 7th from 3 to 5. Come and bring your friends. Service men in this vicinity and men on leave are especially invited. You'll meet some of your old friends that you least expected to see. Pass the word along.

DEL SUDOESTE which is the college annual is planning another "first" under the editorship of **Pat Allard** and **Leone Carlson**. The plan is to devote quite a section of the annual to the **AZTECS IN SERVICE**. It is to be a pictorial record of our men in the war and yet be a "college annual." It should brighten many an hour for Aztecs on both the Home and the Fighting fronts.

I am very enthusiastic about it and have as my main chore in it the getting of the pictures from the men and their families. Its success depends in large part upon the number of nice service pictures that we can get so we urge you to try to get them for us. We intend to use them on the Panel and for reproduction for the annual.

The book is to be made available to all students, civilians, and service men who order them. I'm already looking forward to getting my copy. The pictures should be of such a size that the head

can be trimmed to a height of about 2 1/2 inches. For the Panel the width width doesn't matter. The entire picture should be about 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 for the annual. LCP.

CAPT. DAVID A. LIPPINCOTT

was reported missing in action in the South Pacific area. **Lt. Daniel Lippincott** was killed in a plane crash last December. (Neither Dan nor Dave attended State College, but three of their sisters did, and the family have been News Letter readers and helpers since its very beginning. All Aztecs will feel that there are two more scores to settle. LCP)

Ens. Eddie Preisler, who is with the Armed Guard, New Orleans, wrote "At sea in a saloon—or visa versa":

"At present I'm writing this letter in the officers' mess while the ocean outside is madly pitching and rolling this ship around like nobody's business.

"I have the address of a former Aztec who would like very much to receive the News Letter. He is **Charles 'Doc' Marrow**, 553 Terrace St., Altadena, California. Then the officer whom I relieved on this ship when I first came aboard spent two years at State and I think this should qualify him as a State College alumnus. His name is **William G. Schweitzer, Lt. (g)**, Armed Guard Center, New Orleans, La.

"**Madalena** should visit the 'Botanical Gardens' if he hasn't already. They are truly enchanting. I've never seen anything like it. It certainly is worth spending an afternoon to see. Banyan trees, cabbage palms, teakwoods, cinnamon trees, camphors, carnivorous plants that devour insects, rubber trees, and hundreds of others are present here. The many varieties of beautiful orchids are very interesting too. We had a guide along and he pointed out all the various plants and explained each. It was one well spent afternoon. **Lawrence Madalena** should visit a splendid beach they have there and also a wonderful gymnasium located on the Naval Air Station grounds. I spent a good two hours playing basketball in this gym.

"I'm sorry that I cannot mention places since we are not allowed to name ports that we have been in nor ones which we expect to enter. It's just part of our censorship regulations."

Cpl. Allison Lutterman, who is with the Marines in the South Pacific, wrote: "**Chaplain Mansfield's** address is FPO, San Francisco. He's a grand chap. Saw my name in the News Letter and looked me up. Aztecs seem to be quite scarce out here. Sooner or later, though, I'm bound to run into some of them.

"Our censorship prevents us from relating our experiences over here. Needless to say, we'll all be glad when this is

over and we can get back to San Diego. I certainly can't complain about conditions here or food, etc. Our Red Cross is quite on the job out here as well as other services. It still lacks a lot of being home, however."

Lt. M. D. Alcorn wrote from Evanston, Illinois:

"We have about 1200 boys in the V-12 unit here, about 300 of whom will be graduated November 1 and be replaced by others. I am a Division Officer for the unit—standing watch every ten days, teaching classes in Naval Organization, and selling the boys government insurance and War Bonds. I have sold over \$10,000,000 worth of insurance to date—not bad if there were any commissions in it!"

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Ens. Richard B. Woolley is in Amphibs at Little Creek, Va. ☆ **Pvt. Donald K. Major** is with a bomber outfit at Muroc, Calif. ☆ **Cpl. Margaret A. Mason** is still at Alpine, Texas. ☆ **Pfc. Virginia Hooper** is at Ft. Wright, New London, Conn. ☆ **Pvt. Fred Rohr** is at ASTP at University of San Francisco. ☆ **William D. Goshorn, AMM3c**, is on a big ship in the Pacific. ☆ **Pfc. Emery F. Johnson** is in ASTU in San Francisco. ☆ **Donald S. Barnhart, A/S**, is at Camp Ward, Faragut, Idaho. ☆ **A/C Kenneth E. Barnhart, Jr.**, is at Ellington Field, Texas. ☆ **Lt. Wilson Seacord** is still at State College, Pennsylvania. ☆ **Ens. Clifford A. Perkins** is still out of FPO, N. Y. ☆

COMMERCIAL

No commercial this month. LCP.

S/Sgt. Alfred Rhodes is still down in Louisiana. ☆ **A/S Jack C. Daw** is at Kansas State College, Hays, Kan. ☆ **A/C C. Raymond Harper** is in Basic at Marana, Ariz. ☆ **A/C Richard St. John, Ted Snyder**, and **Robert Noble** are at NAS, Norman, Okla. ☆ **Pfc. Kenneth B. Moyer** is studying engineering at City College of New York. ☆ **Sgt. D. N. Moyer** is at Camp Abbot, Ore. ☆ **Pvt. George S. Reed** is at Camp Fannin, Texas. So are **Howard Quam** and **Arden Duntun**. ☆ **Pvt. Fred Benner** is at Camp Crowder, Mo.

Ist Lt. Fred Carr, USMC, wrote from the South Pacific:

"I can quote the Chief Censor as follows, 'You can say that you are on a new campaign in the S. W. Pacific Area, and that you are safe and well.' So you shouldn't be too hard pressed to figure out where I am. It is quite a show, although nothing like the European scale. There is no feeling quite comparable to spotting a flock of planes and then recognizing them as your own. Our fliers out here are doing a wonderful job, Doc.

Of course, you hear that every day, but take it from a mighty thankful lad who is seeing it.

(Several days later) "Doc, the censor is rather strict here so there isn't much scuttlebutt I can pass on. I think I can mention that I'm with the outfit which set a new record for anti-aircraft in the early days of the current campaign. Naturally, I'm quite proud of the part my men played even if the newscasters did exaggerate the event slightly. It's about time the AA units received a little credit.

"My brother, **Jack**, who is in a Raider Battalion, saw some action out here also and is now back in a rest area, drinking beer and snowing the boots. **Jack Edwards** is in the area, and I can guarantee that he won't see any more of those three inch steaks for some time to come.

"Doc, if any of the boys flying fighters ever get out to this neck of the woods, tell them to look me up. I'm with one of the Marine AA units in the combat area, so they shouldn't have too much trouble finding me. I was at the same field where **Don Owen** was stationed, but, of course, knew nothing about it until I read of his exploits in the News Letter."

(From a later note from Mrs. Carr: "On September 9th, in the morning **Union** there was a paragraph concerning Fred's battalion. Lt. Col. Scheyer received a citation for the work done by his defense battalion in shooting down thirty-nine Jap planes during the period July 30 to August 9. In the morning paper of September 15th there was a picture of some of the men in the outfit standing around their gun while twelve Jap flags were being stenciled on the barrel for the 12 out of 16 bombers shot down. The paper said that was a record and that they used only 88 rounds of ammunition.)

Ens. Curt Clemmer wrote from his big ship in the Atlantic:

"I certainly consider myself lucky to be on such a nice ship. She sure is a pleasant ship to ride. In fact she is a floating city. We have all of the things a city has except grass and trees—two barber shops, shoe cobbler, tailor shop, carpenter shop, dentist office, etc., etc.

"I am in the Communications department. I like that as we know something about what is going on. My battle station is on a 40MM gun. It's a wonderful gun."

Ist Lt. Harold G. Hevener wrote from the South Pacific:

"Did you know that I just missed **Bill Goodchild** by a few days when I got over here? I was certainly hit hard to learn that he had gone down over by India. He and I came from the same town and had gone through school all

of the way together. But you never can tell. He may come hiking back some day because it has happened before over here.

"A lot of things have happened since I last wrote. I am now pushing 300 combat hours damn close so one of these days I'll be dropping around State to see you.

"Here is a picture taken the day our boys got decorated by General Ramey. That's me with his mouth open. I got the Silver Star, D.F.C. and the Airman's Medal that day, but I'm still sweating out the D.F.C. Oak Leaf Cluster.

"Was glad to hear that **Bob Cozens** made captain. I'm hoping to swing that deal by the end of this month.

"Say Doc, did you know that I'm the proud father of a son? No kidding! I'm hoping to see him before his number comes up.

"My claim to fame here is that I'm the only guy to hit a mountain and live and at the same time hitchhike back from a combat mission. I'll tell you some sordid details when I get back. It's quite a story, you know, truth stranger than fiction.

"Wish you could see the Victory Garden my navigator has outside the tent. This is headquarters for 'Home and Garden.'

"Haven't seen any Aztecs around here but I'm still looking after nine months. New crews that are coming over keep telling us how 'rough' it is in the States. They say it isn't worth going back to, but they haven't been here nine months. Some of our men have been here eighteen months."

Lt. (jg) Robert Brown wrote from Navy Pre-flight School, St. Mary's:

"Things are going as before and from all indications I spend the war fighting the 'Battle of Moraga.' I'm getting good experience along Phys. Ed. lines that will help me after the war, but at times I sure feel useless as far as winning the war goes."

Lt. M. E. (Red) Hallahan wrote from Iceland:

"The News Letter gets here in the good time of two weeks. Met a **Capt. Cox** who had attended State back about 1937.

"While celebrating my birthday in Reykjavik, I ran across **Capt. Murphy** who has the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and D. F. C. with one cluster. He is still stationed in England but he hopes to see Ye Olde Aztecs soon. Don't we all!"

June Herzig will leave soon for indoctrination at Smith College, Northampton, Mass.

A/C John Forrest, '42-'43, wrote from Gainesville, Fla.:

"I spent most of the last seven months transferring German prisoners to camps around over the United States and Canada. Now I am in the Air Corps and it's really swell."

Pvt. M. V. Prentiss is at Camp LeJeune, N. C., Spec. Sch. Det. 42 M Bks. 101.

Lt. Robert G. Harvey graduated from two-engine school at Marfa and is now training to pilot B-24's at Albuquerque, N. M.

Lt. (jg) James A. Sims is in LST's, according to Mrs. Sims:

"Jim is in the Amphibious Forces, Atlantic Fleet, training as executive officer aboard an LST. He wants it known his is a ship, not a boat. He had training at Dartmouth and at Princeton and the last I heard he was practicing beachings, etc., etc." (Best of luck from all of the Aztecs to you on that new ship, Jim. LCP.)

WHO WHAT WHERE

Lt. (jg) F. N. West is still in Public Relations in Los Angeles. ☆ **Thomas C. Kinard, F. Ic.** is at the Receiving Station of the C. G. in New Orleans. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Kirk Abbey** is in the Naval Air Force, Norfolk, Va. ☆ **George M. Thompson, A. R. M. 3c.** is at the NAS, Clinton, Okla. ☆ **Jack Maupin S2c.** is at the Receiving Unit, Government Island, Alameda. ☆ **W. O. George F. Boldrick** is at Fort Winfield Scott, San Francisco. ☆ **Cpl. Ralph R. Boldrick** is still in the Signal Service, Don-A-Sar Hospital, Fla. ☆ **Pfc. J. R. Walton** is at pre-radio school in Chicago, and so is **Pfc. Francis M. Worcester.** ☆ **Ens. Horace B. Walton** is at the NAS, Norfolk, Va. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Stanley Scofield** is at the S. D. Naval Hospital as Medical Officer. ☆ **James E. Bunker** is getting a special course at Quantico, Va.

Lt. David Mayes wrote his father from Africa:

"Had a few days off in Egypt, visited the sphinx and pyramids by camelback, and took some English WACs (or equivalent) sailing on the bay at Alexandria. Been on 28 combat missions. May get home after 50." (Dave sent a snapshot of himself and **Lionel Chase**—the only Aztec he has met in Africa. LCP.)

2nd Lt. Loy Flor finished O. C. S. somewhere in the South Pacific:

"Here is where the old college training helped me. I'm with the Chemical Warfare Service as my major was chemistry."

Cpl. Ted Withall wrote from Keesler Field, Miss.:

Managed to get a 36 hour pass to New Orleans. Its a great city. Called Al Morrison while there.

I'm really proud of those Aztecs in Africa, Italy and the South Pacific and I'm certainly anxiously awaiting that Victory Reunion.

Lt. Edward B. Davis, USMCR, wrote from an island in the South Pacific:

"We are on the same tropic isle as your nephew's company though a considerable number of miles apart. I am sending him a note this evening to say that I shall look him up as soon as possible. I know some of the Sgts. in his outfit and they're a good bunch."

Mary L. Omar is at the Coast Guard Training Station, Palm Beach, Fla.

Maj. Ed Overend was asked to "whip a new squadron into shape" so he was obliged to leave the one mentioned in **Lt. Richard Rash's** letter last time. Probably Ed has sailed by now.

Lt. and Mrs. Earl L. Allison are the parents of a new Aztecette: **Janet Marie.**

Lt. Warren Chatterley is with a U. S. fighter squadron overseas. Formerly he was in the RAF and his address was American Eagle Club, London. **Lt. (jg) Shelby Best** had the same address, but he is now in the Navy and is somewhere in the Pacific.

Sgt. Robert L. Walker wrote from Sicily:

"Nice country around here. Still something like Southern California. Managed to get to a city near here and examined the ruins of bygone times. Wish I could tell you more about it, but that man with the scissors says no! Haven't had any A. N. L. for a long time but mail is a bit slow. I want to thank you for the card and the address. Well, 'til we are all civilians again."

Mrs. Robert C. Cozens wrote from 2616 Georgia St., Vallejo, saying that Bob is now a squadron commander and was promoted to Captain. She also sent the address of **Lt. N. R. (Babe) Thompson** who is in the Pacific. "Robby and I are fine."

Capt. R. C. Cozens wrote from England:

"I have completed 15 missions and have 10 to go before I am taken off combat. My crew has been a lead crew for quite some time, and we don't get ours in quite as fast as some of the other

crews. Since we have been a lead crew we have led our group on some fine missions, one taking in that little trip to Africa.

"I have a darned good bombardier—a boy from Barstow—and he has really been hitting the targets. Received another Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal a few days ago. That makes two with another forthcoming. I suppose you know that the Air Medal is given for five separate combat missions and the Oak Leaf Cluster for each additional five. The other cluster was for that deal over Kiel last June.

"The only Aztec I have seen is **Maj. Jack Hayes**, a fraternity brother of mine. We have had many a bull session together talking over the 'good old days back at State.' The News Letter has been reaching me fine. As ever, Bob."

(And to think Bob played his last game of football here on December 5, 1941. It didn't take him long to become C.O. and leader of a squadron of **Fort's**. LCP.)

Pvt. Eleanor V. Spinola wrote from North Africa:

"News Letter No. 17 finally caught up with me. It's strange to read letters from the boys telling all about the Arabs, vino, French, filth, and assorted smells. I'll never forget the smells of 'Arab gulch' as they call the gully back of our quarters. At night they seem to be most potent. Then there is the whiff of garlic and wine one gets as a Frenchman passes by.

"The weather turned cool and we get into O.D.'s and they are really nice even if I say so. Though we have been here some time the people still stare at us as much as ever. I guess we are a novelty to them—breaking out a new uniform this way.

"Wonder where **Lionel Chase** found the coca-cola? We had some the other night at the C.P.O. dance, and was it good! The longer I stay here the more I find wrong with the place but don't think that I don't have fun. I'll never forget it. **Pau** for now."

A/C Robert F. Russell wrote from Luke Field, Arizona:

"**Jim Hardin** is the only other 'Dago' boy here. I was transferred into single engined fighters. Hope to graduate in a few weeks."

Pvt. Herman Addleson wrote from Fort Benning, Ga.:

"I quit the walking infantry and now I'm in a real outfit. We run (double time) six miles, then do exercises, push-ups, knee-bends, etc., for two hours, and then take up the other phases of parachute training.

"It's great and I like it. In five weeks

I'll be jumping from 1,200 feet. Be good, Doc, and thanks a million for making millions of Aztecs happy."

(Watch those decimal points, Herman. Happy landings. LCP.)

Lt. H. D. Phillips wrote from somewhere in the Pacific:

"Ran into a **Chief Gunner's Mate Caldwell** here. He has a couple of boys who went to State. He surely enjoyed the News Letters I passed on to him. Keep up the good work. I'll be looking for more letters." (Let me know which you didn't get. We still have most back numbers. LCP.)

According to Mrs. Eiler M. Jensen her son, **Pvt. Thomas W. Jensen**, is at Amherst College for special training. "The boys have been helping the farmers back there to harvest their huge apple and corn crops. Tom had his first real taste of winter with frost-bitten hands."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

A/C William H. Jennings is at Boca Raton, Fla. ☆ **Cpl. R. A. Ganger** is at Fort Ord, Calif. ☆ **Lt. H. B. Turrentine, USNR**, has an address c/o FPO, SF. ☆ **Pfc. Francis M. Ramsey** is at Tomah, Wis. ☆ **Ernest Kirkpatrick, Y2c**, is on the move again. ☆ **S/Sgt. Alex D. (Rogers) Regas** moved from Florida up to Camp Springs Field, Wash., D.C. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Harold B. Grant** was promoted to Lt. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Russell V. Grant** moved to 639 Haddon Road, Oakland. ☆ **A/C Ben Long** met **A/C Remo Sabatini** at Liberty, Mo. ☆ **Pfc. Donald J. Crouch** is at Camp Hale, Pando, Colo. ☆ **Ben Hamrick** is at Lowry Field, Colo. ☆ **Cpl. Joseph W. Walters** has an APO out of New York.

Cpl. Chris Franovich wrote from Camp Carson, Colo.:

"They asked for volunteers to go overseas and naturally, like any Fighting Aztec, I am ready to go. Doc, I wonder if you would send me a few Aztec stickers to pin up on my favorite mule."

(Yes, I mailed one for the port side and one for the starboard side. Let me know if you need one for the stern. LCP.)

Pvt. Gerhart Mehner wrote from APO, San Francisco:

"Please send me some Aztec stickers to put on my new truck to keep off the bullets."

Ens. Richard Coburn wrote from Cambridge, Mass.:

"**Ens. Tony Ghio** and **Ens. Jim Ahler** got new destroyers on the west coast. **Ens. Walter Borg** was assigned to Fire Control School in San Diego. **Ens. Dick**

Woolley is on the east coast for amphib duty. I asked for destroyer duty on the west coast so they sent me to school here."

Came a unique letter from the **Flagstaff Flotilla** with a very nice note of appreciation, a big money order, and 53 signatures: **Herman Froehlich, Archie Meihs, Robert May, Robbert Victor Lawrence Seglin, James Kent Meehan, John Ladd Hubbard, George Phillips, Howard D. Wexler, Paul L. Breese, Albert B. Klug, Howard Swanstrom, Ralph J. Black, Jack Robinson, Phil Bulot, George Jessop, Tim English, Bob Knox, Telson Woolley, Dick Bennett, Loren Scholz, Bill Wheeler, Gordon Hunzicker, James Reed, Clinton Potter, John F. Westrick, Ordell L. Wolfe, Sidney C. Wolverton, Richard G. LeClair, Don Smedley, Bill Fraser, Doyal McLemore, Arthur L. Austin, Avery G. Blevins, Jim Hannah, Tom Cullen, George Saunders, Daniel C. Votaw, Gordon L. Chamberlain, Richard D. Ryberg, E. J. Esposito, Don Horner, Don Kenney, Vernon G. Rivers, Earle T. McFarland, Bill Roesch, Auren M. Pierce, B. N. Forbes, Jerome J. Hope, Gordon Shields, Ed Wilson, Jack Holland, Jim Creswell, Bob F. Smith,**

Richard R. Davis and **Joseph Seminario** are midshipmen at Tower Court, Tower Hall, Chicago.

Ens. William Koller of the Armed Guard wrote:

"It was a great thrill to see my picture staring out and to realize that it was going every place that Aztecs tread the earth, fly the skies, or ride the waves. More and more I realize what a wonderful place home is. And boy, will I be happy when I can come into the cafe again and drink a '\$5.00 coke'."

Lt. (jg) Bob ("Toad") Flynn wrote FPO, S. F.:

"This paper that I am writing on is Japanese stationery. The characters in the center mean 'Navy.' It was picked up by us in the invasion of Kiska, which turned out to be a fizzle, but I can't say I was sorry.

"I ran into **Bob Exter** (Delta Pi Beta '41) here and he gave me his old News Letter. It sure was swell hearing about all the Staters all over the world. So far he and **Dr. Smith** are the only Aztecs I have run into.

"There is not much I can say of this duty in the Aleutians except everything you have read about the weather is true. When we put in here at this port, we had a 105MPH head wind. Needless to say, we didn't make the port for a couple of days."

Lt. Dodd V. Shepard wrote from "Somewhere in Asia":

"Our operations around here require that we fly over the most rugged mountains and the densest jungles in the world. When that peanut grinder up front begins to run irregularly and the Gremlins get into the cockpit, how they do work!

"Thanks for the Aztec sticker. It's in the canopy of my plane right now. I'll enclose a couple of **rupees** which are worth about 30 cents American money. Please send me a couple more stickers for my room and the shack.

"Did I tell you about meeting and talking with General Chenault? It certainly was a thrill that I shall never forget. He is like a father to fighter pilots in this area, and if you have a problem in your mind, you can go right up to him with it. Yes sir, we look up to him as a sort of Fighter God. He seems to be another Sen Yat Sen to the Chinese population. Viva la News Letter!"

(Dodd, did you tell us the name of your plane? More stickers have been mailed. LCP.)

Cpl. Robert D. St. Morris wrote from 240th Station Hospital, Camp Beale, California:

"Would you be kind enough to mail or put on the mailing list a friend of mine, also a former 'Stater'? His name is **Les Ingles**. Les entered the Army in December of 1943 and had completed eleven weeks of infantry basic training when he was suddenly taken ill with pneumonia, which has led to other complications necessitating hospitalization—where he has been all this time. He was all set for OCS with high recommendations from all of his officers, but that was all blasted by his malady. He is now in the General Hospital in Palm Springs.

"Just bet you can't imagine who walked into the domicile of 'The Saints' last week! It was that former RCAF, RAF fighter pilot, **Shelby Best**. Quite unexpectedly he dropped in on the folks, and you can imagine it was a surprise for them. Shelby has been flying Spitfires over the Channel and Germany for 15 months and naturally, has seen plenty of action. He is back in the States for an indefinite period after transferring to the United States Navy Air Corps.

"As yet, haven't said much about myself, but you know me, Doc, the modest type! Can say that I am getting along swell in this man's army, having become a corporal last July, only a little over a month out of basic training.

"My brother is on his way home from the Hawaiian Islands after 25 months of it. I think he deserves a break, don't you? Wayne was there December 7th so I imagine he has plenty to tell."

Lt. (Paisano) Gabe Ferazzi wrote from AAB, Dalhart, Texas:

"I instructed bombardiers for about seven months and was getting a little fed up so I applied for combat. On receiving my orders I was first sent to a gunnery school to learn the finer arts of self-defense. Then I was sent to Pyote and assigned to a crew as bombardier. P.S. Please don't ask me about the Boston Red Sox as it hurt me deeply!"

Lt. Otis L. Pemberton wrote from Williams Field, Arizona:

"My first ride in a plane here was 'piggy-back' in a '38 type ship. The last Aztec I saw here was **Lt. Don Weber** who is now in the South Pacific. Right after his son was born 'Jo Webb' shot down five Japs for the count. If any Aztecs come near Chandler or Phoenix, tell them to contact me."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

E/C J. C. Davis is at Oklahoma A. & M. at Stillwater. ☆ **Lt. C. L. McKain** is still on maneuvers in Tennessee. ☆ **1st Lt. Noel O. Bickham** is at Fort Hancock, New Jersey. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Sam L. Hall, Jr.**, is stationed in San Diego. ☆ **Pvt. Roy B. Peters** is at Camp Elliott. ☆ **Pvt. Theodore W. Livingston** is at Buckley Field, Colo. ☆ **A/C Russell Lamoreaux** is at Liberty, Mo. ☆ **A/C Donald A. Taylor** is at Ryan Field, Tucson, Ariz. ☆ **A/C C. R. Harper** is at Basic Pilot School, Marana, Ariz. ☆ **A/C Robert D. Farmer** is at Seymour Johnson Field, N.C. ☆ **A/C John H. Adams** is at Ellington Field, Texas. ☆ **Capt. Geo. H. Williams** has an APO out of S. F.

Lt. Lawrence R. Devlin wrote from North Africa:

(Larry described the occasion when he picked up **Bob Wade** who was hitchhiking in North Africa and the reunion. He also located **Lt. George Forbes** in a shell marked town nearby and later he located **Aux. Katherine Pyle**. On that occasion he had to explain to some 'big time general' why he happened to be in his office. Thanks for the nice long letter. LCP.)

A/C L. A. Morgan wrote from Hondo, Texas:

"Roger the October 1 News Letter. Thanks. A friend here tells me another Aztec is marooned in this blasted hole."

Ens. Haile Chace wrote from MTBSTC, Melville, R. I.:

"The boats are grand and lots of fun, but they are (censored) rough and wet. It's like riding in a jeep in a rainstorm. We have a Phys. Ed. class here affectionately known as the 'happy hour'."

Pvt. Jon Lippitt wrote from Kearns, Utah:

"I am here taking Basic and I could easily tell you where I am but for the war's sake I'll just say that it is near a famous old landmark on an old wheat field where the dust blows and blows.

"This is about the toughest place any of the Aztecs were ever stationed at in the States. The mental work is nil but the physical training, more affectionately known as physical destruction, is about as bad as one could be asked to face.

"My brother is now attached to the 'Paragraph Troops' of the Washington Gun Factory in the 'Siberia of the Navy Department,' where all non-conformists are exiled."

Pfc. John B. Reeve still is out in the Pacific. (We'll get the address right this time. LCP.)

Lt. Samuel J. Patella wrote FPO, SF:

"The thing that makes you feel so bad is knowing that you won't have the pleasure of speaking to those boys again. '**Milky**,' '**Punchy**,' and '**Shropy**' were real, 100% American men, and if for no other reason, we should work harder to achieve victory."

Lt. John F. Edwards wrote from Sicily: "I'm with the Troop Carrier Command, hauling everything from paratroopers and bombs to pigeon coops in these flying box cars.

"I ran into **Bud Houser** a few weeks ago. He has had quite a bit of combat time in B-26s. He is now more or less 'resting' in one of the nicer North African cities while engaged in courier service and ferrying planes." (Let's have **Bud's** address. LCP.)

Sec. Officer George Cowan wrote from a merchant ship in the South Pacific:

"Tomorrow I am going to try to look up **Roy Cleator**. I probably could have seen **Jack Edwards** a couple of weeks ago if I'd had the News Letter then.

"The boys in the Army, Navy, and Marines may think their mail is slow reaching them, but I think they must send the Merchant Marine mail over by cross-eyed homing pigeons. The delay is understandable though when you consider the fact that a merchant ship is constantly on the move."

Lt. (jg) H. B. Herty (not an Aztec?) wrote Mr. and Mrs. Trimble:

"Saw in the News Letter several kids asked about **Johnny Butler**. He came through here a while back. He has dropped me a few lines and says he's really roughing it—also growing a fierce-looking black beard."

Lt. (jg) **A. J. (Jack) Kelly** wrote from Corpus Christi:

"There was not a great deal to write about in the instructor's day that would be interesting or exciting but thanks for having me on the mailing list. Maybe in a few months I'll have something for the News Letter. My orders for fleet duty will be in soon. Probably I'll go to some Operational Training Sqdn. to get some of the 'Watch your airspeed—stop the turn' out of my mind.

"My home is in San Diego but I went to State only during 1940. That's probably why you wouldn't remember me. (No, Jack, I remember you very well. Far better than you would think. LCP.)

"When you speak of the Frosh team of '38, I remember most of them. We played against them at Chaffee J. C. The team that came up was the 'B' team. Is that right? Anyway we won." (Score censored by LCP.)

(You may remember that was the night **John Rideout** got his face worked over. I'll never forget the cold and the rain and the blood. **Piburn** was the trainer and he really used up the towels sopping it up. One reason why I was affected enough to remember the red so distinctly was that I had just been reading about the Battle of Poland which was on at the time. But **Wally** will remember that game because he played the last 55 minutes with a broken nose. What a night! LCP.)

Pvt. Charles Rodenbaugh wrote from England:

"The pictures on the cover really bring back memories.

"We arrived in the British Isles over a month ago. Since my arrival I have changed camps three times and have had the opportunity to visit several sections of England so I am beginning to appreciate English culture and climate.

"I have been fortunate enough to see some of Oxford and the University. This is a most interesting city and the university buildings are really worth while. Many of the buildings follow the trend of architecture in vogue during the Middle Ages. Many of the structures date back as much as 500 years and some even older.

"Could you tell me how I can obtain the additional units offered for completing basic training? I would appreciate any information you might give me on the extension courses offered or which would be accepted at the college. I am especially interested in Commerce courses as that is what I was majoring in."

Ens. Leon (Ace) Carver wrote FPO, SF:

"Every day here is just about the same, our main form of amusement be-

ing moving pictures shown on board. A few days ago for variety we organized a big football game on the beach which ended in a 24-24 tie. We played for about two hours, so naturally everyone was stiff and sore the next day, but it was the best time we have had for a long while.

"If you see **Lt. Comdr. Calland**, I wish you would thank him for me for the baseballs and games he gave to the ship. They really have been appreciated and put to good use.

"Also, while I'm asking favors, do you suppose it would be possible to send me a couple of Aztec stickers? That is just what we need around here."

Pvt. Frank (Bill) Johnson wrote from the Middle East:

"I am enclosing some pages out of a recent edition of our Persian Gulf Section of **Yank**.

"Sorry you can't be here to see the sights for yourself."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Sgt. Ted Tokuda is at Camp Shelby, Miss. ☆ **Robert Lando** and **Philip Krutzsch** are midshipmen at Notre Dame. ☆ **Pfc. Marshall Miller** is still with his bomber outfit in England. ☆ **Lt. Allen (Swede) Lovine** is at Camp Roberts in the I.R.T.S. School. ☆ **A/C Marvin Walker** is in Advanced at Yuma. ☆ **A/C Earl Walker** is at La Junta, Colo. ☆ **A/C William M. McCarty** is at Kearns, Utah. ☆ **1st Lt. George W. Kimball, USMCR**, is still in the South Pacific. ☆ **James Buck, SK1c**, is still at the Destroyer Base in S.D. and so is **Joe Avoyer**. ☆ **Pvt. Wm. F. Emery** is at Fort Benning, Ga. ☆ **Lt. U. S. Grant V** is on maneuvers down in Louisiana and Texas. ☆ **A/C C. D. Allen** is at the NAS, Hutchinson, Kansas. ☆ **Ens. J. Russel Flint** is a Recognition instructor in the South Pacific. ☆ **Jim C. McMichael** was commissioned as 2nd Lt. at Luke Field, Ariz. ☆ **Chas. Floto, TM2c**, is working on torpedoes at Mare Island.

Sgt. Floyd Grant wrote from his little island in the South Pacific:

"You will never know how much we who are overseas really enjoy the News Letter. Not only the Aztecs read it but many other men in my outfit read it after I read it and they also really enjoy it.

"I hear occasionally from **Dan Magnussen, Walt Trepte**, and **John Prochaska** and am glad they are getting along O.K." (Floyd is in the band that played for the State College football team three years ago. The team has come home and gone since then, but Floyd is farther from home than ever. LCP.)

1st Lt. Clyde H. McMorrow (M.D.) wrote from Ft. Meade, Maryland:

"Received a letter from **Lt. Jack Pierson** and he is 'eating chop suey' and during his spare moments he annoys the Japs by dropping bombs on them. He said that part of the world is interesting but between the lines I could read a bit of homesickness.

"Have been assigned to Hq. A. G. F. Replacement Depot, No. 1, Camp George G. Meade. Looks as though I'll be here longer than I was in Texas."

(Thanks for the correction on the spelling. I'll learn. LCP.)

A/C Stanley Cobb wrote from Monmouth, Ill.:

"To my surprise I found **Fred Rapp, Dave Lakin**, and **Danny Webster** here. Danny is already a platoon leader which speaks well of his ability. None of us has received your gilt-edged prize, but we are all 'eager beavers.' Aye Aye, Sir!"

New address: **Helen L. Payton**, Aerog. 3c, c/o Mail Clerk, Women's Bks., U.S.M.C. Air Station, Cherry Point, N. C.

Lt. Dewey J. (Mike) Morrow, "Honorary Aztec," is back in San Diego and lives at 737 Armada Terrace.

Vernon Rivers sent a snapshot from Flagstaff showing **Bill Stocking, Gordon Hunzicker, George Saunders, Auren Pierce, Bob Smith**, and **Dick Ryberg** all standing on **Aztec St.** in Flagstaff.

Ens. Willard Trask wrote from Little Creek, Va.:

"Everybody on the base would give his eyeteeth to make a landing in Japan. The following are here at A.T.B.: **Ensigns Don Berg, Don Eidemiller, Frank Frame, Sam Bryan, Don Woods**, and myself."

A/C Norman Wier wrote from Corpus Christi:

"I ran across this clipping about **Capt. Arthur O'Keefe**. He and I flew in the same class at State. He was the star pupil both in ground school and flying. The clipping tends to bear that out. Must dash off to gunnery range now."

Sgt. T. H. Milligan is in the RCAF overseas, England. He wrote his mother that he was "having plenty of flying." He said he was O.K. and not to worry.

Ens. Fred Jennings wrote from a submarine on the East Coast:

"While at State I thought I could imagine how word from home would be appreciated by men in the service, but

until I left, I didn't even begin to understand what a letter from friends can mean. The News Letter hits just the right note—it brings the whole world into one spot and sends all the old memories out with it.

"At any rate, Doc, I'm in submarine duty. As everyone expected, I find things a little low, but a few bumps on the head can't discourage me. From here it looks like the best duty in the service although I'm still an uninitiated landlubber.

"You might stick in a word to **Emmett Fowler** to drop me a line to set me on the straight and narrow regarding subs."

Lt. Hal Grant wrote from USNAS, Corpus Christi:

"It seems that our duty here will be for at least eleven months longer for our minimum term is eighteen months at this station—seven gone, eleven to go. Anyway everything is OK considering Corpus Christi."

Pvt. Ethelmae Scholder wrote from Alpine, Texas:

"When I was sent here I never once dreamed I'd meet as many San Diegan's and Aztecs as I have. It makes San Diego just around the corner.

"It was through some of them that I got my first look at the News Letter and would like very much to have it sent to me.

"I have been in the WAC since June and am thoroughly sold on it and only wish that more of our girls would decide to join."

Sp(T)3c "Dusty" Miller wrote from NATC, Beeville, Texas:

"After my boot training, I was sent to Atlanta, Georgia, to Link Trainer Instructors' School. Sorority sister **Pat Layton** was sent to Atlanta, too, to Control Tower Operators' School. We both feel that we got the 'plums' of Wave schools.

"I met **Lt. Ed Totten**, USMCR, at the base. He was taking an Instrument Flight Instructors' School course. In other words, Ed teaches pilots in the air the same stuff I teach 'em in the 'Links.'

"By the way, **Monte Moulton**, Delta Pi Beta, now is a Captain. He received his two subsequent promotions in the minimum allowance of time to the day. Pretty good, no?

"Now that September is here again I've sure got a 'Frosh Reception' desire. Them was the good old days."

Capt. Garry Meeker wrote from North Africa:

"Ran into **M/Sgt. Bernie Carroll** who was at the time waiting for his commission to come through. He is a Second

Lieutenant now.

"Life is pretty peaceful now that the boys have a good foothold in Italy. They seem to be keeping them pretty busy over there. We are still wondering where our next stop will be, if any.

"Jack Benny and his troupe were in town the other night but most of us stayed out here and listened to him over the radio. They really did pull some jokes.

"It was just two years ago September 23rd that I was on a train out of Fort MacArthur on my way to Moffett Field as a buck private. As you can see, the Army has treated me very nice."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Pvt. George S. Reed is at Camp Fannin, Texas. ☆ **Pvt. Hugh Sterling** is in the Marine Det., U.C., Berkeley. ☆ **A/C Roy J. Grimse** is still at Yale. ☆ **Cpl. Milton McGill** is at Drew Field, Tampa, Fla. ☆ **Pvt. Robert H. Love** is at Tracy, Calif. ☆ **A/C D. M. Jeter** is at Corpus Christi. ☆ **Cpl. William W. Deeble** is at Camp Pickett, Va. ☆ **Pvt. Aubrey F. Thompson** has an APO out of S. F. ☆ **1st Lt. James M. Lee** is at Camp Howze, Texas. ☆ **Ens. Robert E. Ford** is at the University of Arizona, Tucson. ☆ **Richard Hussong** is in F. A. at Fort Sill, Okla. ☆ **Lt. R. E. Bedwell** is at Maxwell Field, Ala. ☆ **A/C Richard G. Wright** is at Ellington Field, Texas. ☆ **Ens. Alvard C. Estep** is on a ship in the Pacific. ☆ **S/Sgt. Stanley Thien** has an APO out of N. Y. ☆ **1st Lt. Chester DeVore** is still with the Marine Raiders in the South Pacific. ☆ **Pfc. Reid M. Scott** is at Sioux Falls, S. D. ☆ **Pvt. Jerry J. Simmons** is in the Pentagon Bldg. in Washington. ☆ **Ens. Clarence Harris** is at Pre-Flight School at Del Monte. ☆ **Pfc. Jack Wilhoit** is still up at L. A. ☆ **Lt. Howard E. McBride** graduated as a bombardier at Monroe and is going to Bombardier School at Roswell, N. M.

Sgt. Herman Goldbeck wrote from an APO out of New York:

"Am rounding out a rather long period of foreign service here. Through much of this experience have been applying the solid philosophy of Dr. Charles B. Leonard, gained from his many 'asides' in American History and Political Science, and the idealism of Hilde K. Walker, gained from her as instructor and friend.

"For all the boys in our Military Alumni, I desire to extend the same wish that my physics major friend expressed for me, when I shoved off for foreign service: May PROBABILITY be with you.

"When moving out on a 'probability' assignment, all the little accepted things are recalled, to loom as the important things of life. On the last one, I no-

ticed the sunshine playing on the lava crusted mountain—nothing ever looked more beautiful; recalled the previous night's discussion by the boys, when the universal topic of women had for once been sidetracked—for at least a little while—and the subject concerned the pants presser's machine, its function, and its reserve tank from which the water is drawn to be transformed to steam for operational purposes, the things the average guy in civilian life doesn't give a damn about—all he's concerned about is getting his pants back in time for the Saturday night dance; the heavy party when we receive da surprise 'beer ration' of 23 cans for the week in place of the usual six; that last memory of the girl you left behind, as you left her that last time; and a thousand other memories of when you were together and War was far away and life loomed promising, and sure.

Major Jack W. Hayes, Jr., wrote from England:

"I received issue No. 18 the other day with the usual enjoyment and appreciation and a little sadness. Although we have all seen many of our friends lost in this war, the shock is always great when we read of others who will not be present at the big Aztec reunion. With the many other things that your wonderful News Letter brings to us, it brings a stronger will and desire to win and a belittling of any discomforts that we might be experiencing as compared to those friends who lost their lives. I think often of my Omega Xi brothers, **Sherman Denny, Tom Cozens, and Max Brown**, and friends **Paul Fern, Bill Shropshire** as well as all those not so well known, and hope that the list won't be any longer by the time this is all over.

"I had an opportunity to see **Bob Cozens** again. We were both on the Regensburg mission and spent some time in North Africa before returning to England. He was hale and hearty."

"Dear Post:

"I have been receiving 'The Aztec News Letter' for the past year, and I find it a source of pleasure that cannot be had in any other way. It is priceless.

"You and your staff are to be congratulated for the time and effort that it takes to make this sheet possible. I am sure you have many friends who are more than grateful for your fine contribution to the war effort. Yours truly, **John M. Perry, Lieut., USNR**, Welfare and Recreation Office, Naval Operating Base, Terminal Island, California."

M/Sgt. Bernard Carroll, Jr., wrote from Sicily:

"I have been here over a month, and

I must say that I like it much better than Africa. The main reason for the liking of this place better than Africa is due to the fact that there are no Arabs over here, and anyone who has been in Africa can tell you that there is nothing quite like the Arabs. The people as a whole have been very swell in the stations that I have been in over here.

"While I was in Africa I complained about the high prices that had to be paid to get things to send home, but over here the things are as good if not better and the prices are unbelievably low; and as a consequence, I have sent tapestries, scarfs, and things of a similar nature to the folks at home.

"In closing, I wish to thank you for the News Letters and to wish all the fellows overseas and those at home all the luck in the world and hope to be seeing you before long."

Cpl. W. L. Post, USMC, wrote from an island in the South Pacific:

"I just got the clippings and the News Letter from you yesterday. It sure seems as though there were a lot of Aztecs whose luck kinda slipped on them.

"Had a letter from **Lt. E. B. Davis, Jr.** He is very near here but as yet neither of us had time to visit the other. I am not sure but I think maybe he has gone on by now; at least some of that bunch have.

"Also had a very nice letter from **A/C Grant Neilson**.

"Things have certainly changed around here. The place looks entirely different from the way it did when we came here. I wish you could see the improvements. The old ditch-digger (steam shovel) is still rattling. It has moved a lot of gravel, and I'm really proud of it. I have it all stripped down like a zootsuiter's Ford. Its one of the oldest ones down here."

Pvt. Hans Fjellestad wrote from England:

"At the moment I am somewhere in England. We are just as well off here as in the States. As a matter of fact, I feel much better here than at the camp where I was stationed in U. S. I feel sorry for that Aztec who has to stay up there during next winter.

"I hope the News Letter won't take too long a time before it reaches me. I received No. 18 today.

"Hope I'll be seeing you again when we've cleaned up the Germans."

Paul Casad, ART2c, wrote from the South Pacific:

"Cannot tell where I am but believe **Charles Cannon** is experiencing some of this hospitality.

"The coca-cola **Lt. Chase** mentioned makes one thirsty, it's been so long since

we have even glimpsed a bottle.

"The trip across was almost uneventful. I'd always wanted to make such a trip but sure never expected it so soon. I'm a hardy shellback now and sure never plan on losing proof of such. It was good fun while it lasted, very similar to a frat initiation.

"The chow here is the best. We were lucky and didn't land in a wilderness; a blessing after news from some of the boys."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Pvt. Leslie L. Lupien is at Camp Pickett, Va. ☆ **Cpl. Nils H. Winther** is at Camp Wheeler, Ga. ☆ **Lt. Jack W. Jenkins** is in a photo sqdn. in India. ☆ **Pfc. Mary Lacour** is at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa. ☆ **Cpl. Norman G. Levi** is in Personnel at Sioux Falls, S. D. ☆ **Ens. James Fournier** is at the St. Mary's Pre-Flight School. ☆ **Lt. Gordon R. Woodrow** graduated as a pilot and is at Ft. Sumner, N. M. ☆ **A/C Chas. R. St. John** is at NAS, Norman, Okla. ☆ **Pvt. Richard Coxe** is at Maxwell Field, Ala. ☆ **Pvt. Orville Hill** is at Ripon College, Ripon, Wis. ☆ **Thomas Roche** is in the South Pacific. ☆ **A/S Bernard D. Lanois** is at SAAAB, Santa Ana. ☆ **Ens. Ed C. Moore** is on a ship out of N. Y. ☆ **Ens. Guilford Q. Quade** has a ship out of S. F. ☆ **Ens. Robert J. Menke** is in LST's out of S. F. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Robert D. Flynn** is in LST's out of S. F. ☆ **Ens. H. Jim Ahler** is getting a new destroyer on this side. ☆ **Ens. W. F. Downey** is at BOQ, Destroyer Base, San Diego.

CSp Walt Harvey wrote from NTS, San Diego:

"Am still here at the Training Station doing the same type of work, recruit training. Have been here since May of 1942 and it looks as if I will be here for quite a while longer. This Chief Specialist rate makes it nigh impossible to be sent to sea as we aren't qualified to take over any shipboard duties. They did away with the gunnery school they were sending us to, which was supposed to qualify us for sea duty, so now there is nothing but shore station work.

"As you know, **Johnny Sellwood** was shipped out to do recreation or rehabilitation work on one of the South Pacific Islands. My best pal, **Johnny Grenfell**, is a CSp at Bainbridge, Maryland; it looks as if we can't seem to get based together."

Pfc. Chas. A. Blackburn wrote from a bombing outfit at Pyote, Texas:

"Since we were the first class to graduate from the gunnery school they made a big celebration of the exercises. We are to be assigned to combat crew right away, and I am to wind up as Radio Operator-Gunner on a B-17. Have been

up several times as a passenger and really enjoyed it.

"**Marechal N. Duncan, EM2c**, is with a Navy repair unit on a dinky island in the South Pacific."

William T. Nettles, CSp, wrote from Yale University:

"Yale University is certainly better than Newport. Our duties here consist of running the athletic and conditioning program for the V-12 men. I have been assigned to swimming, and we are assisted by the Yale staff which annually turns out the best swimming teams in the country.

"The gymnasium here cost \$6,000,-000. We also coach the various intramural teams, and I have one of the baseball teams. I can go down to New York once in a while and see good baseball, and I also hope to see some good football.

"Do they have a V-12 program at State? (No. LCP.)

"Do they expect to have football at State this fall?" (No, in that respect we are like Fresno State, Stanford, and Alabama. LCP.)

David Spainhower was graduated as the honor student of a radio class at USMS Training Station, Huntington, N. Y.

Lt. (jg) Bill Cornett wrote from NAS, Miami, Florida:

"Having finished an instrument course at the Naval Air Station in Atlanta, Georgia, and two weeks duty at the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, Florida, I am now permanently assigned here at Miami. **Susan Ahn**, former Stater, now a Wave, had just left here for officers' training school in Massachusetts when I arrived. I knew her at State; was sorry to miss her.

"I did see **Lt. (jg) Roberts** every day for about two weeks in Green Cove Springs, Florida. He is out at San Diego now, having finished operational training. Saw **Johnny Westland** several times in Atlanta. He's put on some weight since his Stater days."

Ens. Seymour Rabinowitz wrote FPO, Seattle:

"If the Aztec News Letter is to be believed, the Aztecs are winning this war for the United Nations. They seem to be present at all the scenes of action and doing their share and more.

"Would you please send me **Lt. Harvey S. Wright's** APO number? I may be able to locate him up here.

"In recent months I have seen **Lt. Harry Miller**, **Lt. (jg) Bob Exeter**, **Ens. Francis Millican**, and **Lt. Comdr. Clifford E. Smith**. **Bob Gray**, who was with Millican, has returned to the States (the

lucky dog).

"I have no complaint about the living accommodations and the food aboard this vessel, but I am getting mighty tired of this area after six months continuous duty. However, we expect to get down to the States soon."

Cpl. Bill Schinleber wrote from Africa: "News Letter No. 17 arrived today just in time to mark the start of my seventeenth month overseas. I don't suppose that's a record for service over here, but it's fairly close.

"We've been a lot of places and seen some swell country in our travels. This 'Dark Continent,' however, rates pretty low. It seems none of us can get accustomed to the 'rag bag Arabs' very well. Wouldn't it be a treat to see the States about now though?

"I joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars a few weeks ago, as did around 60 per cent of our company. It's a good organization which carries plenty of 'G.I.' power."

Lt. Lionel Chase wrote from Africa: "Yes, sir! The woods are full of Aztecs over here. **Larry Devlin** and **Bob Wade** and I had a bang-up old reunion; chanted the old Aztec songs, and relived those old Quad days. Then, at Larry's outfit, there was **Capt. Herb Bachrach** and **Major Ralph Small**. Then one fine day we make an emergency landing with the old ship 'wheezing' a bit (she's getting old) and run into **Major Bachrach**, Herb's brother, and **Lt. Dave Mayes**. You can tell Dave's folks that he's in fine shape and looks just like Frank Buck.

"I have started collecting hats for amusement. So far, have an 'Aussie,' a huge red Algerian Spahi, and an Italian M. P. hat. Hard to get are Glengarry Plaids and Montgomery berets.

"Will never forget the day you started wandering around the campus with a little box of cards in your hand collecting servicemen's addresses." (I could carry all of my stock-in-trade in a little box. You ought to see us now. Office, secretary, 20 issues off the press, perhaps the nicest collection of letters from all over the world that any college has, subsidiaries such as the "AZTECS IN SERVICE" panel and the "AZTECS IN ACTION" bulletin board. But Lionel, to me something else is more important. I have made the acquaintance of many a fine Aztec and I number among my close personal friends, fellows whom I can't recall seeing. Doesn't war play peculiar tricks? LCP.)

Ens. Anthony A. Ghio wrote from his destroyer in the Pacific:

"Now that I know that you built her, I feel much better. Doc, did you know that you built the (censored by LCP) so

damned good that she has been on continuous duty since 1919. Really Doc, if the News Letter is any indication of how well you do a job, I'm sure she will be 'kicking' for years to come. I'm glad to say that she's doing her bit in this scramble. (While I'm reminiscing, I might add that I just worked on your ship for a few days up at Mare Island in 1919, but I worked on the U.S.S. California for nearly two years. A year after Pearl Harbor I first found out what happened to her. I didn't feel very good over it, so just don't jump at conclusions yet. LCP.)

"I was amazed to find that the production cost of the News Letter had taken such a jump. I remember when you figured \$15.00 for an issue. But now I can see the justification for the 'production' cost at present. I'm wondering if the Tau Delta Chi boys at Flagstaff will answer a prayer for news to little ole Tony." (I wish the "Management" would let the News Letter travel overseas for 1 cent instead of the required 6 cents. I always do some figuring ahead of time so you see how I feel about the exodus of Aztecs overseas. But they are the fellows that need the mail, and I'll do all I can to see that they get it. LCP.)

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Pfc. Wm. R. Yoggerst is in AST in North Carolina State, Raleigh. ☆ **Lt. Donald Coker** graduated from Ft. Benning and is now at Camp Fannin, Texas. ☆ **A/C Al Hart** is at NAS, Pasco, Wash. ☆ **Ens. Darwin Flakoll** is on a ship out of N. Y. ☆ **Pvt. Paul Eugene Klein** is still at L. A. ☆ **A/S Paul Harry T. Galpin** is at Western Reserve University at Cleveland, Ohio. ☆ **Sgt. Avery Gallup, USMC**, is back home on convalescent leave. ☆ **A/C J. F. Brewer** will be at Yale University before you get this. ☆ **A/S John Orcutt**, '45, is at Mississippi State College. ☆ **Lt. Richard M. Barkley** is at FWAAF, Ft. Worth, Texas. ☆ **Pfc. Manuel M. Doria** is stationed at Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colo. ☆ **Pfc. Selwyn J. Thomas** is stationed at Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta. ☆ **Pfc. Robert W. Mossholder** is up in Seattle studying the new bombers. ☆ **Pvt. Louis H. Quayle** is at Camp Hood, Texas. ☆ **Pvt. Albert F. Parr** is at Buckley Field, Colo. ☆ **A/C Daniel Webster** is in USNFPs at Monmouth, Ill., and so are **Stanley Cobb**, **Fred Rapp** and **David Lakin**. ☆ **Gene S. (The Mule) Muehleisen**, **Lt. USNR**, has a new high-powered address in the South Pacific.

Lt. (ig) Charles L. Williams '32, wrote from the Aleutians to a friend:

"This is the only place in the world where one can be walking ankle deep in mud and still choke from dust. As a matter of fact, it doesn't snow here but

the snow falls in Siberia and the wind which is ever-present blows it over. The wind is so gusty that it is very easy to fall on one's face because of the sudden gusts and the fact that one has to lean on the wind to make any headway."

Lt. Marston Westbrook wrote from Roswell, N. M.:

"After graduating from West Point, I was sent to Mather where I flew B-25's. At present I'm flying B-17's here. Some of **Bill Goode's** old friends will be glad to hear that he has just returned from the Solomons and will be in the States for a few weeks.

"While at Mather I met **Gene Kendall** who since has gotten his commission as a navigator. He is going to Texas as an instructor." (Did Bill Goode receive any decoration? LCP.)

Lt. A. R. Lepore wrote from Camp Carson, Colo.:

"We moved out of those chigger-infested bottoms of Mississippi and so help me, there ain't one G.I. that is disturbed over it. We have a swell camp and the climate is tops (can't beat San Diego) and the scenery is superb.

"This is a pack outfit. Everything is lugged on our backs—I'm including the mules. Yep, we get those G.I. mules and they are trained for packing artillery. The delicate aroma that arises from their sleek hides can be detected from some little distance. It's interesting to watch them taking their Basic.

"**Lionel** and the boys can have the 17's, but I'll stick with the Infantry. Each of us needs the other to operate. Tell those aerial aces that I'm honestly trying to teach my men identification of planes—ours first. Just another way to help those 'birds'."

1st Lt. George G. Crawford wrote from Lancaster, Calif.:

"We are at Muroc where we used to race hopped-up crates. Now we taxi other San Diego products—B-24's.

"Now Doc, here is my problem. I'm only Bombardier on this 24 so I don't have much to say about naming it. However, if I can get some of those tough 'Monty' stickers, I think I might be able to sway my pilot over the line. But whether I do or not, I want them on the windows of my compartment." (The addresses that you wanted have been sent along with the Monty stickers. Use the Gremlin argument on your pilot. Didn't you know that Monty stickers keep out Gremlins as well as flak and machine gun bullets? Also tell your pilot about getting your picture up front. We want the picture as soon as you can get it. We may have to run more than one picture some month, but we will do it if we get them. LCP.)

Nord Whited, NAP1c, wrote from Pensacola:

"It's a great life, and I have only one beef to register. In the three years I've done so far, and in all the places on the Pacific that I've touched, Shanghai, Hong-Kong, Manila, New Caledonia, Samoa, Honolulu, New Hebrides, and the Aleutians, I have never had the luck to meet an Aztec, and I know it's being done from the reports being sent in to the News Letter. That guy **Wade**, f'rinstance, is having a better time in North Africa than I've had since I've been back in the States."

A/C Bob Cleator wrote from Corpus Christi:

"I should get out of here by the 20th of this month if the weather holds out like it is for awhile. We have had some pretty darn bad weather. Three weeks ago I took a P-boat up to Lake Worth to get out of the hurricane that was out on the gulf. We took off with only five minutes notice so we were unprepared to do much when we arrived at the lake, but that did not stop us from going ashore when we were not on watch. I took two mechs. and one radio operator and between us we had just four dollars so we divided it up among us, so you see how much notice we had to get ready. The crew went ashore in their dungarees and baseball caps that they wear, and the cadets had on dirty clothes also, but we all had a wonderful week up there.

"**Lt. John Westland** was down here last week, and he came to my squadron. We spent the afternoon together talking about the old times that we have had at State and the dances, etc. John is on the Flight Standardization Board and flies all over the country."

Lt. Dick Webb wrote from NAS, Lake City, Florida:

"I have held off this long, hoping that I would be able to write something of interest from some operating base, but no soap. It seems that the Navy needs instructors and being an instructor doesn't give me a doggone thing to write about. And not until I read what **T. S. Walker** had to say about the set-up, did I get enough guts to sit down and jot this down, for T. S. is in the same boat I'm in; someone has to teach these fellows and for 27 months it had to be me.

"Right now I am going through operational training and will leave for Clinton, Oklahoma, very shortly, but it will be a long time before I do get out into things, and I had to let T. S. know that there are many of us in the same boat. A lot of my students are now preparing to go out for the **second** time.

"For the record, I have a very sweet wife and two lovely little girls, aged 13

and 1 month respectively, and if you think I don't want to get out there and fight, you've got another guess coming.

"It surely is an impressive record that State holds in the field, and all of us are truly proud to be called Aztecs. I wouldn't be a bit surprised to see the Japs kneeling before **Old Monty** before long instead of their Sun God if the boys down there keep it up."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

F/O **John D. Hardie** is at Bowman Field, Ky. ☆ **Cadet Paul M. Arriola** is in ASTU at Ohio State University. ☆ **1st Lt. Arthur F. Brindley** is at the Army Air Base, Richmond, Va. ☆ **Lt. Donald E. Johnson** has an APO, Miami, Fla. ☆ **A/C Russell Lamoreaux** is at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. ☆ **Pvt. Dwain S. Kantor** is at Miami Beach, Fla. ☆ **Pfc. John F. Couvrette** has an APO out of S. F. ☆ **Lt. Chas. L. McKain** is on "C and K" rations on maneuvers out of Nashville. ☆ **A/C Arthur Ruff** is at Mather Field, Calif. ☆ **John J. Sellwood, CSp(A)**, is at an Advanced Naval Base in the Pacific. ☆ **Pvt. Oscar L. Thomas** has an APO out of N. Y. ☆ **Pvt. Geo. E. Maillot** is at Sheppard Field, Texas. ☆ **A/C E. S. Bowman** is still at Yale. (Thanks for the most excellent pamphlet. It is the nicest one I have seen. That is **real** public relations work. LCP.) ☆ **Stephen Hulbert** is now a Lt. and address is still FPO, S. F. ☆ **Lt. Brent Burrell** is going to Harvard, Neb., with his bombing outfit. ☆ **Robert Forest Purinton, PhM1c**, is stationed at the Naval Hospital, Oakland.

Lt. (jg) Bert McLees, Jr., wrote through Armed Guard Center, New Orleans, Louisiana:

"It must be conceded that of the several varieties of duty in the Navy, Armed Guard duty can hold its head high when it comes to diversity of travel, although my rather extensive itinerary in the Pacific, Atlantic, and Mediterranean has as yet only scratched the surface of the possibilities of convoy duty. One result of this Finnegan-like existence is that my address rather frequently changes. By way of the Port Director's Office and Armed Guard Center in New York, it has now become the Armed Guard Center in New Orleans, Louisiana, instead of Treasure Island, San Francisco. Incidentally, the rosy and eloquent accounts of the pleasures and possibilities of New Orlns, as you Loozianans call it, so frequently described in the News Letter, are still only vicarious as far as I am concerned since my transfer to that Armed Guard Center is still only a bookkeeping transaction. It is fervently to be hoped that I shall soon catch up with my books.

"What my address will be when my

ship finally returns to the States from this voyage I cannot say; rather reliable scuttlebutt indicates that I may very likely receive a further change of assignment.

"Censorship regulations now permit me to say that I was in on the operations in Southern Sicily and since that time have been here and there in the Mediterranean area although I have not yet caught up with any other of the Staters listed by the News Letter as being in this vicinity, not even the ubiquitous **Lionel Chase**."

Lt. J. Douglas Williams, USNR, wrote from Miami Beach:

"Your number 5 Letter has caught up with me at last. I tried to see Mr. Richardson in Washington, D. C., but my time was too short. Other than that, I have not, as yet, met any of the boys from San Diego State. After leaving school at the end of the summer session in 1940, I joined the Navy and was commissioned in May, 1941. Since then, my duty has been on board five different ships and in several foreign cities and countries—twelve different countries and about as many different cities in each country.

"Would you please send me Letter No. 4 or any new list of names and addresses that you have?" (How time flies! LCP.)

Ens. Doil Millsap wrote from Princeton University:

"Sorry I haven't written, but national defense takes all my time. (Why, Doil, haven't you heard that we have taken over and that we are now on the offense? We're playing that kind of football. LCP.) Thanks kindly for 'superior' recommendation and all you've done for me in past. Memories are pleasant and I know they're the right kind.

"You can change that A. S. to Ensign now; had to come the hard way, 5 rates: A.S., 2nd class, 3rd class petty, 1st class petty officer—made Chief Specialist at Bainbridge, Md.—now commissioned outright on work there and sent here to Princeton University. It's a wonderful location, but work keeps me busy 17 hours a day." (Doil really smashed an all time athletic record at Princeton the other day, even those thousands had had a crack at it. But Doil was too modest to tell me about it. LCP.)

Lt. Glenn A. Holmes wrote FPO, SF:

"I have been here for over 25 months now and the way things look, I will be here for some time to come. My sweet wife and also a baby, just two months old, are here with me.

"I have the job of educational officer for this command and have about 225 exams to give each month. Since they

have to be changed constantly there is plenty of work to do.

"I saw **Lt. Claude Kishler** a few weeks ago. Also saw **Emmett Fowler** who seems to be enjoying his under-water craft. I am working in the same office with **Lt. Courtney Kirkeeng** so we have lots to talk about. How we would like to be back there right now!

"Would like very much to have **1st Lt. Ralph Bailey's** address. He is in the Chaplain Corps.

"Also saw **Billy Trease, Phom2c.** I am hoping he will get a commission and since I am senior member of the exam board, it shouldn't be very hard. He was such a fine student at State.

"News from home tells me that **Lt. Dick Farwell** and **Mae** are expecting a young one soon. Also **Reynold Alber** and his wife are looking forward to the same event.

"I would like to say hello to the old guys and gals and tell the Delta Pi Beta's I would like to hear from them."

Lt. (jg) C. T. (Tom) Idle wrote from his squadron, FPO, SF:

"As for winning decorations in our outfit, it is rather hard, but tell the fellows I will get pictures of all of the 'Girls Schools' in Tokyo for them. Also names, addresses, and phone numbers.

"Doc, I would like to tell you where I am but you know the censors. Anyway it is out where the land is small and the gals dusky. I have not seen any other Aztec since I left the States. Maybe it is because I am never in the same place long enough."

A/C Frank Whigham, Aztec end in 1940 and '41, is on the Del Monte Pre-Flight squad. On Sunday, October 10, he got into his second game and was in long enough to catch a pass and get his name broadcast over the ether waves half a dozen times. That squad carries about a dozen All-Americans and Pros, so Frank is in fast company.

Pfc. Jack Chandler, who is with the Marines in the South Pacific, wrote:

"It's been quite an eventful week so far as food goes. In the course of about four days we had two fresh eggs, a half of a fresh orange, and some fresh lemonade in addition to our regular chow. You may think I'm joking when I call this an event, but I'm not. That's the first taste of fresh oranges I've had in over eight months.

"We've had some pretty 'good' air raids since I last wrote. I think they must be getting a little discouraged by now. Every time they come over they lose more planes. The damage they cause is negligible when you consider the terrific pounding they are receiving day after day—and they are receiv-

ing it.

"I went down and saw **Charles Ables** a few days ago. We had a good long talk, and lost a few dollars together in a horseshoe game. Great sport, eh?"

Lt. George Henry wrote from the South Pacific:

"I am expecting orders within a short time and hope to have more interesting subjects on which to write than the weather, though I imagine it would be censorable so perhaps a weather report and a few gripes is all that can be expected in a letter from the South Pacific."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

A/C Gordon H. Lee is at SAAAB, Santa Ana, training to be a pilot. ☆ **Pfc. Bill Robison** is still at Lowry Field, Colo. ☆ **A/C Maurice G. Wilson** is at Army Air Base, Yuma. ☆ **A/C James C. Hardin** is at Luke Field, Ariz. ☆ **A/C Homer G. Pierce** is at Monmouth, Ill. ☆ **Pvt. Robert C. Wilson** is at Denver awaiting transfer to some college. ☆ **Cpl. Wm. S. Keene** is at Herlong, Calif. ☆ **Ens. J. V. Couche, USNR**, is in Aerology c/o Postmaster, Norfolk, Va. ☆ **A/C A. D. (One and Only) Henehan** is at Ryan Field, Hemet, Calif. ☆ **Charles F. Hickey, S2c, '46**, is at Naval Prep School preparing for entrance into Naval Academy. ☆ **John J. Doria, AS**, is in V-12 at Notre Dame living in Alumni Hall. ☆ **Manuel M. Doria** is at Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver. ☆ **Frank Diamond, MM1c**, is still on his destroyer on the east coast. ☆ **Pvt. Charles F. Hart** has an address, APO, N. Y. ☆ **Pvt. James R. Hurley, Jr.**, has an address, APO, N. Y. ☆ **Paul W. Heritage, '31**, was promoted to Avat. Radio Tech. 1c.

1st Lt. Wallie McNulty wrote APO, San Francisco:

"The latest News Letter came in last week and as usual was 'On the Ball.' Thanks for the plug for our outfit. It really is one of the best.

"It makes a guy kind of proud to know some of the fellows, from out State way, when he reads about their actions in this little fray.

"**Bob Cozens** and his touchdown over the big country was certainly a thrill to read about. **Hal Hevener** and his tackles over in this ocean; **Jim McColl** making a hole for some of the boys to romp through; **Griff Williams, Chase, Kenny, Ernie, 'Killer' Kimble, Cotten**, and all the rest—heck, as you yourself know, I could fill up a couple of pages with all the names but we all know who they are. All of us over here send all the congratulations in the world to them. Sure hope we don't end up as 'two hour action boys.' Sure looks like it though, sitting

around for about 23 months. We have learned a lot, however, and when things do start to pop, we'll be in there making a lot of popping.

"I'm in the same btry. as **Capt. Nolen** and **1st Sgt. Harer** now so we have everyone else sold on State. As you know, Harer took over 1st Sgt. when I left for OCS and I can truthfully say I wish I could have done as well a job.

"I broke out the '41 and '42 annuals the other night. **Capt. Nolen** and **W. O. Mobley** and I really went over them. The one picture in all of them we all sweat out was at the U. of H.-State game. **Old Tom Chavis** was right in the center leading yells.

"Congratulations to all the gang just out of Northwestern and to **Dennie Chavis** for the addition of a **wahini**. Aloha, Mac."

Dear Wally:

We are rolling along quietly. This is the middle of football season but of all the Aztecs that I know, Frank Whigham is the only one that is playing any football. I hope to see the Hoover-San Diego High game, but that is about how quiet sports are as far as I am concerned.

The motion picture industry is making a strong effort to keep the names of their men who are in the armed forces before the public by continuing to show old pictures in which they appeared. It is extremely important to those men that they should not be forgotten.

But the News Letter beat Hollywood by nearly 20 issues. We are really making a serious attempt at keeping local people informed of your activities. That is one reason why we are always willing to put civilians on the mailing list, and believe me, they are interested in every one of you.

Did you know that some of the Fighting Aztecs have followers who read about them from month to month and they never want to miss an issue. You see they were used to reading Superman, L'il Abner, and all of the rest but now they find themselves following real characters—characters who are fighting their fight for them and who are fighting on the right side.

Some of those people come to see the pictures on the Panel. They look for their heroes and friends and they note pictures, names, blue stars, red stars, and unfortunately, gold stars.

Those things and many others tell me that the **First Annual Reunion of the Victorious Aztecs** will be a tremendous success. And so will all of those to follow. I don't know just how one could sufficiently honor a fellow when he is introduced at the Reunion, but we will try.

We will be seeing you,
LCP