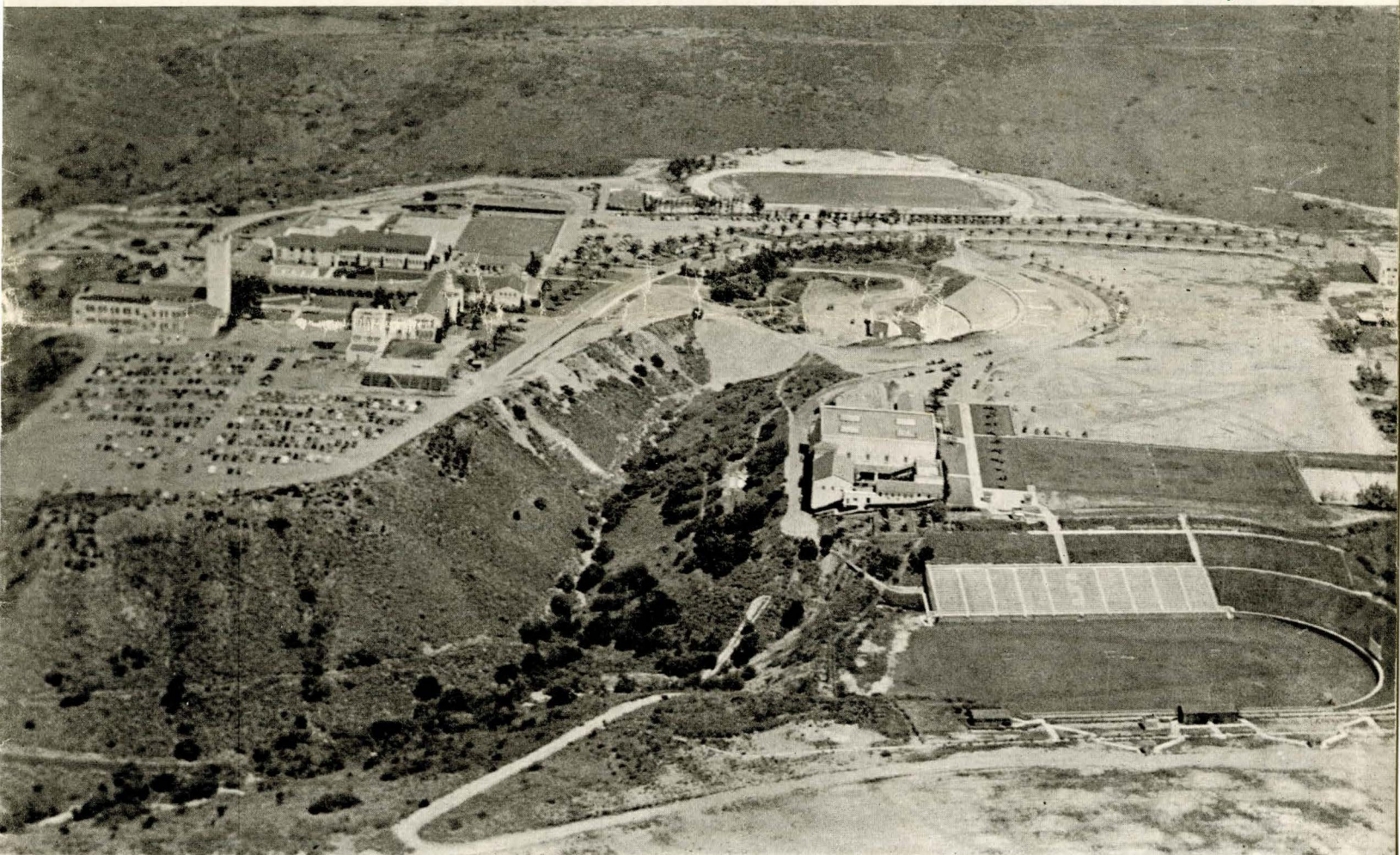




The Aztec News Letter

Special Edition—Christmas—1943



AS OUR CAMPUS LOOKED IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS WHEN WE HAD GASOLINE AND TIRES

To All Aztecs in Service:

Eight years ago when I was a "freshman" here at San Diego State College I dreamed of an institution whose influence some day would extend far beyond the region located south of Los Angeles. Little did my most fanciful flights of imagination indicate to me that Aztec spirit, contributions, and leadership would reach into all the far corners of the world. The messages in your letters and the reports of your activities and achievements from other sources all indicate that Montezuma's sons, and daughters, too, are true warriors of determination, courage, efficiency and humility. I like your letters. You see, Dr. Post lets me read a few of them! And I, too, look forward each month to the receipt of my copy of the News Letter.

I only wish that I might have known each one of you personally as I have

known some and with whom I am privileged to correspond regularly—but that is wishful thinking. However, I do wish for you every success and all the joy and satisfaction that is at all possible under the unique circumstances in which each one of you may find himself in this holiday season. When you return to the campus won't you put a call to my office on your list of "musts"? The opportunity to greet each of you is a privilege which I covet.

Sincerely,

Walter R. Kepner



At this Christmas time we are thinking of our State College representatives all over the world. We have the faith that you are spreading our spirit of friendship wherever you are. We proud-

ly follow you in your various ways and eagerly wait to welcome you home.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary Mendenhall



Season's greeting and salutations! For awhile we felt at a dead end in this war effort, but your interesting letters and the now more frequent visits of former Aztecs who have seen service all over the world keep our fingers on the pulse of every activity. You have shown that you have what it takes and we are proud of you. At this time particularly we want you to be sure of our love and best wishes.

C. E. Peterson

NOTICE TO AZTECS IN SERVICE

OPEN HOUSE WILL BE HELD for the AZTECS IN SERVICE panel on Sunday afternoon, December 5th, from three to five. This will be the third such Open House to which friends of San Diego State College are invited.

Lt. Lionel Chase met the parents of Lts. Lawrence Devlin, George Forbes, and David Mayes at the last Open House and reported to them in person on the three "African Aztecs."

Aztec service men on leave or in this vicinity are especially invited to come and we are looking forward to having Capt. Harold G. Hevener present as one of our honored guests. Capt. Hevener is here on leave following his 300 combat hours in the South Pacific and winning various decorations. Girls from Phi Sigma Nu sorority will be hostesses for the occasion.

This is a "Little Aztec Reunion" but each one leads us nearer to the big Annual Aztec Reunion. Don't forget. Come and bring your friends.

AN INFORMAL LECTURE SERIES is being planned so Home Front Aztecs can meet and hear our returning heroes.

Many of us want to hear Capt. Harold G. Hevener tell about his Victory Garden in the South Pacific as well as how he flew his B-24 home on two motors and how he hitch-hiked home after hitting a mountain. Brother HODs and Gamma Phi Zeta, Mrs. Hevener's sorority, are being asked to help with the publicity the day Hal visits the campus.

Other Aztec heroes who return from overseas—take note! Just a little penalty for being great.

THE FIRST ANNUAL REUNION of the victorious Aztecs is mentioned frequently. Send in any good suggestions you have for it that come to your minds. Date to be announced later.

AZTEC PRISONERS OF WAR in Germany seem to all be in the same prison camp (Stalag Luft III). Whether they all see each other we do not know but one interesting note did come through. Lt. Horace Dale Bowman and Capt. Griffith P. Williams are together. See later note.

Arrangements have been made for sending Aztec T-shirts to the families of the prisoners so that they may include them in their packages when they send them. The T-shirts are light and are easily packed and it is hoped that they will help the Aztecs who are unfortunate enough to be in Germany to locate each other.

We hope none of you ever have occasion to deliver this message but should you be so unfortunate as to ever be sent

to Stalag Luft III, keep a weather eye open for Aztec T-shirts and give the fellows best wishes from the campus and the News Letter.

DEL SUDOESTE (COLLEGE ANNUAL)
Dear Aztecs in Service:

In organizing this year's Del Sudoeste, the war has taken away many regular features but in return has offered us the opportunity of having an international section, composed of pictures of as many Staters as possible who are now in the service, domestic or abroad. However, to make this plan successful it is necessary to have your full cooperation which includes sending to the annual a 2½" x 3½" glossy print of yourself in uniform and preferably without hat—and of your friends who might be unable to send in a picture of themselves.

With these pictures we should also appreciate the following information:

- a. Your full name.
- b. Your citations and medals, if any have been received.
- c. Your area of present fighting.
- d. Your rank.
- e. Your year of graduation or year of expected graduation.
- f. Your other State College organizations.

Or, if and when you come to San Diego, you may have your pictures taken for the annual (by making arrangements for an appointment through the bookstore) for only \$1.25 by the photographer, Mr. Van Pelt. For a fee of 50 cents in addition to the \$1.25 (which just covers the photographer's expense) a second 2½" x 3½" print may be obtained for yourself.

These pictures must be in to the annual editors by February 15, 1943.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Co-editors:
Leone Carlson
Pat Allard

CLARENCE AND ANDY are doing a landoffice business with their guest book. If and when you get that furlough be sure to go to the Cafe and add your bit to it.

AZTECS IN ACTION is the title of our service men's bulletin board. When you visit the campus, take a look at it. Usually it is full of letters and pictures, but lately we have had news letters of other institutions and service publications on display—about 40 of them. Among them were copies of Yank and Stars and Stripes.

AZTEC STICKERS are still available to service men who request them for their bombers and

jeeps. More than once the "Ugly" has brought together Aztecs in remote areas, and besides they are guaranteed to keep off flak and machine gun bullets. We have a little "special fund" which is not News Letter money for stickers and such T-shirts as are still to be had.

MONTEZUMA is already the name of a Navy fighter, a Navy dive bomber, an Army fighter, and a B-24. We are still sweating out a Public Relations Department picture showing an Aztec pilot with plane named Montezuma.

PERSONAL LETTERS TO AZTECS are being written in a campus project headed by Austa Wells, but all of that is still a military secret.

THE AZTEC is now available to the men in the service for the reduced rate of 50 cents per semester or \$1.00 per year. This rate covers the cost of mailing and also meets the postal requirements on such subscriptions. Place orders with the Bookstore. Students on campus may subscribe for their friends.

REQUESTS FOR ADDRESSES come in numbers that would swamp the less hardy. We are not permitted to publish them, but we will try to answer requests for addresses of personal friends.

PERSONAL GREETINGS in the correspondence have more than just swamped us: Say hello to Clarence and Andy; Regards to Dr. Harwood; Remember me to C. E.; and say hello to the HODs—well we just can't make it even via the printed word. Sorry. Hope you understand.

EDITING may do some mighty funny things to some wonderfully fine letters. Four long, well-written pages of beautiful writing with fine sentiments often have to be cut to a mere line. And if a letter seems jumpy the way that it appears in print, please remember that your editor uses the first part of some letters, sections from the middle of some, and in others perhaps only the last part is used. About 80 or 90 per cent of the total correspondence is cut so as to reduce it to a dozen pages. We still leave out the domestic weddings but we are glad to report the brand new Aztecs, especially those whose fathers are overseas.

THE AZTEC NEWS LETTER

Edited by
DR. LAUREN C. POST
San Diego State College
San Diego 5, California

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This issue was sponsored in full by an old San Diego firm and its employees. They wanted to do something nice for the service men this Christmas and since they knew so many Aztecs in Service personally they immediately thought of doing something for them through the News Letter. They asked us to omit their names but to make the issue "extra nice."—LCP.

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

We have tried to make each issue better than the preceding one. I feel that this time we have over extended. Next month we go back to 12 pages but we'll do our best with them. Keep sending in your changes of address.

Merry Christmas and again, best of luck!

Editor of the News Letter
Lauren C. Post

LT. (JG) THOMAS J. DAVIES

lost his life by drowning according to an unofficial report.

ENS. MAXWELL BUTLER SHERWOOD

died in a naval hospital in Hawaii following an operation made necessary by an injury.

ENS. JOHN H. L. VOGT

who was killed in action on December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor was awarded the Purple Heart medal posthumously with citation for bravery in combat.

LT. SAM PATELLA

who was with a Naval bombing squadron in the South Pacific has been reported missing in action.

LT. HORACE DALE BOWMAN

who is a prisoner of war in Germany, wrote his mother that he is well and to tell Mrs. Barbara Williams that Griff (Capt. Griffith P. Williams) is "doing fine and is O.K." Lt. Bowman was injured when he landed and was in a hospital for a time but he reports that he is well now. He is the first of our prisoners to report seeing a fellow Aztec

prisoner. His address is as follows:
Prisoner of War Mail Postage Free
Lt. Horace Dale Bowman, USA
American Prisoner of War #125
Stalag Luft 3, Germany
Via New York, New York

LT. JOSEPH K. ROBBINS

who was in the 251st several years ago and who was previously reported a prisoner of war in Germany has written several times to his mother who reported that Joe is well, he came down without a scratch, he is on a rugby team; he has some reading material, and for the folks not to worry as he is all right. His address is as follows:

Prisoner of War Mail Postage Free
Lt. Joseph K. Robbins
American Prisoner of War #2161
Stalag Luft 3, Germany
Via New York, New York

1ST LT. GEORGE C. (BENNY) ALEXANDER

was recently awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action beyond the line of duty, July 8, 1943, as navigator-pilot on a B-24 out of North Africa. The citation reads to the effect that immediately on leaving their objective in Sicily the bomber was attacked by six enemy fighters; one member of the crew (Lt. Maxton Brown of San Diego State College) was mortally wounded; Lt. Alexander, himself seriously wounded, showed great courage in manning guns and shooting down one enemy aircraft. Previously, he had been awarded the Air Medal, two Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart, and the Medal of Honor. At the time he had had 160 hours of combat. Now he is well and has resumed the same combat duty.

ALLEN BURRELL, T/SGT.

was crew chief on a B-24 that worked out of several of the South Pacific fields, one of which was on Guadalcanal. He was out 18 months and has 83 combat missions to his credit. He now has the Air Medal and the Purple Heart. He is now on medical leave and may receive a discharge — malaria, shrapnel wound, and general overwork. He said the shrapnel wound "doesn't amount to anything." (Brother Brent Burrell, 2nd Lt. AAC, who is a bombardier on a B-17 in England, has a mark to shoot at. LCP.)

COL. GEORGE A. CHESTER

general staff corps, U.S.A., recently was cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct and performance of outstanding services as assistant chief of staff of the

Trinidad sector and base command. The citation stated that Col. Chester was a member of the initial contingent of American troops in this command and was responsible for setting up a highly efficient intelligence organization under the peculiar and difficult conditions presented by the occupation of a territory of a friendly nation.

1ST LT. GLENN S. CURTIS

who is with the 14th Air Force in China under Maj. Gen. Claire S. Chennault, has been awarded the Air Medal for 50 bombing missions.

CAPT. CHARLES W. DOWELL

was awarded the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters for 21 missions over Germany and enemy-held territory. He is with the Eighth Bomber command in England.

LT. LINDEN K. MARTIN

who is with the Ninth Fighter Command based in England, was awarded the Air Medal for missions over the Continent. He had "displayed courage and skill which reflected high credit to him."

1ST LT. BOB G. BAUDER

completed one tour of duty as a marine torpedo bomber pilot, he has had a trip to a rest camp, and he has gone back to the combat zone. His record shows 10 attacks against Jap gun positions and installations over Kolombangara, Ballale and Shortland islands. He dumped a 2,000 pound bomb into a group of Jap trucks and scored a direct hit on an enemy gun position at Kolombangara.

Bob has seen 1st Lt. George Kimball, Lt. James Parks, and now 1st Lt. Clair Berdel is in his squadron.

CAPT. JOHN (BUSTER) MURPHY

is home from England, Africa, and Malta after having completed 28 successful bombing missions. His plane is credited with shooting down 13 German planes and he was wounded on a mission down at Malta. He has the Distinguished Flying Cross among many other decorations.

Capt. Murphy is scheduled to speak informally to State College students in Room S. 206 at 12:00 on Monday, November 29th. He is to visit the Aztecs in Service picture panel on Sunday, December 5th, between 3 and 5.

Epsilon Eta fraternity and Shen Yo sorority are handling the publicity for the talk, and girls from Phi Sigma Nu will be hostesses at the Open House for the panel.

Mrs. Griffith P. Williams wrote from 4166 30th St., San Diego:

"Well, today the long awaited letter arrived. In it Griff wrote that he had seen and talked to **Dale Bowman** and **Ernie McAnulty**. Judging from the tone of his letter it was pretty wonderful for him to meet someone from home, and I guess they all had a time talking over old times in San Diego.

"Griff said that he had been moved recently into a New American Camp, evidently a new section of the same camp. He said the new 'set-up' was much better than the old. He's rooming with five other boys; one of them, **Hal Spires**, was the first roommate he had when he went into Cadet Training. Talk about your 'small world.'

"In one of his earlier letters Griff wrote that the camp had equipment for all types of sports and that he was really taking advantage of this fact. He also said that there was a very good library with material to last a long time. His only hope was that he didn't get the opportunity to read too many of the books. I'm sure I know what he meant."

Tau Zeta Rho sorority, **Esther Byrnes**, president, has charge of the selling, folding and mailing this issue of the News Letter. They and their friends will be mighty busy girls come December 1.

Girls from **Phi Sigma Nu** sorority will be hostesses at the Open House for the **Aztecs in Service** picture panel on December 5th from 3 to 5.

Lt. Charles Alfred Carr, USMCR, wrote from the South Pacific:

"The latest News Letter came yesterday and brought the chronology of the Aztecs up to date. Glad to hear that **Jack Hayes** and **Bob Cozens** are still in there, also **Hal Hevener** and **Pierce**. The latter was here, but I only discovered it after he had gone. **Capt. Cotton Gilliland** saw some action with the paratroopers, I heard, but I haven't seen him yet. Things seem to be on the up grade down here as you may have surmised by reading the newspapers.

"We are heading for a rest very soon now. It has been just a year since we first hit the bush, and we've been in the area ever since. It will be quite a treat to see civilization again. All those 'steak' stories I've been hearing about had better be true.

"**Jack Edwards** is in the present fracas. Also **Wally Springstead** and **De Vore**.

"**Sellwood** is now organizing athletics and recreation at one of the rear areas. I hear from him quite often. In fact, his mail reaches me in two days. **George Kimball** was far down the line the last I heard, but may be up now. Is he in a carrier group? If so, he may be able

to contact **Barney Carmen**.

"Tell **Bill Stoll** that the shoe is on the other foot now. It is a lot different from when he was out. The First really deserved all the honors they won judging from the stories of the old timers."

Capt. George A. Gilliland, USMC, wrote from a Parachute outfit in the South Pacific to Coach C. E. Peterson (in part):

"I ran across **Chester (Sweeney) DeVore** some time ago on Guadalcanal.

"I am enclosing a couple of pictures of some of my officers and men. I'll tell you they are champs from the word go. I'm sorry the group picture isn't better because I would like for you to see how husky they are. How they stay that way on this dehydrated chow is beyond me. You know, I am almost always hungry.

"I have an Aztec in my outfit and he is doing a fine job. **Johnny Hayes** is his name. He was boxing instructor at State and is typical of the men in this organization—rugged, intelligent, and with a fighting spirit that cannot be beaten. The boys are without exception ex-athletes and many were stars in their particular sports. If you had this outfit, you could knock Fresno and San Jose for a loop.

"As far as I'm concerned, the best discovery of the war down here is the fox-hole. I never go anywhere without having my little hole close by. At the present time I have a very nice little home in sandy coral. It's very comfortable and I enjoy the comfort of hot and cold running water, but it keeps me busy bailing it out. The water generally turns cold about midnight. After this job is completed, I think I'll retire to Imperial Valley where it never rains.

"You can rest assured that the morale here is 100%. And the only way to defeat the American youth is to plug him between the horns."

(I'm very happy to include these paragraphs from Cotton's letter, which he wrote on November eleventh, to show that all of those rumors about his death were greatly exaggerated. I assure you that the handwriting is Cotton's own. There never was another like it. Cotton will know what I mean. LCP.)

Pvt. Don J. Cummings is at Ft. MacArthur; **Pvt. James G. Duke** is at Buckley Field, Colorado; **Pfc. Charles P. Bradley** is at Camp Campbell, Ky.; **Pvt. William H. Ellis** is at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina; **Pvt. Robert E. Davis** is at Ft. Brady, Michigan.

Bob (Durant) Young and **Hardy Kuykendall, USMCR**, who are at Purdue University, are trying to work up a little Aztec reunion at Lafayette.

Lt. Joseph R. Moran wrote from AAB, Charleston, South Carolina:

"Our crew is going to get a big brand new B-24 which will be all our own. If 'Monty' doesn't mind the co-pilot's seat, I'd like to have him riding with us when we roll into the 'Big Time.' In short, could we have a couple of stickers for our new 'baby'?"

(Stickers mailed—guaranteed and everything. LCP.)

Lt. John A. Muelchi wrote from New Orleans, Louisiana:

"I was shipped to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and we got our new planes. It seems I was cruising over the De Soto National Forest (I think it's National) when that little thing called a propeller suddenly quit functioning. Had my horseshoe with me and my Observer and I both crawled out without a scratch. But the ship didn't do as well. It was a complete salvage job. Those darn pine trees wouldn't give an inch.

"I got a slight bump on the head and after 40,000 X-rays the sawbones finally decided I could return to duty. Just as everything started running smoothly again, I got War Department orders sending me here. It seems Uncle Sam doesn't have enough Postal Officers and he just started grabbing officers off any branch of the service with postal experience. You'd better tell **Joe Rodney** to hide his Form 66-1 or he'll find himself back throwing the old mail like the rest of us."

Capt. Robert Cardenas is a test pilot with the Army at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. The boys of the old San Diego regiment will be glad to hear that he is getting along all right, and he thinks of them often, especially of **Wally Mac**. A little more and he would have been one of those "three year boys going on four."

1st Lt. Perry De Long, USMC, wrote from the South Pacific:

"The address has changed slightly. Am now battalion operations officer so find plenty to keep me occupied. We're located in one of the most beautiful—though primitive—spots I've seen yet, very closely resembling the popular Hollywood version with one notable exception—no women—so we have no complaints other than the comparative inaction. That will be remedied, however.

"I have yet to make contact with any Aztecs although I came mighty close several times. I missed 'Punchy' by about two hours on his last trip. Lots of new names keep cropping up in the News Letter to remind all of us that there are plenty more where we came from."

Capt. Don C. Owen, USMCR, wrote from the South Pacific:

"The 'happy home' my mother wrote you about was pretty nice duty while it lasted but it didn't last long. We left there some months ago and since then we've been moving up closer to the Nips. We see them once in awhile out here but they're damn hard to catch. Seems they just want to look around and then head for home.

"We've moved four times in the last couple of months and if our 'homes' get any smaller we're all going to have to swim when the tide is high. It would be nice if one had web feet out here.

"Glad to hear the lads are doing so well in Africa and most of us out here would like a chance at some of that duty.

"I had the pleasure (?) of being shipwrecked the other day. Seems as though nearly anything can happen to a Marine. It could have been serious but everything turned out all right."

Lt. John M. Kendrick wrote from his big ship in the Pacific:

"Since I reported aboard this vessel somewhat over a year ago, I have covered more mileage on the face of this earth than I had in all the previous years of my life and more than I expect to in the years to come. Not too long ago, though it seems eons, we once again crossed the Isthmus of Panama (through the canal, of course) and watched the equator churn up under our keel. The ceremonies, which served to cleanse the lowly 'pollywogs' and make them admissible to the Royal Domain of Neptunus Rex, were quite lively considering war-time cruising; and I, being an old and trusty member of the orders of 'shell-back,' 'Blue-nose' and 'golden-dragon,' enjoyed the proceedings immensely.

"I have a suggestion for some future News Letter, Dr. Post, and I'll leave it up to you and your staff to decide whether or not it is of sufficient import to warrant action—that is, our home town. Undoubtedly it has changed a great deal. Has it changed for better or worse? Will it ever again be the place we knew? Will it be a place we will enjoy as we once did? It was once a city with a small town complex, no hurry or rush, rather quiet but with enough activity to keep it interesting. I know I've been wondering about San Diego quite a bit and assume others, who have been away, do also. Could you write a letter to all of us and give your opinions on the subject? I had in mind a letter similar to the one to **Wally McAnulty** in the last News Letter, considering not only the superficial and temporary changes of today but the permanent changes of people and places which will alter the future character of our town."

(I've been hoping to do just that but

had hardly felt adequate to do it. My only trips down town are rush trips to the printers. And are they rushed this time!! Here's a promise for something next time. LCP.)

Capt. Esther E. Pease wrote from Denver, Colorado:

"Can't pass up the last issue of the famous News Letter without sending you a note of thanks for the one thing which keeps all of us in close touch with State College and the many friendships we made there.

"Also want to post you (no pun, please) on my latest address and assignment to save the overworked mailman from the extra trouble of routing my mail all over the U. S. I'm with the Western Technical Training Command, Army Air Forces, at Denver, Colorado, as WAC Staff Director for the sixteen states in our area. Exciting work and plenty of it. So far I've hit almost every town but the home one, and I'm heading that way during the first lull.

"What a fine record our Aztecs are making! That fighting spirit on the football field has carried over into farther ones, and we're still running up the score.

"My best regards to all of you there on the home front. It's good to know it is still business as usual and that the roots are still there."

COMMERCIAL

No commercial this month.—LCP.

Sgt. John S. Fox wrote from Chanute Field, Illinois:

"Before I left the U. S. back in November 1942 I qualified for Weather Forecasting School. But, because I was assigned to an overseas outfit, I did not get to come to school at that time. Then last April we were permitted to take the exam again. I made the second highest mark in the station. The top man came to the first class and I came to the following one. Left New Caledonia on August fourth and twenty days later steamed through the Golden Gate. The class began on October fourth so the intervening time was spent on wine, women, and song. And what better way is there?

"Last week end I was in the big town, walking down Randolph Street with my date, and I see a back of a neck that looks very familiar. So I say, 'Wait, honey, I've gotta see the face that goes with that neck and shoulders.' So it turns out to be **Joe Seminario**, who is at Tower Hall."

Pvt. Shoji Nakadate wrote from Station Hospital Surgery, Camp Grant, Illinois:

"In the paper I read about **Bert Tanaka**, a former Aztec, who is now in

Italy with the Fifth Army consisting of Japanese Americans and other Americans. There was an article of a former San Diegan so I thought I'd send it. Another Nisei (J.A.) and a former Aztec is **T/3 Paul Kuyama**, who is in Australia. Many more will be going shortly, I believe."

2nd Lt. Charles R. Nelson wrote from Dale Mabry Field, Tallahassee, Florida:

"It was not until this afternoon that I learned of the existence of the Aztec News Letter. My friend and fellow Phi Lambda Xi, **Corporal Art Clarkson**, forwarded his copy along to me, and I practically took the day off to read its news and experiences. Even before the war I knew from experience that Aztecs were apt to turn up in every corner of the country, but I'd no idea of how thoroughly we are scattered through the world now. The News Letter surely brings this home. Had I known of it sooner I'd have been on your mailing list for thirteen months, that being my time to date in the Army.

"Two other former Aztecs that I can give word of are my cousin, **A. Norman Knoles**, Chief Petty Officer, 25th Regiment, Camp Green Bay, USNTS, Great Lakes, Illinois, who is instructing recruits there; and **1st Lt. John B. Megrew**, Philippine Prison Camp No. 1, Manila, P. I. A recent letter from Lt. Megrew's mother told me that she had received word from him and that he was well."

Jeanne E. Robbins wrote from Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas:

"I would sincerely like to become a steady customer of the News Letter and receive your monthly issues.

"Although Texas isn't oceans away from San Diego, hearing about old friends, acquaintances, and former classmates does wonders for the morale!

"May I say a few words about my favorite subject—flying? The training offered the Women Pilot Trainees (officially WASPs—Women's Airforce Service Pilots) equals that of any Army cadet school. Imagine getting paid for 'all this and heaven too!' The five months course consists of Primary, Basic, and Advanced training. We fly the same trainers as cadets and are told that in most ways our flying equals theirs, and in some respects surpasses it!

"Although we are still civilians, our induction into the Army Air Corps is expected in the very near future, plus commissions as Flight Officers with the same rank and privileges as the men. Kinda crowding the fellows, aren't we, Doc?

"My post-war plans are to return to San Diego State College and finish my schooling.

"As we flyers say—Roger and out!"

Ens. Darwin J. Flakoll, USNR, wrote from a DE, FPO, N. Y.:

"The News Letter has been coming through regularly and receives a high priority rating on my reading time. The only disagreeable job is to plod through the growing list of familiar names of the boys who won't come back.

"This destroyer escort navy has much to be said in its favor—and the usual drawbacks as well. We hit the U.S.A. at welcome intervals and have learned that 'speed runs' on the beach are more to be feared than sub-infested waters.

"There is some question as to whether or not this bucket came back from her last trip as chaste and virginal as when she left. We hope to make a shady lady of her for sure next time out. Circumstantial evidence doesn't sink subs, however.

"We've had the usual stock of experiences including manning battle stations in honor of a surfaced whale. He was probably as unnerved as we were by the incident.

"Ran into **Don Berg** and **Don Woods** some time ago, the first Aztecs I've met since I've been in exile."



Ens. Horace Walton wrote FPO, N.Y.:

"Today is Armistice Day and an occasion for celebration for the French townsmen who always like an excuse for festivities and especially one of victory over their present enemy. Many are now looking for an early chance to celebrate the next Armistice.

"We are living in Quonset huts and have almost all the conveniences of home except a nice big stove, which we could really use. The first few nights I was here I resorted to sleeping in my heavy winter flight gear in an effort to keep comfortable. The days are very mild and remind me of home even to an occasional morning fog."



Cpl. William Bruce (Toar) Hollenbeck wrote from Paine Field, Everett, Wash.:

"I left Boise around the first of August, and after spending some time in Seattle, I was sent here. I like this place as well as any in this part of the country, and though winter is creeping up, it still remains very temperate. Outside of the days being so short, it's hard to distinguish the weather from summer.

"I had hopes of playing a little service football this season, but material here on the field was much poorer than last season, and we couldn't get a squad together. I have been fortunate enough to be near some pretty good football teams, both college and prep.

"I saw the University of Washington beat the highly touted March Field eleven when they were rated tenth best in the land. It appeared to be a case of over-rating the Army team. Now after that defeat U.S.C. suffered down

there in San Diego, it looks bad for them in the Rose Bowl. Washington is good. I liked them as soon as they came on the field. They don't follow any set method of offense, but look good all the way around. The best part of their team is the outstanding backs, and the fact that the blockers block.

"They didn't pass much, and their punting wasn't too good, but they have a good defense against both passing and running, and they go when they get the ball. As I recall, they don't use the T-formation very much, and usually line up in a box, or regular unbalanced formation. When they use the box, they send a man in motion out laterally to the strong side on almost every play. When they don't use a box, they shift into it first anyway, and then into the unbalanced formation. I wouldn't put any money on U.S.C. if I were you as this Washington team is tough."



FIRST AZTEC OVERSEAS WEDDING

**Mr. and Mrs. James Casey
announce the marriage
of their daughter
Virginia T.**

**Lieutenant Army Nurse Corps
to**

**Thomas N. Chavis
Lieutenant, United States Army
on Saturday morning
the twenty-third of October
nineteen hundred and forty-three
A.P.O. 958**



Lt. Earl L. Allison wrote from La Junta, Colorado:

"Gee, I'd like to get my name in that book of 'The Rattlers' and Boss's.

"Say, **Earl Walker, T.S.'s** brother, is a cadet up here and has about three more weeks to go before graduation.

"This should interest **Lionel Chase** and his 'Stuka juice' boys. In Pueblo, about 60 miles from here, all of the grog shops advertise they have whiskey. That, Dr. Post, is an out and out bold faced lie."



Lt. John E. Fitch wrote from Camp Cumberland, Va.:

"We are attaining those final touches of battle efficiency with many night convoys, marches, gas attacks, strafing by planes, ambush attacks by ground troops, infiltration courses, bivouacs in the woods, and building pole lines through the woods.

"If we were a few miles farther west we would be in the Blue Ridges. However, it is cold enough here without going into the mountains."



Ens. L. C. Clemmer wrote from his big ship, FPO, N.Y.:

"Here I am out on the blue ocean and I do mean BLUE. Was out on the catwalk and you can actually see the

keel of the ship. Was also watching the flying fish do their stuff.

"I don't know how long I'll be on this ship. They have an excess of officers and they give us as much experience as possible. I am in communications. My Comm. officer asked me what battle station I wanted. I asked for a 40 MM. gun but I got a 20 MM. instead. So far it's swell.

"I had had the midwatch and at 0500 we had a G.Q. Boy, oh boy! I hated to get up. To set things off, it was raining and the wind was blowing like 60."



Capt. Otto Wolgast wrote from Camp Davis, N. C.:

"I have been in charge of a group of instructors in the OCD, automatic weapons, at the AA School for the past six months.

"Your southern summer wasn't quite as bad as I had expected. I found that I could live in it. Now that it is autumn, I find I am enjoying the change of seasons very much. The trees are really pretty when you haven't seen autumn since you were in knee pants.

"Met **Major Fry** here. Both **Joe Rodney** and I had served under him, Joe as a corporal and then as a lieutenant and I as a yardbird."



Cpl. Morris Kahan wrote from Australia:

"On the way over we saw sharks, whales, and many other kinds of fish. When we crossed the equator, all on board had a lot of fun. Initiations were given to all new members of the crew and to all of the forces on board.

"The city here is like a modern city in the U. S. but the cars and buses drive on the wrong side of the road."



1st Lt. Robert P. Logan wrote from the South Pacific:

"The 31st of this month marks the completion of three years overseas for me."



Ens. B. J. Polak wrote from North Africa:

"We covered most of the Mediterranean in boats of one kind or another. Ran into **Lt. (jg) Jack Snyder** in Norfolk. Also saw **Ens. Sherwood Parker**. He had lost so much weight I hardly recognized him."



A/C Fred E. Norris wrote from Cal Tech, Pasadena:

"Three Aztecs—**Wayne Smith, Peter Quon**, and myself—were stationed at the University of New Mexico. After completing pre-meteorology we were sent to our present post.

"While at Albuquerque I made the acquaintance of your very good friend,

Dr. Brand. He said he was trying to get a paper started similar to the Aztec News Letter."

Ens. E. E. Sechrist wrote from a ship, FPO, SF:

"We move around so much our mail has a time catching up with us. **Lt. Clyde West** has finished his course and has been assigned to the Engineers Corps at Bend, Oregon."

Ens. Edward T. Preisler wrote from New Orleans:

"While at Trinidad I was fortunate enough to run across **Lawrence Madalena**. I took him and his friend aboard our ship and we had dinner at the O. C. in the center of the town. Also ran across **Lt. Gil Stark** and **Cpl. Penrhyn Millsap** in New Orleans."

Pvt. James R. Hurley wrote a long letter from North Africa:

"Long live the E.R.C.! Now I am one step closer to the front as a rifleman."

"The Germans, with their usual thoroughness, picked the place clean, leaving a poverty-stricken land. After nine months they are still in poor shape and many stringencies are evident in food and clothes. England is doing what she can in the clothing line but America and American soldiers are the main source of existence for the whites and the Arabs."

"The war and the German conquest had tended to level the classes, but once we moved in, the old class system has sprung up and the tops have nearly everything and the bottoms haven't anything except what they can do the American soldiers and sailors out of. The good old American sucker is being taken for a ride as usual."

Lt. Guy E. Boothby, USMC, wrote from the South Pacific:

"That picture in No. 17—'Faithful Forever'—was that referring to the gals or to **Monty** who seems to be presiding so disdainfully over the meeting?"

"I've run into some truly exotic scenery down here. Some of those South Sea belles are what they really are supposed to be—D. Lamour and all that."

Lt. (jg) Spencer C. Church wrote from a net tender in the South Pacific:

"The net tenders are called the 'ugly ducklings' of the Navy; however, they are certainly doing their share in this war out here."

"That guest book idea is a great one. I hope we may all return to put down a few words in it."

There is no letter in this issue from **Lt. Lionel Chase**. Following his 50 completed missions he is enjoying a 25 day

furlough. Lionel said we could quote him as saying that it's fun to stand before an audience and "snow them under."—LCP.

John Sellwood, CSp, wrote from an Advanced Naval Base in the Pacific:

"I was very lucky in running into **Jack Carr** and **Chester DeVore** as soon as I arrived. Have not seen **Fred Carr** but hope to soon. Quite a coincidence that four of the five of us who lived together should be located in the South Pacific. **Louis Pritchard** is the only missing member of our household, but as **Chester** would say, 'That's life.'"

"My teammate is a St. Mary's man but he agreed to put an Aztec sticker on his truck so I would appreciate your sending us one. Who knows, it may lead us to other Aztecs on this island."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

John E. Dillman, A.S., is now in Austin, Texas. ☆ **Pvt. Leonard A. Cosgrove** is in ASTU in Pasadena. ☆ **Ens. John Richard Mitchell** is at 1529 New Hampshire Ave. N.W., Wash., D.C. ☆ **Pfc. Jack W. Hudson** wrote a long letter from Camp Polk, Louisiana, where he has been on maneuvers for about 7 months. ☆ **1st Lt. W. H. Hudson** is Range Officer at Tonopah, Nev. ☆ **Frank A. Diamond, MMI/c**, is still on his destroyer on the Atlantic side. ☆ **Lt. (jg) R. L. Harris** is at 1 Winchester Street, Brookline (46), Mass. ☆ **Capt. Arthur F. O'Keefe** is still at 433 Beverly Drive, Corpus Christi. ☆ **Lt. Dodd Shepard** is still old Montezuma in either India or China. ☆ **Pvt. Eugene Frosio** is at Chaffey J. C. in STARU. ☆ **Pvt. Robert C. Drecher** is at North Camp Hood, Texas. ☆ **Cpl. Wm. Neal Martin** is at Seymour Johnson Field, N. C. ☆ **Lt. Gilbert Stark** is still at 2320 Adams St., New Orleans.

June Herzig, A.S., wrote from Northampton, Mass.:

"Thanks for the News Letter. It came just at the very lowest ebb I have experienced."

"You asked for those who had been wounded to write—do you count 'shots' and blisters and potential bunions? If so—consider me as wounded. The shots today have about done me in. Any honors may be rendered posthumously."

Sgt. Wilfred Clare wrote from the South Pacific:

"As you know, I'm in the old outfit and really proud of it. We haven't done much, but given a chance, we could prove a point or two. We are all fine and in good health. We have an extremely pressing anxiety to go home, but due to circumstances beyond our control we must remain in these Islands

of 'Paradise.' I hope you never use that expression in your geography lessons as it's a gross misstatement. Please don't take me wrong—I'm not working out a grudge on the Chamber of Commerce. I'm merely stating a fact as I see it."

"In extreme contrast I would certainly feel guilty in not saying that nowhere have I seen such beauty as nature brings forth here in the evenings. During the day the surrounding country looks quite dreary but as evening rolls around and you look toward the mountains, it seems as if perhaps the Elves had drawn a golden shade over the sun. They then paint the soil in the brightest colors. It seems as if all the colors of the rainbow have gathered on the rolling hills and sharp peaks for a wondrous and colorful passing parade."

"Thanks for the News Letter. I have received every copy so far."

(Thanks, Wilfred. I just had to use some of your nice long letter. Your sister, Dorothy, has been helping with the News Letter. And for our other readers, Wilfred has been away for three years, going on four. LCP.)

N. C. Whited, NAPI/c, wrote from NAS, Pensacola:

"I finally crashed through and am now an NAPI/c—an enlisted pilot. Went through the fighter course here but have yet to fly any of the really hot ships. Am standing by right now for orders to operational where we do just that."

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

"We still have not budged and every day it seems we are less likely to. Guess I'm lucky—have never had malaria or any of the skin rashes they have around here. Haven't even had a cold. I suppose I'd have to break my neck to be entertained by the sickbay."

"I don't think we will be able to get any Christmas cards this year so you'll help me explain it, won't you?"

Blair Burkhardt wrote from North Africa:

"The other day at chow a guy asked me if I wasn't HBH. Sure enough, he was an Aztec—**1st Lt. Joseph A. Francis**—who was trying to make connections so he could go home. Joe participated in 37 P-38 missions, had one engine shot up and crash-landed at his home base. After a month in the hospital he is O.K. My hat is off to fellows like Joe."

Capt. Garry W. Meeker wrote from North Africa:

"Things are droning along in the same monotonous manner. Soon you will be closer to the fighting front than we are."

Pvt. Gerhart A. Mehner wrote from the South Pacific(?):

"Upon arrival here your letter with the stickers was waiting for me.

"There's a swell bunch of fellows in this outfit and the weather is wet. That is all I can say except to tell the fellows to have a good time back there because they won't here."

Lt. Tom N. Chavis wrote from the Pacific:

"Tell Mr. Watenpaugh that I am soldiering in the same outfit as his brother-in-law, Mr. Horton, and he enjoys reading the News Letter.

"Capt. Nolen and Wally seem to be more than overjoyed at being transferred into something more than a sitting position. I enjoy their letters except when their snow jobs interfere with our explanations of our activities. It is nice to hear that Ernie is in good health and is able to write such an enthusiastic letter."

1st Lt. Wallace McNulty wrote from the South Pacific:

"I'm in a new outfit now and it's really O.K. Major Rodney is our C. O. and is doing a swell job of it. Capt. Gordon Gershon is my battery commander.

"We really have a swell set up; in fact, it is the best camp I've been in to date. This must be the island they refer to in stories and movies. It is really beautiful. Can you imagine a forced issue of ice cream three times a week? Well, we have it. Electric lights in all the barracks, and a large electric ice box in the mess hall. It is really too good to last.

"I understand Don Owens left here about five days before we landed so I missed seeing him.

"John Finan is with our group although he isn't located at the same place.

"Is Winston McColl still stationed in San Diego? If he is, have him drop a line this way. All the gang from his old battery would like to hear from him."

Lt. Bernard T. Harmer wrote from the South Pacific:

"Saw Hal Hevener leave for the States a few days ago with 300 combat hours under his belt. Please send me the addresses of John Dannan, George Farina, Charles Caston, and Bill Leaf."

(All sent except George Farina's. Help, please! LCP.)

Mrs. Wm. E. Scarborough wrote:

"Being utterly ashamed of the picture you have of Bill, I am enclosing one that I am sure you will like much better. Bill is still in Long Beach but is expecting to fly out of there soon." (Thanks for

the new picture. The panel is improving that way daily. LCP.)

Ralph Sunderhauf, MoMM2/c, wrote from a YP boat in San Diego:

"I was particularly interested in this issue as I learned from it that my brother-in-law, Capt. Griff Williams, and Lt. Ernie McNulty are in the same prison camp, which certainly ought to be a morale lifter for both of them.

"I'm writing this on a work bench in the engine room, and conditions down here are not what you would call ideal for writing. Ens. Gene K. Clardy, who was in the class of '33, is the officer in charge of our ship."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Pfc. John V. Reed is at the Sub. Base, St. Petersburg, Florida. ☆ Pvt. Louis Poluzzi, USMCR, is at Parris Island, South Carolina. ☆ S/Sgt. H. P. Henson is at Desert Training Center, Camp Young, Calif. ☆ Pfc. Richard W. Clark is at Texas A. & M. and so are Douglas Merrill, James Lewis, Jack Wilbur, Roy Richards, Melville Auberg, and Harry Barnett. ☆ Cpl. W. F. Hauser is at Fort Lawton, Wash. ☆ A/S V. Wayne Kenas-ton is awaiting classification at SAAAB, Santa Ana. ☆ Pvt. John Stinson is in ASTU, Stanford University. ☆ Lt. Edward S. Imblum is at AAB, Dyersburg, Tenn. ☆ A/S Terence B. McCarron is at SAAAB, Santa Ana, and so are Hal Summers, Morrie Shepard, Linton Roberts, Bill Baldwin and Ray Ruiz. ☆ Pvt. Robert (Red) Williams is still at the University of Oregon and so is Tom Harvey. ☆ Pvt. Patricia Merle Waldron is taking basic training at Third WAC Training Center, Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. ☆ Barney Newlee, PhM2/c, now has an FPO address, S. F. ☆ Pfc. John Beck, USMC, is at Camp Pendleton. ☆ A/C Ted Smyer is at USNAS, Norman, Okla., and so are Wave Pat Layton, Cadet C. R. St. John, (Tar Mac) Earl Woodhouse, and Cadet John Glithers.

Lt. (ig) George A. Rettie wrote from a Recreation Center, FPO, S.F.:

"The work has been much the same and we are still spreading joy. Now and then an Aztec passes through and we have quite a bull session at such a momentous time. We have men off ships and they stay two days to a week doing nothing but eating, sleeping, and swimming. That mixed in with a bit of sports peeps them up quite a bit."

Alexander John Goldie, PhM2/c, wrote from University of Arizona, Tucson:

"I have been over here in this desert for almost a year now and have seen quite a few of the former Aztecs go

through this school. Every month when we check in a new bunch I always look for familiar faces, and there is hardly a class that goes through that doesn't have at least one from State. Right now we have just two, Ben Hammer-schmidt and Bob Ford."

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

"Larry Devlin wrote me that Lionel Chase was a real veteran campaigner. He certainly deserves a respite after fifty completed missions.

"The past week I have been attending a camouflage school. It's quite interesting work, but so much of it doesn't apply to our outfit. We have mules only. How to camouflage a mule is really a problem. A bright Captain just out of Ft. Belvoir suggested that we tie a piece of burlap from one foreleg to the opposite hind leg."

Ens. Robert B. Barth wrote from Yorktown, Va.:

"Received a letter from Roy Cleator and he has been transferred to an Air Unit in the South Pacific.

"I was recently detached from my duties and have been assigned to an entirely new line of work as far as I'm concerned, but you can bet your bottom dollar I'll still be plenty busy."

Pvt. Edward L. Nicholson wrote from India:

"I am in India—the land of enchantment. The only enchantment is the way they can raise such big mosquitoes and not call them pursuit planes. It seems as though all the fellows are in North Africa or England—or at least not where I am."

1st Lt. Fred B. Smith wrote from a Bombing Sqdn. in Clovis, N. M.:

"After moving around a great deal I was sent to Sebring, Florida, to check out in Flying Fortresses. Now I am here in Clovis checking out in Liberators. I have my crew and expect to leave soon.

"A classmate of mine said that Don Peck and Gene Erdman are Captains and also Squadron Commanders. They expect to be home by Christmas."

Sgt. Robert A. Wade wrote from North Africa:

"Biggest news around here that isn't censorable is the fact that winter is setting in. The weather the past week or so has been very typical of the first days of the invasion, almost a year ago now. The days are usually pretty sunny, with occasional cloudiness. Every second or third day it rains—not long and not hard, but enough to make this African soil a nice, thick sloshy mud. I had hoped to be out of North Africa before

the mud got thick again, but here I sit. However, I'm still hoping to be gone before the worst comes. Believe me, Doc, one of these winters is more than enough.

"The North African branch of SDSC is really getting along in fine shape. Rare indeed is the week end that doesn't see **Larry** and me together in some bistro or other. Many are the memories and friends that are recalled in those sessions. **Forbes** I haven't seen in a long time, but **Herb Bachrach** occasionally makes it a threesome. Last month I was in Algiers for three days and had supper with **Katherine Pyle**. She had some pictures from last year's Del Sud that made very good looking. And **Chuck Read** drops by every now and then."

Mrs. Clifford Smith wrote from Berkeley:

"Cliff (Lt. Comdr. Clifford E. Smith) is up at Kiska. He is very busy with lots of responsibility and is on call day and night, but is enjoying his work very much."

Charles T. Byrne, Y1/c, wrote from USMS Graduate Station, Portland, Ore.:

"I wonder why that big brute **John Duich** hasn't written to the News Letter. Spitler told of seeing our ex-roomer, **Joe Seminario**, at Chicago, but we haven't heard from him."

Lt. Charles M. Witt wrote from NAS, Jacksonville, Fla.:

"I'm rounding off the operational course and hope to see action after December."

"Am I plenty glad to know that **Griff Williams** is safe. According to one of our own boys who flew for the RAF until recently the Germans treat English and American prisoners very well."

"I'm glad to see that **Lewis Estep** got out of that hole of Trinidad where I was also stationed for about six months. I wonder what he was doing in Mass."

Lt. William S. Bruner wrote from NAS, Livermore:

"My sister-in-law, **Lilian Bankerd**, is in the WACS. Currently she is stationed in Virginia. Brother-in-law **Capt. Lincoln E. Bankerd** is still in the Mediterranean area."

(Other Aztecs having his very same APO number are **Pvt. Eleanor Spinola, WAC**; **Major Ralph Small**; **Capt. Herbert Bachrach**. I hope they all see this. LCP.)

A/C James K. Luce wrote from Cal. Poly, San Luis Obispo:

"There is a poster on the mess hall door reading 'Food will win the war.' Beneath is penciled this note: 'Food

may win the war but how are we going to get the Japs to eat here?'"

Capt. Herbert Childress wrote from Camp Davis, No. Carolina:

"I'm the only Aztec in my battery, but all of my officers read the News Letter and then pass it on to other batteries where they read it with great interest."

"Oh yes—I finally made the grade and the Aztecs have another 22-year-old Captain."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Av/S Austin M. Mason plays first choir trumpet in the Cadet Band at Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, Kan. ☆ **Ens. H. B. Walton** has an address through FPO, N. Y. ☆ **C. R. Lake, AS, V-12**, is at Purdue University. ☆ **Jack Allen** is on the Aviation Cadet Examining Board, 49 4th St., S. F. ☆ **David Vincent Abbott, S2/c**, is at the USNTS, S. D. ☆ **Ens. Edward T. Preisler** returned to Armed Guard Center, New Orleans, after three months of sea duty. ☆ **James E. Bunker** is taking a special course at Quantico, Va. ☆ **Mid'n C. N. Jackson** is at Morrow Cove, Vallejo, Calif. ☆ **2nd Lt. Ben W. Stanley** is at Ft. Belvoir, Va. ☆ **Jack Phibbs** is back in this country after a trip in the Merchant Marine. ☆ **Pvt. William McCarty** is at Kearns Field, Utah. ☆ **Pvt. Clem L. Abbey, USMCR**, is still at USC. ☆ **Sgt. William Kraft** is in the AAF Band, Kingman, Ariz. ☆ **Willard C. Barbour** is still at St. Louis University. ☆ **William B. Johnston, BM2/c**, is on a ship, FPO, S. F. ☆ **A/S William H. Bauchwitz** is at Lewis Field, Hays, Kan.

F/I Robert R. Farmer is at Mira Loma Flight Academy, Oxnard, Calif. ☆ **James Fish** was promoted to S/Sgt. at Gilroy, Calif. ☆ **Lt. (ig) Eugene Rumsey** is at the Naval Hospital, S. D., and so is **Lt. (ig) Amos Root**. ☆ **John H. Roberts** is stationed in Los Angeles, and so is **Lt. Robert X. De Mangus**. ☆ **Jack Garoutte** is at Gardner Field, Taft, Calif. ☆ **William C. Garoutte** is at 756 Portrero Ave., S.F. ☆ **Harry H. Hubbard, A.S.**, is at the University of Redlands. ☆ **Lt. Edwin Stanley Conant** is at USNAS, Lake City, Fla. ☆ **A/C C. O. Ayars** is at USNPS, Iowa City, Iowa. ☆

Lt. Charles Caston wrote from the South Pacific:

"I'm still kicking and I have affixed the 'tough guy' on the nose of our plane. In fact, we call our ship the (censored). Bloody, isn't it? Believe you me, it will be for any Jap. In fact, I expect to be flying over Tokyo eventually."

Marechal N. Duncan, EM2/c (honorary Aztec), wrote from the South Pa-

cific:

"I never had a chance to go to State because the Navy called me to active duty too soon. I was with **Johnny Osborn** for several months during which time I read all of his copies of the News Letter. He's back in the States now so I miss them."

"Near the base where I am now stationed are several old Aztecs boys such as: **Bob Harer, Charles Nolan, Herb Elfring, George Holland**, and many others. When I arrived and found all of these fellows around here it was just like old home week, and believe me, we have been really shooting the breeze."

Fred Nason, QM1/c, wrote from Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton Wash.:

"Someone back in Washington has got the idea that I like the cold climate and is trying to accommodate me. I sure wish I could find out who it is so I could put him straight. I have been aboard a small ship up north here for about eight months and am now awaiting transfer to duty in the Alaskan Sector. It is impossible to tell how long I will be stuck here at Bremerton, but I hope it isn't too long."

"**Bill Stocking, Archie Miehl, Vernon Rivers, Gordon Chamberlain, and Jack Holland** arrived here the other day so once again I had the pleasure of meeting home town boys. They are here for training as Supply Officers. They are to be here a couple of months and then go back to Harvard for final schooling and their commissions."

Lt. Lawrence R. Devlin wrote from North Africa:

"The North African Branch of the State College Alumni Association had another meeting yesterday. **Bob Wade** and **George Forbes** each knocked off a twenty-four hour pass and we had a session."

"We missed **Lionel Chase** because he used to be the life of the party, but who are we to begrudge our old compatriot a chance to see State again. A few days before Lionel left, he and I were parked in a little cafe in Tunis when Lionel yelled Aztec and dashed across the room. I turned around just in time to find **Chuck Read** pushing his way through the crowd toward us. Chuck is in Bob Wade's outfit but this was the first time that I had seen him over here. When we get together gossip flies around worse than at a sorority meeting."

"Just received the September News Letter and I see that **Herb Bachrach** has me listed as an aide. I have a new job now but I am still in the same outfit with Herb. I wish I could tell you just how much the News Letter means to all of us over here. I know just how much

work it must mean for you, but it is better than any present we could receive. In all my traveling I have not found any other school that has anything to compare with it. It is certainly putting State on the map. I know that in my outfit it causes more interest than a whole box of magazines."

Pvt. Fred Ross Dall wrote from Parris Island, S. C.:

"Why don't you suggest that some of those lovely damsels drop a lonely 'gyrene' a line?"

Lt. E. Al Slayen sent us a couple of mail bags from Sicily or some place in the Mediterranean area. One of them was an Italian sack and the other German. They are on display at the Bookstore.

Thanks for the sacks and also for the copy of the **Stars and Stripes**. LCP.

1st Lt. Cecil R. Thompson wrote from Navigation School at Ellington Field, Texas:

"**Lt. Quiett** is still here with me and we are still training Navigators for that Day."

(**Richard Wright, A/C**, is there also. Look him up. LCP.)

Pvt. Robert Swisher is getting the best chow of his Army career up at Montana State at Bozeman, Montana.

Ens. Susan Ahn wrote from NAS, Pensacola to Miss C. King: (In part.)

"I am having fun in gunnery school as well as taking a beating. My arms are bruised from the recoil of the shotgun, but I managed to come out high score man yesterday. Since I am the first Wave officer to go through, I thought I had better get a good start."

"Was interviewed today for a magazine article. Will let you know what it appears in—but that remains to be seen."

Ens. Irene Russell wrote from the Radcliffe Branch of Harvard:

"My Navy career so far seems to be one college after another. I spent two months at Mt. Holyoke, after which I was sent to the Naval Supply Depot, Bayonne, N. J., to learn supply, and I am now starting a three months course in the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. While stationed at Bayonne, four of us lived in New York City and really had a wonderful time going to musicals, plays, Radio City, etc."

"Here in Cambridge it is cold but beautiful as the trees are just turning and losing their leaves. So far as I can find out, I am the only Aztec here at present."

Capt. James E. Stacy wrote from Ft. Benning, Ga.:

"I saw **Jim Hurley** during his stay and we spent practically the whole night talking about the school. As a regimental adjutant it was my responsibility to see that my men were ready to go so I had no other opportunity to see him again or let him know. I hope he understands. On top of that, military censorship prevented me from giving him any indication of where he was going."

"The Stacys will be blessed with a 'lil one' in December. Heard from **Andy Echle** and he is having a hard time with his Waves and She-Marines—I'll bet! About like W. C. Fields working in a liquor store!"

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Pfc. Selwyn J. Thomas is in a medical laboratory at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga. ☆ **Sgt. Charles Cannon** sent a Christmas card from the South Pacific.

☆ **Lt. John H. Dannan** is with a bomber squadron at Pratt, Kan. ☆ **Pfc. Herman J. Branin** is at No. Ft. Lewis, Wash. ☆

Ens. Helen Clemson sent in a brand new picture for the **Aztecs in Service** panel from USNAS, Jacksonville, Fla. ☆ **A/S John A. Gregory** is in Middle Georgia College, Cochran, Ga. ☆ **A/S William A. De Riemer** completed Basic at Miami Beach, Fla., and is now at Hiram College, Hiram, O. ☆ **Ens. William Steinman** is at Miami Beach, Fla. ☆

A/S Angus H. Marshall is at the University of Wichita, Wichita, Kan. ☆ **T/4 Clifford E. Wells** has an APO out of Nashville, Tenn., where he is on maneuvers. ☆ **Pfc. Robert W. Mossholder** is in Seattle, Wash. ☆ **James L. Buck, SKI/c**, is at the Naval Repair Base, San Diego. ☆ **G. K. Buck, SKI/c**, is on a ship, FPO, N. Y. ☆ **Pvt. Francis Eugene Heston** is at the MPRTC, Fort Custer, Mich. ☆ **A/S Harry Galpin** is at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, O.

Arthur L. Austin, A.S., was transferred from Flagstaff to College of the Pacific, Stockton. ☆ **1st Lt. S. J. Colvin** has an APO, Shreveport, La. ☆ **Lt. Eugene L. Kendall** is at Ellington Field, Texas. ☆ **Pvt. George C. Gross** is at Ft. Knox, Ky. ☆ **A/S A. F. Matchinske** is at the University of Minnesota. ☆ **A/C Toby Elster** is at SAACC, San Antonio, Tex.

☆ **Lt. K. H. Hendron** wrote from the South Pacific:

"I'd like to be able to sign that book at State. I don't see **Wally Mac** much any more but he's still O.K. and really raving."

☆ **A/C Frank F. Whigham's** name appeared on page 1 of the Del Monte Pre-Flight **Navyator** for his having made the second highest score (3.48) in the Fifteenth battalion in "physical and

mental excellence." Also Frank scored second highest (3.50) in the battalion in the "officer aptitude department."

Another issue of the **Navyator** ran a picture of their starting team which took the field against U.C.L.A. There was Frank at right end.

News item: Left halfback **Don Borden**, U.C.L.A., found himself as a passer on Coach Babe Horrell's team getting ready for the St. Mary's game. (Don used to pitch on the Aztec "B" in the good old days.)

Lt. (jg) Ralph McQuaid wrote FPO, S.F.:

"I understand that **Lt. Sam Patella** was lost on a flight but don't have any details about it."

"I'd like to let **Chuck Nolan** know that I'm keeping a lookout for him and am just liable to run into him one of these days."

"**Emmett Fowler** should be interested to know that even as a flyer I haven't been missing out (as yet) on my cokes and gedunk."

Pvt. Howard J. Quam wrote from Camp Blanding, Florida:

"Well, I thought I'd like to spend the winter in Florida and at the same time see on just what that hooley about this state is based."

"I passed through the 'Terra Postorum' but it was night so all I could see was bayous and water."

"I've been compiling a list of 'states not to visit again.' No. 1 on my list is Arkansas, and No. 2 is Texas. Haven't nominated No. 3 as yet."

Lt. John K. Williams wrote from a Torpedo Boat Squadron, FPO, S.F.:

"I am taxi-ing a P.T. boat about the South Pacific waters. Can't tell you where but our repair base is not far from one of Tojo's largest air fields. We operate behind Jap lines about as much as behind our own."

"Been out here since February and expect to be here 'til February next. Understand **Page Tulloch** is in P.T.'s."

"Send me an Aztec sticker and I'll put it right on the nose." Bing Williams, Phi Lambda Xi, '36, '37, '38.

Pvt. Tom Jensen wrote from Amherst College, Mass.:

"These New Englanders treat the soldiers around here wonderfully. Massachusetts may have been the hotbed of the Revolution, but right now it's O.T.B."

Lt. Thomas Brent Burrell wrote from Nebraska before hopping to England:

"I got my first view of the Mississippi from a grandstand seat 25,000 feet up."

I could see from away north of New Orleans south to where old man river disappears into the sea. We had the whole of Lake Ponchartrain at our feet. Flood plains, deltas, meanders—if only you and Mr. Brooks could have been along to appreciate it! I'm certain you wouldn't have even noticed the inconvenience of wearing an oxygen mask."

Lt. John L. Westland wrote from American Airlines School, Ft. Worth, Texas:

"I have wanted this duty for a long time so I am very happy. And if I don't get into some action soon, I'll feel too old. (Besides Larry, we have another young Aztec on the way.)

"I notice that all the 'Old Navy' boys are getting a chance to see some action—27 or 29 months is a long time to tell cadets 'how and why'."

Pvt. W. A. MacKersie wrote from Emory University, Ga.:

"I just made a second check of No. 20. I find that I miss a lot in the first reading. The guys here are kind of jealous of the letter and I certainly enjoy it.

"Emory has quite a record. It has shipped more guys to general duty at San Diego than any other Marine unit. Sixty out of 190 left here for San Diego. I told some of them to be sure and go out to State. If you hear some Marine with southern twist, he probably washed out here. I'll probably be flunked out and sent to San Diego in about four weeks."

H. G. McCollum, A.B., in the Merchant Marine, has just returned from a ten months trip in the Southwest Pacific area on a merchant ship. He has seen a good many of the places that we read about in the newspapers, but he didn't see any other Aztecs, not even Roy Cleator.

Lt. (jg) Walter Nagle, USNR, (HOD of '35-39), wrote from the South Pacific:

"At present I've duty in the South Pacific as Senior Gunnery Officer on a transport. Can't say where we go 'cause the censors are a spy. For the past six months I've been feeling as worthless as an extra tail on a pig, and until the crosswires are steady 'on,' I'll continue to feel that way. My request for change of duty to Sub duty has been through the customary red tape and should come through any day now."

Lt. William S. Harshaw, USNR, wrote from NAS, Clinton, Okla.:

"Right now I am night flying officer for the station and senior night flying instructor. All that means very little ex-

cept that I am fast getting that night club tan without getting to go to any night club. After being stationed in Oklahoma for seven months I can easily understand why almost everyone who was in Oklahoma and could, left for other parts. This is really a dry country, politically and physically. Don't get me wrong—I am not complaining. Actually I like my work, and it is my intention that when I do get up to bat I will be able to do some good."

Sgt. T. M. Rice wrote from a parachute outfit:

"I can just see those jumpmasters down at Ft. Benning trying to throw **Herman Addelson** out. Herman, be careful of the Chattahoochee river. 'Cactus Hill' is your best bet. Don't worry, brother, all those parachutes open."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Ens. B. James Polak, USNR Supply Corps, gets his mail through FPO, N. Y.

☆ **1st Lt. James P. Parks** gets his mail through FPO, S. F. ☆ **Monty Moulton** has been promoted to Capt. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Walter A. Nagle** gets his mail through Armed Guard (Pac.), Treasure Island. ☆ **A/C Jack Hubbard** is taking Primary at Cal-Aero Flight Academy, Ontario, Calif. ☆ **Ens. J. V. Couche, USNR**, is still in Aerology, FPO, N. Y. ☆ **Lt. Col. R. V. Batterton** is now attached to a Station Hospital out of Los Angeles. ☆ **Lt. (jg) James H. C. Borders** is on a PC Boat, FPO, S. F. ☆ **Pfc. K. L. E. Greenleaf** is at Quantico, Va. ☆ **A/C Lyle M. Hill** is at USFEFS, Chadron, Neb. ☆ **T/5 Ed S. Coleman** is in a Postal Bn. at 29th and Broadway, N. Y. ☆ **Lt. George B. Worthington, USNR**, is now a staff air combat intelligence officer. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Dan Showley** is at the NAS, Alameda. ☆ **Lt. John Rollin Watson** is at Geiger Field, Wash. ☆ **Ens. Keith Dixon** is on an LCT Boat, FPO, N. Y. ☆ **A/C R. B. Johnston** is in Pre-Tech Training School, Seymour Johnson Field, N. C. ☆ **Pvt. Orthello L. Wallis** is at the MB, Parris Island, S. C.

2nd Lt. Lewis P. Thomas, USMCR, finished all of his training and probably is on his way westward by now.

Of the entire "Flagstaff Flotilla" only two men were transferred to Cal Tech for specialized training there. They were both Aztecs, **Robert V. Knox** and **George Saunders**.

Mary Creveling, Sp(T)3/c (formerly **Mary Daggett**), wrote from NAS, Corpus Christi:

"I've met a number of San Diegans among the cadets lately—**T. E. Stixrud**, **David Jeter**, **Alex Watson**, **Vernon Em-**

bery, and also I've had a chance to talk to **Lt. (jg) Jack Kelly**.

"I'm looking forward to the Aztec reunion." (Bring your husband to the reunion. Best wishes and lots of happiness. LCP.)

Pvt. Ann E. Powell, WAC Det., Box 1111, Norfolk, Va., wrote:

"I will not go so far as to say that being a private in the Army is fun or a hilarious camping trip but it is probably the most interesting experience I have ever had.

"I am taking the Army from the bottom up—at least I hope it will be up. It can't go down much at this stage, now can it?

"Tell **Katherine Pyle** to enjoy the luxuries of war torn Africa for if she is ever sent to Norfolk, she will then realize what pestilence really is. **Ann E. Powell**, Private (without much privacy)."

Sgt. W. F. Morton wrote from AAF, Hobbs, New Mexico:

"A G.I. in Alaska remarked that there was nothing between him and the North Pole but some barbed wire—and the barbs were worn off. He would find the same situation here with a few thousand more miles in which the wind can gain added momentum and real estate.

"Despite their undoubted qualifications, I hope no Aztec becomes a General as he would drop inestimably in my regard. Generals have a nasty habit of prowling around on inspection tours and this lamentable habit causes much temporary (and practically useless) activity on the part of us enlisted men. However, they doubtless earn their keep and I wouldn't trade my comparative lack of responsibility for their undoubted heavy load thereof."

T/5 Maurice J. Kahan wrote from a South Pacific island:

"The weather is hot and the humidity is high. It really pours when it gets started.

"The natives are really very friendly, and I have talked to some of the men. They speak very good English. The women, of course, are held in the background. I have my camera here and have taken some pictures. Souvenirs are hard to buy.

"It is now evening and the scenery is very beautiful. From where I sit I can see the mountain tops hidden by the clouds."

1st Lt. George W. Kimball, USMCR, wrote from the South Pacific:

"I have seen several fellows from State out here. Last week I saw **Jim Parks** and earlier that week I ran into **Jack Carr**. A few weeks ago I saw **Bob Bauder**. They are all doing a fine job

and deserve a lot of credit.

"You had phoned my wife and asked her if by chance I had seen **Don Webber**. I had no sooner got the letter than my roommate came in to say he had a fellow named **Don Webber** aboard. To make a long story short, Don had given him a note for me. Small world, isn't it?"

"**Ens. Duane Wilson** is around the corner but we can't seem to make connections."

Lt. (jg) R. S. Exter wrote from his ship in the Pacific:

"Just received the Phi Kappa Gamma issue of the News Letter and was delighted to find a few familiar names. I was particularly interested in **Emmett Fowler's** letter. Before I even finished reading the News Letter, I left the ship to find him, having a feeling that he was in these parts. But I just wasn't that lucky.

"That 'O' club search plan of **Bill Buehlman's** sounds like a good idea but requires cautious execution. You just get so tied up in 'passing the time away' that you lose sight of the original objective."

1st Lt. Richard S. Rash, USMCR, arrived in the South Pacific with his Air Wing:

"Can't say much of anything except that I am getting close to the fuss. Am sure glad to be flying the fastest fighter plane in the Pacific theater—thick armor and lots of guns."

S/Sgt. Orville E. Danforth wrote from Alaska:

"Thanks for the News Letters. I think they're wonderful.

"The first 'Letter' I received from you, however, was just an empty envelope with your name and address on the top, left-hand corner, and stamped in red ink: 'Received without contents at San Diego Post Office.' I used the envelope as definite proof to the fellows that all college professors are absent minded.

"It no longer is a military secret that I am at Elmendorf Field, Fort Richardson, near Anchorage, Alaska. It also is no military secret that it's cold as hell up here, at least in comparison with San Diego climate."

1st Lt. George Kimball is the daddy of a brand new baby girl, Martha Josephine, weight 6 pounds, 12 ounces. We'll soon have a whole club of young A-tecs who haven't seen their daddies.

Elsie C. Bell has been commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve at Camp LeJeune, N. C.

Pvt. Sarah L. Taylor is at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

COLLEGE CREDIT FOR FIGHTING

VI. Interpretation of policy in re credit for military experience

It was the direction of the meeting that, in the interpretation of the previously adopted policy on credit for military service, any state college student who is a member of the armed forces be allowed six semester units of lump credit for the completion of the basic military training course given to enlisted men generally, and that an additional nine semester hours of lump credit be allowed those who secure a commission. Any state college student who secures a commission directly upon induction will receive the full fifteen semester hours of lump credit. Only military experience and training secured in the present war will be accepted for purposes of granting such credit, but credit will be allowed although the student may have been inducted prior to the date the college regulation on credit for military service was adopted.—California State Department of Education Minutes of State College Presidents' Conference, October 5 and 6, 1943—Page 41.

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Margaret Jeannette Brown, A.S., USNR, is at Northampton, Mass. ☆ **Pvt. Earl J. Cantos** is in an M.P. Camp, Houston, Texas. ☆ **Cpl. James F. Tuttle** is at Jefferson Bks., Mo. ☆ **Lt. Ralph Darrow** is at Ft. Benning, Ga. ☆ **Milton Effron, PhoM2/c**, is with the Seabees in the Southwest Pacific. ☆ **Cpl. Edward H. Shoemaker** is at Camp Gruber, Okla. ☆ **C. W. Gilman, A.S.**, is at Medical Center, University of California, S.F., and so are **Jim Floto** and **Gordon Hunzicker**. ☆ **A/C Wendall E. Langford** is at Luke Field, Ariz. ☆ **A/C H. Ted Reynolds** is in Basic at Lancaster, Calif. ☆ **A/C Daniel A. Webster** is at Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash. ☆ **Lt. Bert A. Betts** is in a B-24 crew at Tonopah, Nev. ☆ **1st Lt. Clair V. Berdel, USMCR**, is down in the South Pacific. ☆ **Pfc. M. M. Doria** is at Barnes Gen. Hospital, Vancouver, Wash. ☆ **A/C Bill Crawford** is at Corpus Christi, Tex. ☆ **Alexander S. Caldwell, S2/c**, is at NAS, Norman, Okla. ☆ **Carl Robrick** is in a Signal Co. in Camp Pickett, Va.

2nd Lt. Bernie Carroll wrote from North Africa:

"As you can see from the above heading, I am back in North Africa. I was commissioned from the ranks in Sicily though I was actually sworn in back here in Africa. I had a talk with **Gerry Meeker** while I was in Algiers, and he is looking the same as ever.

"I am supposed to be back here for a short time for a rest, but as far as I am concerned, I didn't need it and was not

in favor of coming back here at all.

"I spent one day in Italy before coming back and found it very much like Sicily, and as I mentioned in my last letter, I think that Sicily is much better than Africa.

"We've got all types of forces here, but the largest contingent is British R. A. F. There is an Airborne outfit, and they are a swell bunch of guys."

Pat Layton, Sp. (T) 3/c wrote from NAS, Norman, Oklahoma:

"I am now here in Oklahoma at the Naval Air Station. It is a primary base for Navy Pilots, and we're really turning out the flyers in good order. I finished Control Tower Operator's school in Atlanta, Georgia, about the first of August, and from there I was transferred to Los Alamitos.

"The work I am doing is very interesting, Doctor Post, and I'm really happy in the service although I do get homesick at times and miss everyone back home.

"Thanks again for the News Letter. It's doing a good job for morale. There are three other girls in this department from California, and they found familiar names in it, too. Needless to say, I enjoyed it immensely."

Lt. (jg) Allen E. Flaven wrote from Miami, Florida:

"Here comes one of the old bachelors from State, eased out in '33 after four years there during which he didn't have sense enough to make the best of the many opportunities at hand. I'm still a bachelor because I still fail to recognize or make the best of opportunities, I guess. (Address furnished on request, LCP.)

"Personally, I haven't bumped into much excitement to write home about. Was chief gunnery officer on troop carriers in the Pacific for a year, seeing about every available chunk of land from the Aleutians to the South Pacific, Always managed to be the middle man—either too early or too late for any real excitement. However, an Aleutian winter cruise is nothing for Cook's Tours to get excited about. All I can remember is one long stretch—days upon days of seasickness. Don't think I'll ever make a good salt-water sailor.

"Wish I'd worked as hard at State as I've had to here. Maybe you can arrange for them to give me some sort of credit if I pass these gosh-awful courses here. They're really tough."

1st Lt. Arthur J. Porter wrote from North Africa:

"I just received News Letter No. 17, and it sure was welcome. 'Monty' almost made me homesick. I just found out that **L. Chase** is stationed about 30 miles from me. I haven't had a chance as yet

to see him, but I hope to do so soon.

"I've been seeing a lot of **Lt. Chas. Read**, who is in my Group. We do a little talking and a lot of . . . every day or so. It's sure nice to have somebody from home to talk with.

"I received a letter from **Lt. B. T. Harmer** yesterday. The boy is doing all right. He uses some harsh language, but after the length of time he has been where he is, it's understandable.

"As far as the news is concerned here, you probably get the news before we do. General Clark said the other day that we were quite a help. I'm new here, but I find it quite exciting, even the Flak. (How about **Bob Wade**? He is in your squadron, LCP).

A/C Harold E. Summers wrote from AAB, Santa Ana:

"This squadron has been here for about 15 days so consequently most of us have been classified. **Thomas Rothwell**, **Morrie Shepherd**, and I were classified according to our first choice, pilots. **Linton Roberts** and **Ray Ruiz** are waiting for results on re-checks which will probably turn out OK. **Galen Trostle** has been in the hospital for an operation on his knee nearly ever since we arrived here so he has some tests to take yet **Ralph Skiles** left Missoula a month before we did and is now in Pre-flight getting pilot training."

A/C Bob Cleator wrote from Corpus Christi:

"Your paper sure gets around here at my squadron because some of the fellows know different fellows or men who went through their training with them. They sure get a kick out of reading about what some of them are doing while they are stuck in dear old Texas."

Ens. W. R. Kruse wrote from North Africa:

"Just a few words to let you know that I finally arrived in North Africa. This is quite a country."

F/O Henry D. Holt wrote from Central Africa:

"I have recently been sent across as you can see.

"I am in Central Africa, and haven't gotten up North to see any of the boys there, and don't know of any here.

"I heartily agree on all the comments on Africa I've read in the News Letter, and more so.

"I was sorry to hear of two Aztecs who lost their lives in North Africa, **Brown** and **Alexander**." (Alexander was wounded — not killed. He is back on duty. LCP.)

Ens. Duane Wilson wrote from a ship in the South Pacific:

"Things are about the same for me. A destroyer sailor always earns his

money because they keep you on the go all the time. All in all, after eight months, I still like this duty. We do have many petty gripes, and remark often about the soft life of a battleship sailor, but I don't think many of us would trade with them if offered the chance.

"Spent two days on the beach at **Chet DeVore's** camp about three months ago, and we had a wonderful time. It's the same old 'Sweeney,' and he was very busy whipping his platoon into shape. He made me an honorary member of the Raiders, but I'll still have to confine my fighting to the sea. I am looking forward to the day I can have him on board my ship.

"Just about time to go on watch, Doc, so must close for now."

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Pvt. Walter F. Marshall is at the University of Kentucky at Lexington. ☆ **La Verne W. Brown**, Mid'n I/c, USN, is still at Annapolis, Md. ☆ **A/C Jack Hubbard** is in Primary at Ontario, Calif. ☆ **Dan Magnusson** is at Ft. Eustis, Va., and plays first clarinet in the band. ☆ **Lt. G. M. Tweedy** will soon be sending us an APO number. ☆ **A/C Frank F. Whigham** is moving to NAS, Hutchinson, Kan. ☆ **Jack C. Neale, A.S., V-12**, is at Carothers Dormitory, University of Texas, following overseas duty. ☆ **A/C Bill K. Bramble** is at UCLA in Meteorology and so is **Bruce Dorsch**. ☆ **Pvt. John Cornish Swift** is at Camp Howze, Tex., "fighting the 'Battle of Texas' in a mortar squad that expects to go on maneuvers in Louisiana." ☆ **Cpl. C. M. Snell** is at Fort Sill, Okla. ☆ **Philip H. Krutzsch**, Mid'n, USNR, is still at Notre Dame. ☆ **A/C C. R. St. John** is at the NAS, Norman, Okla. ☆ **Ens. F. L. Johnston** is at the NAS, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. ☆ **Pvt. E. D. Blossom** is at the University of California. ☆ **Lt. Jack Snyder** is on a destroyer escort ship, FPO, S. F.

Herbert S. Sorkness, MMM I/c wrote from a YP in the S. W. Pacific:

"I haven't met a single Aztec as yet but from the letters I know they are all around here.

"There are very few of the names that I recognize but any Aztec will be a welcome friend here.

"You have given me a clue as to where to find **Alex Crosthwaite** so will try to look him up when in that vicinity. Also **Harold Hevener** can't be too far away so will be on the lookout for him.

"The bleaching of native's hair may be only incidental to extermination of lice and other vermin, but I've found that a bottle of peroxide has more purchasing power than money here. They use it on their hair.

"I know that there are other Delta

Kappa's in the service. Where are they? Don't they ever write?"

Ens. Bob Austin wrote from a ship, FPO, S. F.:

"The ship is a veritable floating palace. We have wonderful food, excellent service, clean conditions, and it's the typical ship for a new officer to begin his training. We have movies every night (when not in dangerous waters) and other comforts of home, such as radio-phonographs, a barber shop, good laundry service, etc. The morale is good, and we have aboard some musicians, including a couple of accordionists, a guitarist, a trumpeter, and numerous harmonicas. I was surprised to see a dog aboard at first. I was amazed at the way he covered the ship so quickly until I discovered there were three, all practically identical. You stand a lot of watches in the Navy, no matter what duty you have, and sleep gets to be a problem.

"The music is, of course, taking a back seat with me for the duration. There are occasions when I have an opportunity to snatch a few moments at some weather-beaten piano, but for the most part, my practicing is confined to when I can lock the cabin door and let loose the old lung power. Fortunately the rooms are fairly soundproof, for I could no more keep from singing than from breathing. I brought along a small stack of music, mostly things that are old favorites of mine, which I sing over and over.

"Books and magazines are read and re-read out here. When the Quad was stacked high with them last year, I couldn't foresee where they would go, but, believe me, those drives are well worth the effort. Letters from home are life's supreme moment."

Six sailors were chosen from the "Flagstaff Flotilla" to be sent to Bremerton for brief training before being sent to the Business Administration School in Boston. Five of the six chosen were Aztecs: **Gordon L. Chamberlin**, **Jack Holland**, **Archie Miehl**, **Vernon Rivers**, and **William Stocking**.

Lt. J. K. Moran wrote from Charleston, S. C.:

"I'm co-piloting on a B-24 at present. In fact, we have a new title—'Engineer Control Pilot.'"

C. Tom McGraw, PhM1c, wrote from Naval Hospital, Long Beach:

"I'm still master-at-arms here. I put in for a berth at the Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md."

1st Lt. Don L. Webber wrote from an island in the South Pacific:

"We have evened up the odds as far as combat goes. It's really a pleasure to engage those little characters, plane for plane. One can see the real difference in the quality of the Jap and American pilots. And don't underestimate our friends, the New Zealand pilots. They are the scrappiest bunch of blokes in the world. Fine pilots and game sportsmen.

"Roy Cleator is a new arrival on this island which is strictly in the combat area. He was an old timer when Don Peck, Don Livesay of El Cajon Valley, and myself got through with him.

"Jim Kinsella is back here after spending a couple of months in good old San Diego. He broke out by knocking down three Zeros his first week in his new Grumman Hellcat. I still prefer my split dragon tail as we call them. You always have one engine pulling you home when one is shot out.

"Well Doc, I guess I'll close as we escort a raid every day these days and sleep is the way to keep awake at high altitudes. I'll have to get on the job or old Monty will have to be satisfied with two confirmed and two probables from this league. But we'll try to do better before going home in December."

Lt. Russell Newbury wrote from somewhere in Italy:

"I hope you don't mind the card but the Fifth Army is on the move and that doesn't leave much time for writing. Everything is going all right with the military operations and my own state of being. This campaign over here is going much slower than Sicily, but it's not quite as tough. In Sicily it was so blamed hot and we chased the kraut eaters so fast that it wore me down to a stub. The day I got to Messina I weighed 151 pounds. Best of everything to you, Doc, and best wishes for the holidays." (Russ used to weigh 190 pounds. LCP.)

Capt. Robert C. Cozens wrote from England:

"I don't do nearly as much flying now as I used to. Spend most of my time behind a desk. Have been on only two missions this month but that last one will hold me for a while!!! It was our trip to Schweinfurt and it was rough—however we accomplished our mission and I don't believe they will produce any ball bearings there for quite some time.

"The weather hasn't been too good lately—lots of fog and rain. I have had a cold for about a month—can't seem to get rid of it in this damp climate.

"Jack Hayes and I get together quite often for a bull session. Received the

October News Letter the other day and I enjoy each issue more than the previous ones.

"Sorry to hear that Jack Frost is missing, but I expect to hear before long that he has evaded capture or else is a prisoner of war. I have seen a lot of planes go down in combat and you would be surprised at the high percentage of our men who get out alive.

Sgt. W. T. Sebrell wrote from North Africa:

"I have a friend in Jerry Thomas' old outfit. I happened to run into that outfit and noticed the POW(Jerry) on the mess hall wall." (That isn't clear to me—write more next time about Jerry. LCP.)

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Lt. (ig) Paul Welsch has an address, FPO, S. F. ☆ Glenn Peterson, A.S., USNR, is at U.S.C. ☆ Ens. Susan Ahn has a new address, W.O.Q. 662-276, USNAS, Pensacola, Fla. ☆ A/C Alvin Bush is at Strother Army Air Field, Winfield, Kan. ☆ Richard S. Berman, A.S., is at Camp Perry, Williamsburg, Va., with the Seebees. ☆ 1st Lt. Richard F. Kates is at the Army Air Base, Pueblo, Colo. ☆ Lt. Bruce W. Kurtz is in a Medical Training Bn., Camp Grant, Ill. ☆ T/4 William T. Olmstead has a new address, APO, N. Y. ☆ G. G. Claspill, AMM2/c, is in the Link C.N.T. School at Seattle in celestial navigation. ☆ W. B. Kenyon, FC3/c, is at the Advance Fire Control School, Washington, D.C. ☆ Lt. (ig) Selwyn Hartigan is at Port Hueneme, Calif. ☆ Lt. Thomas Brent Burrell is now in England with his bomber squadron. ☆ Pvt. Raymond Sippel is in ASTU at Chapman College, L. A. ☆ Lt. George R. Lindsey is a pilot and instructor at Harlingen, Tex. ☆ Lt. Herbert L. Kelley, Jr. sent in a new address. ☆ Kelly Seay is somewhere in India and is now the heavy-weight champion boxer there. (Address wanted.)

Lt. Jack W. Jenkins wrote from China:

"I arrived in India the same week as Eddy Searls was killed and heard what had happened to him from a classmate of his.

"Jimmy Leonard was in North Africa the last I heard and Dodd Shephard is stationed near here. Have you heard from Alex Rogers or Fred Smith? The last News Letter I received was mailed in June.

"China is about what I expected. The people always seem to be planting rice, irrigating rice, harvesting rice, or eating the darned stuff. It's really about all that the poorer classes eat. Things grow so fast you can almost see them growing. The Indian water buffalo is a lean

rangy beast but the Chinese model of the same make is so fat he can hardly move. They go about half as fast as a man normally walks.

"The people are exceptionally friendly. Smile at one of them and his face beams. Then he says 'Ding Hoa' which means good or nearly that.

"I'm in a Photo Recon squadron. Can't write about our plane or what we are doing but it's written up in Life magazine all of the time."

Pvt. Douglas Young is at Radio School at Sioux Falls, S. D.

Gordon M. Hunzicker, A.S., wrote from U. C. College of Dentistry, S. F.:

"Floto, Gilman and I saw an empty parked car downtown with an Aztec sticker on it. We left a big 'Hello' for the owner and won't he be surprised to find it!"

A/C Ed. G. Swann wrote from Yale University, New Haven, Conn.:

"Was called out and went to Boca Raton. I finished the course there and am now here taking communications for 18 weeks at the end of which I aspire to gold bars."

Pfc. Stanley H. Smith wrote from the Southwest Pacific:

"I have been in this part of the world for many months and have yet to run into an Aztec. Old Monty will soon be on the windshield and I hope he is spotted soon. This is written with the aid of a trusty (?) Coleman lantern, a rarity in these parts. I didn't know how much one could appreciate such an implement. They certainly beat the age-old candle. Ian Moore would delight in my collection (entomological) with the aid of the lantern.

"Jim McColl had, until a short time ago, an enthusiastic cousin in my outfit. He was always on hand at mailtime eager for news of his much decorated relative. Please tell Jim that Bob is doing nicely now—he may have learned of the incident."

Lt. (ig) James J. Kinsella wrote from the South Pacific:

"The last time I saw you, you were out in your backyard spinning a lariat. I'd come by and be your audience every day now if I could only get back to San Diego to do it. The last sojourn in the U. S. was only two and a half months, but I suppose it's just two and a half months more than most Aztecs overseas get. I'm still flying somewhere in the South Pacific and hanging onto my hide. Our outfit was the first to see action in the new Hellcat fighter, contrary to the newspaper stories, etc., etc. (Much more than what I just said has

appeared in the home town papers of some of our pilots so I don't suppose you have to censor it.)

"When we carry on combat flying it's pretty tough, but we have periodic rests which keep us from burning out, as they associate it with all pilots.

"I have seen **Jim 'Penny' Parks** and **Bill Buehlman** in this area and they are both having their share of the pudding. Looking fine also. You might mention to the boys fighting the Jerries that if they ever clean house over there, we will enjoy seeing them over on this side."

Ens. Glen M. Wirt wrote from San Francisco:

"Back in the U. S. again after another trip and I had a chance to catch up with News Letter. You are still batting 1000 but we all expect that now.

"Have seen many interesting things but the most interesting was an Aussie prize fight. The arena was a barn with a tin roof. The ringside section was separated from the shelf by a barbed wire fence. There was a single narrow entrance to that section. You climbed over people with little room to navigate. The boys were willing and anxious to please. Even the prelims were good. However, I had trouble concentrating on the ring. Scattered through the fire trap were ushers with dinner jackets. The show must go on according to all the rules, you know.

"Heard from **Harry Lee Butzbach** the other day. He is with the fleet. He evinced interest in that gigantic post-war conflagration of the Aztec tribe.

"Saw a fellow down under who had been in the same outfit with my brother, **T/Sgt. Wayne Wirt**, in New Guinea. We talked for a couple of hours. It was like money from home."

Fred Eisert wrote from Tucson, Ariz.: "Have been made flight commander here at the field. I guess they decided I had been burnt out as an instructor.

"Ran into **Ralph Frisbie** here the other day. He was on his way to O. C. S. in Communications. At present he is a corporal in the Medical Corps.

"Heard from **Lt. (jg) James Kinsella** who is out in the Pacific for the third time. He is becoming an ace in his own right.

"Received word **Paul Casad** is in Australia with the Navy. He is a radio technician 2/c now."

Pvt. Merrill Douglas is at Camp Wallace, Texas.

Cpl. Bartow B. Morris wrote from Galveston, Texas:

"You didn't have to put that 'Pvt. Bartow Morris is still at Drew Field,' in there. I lost about 10 pounds sweating

out my corporal stripes and finally I got them. (Congratulations and we are glad to bring you up to date. LCP.)

"We moved here to the Galveston Army Air Field from Lakeland, Fla. This isn't really Texas—it's an island. Lucky for Texas.

"After 10 months in the Army I have not run into one Aztec with the exception of **Howard Engle**." (Is Engle the one that was at Palm Springs in the hospital. Send address if you have it. LCP.)

WHO—WHAT—WHERE

Lt. Allen (Swede) Lovine has an APO out of Los Angeles. ☆ **Ens. Bill Lyle** is in a bombing squadron, FPO, S. F. ☆ **Lt. Richard Farwell** is the daddy of a baby girl. ☆ **Pfc. Garrett Prible** is at Bradley Field, Windsor Locks, Conn. ☆ **Gordon R. Edwards, PhM2/c**, is in a Medical Bn., FPO, S. F. ☆ **Pfc. Maron E. Lee** is at AAF, Mt. Dora, Fla. ☆ **Lt. (jg) Kirk Abbey** is on a big ship in the Atlantic. ☆ **Pvt. Richard Edwards, Pvt. Paul Hammond** (brother of **Henri Hammond**), **Pvt. Norman Roberts** are at Colorado State College, Fort Collins, Colo. ☆ **Ilene Edwards**, who is in the Marines, has been promoted to Corporal. ☆ **Joseph Rogers, Harry Painter** and **Kenneth Greenleaf** were all commissioned at Parris Island and sent to Quantico. ☆ **Pfc. J. R. Walton** is at Utah State Agricultural College, Logan, Utah. ☆ **S/Sgt. J. Milford Ellison** is at Barksdale Field, La. ☆ **Paul Dehnel, Bob Homesley, Robert Shepherd** and **Louis Poluzzi** are all Pvts. at Parris Island, S. C.

For one or two days each month Clarence and Andy schedule a "News Letter Special" on their menu. During the past few months it had pineapple in it. With the war on, **Ed Herzig** says it's "just like the News Letter. You never know what's going to be in it." Try one when you come in to sign the guest book.

Clarence says that three good girls in the Cafe can replace 13 athletes for active duty. And they give better service too. Of course it's cafeteria style now but you get waited on sooner. Among the girls who are at present doing about three football players' work each are the following: Jo Tisdale, Marian Hughes, Pat Calland, Adrienne Wueste, Mary Bamford, Mary Melton, Dorothy Summers, Barbara Wiese, and several others.

Mr. Fisk is still on the job as usual. Louis Wendell is still the king of the gym and looking as spry as ever.

Alex Crosthwaite who has been in several plane crashes and that sort of thing had a bad crack-up in a car in Australia. He was back in San Diego but is now on duty again in Australia.

Lt. Claude Roberts, USNR, wrote from Coronado:

"I missed one edition of the News Letter but it was my own fault. I certainly don't like that. Am flying Hellcats and will be away sometime soon. **Bob Carr** and **Jack Kelly** are already on their way. Saw **Lt. (jg) C. E. Swanson** out at San Clemente Isle. Also had fun playing basketball with the Alumni against the varsity the other night."

(By the way: **Ed Herzig** who saw the game reported on it as follows: "It was one of the most interesting games I have seen in two seasons. Stars from five or six years past, coached by **Lt. Comdr. Leo Calland**, made it a regular field day for the old timers at the college. In the Alumni line-up were: **Lt. Ben Palmgren, Bert Nichols, MM2/c, Ens. Bill Downing, Ens. Jim Ahler, Jerry Patrick, Pfc. Chris Franovich, Bob Kennedy, and Harry Hodgetts**.

"On the 'B' team among others were **Pfc. Bob Ganger, Garold Spitler, Griffy Hayes**.

"The oldsters won by quite a score but the game was still of high caliber."

Ann Miller is on the job as usual but there are few boys around for her to give special salads to. Those fellows just aren't here. She takes just as good care of the so-called weaker portion of the Aztec employees. Those girls are doing a patriotic duty and most of them will be mighty glad when the fellows win the war and come back.

Capt. Harold G. Hevener who is back in San Diego said that the fellows down under wondered who his publicity agent was. Hal does a nice "snow job" with a little encouraging. Of course a lot of things have to happen in 300 hours against the Japs. Most exciting was the time that he raked two feet off of one wing at night when he hit a mountain at 8,000 feet. The map showed mountains 4,000 feet high. Another time three Liberators went up to play live bait for Jap fighters to get them ready for what was to follow.

There are still plenty of Aztecs whose addresses are wanted because they don't get the News Letter. Among them are **Andrew Bofinger, Chapman Bone, Jasper Bell, Scofield Bonnett, Quinn Braddock, Seymour Cohen, Donald DeLauer, Gordon Dawson, Andrew Echle, Robert Gardner, Robert Gault, Carson Hetler, Chesley Jones, Bryant Kearney, Frank Kinsella, Ruth Lindley, Frank Losey, William Morales, James Nunez, Sherwood Parker, Dexter Rumsey, Richard Sawday, Kelly Seay, Don Schinn, Joseph Suozzo, Leighton Taylor, Carroll Wight, and Paul Young**.

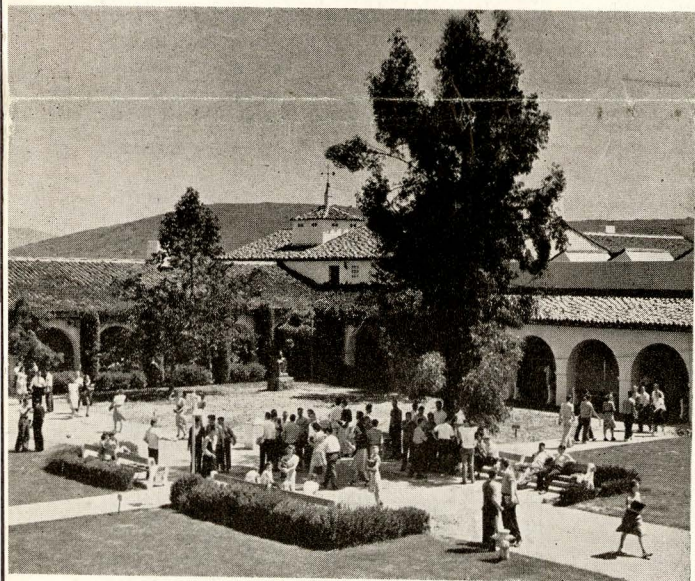
Send in their addresses and tell them to keep them up to date.



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AN AZTEC TEAM IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS—RUNNER-UP IN '39 AND '40 AND NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONS IN '41 IN KANSAS CITY AUDITORIUM

Andrew Echle, SK3/c; Ens. John Richard Mitchell; 1st Lt. Earl Allison; John Sellwood, CSp; Harry Hodgetts; Capt. Mason Harris; Ens. Milton Phelps (killed in plane crash); Ens. Donald DeLauer; Pfc. John Shepherd; Ens. Edward Preisler; Lt. Morris H. Gross; Lt. (jg) Paul Fern (killed in action).



The Quad in the good old days.



The Aztec News Letter stage show setting—last great theatrical production of Pvt. Howard Quam and Phil Bulot, A.S., in the Little Theatre in the good old days.