

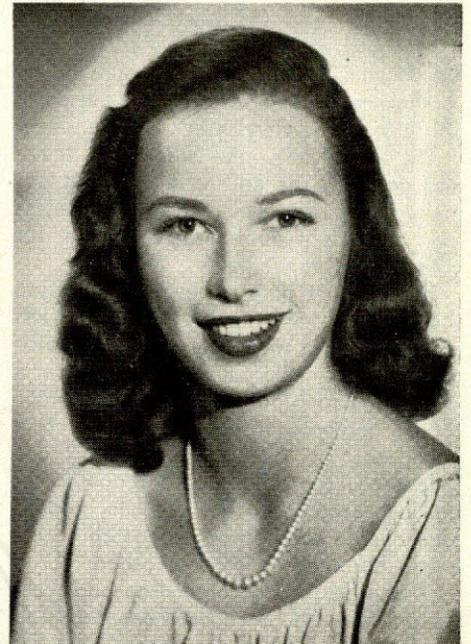
# THE AZTEC NEWS LETTER



Marion Hughes  
Theta Chi



Lone Rhodes  
Home Coming Queen



Barbara Dye  
Phi Sigma Nu



Adele Campbell  
Delta Chi Phi



Dorothy Summers  
Football Queen



Gretta Driver  
Gamma Phi Zeta

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

Two more issues of the **News Letter** and then the Alumni take over. Keep those address changes coming, and we will try to keep the file clear right up to the end and also we will try to give the Alumni a good start. Be sure to let us know when you return from overseas. Those overseas envelopes cost us money.

The Christmas mail was very heavy and naturally the editing had to cut out many nice notes. They were nevertheless read and duly appreciated. Thanks for your remembrances of us.

For the first time since the war began the Posts took a vacation trip. It was a dash of two weeks by jeep to Louisiana to visit the family and relatives and to renew acquaintances with old friends. It was generally observed that the true hospitality of the Old South had not fallen into disuse, nor had formulas for making Creole coffee, chicken gumbo and oyster stew been forgotten. Such a trip certainly calls for another!

We visited many interesting and well-traveled people. Even the service station operator in Jennings, Louisiana, knew **Ed Overend**, **Col. Tom Dutton**, former Commandant of Barksdale Field, and **Col. Leo F. Post**, former CO at Natal and Belem in Brazil, as hosts were all that the rank calls for even in the South.

Your editor's parents had lived out the war on the old homestead on the Acadian prairies and were strong and well in spite of their years. **Cpl. W. L. Post**, USMCR, was paid off the day before we started on the trip, and we not only had the pleasure of his company on the trip but learned all about Marine fighting at first hand. Bill's vivid descriptions of finding and frying eggs under combat conditions, living in the goat shed and in tombs (the latter were much the nicer) and heating the ration cans on the manifold of the engine of the steam shovel all showed signs of Yankee ingenuity at its best and at its homeliest. See note elsewhere on how to get Purple Hearts.

Keep writing. We'll be seeing you.

Sincerely,

Lauren C. Post,  
Editor of the News Letter

### DEAN ARTHUR G. PETERSON

who was dean of liberal arts on the **State College** faculty passed away on December 23rd following a heart attack which occurred on the previous afternoon. Dean Peterson's passing came as a shock to his many friends on the faculty, our students of the past and present, and to his many acquaintances with whom he had worked in San Diego. He had been engaged in many campus activities since his deanship began in 1921, and he was one of our best known fac-

ulty members. He was 62 years of age. Dean Peterson is survived by his wife, **Mrs. Edith E. Peterson**, and two sons, **Gordon W. Peterson** and **Ens. Glenn R. Peterson**.

### PFC. JOHN I. BECK, USMC

was killed in action in the Pacific according to a recent report.

**CAPT. DONALD C. OWEN, USMCR**, whom we previously reported as killed in action in the Pacific was awarded some additional decorations, posthumously. The awards were made to Don's parents, **Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Owens** of Chula Vista, by **Brig. Gen. William D. Wallace** at Miramar.

The awards included the Distinguished Flying Cross with Gold Stars in lieu of the second and third Distinguished Flying Crosses, and the Air Medal with Gold Stars in lieu of the second, third and fourth Air Medals.

### 1ST LT. VICTOR R. TALBOT

was declared officially to have been killed in action on December 14, 1945. That was the word that his wife, the former **Lena Rivers** of San Antonio, Texas, received recently.

Vic was a fighter pilot in the Southwest Pacific and had been reported missing in action at the time of the Battle of the Coral Sea in May back in 1942. From time to time Mrs. Talbot had received reports that due to the circumstances of the action, Vic was still missing rather than killed.

Several times prior to the action in which he was missing Vic had been mentioned in news reports for his fine work as a fighter pilot, and a field in New Guinea was named for him.

### S/SGT. CHARLES ABLES

is to be back on the campus next month following his discharge from the Marine Corps in which he served with the Third Division. Chuck was overseas 28 months and was in the campaign at Bougainville, Northern Solomons, Guam and Iwo Jima. Chuck's last job was in division Hq. and his particular job was keeping the progress map and working on maps between campaigns. At **State College** Chuck had taken art and drafting, and it was his ability to draw that fitted him for that particular work. Besides bars and stars for the above campaigns, he has the Navy Commendation Ribbon for service on Iwo Jima.

### COMDR. HOWARD AVERY

has been awarded another decoration. This time it was from the Russian government. It was one bestowed upon 173 Navy men for their job in getting supplies through to Murmansk. For his work in directing covering aircraft for these

supply ships, Howard was awarded the Order of the Fatherland, First Class.

Howard is one of the few **Aztecs** to hold the Navy Cross.

### LT. COMDR. J. PHILIP BROMLEY, USNR

is back on the campus after 42 months of service. He took his indoctrination course at Northwestern, and from there he went to the USS Pennsylvania. From the ship he was sent for a brief course of training in Recognition to Ohio State U.

He returned to the Pennsy on October 8, 1942. Their real action began about six months later with the participation in the amphibious operation at Attu which was the first of 13 such operations. The Pennsy stood off and bombarded shore installations usually for three days before the actual landings took place. Among those 13 operations were Aleutians, Gilberts, Marshalls, Saipan, Guam, Tinian, Palaus, Leyte, and Luzon.

After Luzon the Pennsy came back to the States for a much needed overhaul although the ship had not actually been hit by anything during that 19-month period. Okinawa had been occupied by the time they arrived at Buckner Bay. They were preparing for the invasion of Japan when, just two days before the war ended, on August 12, they were hit by a torpedo from a Jap torpedo plane. The torpedo struck the stern of the ship killing 20 men.

For their extended period of combat service, the ship was awarded a Navy Unit Commendation. The Pennsy was the only battleship to be awarded that distinction.

Mr. Bromley had a short period of training in Radar at Pearl Harbor and later spent two and a half years as Radar Officer on the ship. During that time he wrote a *Radar Operator's Manual*. It is a book of 250 pages and is widely used in the Navy. After V-J day the type of training on the ship changed over from the purely military to a type designed to prepare some of the men for reconversion to civilian life. Mr. Bromley was in charge of this program for the Pennsy in which there were 400 men.

Now Mr. Bromley is back on the **State College** faculty, teaching part-time and spending the rest of his time counseling veterans. When you return, he may be one of the first to welcome you back, now that we have welcomed him back and put him to work.

### LT. COL. OWEN F. CLARKE

has received orders to report to Hickam Field in Honolulu for a new assignment. He probably will be assigned to Operations. He has been at Long Beach AAF with the Ferrying Division, ATC. Before

that he was at various ATC stations in the States, but previous to that he was in Acora and other places down in Central Africa. He was also stationed at Fayid in Egypt on the Great Bitter Lake. On his way home Col. Clarke passed through Australia and thus completed his trip around the world. Col. Clarke has the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross; also the ribbons for the American, Asiatic-Pacific and African-Middle East theaters.

### CAPT. CHESTER DEVORE

is on terminal leave and has had a chance to visit the campus for the first time since December in 1942. Since then he was in the Pacific in the Second Raider Bn. attached to the Third Marine Division. Then he was with the Fourth Marine Regiment (Reinf.). Later he was with the First Provisional Brigade, and finally he was in the Sixth Marine Division.

Chet's first real campaign was Bougainville, and there he was wounded in the leg by a hand grenade. After recuperating in a hospital on Guadalcanal he went to Emiraus which is in the St. Mathias Group. His third campaign was Guam. "That one was tough. We had a bad time." Although the campaign was supposed to have been over in 20 days, Chet's part actually was about 40 days including the patrolling. They returned then to Guadalcanal and formed the Sixth Division. From there they went to Okinawa, and their part included the taking of the northern end of the island and later the taking of the stronghold of Naha. Of the 82 days of fighting Chet's outfit was in action about 50 days. They made a second landing on Oruku Peninsula which was "pretty rough."

Chet's regiment, the 4th, was chosen to make the initial landing at Yokosuka but Chet was already on his way home with his 109 points part of which came from the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star Medal, and four battle stars.

Chet graduated from **State College** in 1942, and now he intends to get a General Secondary at USC. "It's nice to be home."

### CPL. DONALD KIEL, USMCR

is wearing his discharge emblem after two years of active duty part of which was in Hawaii and part of which was on Iwo Jima. He landed with **Gen. Howland Smith** on Iwo on D-plus 3, and he was there from February to March. Don attended Redlands University for a while before entering the Marine Corps and he is to re-enter Redlands, probably in February.

While he was in the Pacific he saw **Bob Langsett**, **John Sinderholm**, **Eugene Johnson** and **George and Ray Knapp**.

### CAPT. JOSEPH A. FRANCIS

is back from the ETO where he served for 37 months with an AA outfit and with a medium bomber squadron. He was stationed in North Africa, Sicily, Sardinia, Corsico, France and then in Germany. His group, the 320th, was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation with one Oak Leaf Cluster. Capt. Francis' CO was **Col. Stephen Fletcher** of San Diego.

### LT. CHARLES THOMAS IDLE

has returned to the States and has been given a regular commission in the Navy. While overseas he was awarded the DFC twice and the Air Medal three times as well as a Navy Unit Citation.

Tom is married to the former **Jacqueline P. Holland**, and their San Diego address is 3708 32nd St. in San Diego, but their new address is to be NAS, Jacksonville, Florida.

### S/SGT OLIN K. LIPSCOMB

is back after two years in Italy. He was with the 332nd Fighter Group as crew chief on C-47 and B-25 planes. They were based at different times at Bari, Naples, Montecorvino and at Jesi. He had 84 points at the time he was discharged, some of which came from his four battle stars. His group was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation.

Olin reports that **Wendel** is out of the service and is back in San Diego. His older brother, **Lt. Ira Lipscomb**, is on Saipan but is expected home at any time. He has been overseas about a year.

Olin was athletic director for his group in Italy, and he also participated in track and basketball.

### 1ST LT. GORDON R. MCKERVEY

is home from the ETO after 20 months of service in England, France, Germany and Belgium. He was with a combat engineering outfit that was engaged in building bridges, clearing mines and doing other types of construction work.

Gordon has the Bronze Arrowhead for the invasion of Normandy. He landed on D-Day plus 1, and followed through until the war was over. He has battle stars for Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. He went almost up to the Elbe River.

He has the Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster. It was a wound from mortar fire that brought the former, and again it was shrapnel that brought the cluster when Gordon was working on one of the bridges at Remagen. They were on the job within 24 hours of the time the Americans broke across the bridge.

Gordon is on terminal leave and is considering re-entering **State College** in February.

### LT. CHARLES R. MILLER, USMCR

is back from Japan where he was at Yokosuka with Marine Fighter Squadron 311. Prior to that he was based on Okinawa, Guam, Roi-Namur and also Eniwetok. Altogether he flew more than 40 combat missions against air fields and troop concentrations and other targets such as railroads.

They just missed out on the typhoon at Okinawa, but they lost their gear in the storm. At Yokosuka they were quartered on the base which is now a Marine Air Station. On each wall of each room in each building there was a Japanese clock. The fact that the clocks didn't agree in time seemed to have made no difference to the Japs.

On Guam, Charles saw **Bob Barth**; at Yokosuka he saw **Charles Allen**; and on the USS Southampton he saw **Lt. Bob Shepard** of the Marine Corps.

Charles has the Air Medal with a Gold Star and battle stars for Okinawa and Japan. He is going to stay in the service a while longer.

### FLYING OFFICER T. H. L. MILLIGAN

of the RCAF came back to San Diego and is to be out of the service by February. Tom left **State College** in 1937 and joined the RCAF in 1941 and there took his pilot training. He became a bomber pilot and flew Halifaxes based in England with the 10th Squadron of the RAF. He flew 39 missions over Germany. They were mostly night raids. He also flew patrol and air-sea rescue missions over the North Sea.

After finishing his missions he was assigned to training new crews in the RAF. Altogether he was in Europe for 30 months.

Bob wears the RCAF insignias which look very impressive. Among the bars are the "Star of Britain," the Air Force Medal, "The Star of France," the Defense Medal, the Canadian Service Medal, and the Operational Wings. The latter means that he completed the entire tour of flying duty.

While in Glasgow last June Bob and **Miss Margo Clelland** were married.

### PFC. JOHN ONO

is back from the MTO and has his discharge on 82 points. He was with Co. G of the 442nd Infantry and has battle stars for three campaigns. His first was Southern France in which he went up to the Belfort Gap. Then they returned to the Riviera where they received replacements after which they fought in the Appenines, and finally they fought through the Po Valley. "The campaign in France was the roughest because of the woods. That was supposed to be the German winter line, and they were dug in."

John has the Purple Heart for a wound

he received in France and then he has an Oak Leaf Cluster for a wound received in the Appenines. He also has a Presidential Unit Citation and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

#### T/5 GERRY PATRICK

is home in civilian clothes after 25 months of service, 18 of which he spent in the ETO. He was in England, France, Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Austria and Italy.

Gerry was with the 94th Infantry Division as a Medical Aid man, and his particular job was to be up with the infantry to treat and remove casualties. This work began in Northern France, and it continued through the Battle of the Bulge, Rhineland and Central Germany. For these campaigns Gerry was awarded four battle stars.

In the Rhineland campaign Gerry was wounded while attempting to get to a wounded man. He has the Purple Heart, the Combat Medical Badge and the Bronze Star Medal.

#### MAJ. GEORGE PIBURN

is on terminal leave following his return from Europe following 38 months of duty in the ETO. George flew 14 missions in heavy bombers up until March, 1943, and then he was attached to a combat crew replacement center in England and Ireland. He was with that outfit for 18 months. He was director of training in the school for a time.

After the school closed he was a squadron commander in a disarmament division of the 9th Air Force Service Command. Their job was to go in and take over air fields and German Air Force stores as the fields and stations were captured. The outfit was especially trained for picking up intelligence material and other secrets that the Allies wanted for research. They picked up many plans of new planes and equipment which the Germans were getting under production.

This work took George into France, Luxembourg, and then into Germany. He has the ETO bar with five battle stars, Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and the French *Croix de Guerre* with a Silver Star. He is planning on entering **State College** in February.

George married **Miss Christine Swales** while he was in England in August, 1944, and she and their baby daughter expect to come to the States soon.

#### M/SGT KATHERINE M. PYLE, WAC

is back in the Business Office on the **State College** campus after more than three years of service in the WAC. She was overseas in the MTO for 30 months and earned a total of 75 discharge points. Katherine could have gone to OCS early during the war, but she had

her mind set on going overseas as soon as possible. She sailed for North Africa in January, 1943, and landed in Oran and went on to Algiers.

Katherine was in Gen. Eisenhower's Headquarters in North Africa until a British officer took over. The WAC Det. remained in the Allied H.Q. which at that time was under **Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson**. Later they were under **Field Marshall Alexander**.

In July of 1944 the WAC Det. moved to Italy although Katherine had made a trip over there earlier on detached service. In Italy Katherine was stationed at Caserta and worked in the royal palace. It was a move from the "stables of Des Moines" (an old cavalry post) to the palaces of Italy. There is a difference, but for comfort, the stables have a certain advantage.

While in the MTO Katherine saw **Eleanor Spinola**, **Larry Devlin** and **Bob Wade**. She made one trip to Capri and some short trips to Rome, Pompeii, Sorrento and Naples. Of these, Naples was the worst, and Capri was the best.

She has one battle star and for her services in setting up a filing system, along with other duties, she was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

#### S/SGT. THOMAS RICE

of the 101st Airborne Division is home after two years of service in Europe. Tom's experiences run all of the way through from D-Day in Normandy where he earned the Bronze Arrowhead through France, Bastogne and the Bulge, Rhineland and Central Germany. For action in the Bulge his outfit was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation, for action in Holland he was awarded a Bronze Star, for some other action his outfit was awarded a Belgian Unit Citation, and somewhere along the line Tom picked up a Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster for wounds received in the left thigh and the right arm.

He is still undergoing treatment for one of the wounds but expects to be back at **State College** in February.

#### IST LT. VAL ROBBINS, USMCR

is on terminal leave after three years of service, 25 months of which he spent overseas. Val was in the First Marine Division and took part in the Gloucester campaign in New Britain, the Peleliu and then Okinawa. They were at Gloucester for four months, and the weather was the worst part of the campaign. Peleliu was "really rough." Val's regiment, the First, was there only a couple of weeks before they had to be re-formed because of the heavy casualties. Bloody Nose Ridge was just one part of that campaign. It was described previously by **Allison Lutterman**, also of the First Division. It was for leading an assault up

Bloody Nose Ridge that Val was awarded a Bronze Star Medal.

"Okinawa was not as bad as Peleliu, but it was rough enough. Out of 52 days of fighting we had only five days off."

Val expects to be back on the campus in February, but has not yet made up his mind to play any more football.

#### SGT. CHARLES C. RODENBAUGH

is back from the ETO after 30 months of service. He left the campus with the famous "38 ERC" men back in 1943. He was with an air force ground crew. He was based first in England and later in France, and from there they moved up into Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland, and finally in Germany. His last seven months were spent in Germany.

Charles' unit was awarded the Meritorious Service Plaque for their service just before and during the invasion of Normandy. He has received his discharge and plans on attending college. He is not yet certain which institution he will attend.

#### CPL. RALPH B. WALLACE

was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his services in the ETO. He went as far east as Berlin.

#### AZTECS MUSTERED OUT

(These Aztecs have been reported to have been mustered out or put on inactive status. Please send in corrections and additions that should be made. LCP.)

Lt. (jg) E. Kirk Abbey  
Capt. John F. Adams  
Lt. Percy T. Allen  
Lt. Col. Archie Anderson  
Lt. Lillian Bankerd  
Henry Bell  
Lt. Edwn F. Bennett  
Lt. (jg) Andrew Bofinger  
Cpl. Ralph Boldrick  
Lt. Chapman Bone  
S/Sgt. Albert W. Bradt  
Ens. John Buchanan  
Lt. Kent Bush, USMCR  
Cpl. Roger E. Cash  
Capt. Stanley W. Chambers  
Lt. Dennis Chavis  
Lt. Herbert Chruden, USNR  
Lee Clapham, SK1c  
Lt. (jg) Delbert Cole  
Lt. Comdr. F. D. Corbett  
Lt. George F. Cornell  
Lt. (jg) Mary Cornell  
Lt. (jg) J. V. Couche  
Frances Coughlin, WASP  
Maj. Joseph E. Couvrette  
Lt. Zedler C. Cupples  
Pfc. Marvin Darsie  
Lt. (jg) Donald Eidemiller  
Ralph Ellis, CWO  
Lt. David F. Fenn, USNR  
Maj. Leon Fish  
Lt. (jg) William Fitzgerald

Pfc. H. F. Fjellestad  
A. S. Fleischman, Y1c  
Herbert Foote, AOM2c  
Lt. (jg) Frank H. Fraine  
Lt. Clifford Francisco, USNR  
Pfc. George Franovich  
Lorraine Garnett, Y2c  
Lt. Don Giddings, USNR  
Paul Goodbody, PhM1c  
Lt. Comdr. Harold B. Grant  
Lt. Robert Hamilton  
Lt. S. C. Hartigan, USNR  
Lt. V. E. Haynes  
Capt. Harold Hevener  
T/4 Orville Hill  
Joseph Hines, OC  
Cpl. Jerry M. Holtzman  
Capt. E. T. Hooper  
Cpl. Whit W. Hoskins  
Cpl. Richard Hussong  
Tom Hutchens  
1st Sgt. John Jacobsen  
Maj. Julius Jacobson  
Cpl. John Jensen  
Cpl. F. Crane Johnson  
Lt. (jg) Wilbur Kelley  
Lt. E. Lynn Kemp, USNR  
Cpl. Donald Kiel  
Lt. James Kinsella, USNR  
Lt. William Koller, USNR  
Pvt. Bill Krooskos  
Lt. Comdr. George Lazar, USNR  
Lt. Comdr. Weldon Lewis, USNR  
S/Sgt. Olin Lipscomb  
W. R. Lipscomb  
Lt. Robert Lomasson  
Allen Luce, F/O  
James Luce, A/C  
Lt. Robert Macdonald  
Lt. Comdr. Richard MacNulty  
Lt. Thomas Maguire, USMCR  
1st Lt. Wallace McNulty  
Lt. John McCulley  
Lt. Gordon McKervey  
Lt. Comdr. E. B. McLean  
Lt. (jg) Robert Menke  
Lt. W. B. Musselman, USNR  
Sgt. Kakuya Nakadate  
Fred L. Nason, QM1c  
Lt. Audrey Oliver  
Cpl. Gerald Patrick  
Lt. John Peters, USMCR  
Maj. George Piburn  
Cpl. William Lauren Post, USMCR  
Ens. Fred Rapp  
Lt. Charles Read  
Pfc. George Reed  
T/Sgt. A. D. Regas  
Capt. Don Rex  
1st Lt. Val Robbins, USMCR  
D. A. Robertson, QM1c  
Sgt. Charles Rodenbaugh  
Lt. (jg) Jerry Rudrauff  
Sgt. Richard Schroeder  
Lt. Robert Shepherd, USNR  
Lt. Charles Sick  
Capt. Al Slayen  
DeGraff Stanley, Mus3c  
Lt. Comdr. John Westland  
Pfc. William Spicer  
Lt. Lewis Thomas, USMCR

Pfc. Oscar Thomas  
Lt. (jg) Robert Thomas  
Lt. (jg) Orville Wahrenbrock  
Lt. Clelland Wharton  
Lt. Leon Wheeler  
Lt. Robert Wilson  
Pvt. Nancy Wright  
S/Sgt. Richard Wright  
Lewis J. Yapp AMM1c

#### AN AZTEC REUNION

was held at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco on December 1, according to the plans announced earlier in the **News Letter**. From all reports and from the great amount of publicity the meeting received (pictures and stories in the San Francisco newspapers) it was a great success.

The meeting was the idea of **Julie Taylor** and several other former **State College** students. White carnations helped the Aztecs to find each other, but it seems the carnations were not really necessary—not after the first minutes with John Tibbitt rounding up Aztecs right and left.

Among those present were **Julie Taylor**, **John Tibbitt**, **Marilyn Bascom**, **Ruth Hollingsworth**, **Gordon Hunzicker**, **Haile Chace**, **Hadarah Domnitz**, **Norman Cole**, **Bill Miller**, **Bobbie Baldwin Miller**, **Jimmy Frame**, **Betty Lou Henderson Frame**, **Fred Benson**, **Louise Waite Dill**, **Ellis Myers**, and **Barbara Jean Anderson**.

The next meeting of the Aztecs in the San Francisco Bay Region is scheduled for the 12th of January at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley. Should any of you be interested in meeting the rest of the Aztecs up there, contact **Miss Julie Taylor** of 15 Canyon Road in Berkeley. The meeting is to be at 7:30.

Also, the meeting resulted in a substantial collection being taken up for the support of the **News Letter**. Thanks for everything. You ought to have those meetings real often. Best of luck at the new meeting. LCP.

T/5 **Enrique Rivera** has been mustered out of the Army on 84 points. He was in the ETO 30 months and during that time was in England, France and Germany. He has battle stars for Normandy, Central Europe, Northern France and the Rhineland. Enrique's particular job was taking care of subsistence for his Bn.

Of the campaigns, the Normandy invasion was easily the roughest. They were back of the infantry building advanced fighter strips. Sometimes they were only a few miles back of the fighting front with their heavy equipment.

**Sgt. Chas. Muller** and **M/Sgt. Emil Johnson** were the only Aztecs Enrique saw in Europe, and they were in his outfit. He hopes to be back at **State** in February to finish up in music.

#### SOME HOME FRONT WEDDINGS

By Helen Clark Jackson

**Miss Kathleen Horton**, former **State College** student, was married to **John Murrin** of Winnemucca, Nevada, early this month in Jacumba. They will live in Pasadena while he is attending Cal Tech. Mrs. Murrin is a **Gamma Phi Zeta**.

**Patricia DeBurn**, TZP, and **Lt. Robert Janda**, of Aurora, Ill., will be married Feb. 2.

**Gwendolyn Short** was married to **Lt. Charles Hargreaves** on December 21st in Manhattan, Kansas. While at **State** Lt. Hargreaves was a **Sigma Lambda** and **Alpha Phi Omega**.

**Vesta Robirds** was married to **Lt. Clarence Harper, Jr.** Both attended **State College**. They will live in Houston, Tex., where Lt. Harper is stationed.

**Gloria Bruce Carmichael** and **Lloyd Sever** were married in La Mesa on December 22nd. Both attended **State College** where Mrs. Sever was a **Tau Zeta Rho**. They will live in Victorville.

**Dorothy Mae Mears**, **Kappa Theta**, was married to **Robert Webb** of Brewster, Ohio, on Dec. 21.

**Vivian Wincote**, **Shen Yo**, was married to **John F. Wilson** of Arabi, Louisiana.

**Gloria Magee** and **Capt. Robert Nath** were married Dec. 28. They will both return to **State College** in February. Captain Nath is a **Phi Lambda Xi**.

**Lorraine Garnett** and **N. G. Getz** were married December 9th in Lancaster, Pa.

**Ruth Stephens** and **Lt. Clem Lawrence Abbey** were married December 16th in Bainbridge, Maryland. Both attended **State College** where Mrs. Abbey is a **Tau Zeta Rho**.

**Alice Holt** and **Peter Huisveld** were married December 25th. He was a **HOD** at **State**.

**Betty Jane Larsen**, TZP, and **Floyd Finnerty** were married December 15th.

**Marie Loudon**, **Shen Yo**, was married to **Hugh Albert McNiff** on December 15th. They are living at 4057 Third Avenue, San Diego.

**Margaret Taylor**, former **State College** student was married to **Ens. Charles Hinman** on December 16th. They will live in Chicago where Ens. Hinman is stationed.

**Virginia Mills**, **Gamma Phi Zeta**, was married to **William Joyce** on December 16th.

**Martha Brown** and **Richard McKee** were married on December 29th. Mrs. McKee was a **Phi Sigma Nu** and a song leader while at **State**.

**Pete** and **Jessie Billon** are still up at Palo Alto. They get their mail at P. O. Box 1521, Stanford University.

**S/Sgt. Ralph Berman** was promoted to his present rank out in the Pacific. He is with the 544 QM Depot, APO 244.

## BASKETBALL NEWS

By Norrie West

The **Aztec** basketball team, sparked by lanky, 6-ft., 5-in. **Dick Barnes** at center, had a .500 average as the **News Letter** went to press, but **Coach Charlie Smith**, back at **State** after a tour of duty with the A.A.F. as a captain, looked forward to improving the Montezumans' record during the spring semester.

But let's go back to the season's start, Dec. 5 when the **State** quintet beat an Alumni five, 41 to 31, in good old **Aztec** gym. It would have turned your ticker tepid to see the old gang back—after all these years.

The Alum starters were **Jim Ahler** and **Kenny Hale** at forwards, **Dick Mitchell** (who coached the team) at center, and **Jack Maupin** and **Don DeLauer** at guards. Of course you couldn't help remembering guys like **Milky Phelps**, **Mason Harris**, and **Paul Fern**, but there are others, namely, **Joe Davis**, **Barney Newlee**, **Bud Quade**, **Jack Edwards**, **Chet Devore**, **Fred Bode**, **Tommy Johnson**, **Cal Houston**, and **Claude Roberts**, to mention the Alumni who played against the Montezuma varsity.

Hale got six points, Ahler five, Maupin two, Johnson four, Houston two, and Roberts five, and Mitchell seven.

An Alumni B team dropped a thriller, 32 to 33, to the **State Bees**, coached by ex-Stater **Alex Alexander**, in the prelim game. Among the oldtimers back were **Joe Suozzo**, **A. D. Isom**, **Bob McCarthy**, **Doil Millsap**, **Joe Carter**, **Ed Tazalear**, and **Griff Hayes**.

After the Alum game the boys went up to Whittier's crackerbox gym and lost, 48 to 43, to the Poets, who played good ball.

The Red and Black cagers however didn't have Barnes' scoring punch to help them, and went down fighting in a rough game, marred by 26 personal fouls. **Hal Summers**, sub center, paced the attack with 11 points.

Then, Dec. 14 the **Aztecs** went to Los Angeles and gave Pepperdine college a real scare before losing 47 to 40, after they had tied the game up at 38-all with just five minutes left. **Dick Barnes** hit for 18 points against the Peppers, who were runners-up in the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball tournament at Kansas City—the one **State** won in 1942, with Mitchell, Hale and Co.

During Christmas vacation the **State** hoopsters gained revenge on the Poets, drubbing them, 46 to 30, with a second-half scoring spree, again on the sniping of stratospheric Barnes, who got 15. Forward **Bernie Goodbody** hit for nine to assist materially, and Guards **Larry Berger** and **Sal Gumina** were outstanding on defense.

That was Dec. 21, but six days later,

Dec. 27, the University of Arizona came to San Diego from Tucson and split a two-game series, **State** winning the opener, 39 to 36, again with a second-half rush, and the Wildcats copping the afterpiece, 38 to 33, coming from behind to win. Barnes got 13 and 12 points in these two tussles, but the boys were definitely out of condition and ran out of gas in the last half of the second game. Arizona's fast-breaking quintet ran the **Aztecs** ragged and won, despite a last minute rally.

As the **News Letter** goes pressward, the boys are pointing for tomorrow (Jan. 4) night's game with Santa Barbara College (it used to be called Santa Barbara State), and another fray Jan. 5, the next night in **Aztec** gym which has been enlarged with the addition of floor bleachers, capable of seating 400 fans. It was full for the Arizona series.

After the Santa Barbara Gauchò series, **State** replays Pepperdine on the home court, and then opposes Fresno State, San Jose State, and others. All in all they will play 21 games this season.

As for the football coaching situation, at this moment **Pres. Walter Hepner**, **Dean C. E. Peterson** and the student-faculty athletic council are deep in the throes of narrowing a large field of candidates for the post. Of course it's still a big secret who will get the job, but there is every indication and the boys in the know are bruiting the word around that the guy who gets the nod will be well enough known to draw some talent, and sufficiently capable to produce a well-drilled eleven, with some win in its makeup. Selection of the grid mentor is due before the spring semester begins, Feb. 4.

Tentative agreements have been reached with some schools and the grid-iron schedule looks as promising as any **State** has ever had, especially some of the top games billed for the Aztec stadium.

Just one more sports item. **Bill Ludwig** won the **Aztec Invitational Cross-Country** run this year, postponed to Dec. 5 by rain, with another **Stater**, **Lloyd Schunemann**, ex-Hoover High half miler, in third.

**Sgt. Norman Levi**, 60th M. RU (F) APO 512, wrote from Italy:

"I certainly enjoyed seeing and talking to **Capt. Carroll**, and although I hadn't known him before, we found that our families were old friends, in fact that our grandfathers had pioneered San Diego county together. Do you happen to know if there are any more San Diegans in this area? I am still in the same area, by the way, only four miles from Caserta, in Santa Maria. My section of AFHQ closed, and so the bunch of

us transferred down here, where we're carrying on about the same work as before—that is Statistical work, coordinated with Machine Records."

**Lt. Comdr. Harold B. Grant, USNR**, is on terminal leave following 41 months of service, the last year of which he was overseas. He was on Manus, Ulithi, Guam, Tinian, Saipan, Okinawa, Kerema, and then he was stationed on Sasabo in Japan, then he was in China at Shanghai and Tsingtao. "Shanghai is a wonderful place for liberty, but they can have the rest."

Mr. Grant is going back to teaching, probably Roosevelt Jr. High where he taught before going into the service.

**Marion Moreno, PhM1c** (Naval Air Base, Navy 1175, FPO, S. F.) wrote from Youabaru, Okinawa:

"Enclosed is a snap taken after our recent typhoon. In the foreground are remains of our sick call tent, behind that is the operating room, and in the rear are remains of four of our hospital wards. Most of our hospital went with the wind. What an experience!"

"The pictures of so many beautiful girls on recent **News Letter** covers caused much comment among our corpsmen. May interest some in coming to **State**."

**Lt. Austin Ray Hunter, USNR**, wrote from the USS Lanier (APA 125) FPO, S. F.:

"We are in Seattle undergoing repairs and enlarging our troop capacity. Before the month is up we should be on our way to the South Pacific for a load of troops."

**Ernest E. Kirkpatrick, Y1c**, Commander Carrier Div. Five (Flag), FPO, S. F., wrote from China:

"The October issue of the **News Letter** was received while in port at Tsingtao, China, aboard the new carrier, USS Boxer. It is certainly good to read the "State" news out in this more or less lonesome neck of the woods. Just in case nobody else has done it, I am sending along a Chinese "Century note" for your collection. It is currently worth about 2½ cents.

"I can strongly recommend Tokyo and Tsingtao as points of scenic and historical interest."

**Capt. Eugene J. Bowman**, 1402 AAF Base Unit, Eur. Div. ATC, APO 471, PM, New York.

**Ens. James E. Bunker** is on the USS LSM 123 and is doing ferry duty at Hiro Wan in Japan. He has been looking over the work of the atomic bomb and writes that it was really something to see.

**Lt. John Hayes, USMCR**, wrote from Japan and sent a few bits of Japanese money for the **News Letter's** short-snorter. (By the way, it's getting to be a pretty long snorter, thanks to the many contributions the world over.)

Johnny is expecting to be home soon. This was his second trip out.

**Lt. W. A. MacKersie, USMCR**, is still on Maui, Hq. Co. Repl. Draft A, FMF, Pacific, FPO, San Francisco:

"We just saw the high point men of the Fourth Division leave for the States. Sounds like the team is having a rough time this year. If we beat Pomona this year, I'll be happy. My tent mate is from Pomona and we have a little lettuce mixed up in the deal."

Four **State College Aztecs** were promoted in the Navy some time ago. They are **Dr. Clarence R. Osborne**, **Dr. Clifford Smith**, **Coach Leo Calland** and **Harold Requa**. The first two are on leave of absence from the faculty and are still in the service. Coach Calland resigned from the faculty and is now a civilian. He has a very fine position with the City of San Diego as head of recreation. Harold Requa, who was a public relations counsel in the Navy, has received his discharge. He was one of four Aztecs aboard the USS Missouri when the Japanese signed the surrender.

**F/O Harry T. Galpin** is navigating C-54's over the Pacific to such destinations as Tokyo, Manila, Hongkong, Australia and various small islands. He is stationed with Sq. C, 1504 AABU, Fairfield Suisun AAB, Calif.

**Dr. Marvin Darsie** received his discharge from the Army and is to finish his work for his M. D. in June. He will begin his internship in July at the L.A. County General Hospital. The Darsies live at 2719 University Ave., Los Angeles.

**Capt. Kenneth Scidmore** is stationed at March Field, and **Mrs. Scidmore (Evelyn Dumbaugh)** and their son are living in Whittier for the present.

The **John Westland's** have a new address: 1742 N. Valley St., Burbank, Calif.

**Lt. J. H. Halsey, USNR**, is still at the Naval Mine Depot, Yorktown, Va., and his brother, **Thomas H. Halsey, S1c**, is at NAF Aerology, Navy 103, FPO, N.Y.

**David Fenn** has been mustered out of the service and is again at Central YMCA in Portland. His address is 831 SW Sixth Ave., Portland, Oregon.

**Ione Rhodes** was chosen by the Student Body to be **Home Coming Queen**. **Dot Summers** was chosen by the football team to be **Football Queen**. The four sororities represented were the top four in the **News Letter** sales contest in selling the Christmas **News Letter** on the campus. They each chose their own representatives to be **Cover Girls**, LCP.

**Chaplain (Captain) Ralph R. Bailey** wrote from Bavaria in Germany where he is stationed with Hq. 2nd Cavalry Group, APO 403, New York.

His Christmas note reads (in part) as follows:

"As for me, I'm busier, if possible, than when we were in combat. Troops are spread out over many miles, and I must keep on the leap from dawn until midnight, the last hour of each day being reserved for the daily communique to my wife. Nevertheless, what a difference between this December and the last one, when I remember writing my Christmas letter to you, under the sketchy shelter of a pup-tent, my combat boots almost top deep in mud, our guns roaring in my ears. Tonight, I am writing this in a heated office, my typewriter on a desk instead of on my knees. Last winter we slept in our bedrolls on frozen ground, or under any shelter we could find. This Christmas no one is shooting at us, we sleep in dry bunks, and have always before us the jolly possibility of a short rest in Switzerland, the Riviera, in Paris, or perhaps Prague. In other words, those of us who went through last winter on the front find the Occupation soft going, no matter what its rigors for the newcomer, and we are deeply grateful."

(Mrs. Bailey who is known to many of you as **Ruth Taunton** is sweating out Ralph's return and is at the same time studying Journalism at Columbia University. Her address is Mrs. Ralph Bailey, Whittier Hall, Box 27, Columbia University, New York 27, New York, LCP.)

**Mary Lynn**, former **State College** student, was married recently to **Mr. Jerome Clay**. They are living in San Andreas, Calif.

**Lt. Harvey S. Wright** is on recruiting duty. He is stationed at 211½ W. Kirkwood Ave., Bloomington, Indiana.

**Louis B. Thomas**, who is doing government work in Washington, D. C., lives at 621 19th St. NW.

**Mrs. Jack Gurley (Yvette Magagnose)** is living at 1015 13th St., Sacramento. Her husband is expecting to enroll at Stanford for graduate work in a few months.

**Lt. Comdr. Weldon Lewis, USNR**, is on terminal leave following 39 months of service. Most of his service was in Aerial Gunnery and Recognition in which he did instructing, and did personnel and administrative work. At various times he was stationed at Dartmouth in New Hampshire, Chicago, University of Washington, Peru in Indiana, Purcell in Oklahoma and finally at Pasco, Washington.

Many of you will remember Comdr. Lewis as an instructor in Photography in San Diego High School where he probably will be reassigned in the city system. He and **Mrs. Lewis** had an added interest in the **Aztec News Letter** as Mrs. Lewis is the former **Margaret Neyenesch**, sister of the Neyenesch brothers who are responsible for our fine job of printing. She is also a former **State College** student. Their children, Ann aged eight, and Morrie who is six, are already **Aztecs** as they are enrolled in the Training School.

The Lewis' live at 4539 Norma Drive across the street from the **Posts** and we all welcome them home.

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**Pfc. Alfred S. Sigmund**, Prov. Sec. Co., Iwo Jima Air Base Command, APO 86, S. F.

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**Lt. Jared R. Homesley**, USMCR, 3rd Amtrac Bn., FMF Pac., FPO, S. F.

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**Ens. W. J. Bock**, USMR, USS Plunkett (DD 431) FPO, New York.

**Mr. and Mrs. Tedd Thomey** are still living at 1285 "A" on 2nd Ave. in San Francisco.

**Lt. Charles Wilson** is at SOQ 16-2, Naval Hospital, San Diego.

**Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Yapp** are now living at 208 S. Mariposa, Burbank, Calif.

**John M. Leaf** is again a civilian and is living at 1333 Wentworth Ave., Pasadena.

**Lt. William A. Koller, USNR**, is home on terminal leave after a total of 34 months of overseas duty. First, Bill was a gunnery officer on the **Leslie M. Shaw**, a merchant ship in the Armed Guard. He took part in the invasion of Sicily while on the **Shaw**, and it was on her that he earned a Commendation Ribbon from the Sec. of the Navy.

Later Bill went to the South Pacific on the **David Belasco**, another merchant ship that ran between Australia and New Guinea. They took part in the occupation of Finschaven.

After training in Miami, Bill was sent to the South Pacific to a pilot school, and he was coastal pilot for a time. He piloted ships from Milne Bay as far as Biak. Later he became a docking and harbor pilot, and handled ships in Seeadler Harbor in the island of Manus. Among the ships that Bill handled were the battleship **Iowa** and the carrier **Hancock**.

Bill is planning on doing some graduate work.

**Pfc. Hans Fjellestad** is back in San Diego after 33 months of service in the Army. He was in the ETO for 27 months with a Bn. which was trained originally as a ski troop outfit at Camp Hale, Colo. At Camp Hale the men maneuvered at 12,000 feet elevation carrying 100 pound packs so when they arrived at the Ardennes Forest, the conditions were "not too bad."

Hans landed on Omaha Beach in Normandy on D plus 7. From there he went to Cherbourg, and then he was withdrawn for additional training. They then were sent to the front which was on the Seine River. They took the town of El Boeuf. Then they rolled across France with the Second Armored Division. By September they were up in Holland cleaning up a pocket of Germans. After that they went to Aachen. At that time they were with the 30th Division, and when the Germans broke through Hans was thrown into the Battle of the Bulge which was "very rough" and that

was followed by the Ardennes Forest fighting.

The ski troops were withdrawn and trained for the invasion of Norway, but the end of the war made the occupation of Norway a peaceful "Home Coming" a few months later. Varied duties with the Security Troops took up Hans' time until June 4, 1945, when he landed in Norway. He did not have a chance to use his skis, but "the swimming was fine in Norway." Hans saw his parents who still live near Bergen where he had lived until the age of 17. He is to re-enter **State College** again in February. ....

**T/4 Robert G. Chenhall** is back after 14 months in the ETO. He was with the 239th General Hospital which is now in Paris. He has a battle star for the Ardennes Forest campaign. The outfit was busy when the wounded men were brought in during and following the Battle of the Bulge. Robert's home address, at least for the time being, is 4052 1/2 Front St., in San Diego.

**Fred Nason, CQM**, is back from Alaska where he was stationed for 14 months on the staff of the commander of the Alaskan sector. He was doing hydrographic work with the Coast and Geodetic Survey. He has received his discharge, and is "going to take a vacation for a while."

**Lt. Comdr. Dan Fitzek** has been made Flight Officer at Quonset Point, R. I.

**Jim White** has been promoted to **Lt. Comdr.** He is on a new assignment in San Francisco.

**1st Lt. Clelland Wharton** is on terminal leave after 30 months of service in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal and Manila. He was a QM supply officer and at various times had a truck company, a ration dump and then he was in charge of a truck company.

In New Caledonia he saw **Roy Cleater, Bill Frash, Chet Young, Ralph Thompson and Don Webber**; on Guadalcanal he saw **DeGraff Stanley, Sam Woodhouse, Roy Grimse, Elmer Siegel, Russell Flint, Bill Buehlman** and in Manila he saw **Bob Rossman** and his brother **Bill**.

Clelland is to be with the California State Board of Equalization again when his leave is up.

**Murl and Mia Gibson** have a son, **Terry Lee**, born December 23, 1945. Murl is a JG in the Navy.

**Mrs. Dorothy Harvey** of the Botany Department is down in Panama where her husband is stationed. Her address is **Mrs. Francis A. Harvey**, Box 991, Curundu, Canal Zone.

**Cpl. WILLIAM LAUREN POST, USMCR** has received his discharge and is already going through his "period of readjustment" at Norco, Louisiana, amidst the steam shovels, draglines and other heavy equipment with which he was associated in the Solomons, on Okinawa and in China.

Bill first shipped out of San Diego with the 2nd Aviation Engineers in 1942 and worked on air strips in New Caledonia and on Guadalcanal. While in the latter place they were bombed 111 times, and after 18 months he was hospitalized and sent back to San Diego. Later he shipped out and again landed on Guadalcanal where he went into the new Sixth Marine Division.

He struck Okinawa with the Sixth and again operated heavy equipment. For a whole week he worked a steam shovel while American naval guns lobbed shells across them into Jap positions. Noise from the guns and from the shells bursting after they had passed their position had a terrifying effect, "especially after the first five or six days."

On May 14 while operating a shovel within 500 yards of the front a Jap shell hit the shovel and a second shell struck every man near the shovel. Three men were killed and after saving an officer's life by carrying him to an aid station in a truck, Bill found for the first time that he also had earned a Purple Heart. After four days he was limping around the old station and using a caterpillar to pull bogged down ambulances out of the deep mud.

Bill has a Presidential Unit Citation along with the Purple Heart but the most important thing to him is that discharge. Being a Marine is a tough racket.

**Lt. (jg) Robert (Bob) Thomas** is home as a civilian. He left **State College** in May, 1943, with the 33 others on the V-7 program. He was commissioned at Northwestern and was assigned to the USS **Robinson (DD562)** on which ship he served through the remainder of the war. He was aboard the ship for 24 months and during that time took part in the campaigns of Saipan, Tinian, the Palaus, the latter part of the Leyte campaign, Mindoro, Luzon, Mindiao, Cebu, and then he went to Borneo where they took part in the campaigns at Tarakan, Balikpapan and Brunei Bay. That was Bob's last action, but he was later on the Yangtze river patrol for a time around Shanghai. Bob left the ship there and came home on a Liberty ship. He intends to enter Stanford law school.

**Cpl. and Mrs. James C. Leisure (Emma Baldelli)** sent their card from 925 So. 28th St., San Diego. They have a son, **Denny**.

**Lt. Herbert C. Peiffer, USNR**, is on terminal leave and is back on the **State College** faculty after 32 months of service. During that time he was stationed at Columbia University, Millsaps College in Mississippi as executive officer with their V-12 unit, and at Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia, in the same capacity. For the past 10 months he was with the Demobilization Program, first with BUPERS in Washington and later at the Personnel Separation Center on Long Island in New York. Then he was on the staff of the Demob School at Great Lakes, and finally he was at the Naval Officer Separation Center in Los Angeles.

While at the latter station Dr. Peiffer signed out at least two dozen of our own **State College Aztecs**. Among them were **Phil Bromley, Bill Koller, Bob Menke and Joe Suozzo**.

Dr. Peiffer is back with us in the capacity of acting Dean of the Lower Division and Director of Guidance. The Peiffers have two sons and they are now living, temporarily, in La Mesa at 4646 Garfield Ave.

**Lt. (jg) Wilbur Kelley**, now a civilian with the **Kelley Laundry Company**, sent the **News Letter** a real nice check to show his appreciation for the **Aztec News Letter** while he was overseas and to "help carry on for the unfortunate ones who are still over there waiting to come home."

You will remember Wilbur as one of our star basketball players of some years back and also one of the fighting **Aztecs** who has done his hitch in the Navy.

Had your editor had the opportunity of interviewing him for this story, some of his experiences would be recorded for you to read. I hope we can have the story later.

Wilbur is the new General Manager of the **Kelley Laundry Co.**, but he gives **Mr. A. Dewey Allard** much credit for keeping things going while he was "gallivanting around in the Navy." (Mr. Allard is the father of Pat Allard, former student body president at **State College** and present publicity director).

Well, Wilbur, I'm glad you are back and I'm getting your name put on one of the bound volumes of the **News Letter** so you'll have the entire set. Best of luck to you and Mr. Allard and thanks for everything. LCP.

**1st Lt. Wallace M. McNulty** has at last received his discharge from the Army after five years and 20 days of service. He left San Diego back in 1940 with the old 251 along with about 40 other **Aztecs** and began his correspondence with your editor while he was a buck sgt. at Camp Malekole in Hawaii. He was at Pearl Harbor when the Japs

struck, and our correspondence led to the idea and initiating of the **Aztec News Letter**. Some of you will remember that Wally had written **Letter No. 1** in **News Letter No. 1**.

Wally's war service was not always what a real fighting Irishman would choose. He thought that he would be right in the thick of things, being that he was on the spot at Pearl Harbor, but the old 251 was sent to Fiji to guard air fields. There the outfit sweated out a great many months of the war. Wally went to OCS in the SW Pacific and was in the first class to be commissioned as such outside the U. S. He was promoted to 1st Lt. and was made a company commander in a provisional outfit that went to the Ellice Islands.

One thing and then another happened—more training at Ft. Benning after 45 months of overseas service, a period of instructing with new equipment at Benning, and also marriage—yes, Wally is married to the former **Miss Jane McNeil** of El Paso, Texas, and he and his bride have returned to San Diego.

Wally has not quite decided to return to **State College**, but should he return he could be a handy man coach punting among other things). He is remembered as one of the best punters ever to attend **State College**, and all of us who know him would be glad to see him back.

**George Claspill, ACMM**, is out of the Navy now after four and a half years of service. He was stationed last at Kaneohe Bay in Hawaii. He is to re-enter **State College** next month and expects to get his degree in Commerce.

**1st Lt. Robert Macdonald** who is now a student at **State College** was chosen to ride on the San Diego float (Winged Victory) in the Tournament of Roses parade. Bob, who was formerly with the old 251, was well qualified to ride the float which, incidentally took second place, as he had been a fighter pilot and flew 81 missions in Mustangs and holds the Air Medal with 11 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Belgian Fourragere.

**Margaret Widders Anderson** of the class of 1942 is the mother of a son, **Gary Donald**, born November 8.

The Andersons live at 2060 Catalina, Laguna Beach.

**Lt. (jg) W. R. Hepner, Jr.**, is at the Navy Yard Dispensary, Navy 128, Pearl Harbor, FPO, S. F.

**Sgt. Robert Kelly** wrote 10 pages from Oxford in England telling of the educational and academic atmosphere (and ivy) there where he is attending classes. Again it is too bad we can't print the whole letter. LCP.

**Lt. Colin C. Reilly**, 528th Ftr. Sq., APO 285, wrote:

"I have just had a very enjoyable chat with my November issue of the **News Letter** and it always brings me a few leagues closer, if not actually on campus. The news of your resignation is quite a shock to all, because you have been its 'pappy' and rather nursed it through the leaner months. You may be sure, Doc, that I along with so many others have enjoyed hours with friends long separated through your efforts—thanks again!

"We are now situated in Shanghai as we have been for the last month and a half, and have found it a fast moving place after living in the interior of China. About the first week here I had a pleasant meeting with **Ens. Sid Wolverton** who is aboard the D. D. Eaton."

**Pfc. Jack Chandler**, USMC, wrote from Sep. Cen. Pres. Bks. 1806, Service Bn., Camp R. Smalls, Great Lakes, Ill.:

"It makes a person feel kind of frustrated to be doing what I'm doing. I have 91 points, but can't get out as I signed up as a regular. To make matters worse I'm stationed here where I'm helping to discharge men with only fifty or sixty points. It's a great life. I don't feel particularly bad about having to stay, though. I think it's a pretty good place to be until things get a little more straightened out around the country."

"My old friend **Chuck Ables** was in Chicago a few weeks ago. We went out together a couple of times and enjoyed ourselves pretty much. He gave me lots of dope on what's going on at home."

**Ens. Thomas D. Cullen** wrote from the USS LC (FF) 775, FPO, S. F.:

"There is just one good thing about my ship—it is heading for San Diego in a couple of weeks. We are going to stay there for some repairs and then go to the east coast to join the Atlantic Fleet reserve. If everything goes as planned I will be paying a visit to the campus sometime in January."

**Ens. C. D. Allen**, USN, VPB-53, FPO, S. F., is in Yokosuka where he ran into **Lts. R. C. Miller** and **Alex Watson**.

**Ens. Kenneth A. Wade**, USN, USS Antietam CV-36, c/o FPO San Francisco, Calif., wrote:

"For a ship which hasn't seen any action, we were two days out of Hawaii headed west when the Japs quit, we have covered quite a lot of territory. We have been to Guam twice, supported original occupations in Korea, and the Chinese area around the Yellow Sea, been to Okinawa twice, to Tsingtao, China, twice, Eniwetok, and finally ended up here, where it looks like we will spend Christmas. Fujiyama is a sight."

**Cpl. C. M. Worcester** wrote from Yokosuka Naval Base saying that he would be home by the middle of January. He had been with the Sixth Marine Division.

**1st Lt. John Cornish Swift**, Trans. Sec. Hq. Base X, APO 358, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif., wrote from Manila: "I see there are quite a few **Aztecs** in and around Manila so how about printing my location and maybe I can act as a kind of clearing house here as I am right in the center of things."

"My address is: Trans Sect Hq Base X APO 358. I am located on the 2nd floor of the Marsman Bldg. which is just across the street from Pier 15. So far the only **Aztec** I've run into is **T/5 Zito Yturalde**."

**Cpl. John F. Couvrette**, 388th Air Service Sq. APO 245 c/o Postmaster San Francisco, California wrote from Ie Shima

"I've got 25 months over here. Our stops included Milne Bay, New Guinea; Cape Gloucester, New Britain; Nadzab, New Guinea; Lae, New Guinea; Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea; Morotai; Leyte; Mindoro; and Ie Shima."

"The **News Letter** should very definitely be continued, if only as a monument to the great service you have done all of us. It can have, though, a very useful purpose in keeping together the alumni of the college."

**Ens. Orville Faulkner**, USS 1301, Naval Frontier Base, Charleston, S. C., wrote:

"If any of the gang are here around the South I would like to hear from them. I would like to see them and if they could get some time off we could put them up as we have an extra bed at the apt. As for the chow, we could always eat on the ship. I would like to hear from all the gang and I promise to answer all letters. (Sounds like a "Lonely Hearts" deal doesn't it?)"

**Pfc. S. Nakadate**, Birmingham Gen. Hosp. Ward C-15S, Van Nuys, Calif., wrote:

"In October I took the marital step and married **Mary Su Gaye Hirata**, formerly of Sweetwater High. Probably that was part of the reason I couldn't do as much as I wished in visiting all my school acquaintances. Last Monday I was operated on again and had a bone graft from my ilium transposed to my tibia so I shall be in bed again for a while. I am hoping I'll be able to get out of bed by Christmas."

**F/2 Fred E. Eisert**, 1503, AAFBU, Hamilton Field, Calif., wrote:

"I just returned from India where I was flying the Hump in C-54's. I was one of the first American troops back

into Canton and Shanghai, China after the Japanese surrender. I also was in on another first when I flew in with the 11th Airborne troops to Atsugi Airdrome near Tokyo two days before the official surrender. While at Tezgaon, India I ran into **Capt. Mark Jackson** who had just finished his time and was awaiting his orders to return to the States."

**Sgt. Charles M. Snell**, Co. M, 341 APO 450, P. M., San Francisco, Calif. wrote

"Think **Gregory Peck** had a hard choice to make but I don't know of anyone who could have made a better choice. In one way, I envy him but am glad it wasn't me who had to make the choice."

"Things have quieted down a little tho' two fellows were wounded and one killed a few days ago while exploring some caves. Lipa was the main Philippines collaborationist center. The Americans massed artillery and just knocked h--- out of it. Nothing bigger than a chicken coop left standing."

"Do you know anything about Philippine politics? Well, it seems that as long as the U.S. stays in the Philippines everything will be okay because the Philippine communists respect the Americans, but as soon as we leave, it's anybody's ball game."

**S/Sgt. Robert L. Swisher**, Hq. Co. 1st Bn., 305th Inf., APO 77, wrote from Japan:

"Well, I'm back at Asahizawa. I was up at Saunkyo for a while and I lived with and like the Japanese. It was quite an experience. I still can't stomach cold fish for breakfast. When they found out I was coming back, they gave a big farewell dinner for me. I doubt if I'll ever be the same. They brought a whole squad and rather than hurt their feelings I ate it."

**Lt. Terence B. Geddis**, USNR, is in Shanghai on the USS Estes and would be home except for the fact that he is on a court martial board that is still hearing cases.

**Lt. J. B. Forbes** wrote from the ETO (Hq. 65th AACS Sp., APO 69, N. Y.)

"The people and the countryside in these parts seem very quaint and far behind our cities in the development of modern conveniences. The narrow dirt or cobblestone roads, the frame and stuccoed houses, the wooden shoes, and the wooden wheeled ox-carts all lend an atmosphere of antiquity. I can best describe the people by saying that they are plodding along. Maybe I got this impression from the hundreds of Germans that you see on the roads, carrying all their possessions on their ox-

carts, on one of the big trucks, on their bicycles or even on their backs. You can't really call it a migration because they travel in all directions, apparently searching for a place to spend the winter. A lot of them will have a pretty tough time this winter and there is not much that can be done about it. We have had no snow here as yet but are expecting it any day."

"I am going to try and look up **Chris Franovich** who, according to the **News Letter**, is located very near here. Do you know of any other **Aztecs** near here? Thanks doc for picking me up on the **News Letter** mailing list again in spite of the fact that I did not write. Like some of the others, I think I have a couple of post war students for you by showing pictures of the Blue Book Ball Queens, the cheer leaders, and the cover girl. I have one friend named **Stein** who insists he is going to write to June."

**Richard Raper**, ARM2c, is back from the Pacific where he was for the past eight months. This was his second trip overseas, the first trip being seven months. He was with a composite squadron aboard the Kitkun Bay, an escort carrier. They operated with **Adm. Halsey** in July, and they bombarded Honshu along with the Third Fleet. After September they were with the North Pacific Fleet and they occupied Northern Honshu and the island of Hokkaido. Richard was one of the first Americans to land in Hokkaido. That was about 9 in the morning on September 12th. They picked up 450 prisoners and carried them down to Tokyo for further transportation. Richard was ashore three times in Tokyo.

"Tokyo is pretty well leveled and gutted except for the more modern types of buildings which could stand the bombings. The waterfront area is all leveled, and the people are living in shacks without sanitation. We had to take our own water ashore with us. The Japanese have very little food, and the people line up in lines half a mile long. You line up for breakfast and get in for supper."

"Near the Emperor's palace, the buildings were spared because we did not bomb that area. Only a few scattered bombs hit around the palace."

"The people are so humble it makes you sick. They bow and scrape, and they are a pitiful lot. They are indescribably dirty."

Richard is to be reassigned, possibly to the 11th Naval District.

**Comdr. and Mrs. Carl Young** sent their card from Box 1125, Walnut Creek. Comdr. Young is still at St. Mary's Preflight.

**Brig. Gen. and Mrs. G. R. Callender** Request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter

Catherine

to

Raymond Lange Gellein

Lt. (jg) grade, U. S. N. R.

on Wednesday

the Nineteenth of December

at eight o'clock in the evening

Memorial Chapel

Army Medical Center

in the City of Washington

**Lt. Louis Pritchard**, 93rd Sq., 439th T. C. Gp., Box 358, SAAF, Warrensburg, Mo., has just found out about the **News Letter**. He had met **Capt. Dick Butler** and saw his copy of the Christmas issue.

**Lt. Mary T. Baker**, USNR, is now a civilian and back in San Diego at 1607 Cable St. She writes that her brother, **Capt. William D. Baker** who is in the AAF, will be back from Okinawa soon.

**Cpl. Nelson J. Fry** is in Co. B, 1778 Engr. Const. Bn., APO 901, S. F., and is stationed in Yunk Dunk Po, Korea. He was on Okinawa at the time of the hurricane and had a rough time of it.

**1st Lt. George Ellis and Ernie Viau** are in Manila. George's address is: 1st Lt. George Ellis, 249 Port Co., APO 435, S. F. George offers free "food, shelter, etc., to visiting **Aztecs** — even Navy ones."

**T/Sgt. William H. Ellis**, Hq. Co. (Pers Sec.) AFMIDPAC, APO 958, S. F., is expecting to be home soon. He is one of the "Famous 38 ERC men."

**George Kita** is at 2509 List Ave., Baltimore, Md. He is working as an attorney for the Social Security offices in Baltimore.

**Ira G. Cotton**, QM1c, is out of the Navy after nearly two years of overseas service. He was on the USS Haggard (DD 555) and was in 12 major engagements. The first of them in the Marshalls. They were also in Guadalcanal, Empress Augusta Bay, the Admiralties, Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Iwo Jima, Second Battle of the Philippines, Okinawa and some of the actions off the China coast and the Coast of Japan. They were supporting the CVE's in the Second Battle of the Philippines. Later off Okinawa they were hit by a suicide plane with a 50 pound bomb while on a picket station with Task Force 58.

The ship was given credit for the 12 engagements and for sinking two submarines, one of them by ramming. There

were no survivors in either case. Ira has all of the usual campaign bars and they show the 12 battle stars. He expects to re-enter State College in February.

**Lt. Comdr. W. S. Bruner**, USNR, is up at the Officer Separation Center, 300 Exchange Building, Seattle, Wash. He wrote that they process officers in from three to five hours complete with the first mustering out pay.

**Lt. Lillian Bankerd**, Mr. Bruner's sister-in-law is back with the Bruners in Seattle as a civilian. She flew back from the Philippines by way of Saipan, Johnson Island and Honolulu, atabrine tan and all. She was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for her services in the Pacific.

**Lt. C. H. (Bud) Schmid**, USMCR, Marine Service Sq. 12, FPO, S. F., wrote from Peiping, China:

"Received the Xmas issue of the **News Letter** and the cafe sure looked good. It sure beats these pagodas and rickshas. Here's wishing success to our new Alumni Association!"

**Lt. (jg) Jerome J. Hope** is on the LST 478 doing ferry duty between Buckner Bay, Naha and Ie Shima. He has been in both the ETO and the POA and will have been in the service four years next September.

**Don Robertson**, QM1c, USNR (ret.) is a civilian living at 1077 West 30th St. in Los Angeles. He intends to enter USC.

**Lt. Wm. H. Rossman** is near San Fernando in the P.I. His address is: BTO, Hq. Base M, APO 70, S. F. Mrs. Rossman and **Bill, Jr.**, are keeping the home fires burning at 4144 Louisiana St. in San Diego until William comes back.

**Ens. Loren Scholz** is aboard the USS Holland and is making the rounds of the Pacific. They have been in Tokyo Bay, Kokohama, Okuna, Kamakura, Yokosuka and other places. Then they made a trip to Shanghai.

"I shall be looking forward to the next three **News Letters** and also to whatever literary creation follows it. Besides being darned enjoyable it has been darned good advertising for the college."

**Mai. Thomas Chavis** is now living at 1325 Wilder St. in Honolulu with Mrs. Chavis and their two children. He is still stationed at Fort Shafter with some of the old timers from San Diego. Tom is doing educational work in the outfit that has the largest Army Educational Program in the Pacific.

**Ens. Robert F. Smith** is still on the USS New York, FPO, N. Y.

Lt. (jg) **Leland Nicholas** who was aboard the USS *Allen* (DD 66) is home on leave and is assigned to the 11th Naval District for duty. Leland was Communications officer on the *Allen* and served overseas on her 24 months. Most of the time they were doing submarine and anti-submarine training as well as other kinds of utility duty. They did some of most everything except get into combat—the reason for that was that the ship had been built in 1917, and she left the fighting to younger ships. Leland was one of our 33 V-7 men to leave for Northwestern in 1943.

He was commissioned on August 20, he and **Miss Joyce Doan** were married on August 26, and he was already overseas by September 6th. The *Allen* put in at San Pedro 24 months later to the day, so they at least were together for the second anniversary.

T/5 **Kakuya Nakadate** is home from the Philippines. He was in the service nearly four years and was overseas 14 months. He was a signal unit that was moved around from one outfit to another, but he managed to get three battle stars. They are for the New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon campaigns. Nakadate had one great difficulty. Being of Japanese descent, he sometimes had trouble convincing Filipino soldiers (some of whom were guerillas) that he really was an American soldier. And the time in which he had to do the convincing was sometimes limited. It was all the more difficult when they understood practically no English at all.

On one occasion even Nakadate's Lt. had trouble convincing a Filipino Lt. of his nationality. Soon after they transferred him to a different outfit where he was safe.

Kakuya has been mustered out and plans on continuing his work in zoology.

Pfc. **Edward W. Creekmur** is another Aztec who has been mustered out of service and is again enrolled at **State College**. He had been in the Army for 2- months and was in the ETO six months. While in Germany he was wounded by shrapnel and was awarded the Purple Heart. He also was awarded one battle star. That was for the Rhineland campaign. Edward is home now and hopes to shake all bad effects from the wound. Edward was in the 47th Regiment of the 9th Infantry Division.

Lt. **John Babick** wrote from Guam saying that Lt. **Pete Siguenza** is about the only Marine who is overseas and who can still go home each night. He is a native of Guam. John's address is: Lt. J. D. Babick, Marine Det. (Prov.) Marianas Area, FMF, Pac, FPO, S. F.

## TO ALL AZTEC ALUMNI:

### Dear Alumni:

Hope you all had a Happy Holiday Season—we had a meeting of all the members of the Board of Directors whom we could muster on Dec. 20 at Scripps. Out of that meeting came the idea of sending out the enclosed questionnaire. Any additional remarks or suggestions which you would like to make will be gladly received—mail all such material to the **Alumni Association, Box 94**, at the College.

The plans for the **Revival Play** are going ahead nicely **Miss Sybil Jones** is working on the choice of a play, and the Seniors have indicated their willingness to cooperate in this traditional activity. **Eddie Costenborder** is working on another program which will be quite a boon to the treasury. (So far **Sol Schultz** has not been the recipient of many payments of dues).

Let's get to work on these questionnaires—mail them in immediately so that your officers and Board of Directors can plan a program of events which will fill the bill.

A Happy New Year to you all—

Yours,

**Barney Carman, Pres.**

Lt. **Art Sprague** (412 Med. Coll. Co., APO 660) wrote from Osaka:

"We have been moving. From Mindoro the outfit went back to Leyte for a month, then up to Luzon (near Lingayen) and recently to Nagoya and now it is Osaka. It was a real treat meeting **Ed Self** (who made his promotion to full Lt. while I was aboard his ship) on the trip up from Luzon to Nagoya on a Coast Guard LST.

"Enclosed is my meagre response to your call for financial aid. The enjoyment and interest I've gleaned from the **News Letter** during the last 20 months overseas will always make me indebted to you and your unselfish efforts."

Lt. **Harold J. Ferguson**, USNR, is on terminal leave after three years of service of different types in the Naval Air Corps. His main duties were the ferrying planes, instructing, and he was also a utility pilot. The utility duties he performed while based on Ford Island in Hawaii. Part of the duties were flying photographic missions, rescue work and towing targets.

While at Pearl Harbor he saw Lt. **Roy Cleator**. Harold intends to return to **State College** in February after an interruption of six years.

Lt. and Mrs. **Thomas Michael Staunton (Mae Hatfield)** announce the birth of **Ann Louise Staunton**, born Nov. 16, 1945. Lt. Staunton is now serving with the Marines in China."

**Mary L. Omar, Sp(M)3c**, is in the Coast Guard. Her address is Times Bldg., Long Beach, Calif.

Lt. (jg) **James J. Searl** was married to **Geneva Johnston** in Maryland (Dundalk) on September 22, 1945. Lt. Searl was in the Pacific 35 months, and now he is stationed with VR-8 at Patuxent River, NAS, Maryland.

T/5 **Robert J. Berman** is back from the ETO and is out of the service. Altogether he was in the army for 33 months. He was in the Battle of the Ruhr, and Robert's outfit which was a medical clearing company stationed at Cologne for a time and it was there that they stayed for a while with a clearing station. He has a battle star for the Rhineland Campaign. He will be back on the campus in February.

Cpl. **Jerry Holzman** has been mustered out of service. He and Mrs. Holzman have a daughter born November 24, 1945.

**Ed Herzig's** address is 2220 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley 4, Calif.

Lt. **Hardy Kuykendahl, USMCR**, is on the island of Pelelieu and is in charge of the PX's there. His address is 3rd Base Hq. Bn., Navy 3252, FMF, Pac., FPO, S. F.

**Nancy Wright** has received her discharge and is home at 4774 Kansas St. She was a Marine stationed at Quantico.

**Dolores Bennett**, sister of **Mrs. Ted Thomey**, is still up at Berkeley at 2717 Durant Ave.

**Miss Florence Shafer**, formerly of the faculty, is still at Ft. George Wright, Washington, with the ARC.

**Ens. Stewart Worden** is on Saipan as a Personnel Officer with the 121st Con. Bn.

Lt. **Comdr. George A. Lazar** is on terminal leave following service on Guam and Rota.

**Bob Menke and Mrs. Menke (Pat Herney)** are living at 2232 State St., San Diego.

The most original announcement came from the **Carr's** telling of the appearance of a new model. The father is **Fred Carr**. The mother is the former **Juanita Tipton**, and the new model is named **Charles Frederick Carr**. Fred has recovered completely and is enrolled at **State College**.

# THE AZTEC NEWS LETTER



Yvonne McFarland  
Eta Omega Delta



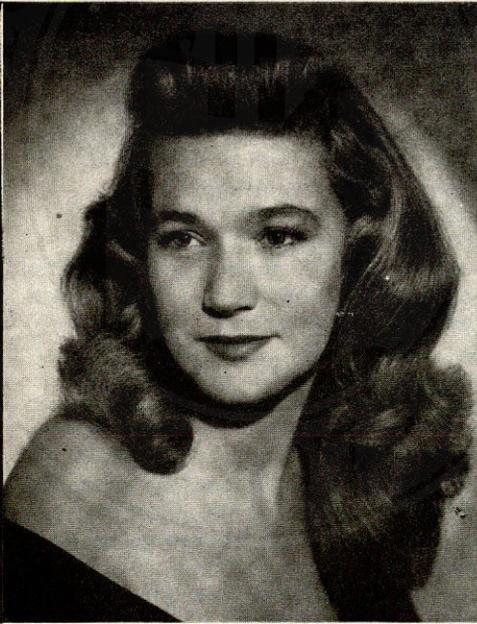
Gloria Vallier (Queen)  
Epsilon Eta



Colleen Campbell  
Phi Lambda Xi



Barbara Wilkins  
Sigma Delta Epsilon



Frances Rybel  
Sigma Lambda



Sara Holden  
Tau Delta Chi

Six of the Candidates for Queen of the Blue Book Ball. The organization names are those of the sponsoring fraternities.

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To All of the Aztecs in Service and Their Friends:

One more issue and the Alumni will take over. Next month you will get a special edition of the *News Letter*, and in it will be some special features, pos-

sibly a colored picture, and name of the new editor. There will be no letting up from this end until the 48th issue is mailed, and then you can look forward to an Alumni publication with any features and additions that the new staff cares to put in. Be on the lookout for both No. 48 and No. 49.

We still have more than 400 men on our overseas mailing list and a very considerable number on the domestic list:

The civilian list is constantly growing. Keep us informed of all address changes and also news about discharges.

No date has been set for any **Big Reunion**, but there are some fine **Little Reunions** being held almost weekly. Every basketball game is a **Little Reunion** and so was the **Blue Book Ball**. Each gathering brings dozens of **Aztec** veterans together, and each meeting has a fair representation of men who have been on practically all of the fighting fronts the world over. Come out and see who else is there.

We go to press at a most inopportune time to give you specific statistics on new enrollment or names of new and returning faculty members. Bear with us for a month, and we will give you some figures that will seem on the astronomical side. About a thousand applications for admission on February 4th have been made by students who were not enrolled in the fall semester. Most of them are veterans, but probably far less than half are our own former students. But on the surface, it appears that **State College** will fill up with students somewhat more slowly than some of the other colleges up the coast. The figures run high everywhere, and housing is one of the critical factors. More of that next time also.

Keep sending in your address changes and news about discharges. And again, we'll be seeing you.

Sincerely,  
Lauren C. Post  
Editor of the **News Letter**

P.S.: In case you get a chance to come to the campus, pay us a visit and let us know that you have returned. LCP.

#### LT. GEORGE R. DALL

who was reported missing from a bombing mission over Japan from Saipan on December 18, 1944, has since been declared dead.

#### 1ST LT. WILLIAM GOODCHILD

was reported killed in action. For about three years he had been carried as "missing in action" by the Army Air Force and only recently was the final report released.

#### SGT. KENNETH L. JOHNSON

who was reported missing from a bombing mission in the ETO several years ago has since been awarded some posthumous decorations.

#### PFC. CHARLES P. JONES

died on the island of Leyte sometime ago. He had been wounded in action twice and never recovered from the wounds.

#### 1ST. LT. RICHARD KATES

never turned up from what was to have

been his last bombing mission in heavy bombers in the South Pacific. He was leading a squadron of B-24s over Balikpapan when his plane caught fire and finally blew up. Four men from the crew have been released from Jap prison camps, but apparently, Richard was never found.

This was Richard's 47th mission, and he had been awarded several decorations. One of the men who returned to the States, said, "Richard was the best pilot I ever saw."

#### LT. SAM PATELLA, USNR

who was reported missing from a bombing mission in the Pacific in October, 1943, has since been declared legally deceased. There has been no additional news about him.

#### LT. JAMES P. (PENNY) PARKS, USMCR

who is still missing from a flight in the Solomons about two years ago. Since then he has been declared legally deceased.

#### 1ST. LT. ROSS A. TENNEY

who was reported missing in action from a bomber mission over Europe in May, 1943, has since been declared legally deceased. Ross was a pilot of a B-24 and has been awarded the Air Medal.

#### LT. HOWARD E. McBRIDE

is still missing from a bombing mission over Japan. He was in B-29's and went down nearly a year ago.

#### LT. GILBERT QUON

who was in B-29's is still missing from a bombing mission over Japan. He was based in the Marianas.

#### CPL. PAUL ARRIOLA

is home as a civilian after his sojourn in the ETO as an interpreter with the 406th Fighter Group. He has battle stars for Northern France, the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Germany, although he says "Alles was glanz nicht Gold ist."

Upon being asked how good his German was, he replied: "Six pair of binoculars, several cameras, some Lugers and a few other trinkets worth. Do you know of any one who has a nice apartment and wants a pair of binoculars in exchange?"

Paul has a couple of Presidential Unit Citations. He is again an Aztec student and is planning on getting a teaching credential.

#### CAPT. Z. ALLEN BARKER, USMCR

was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his services in the New Britain, Palau and New Guinea campaigns. Recently he was communications officer for the 11th Regiment of the Sixth Marine Division.

#### COL. GEORGE A. CHESTER

who holds the Legion of Merit has been recommended for the Distinguished Service medal for "exceptionally meritorious service against the enemy in the Philippine Islands from September 30, 1944 to August 15, 1945." Previously he had been overseas with the 14th anti aircraft command.

#### LT. (JG) WALTER R. BORG

is home on terminal leave following his service on board the USS Buchanan (DD 484) which is one of the few destroyers in the Pacific to receive a Presidential Unit Citation. Walter left **State College** in May, 1943, with the 33 other V-7 men and was commissioned with them at Northwestern. He was assigned to the Buchanan in December of that year and left her 24 months later.

During those 24 months the Buchanan took part in six major campaigns among which were their raids on Rabaul and Kavieng. They went to less than 1,000 yards at Rabaul and shelled shore installations and sank ships in the harbor. In Rabaul harbor they avoided being hit although they were straddled several times. At Kavieng, they were a little less lucky and were hit by a six-inch shell.

In the Palau group they went through the usual pattern. They were there for five weeks during which time they shot up Jap barges that were used for transferring troops.

The Philippines came next and at that time they were in Task Force 38. They ranged from Saigon to Formosa and on to the south coast of Japan. They were with 38 for the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

In December of 1944 they were in a bad typhoon and in June of 1945 another one struck the ship. During the former, four destroyers were lost and their own ship was taking water over the gun director which is above the bridge.

Walter intends to do graduate work at the University of California next semester.

#### 1ST LT. WALLACE CRISWELL

is back from the CBI where he was a pilot in the Second Troop Carrier Sq. They participated in the fighting in Burma, and Wallace's job was that of supplying **Merrill's Marauders** and **Mars' Task Force**. He flew 185 missions and was awarded the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Presidential Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters. He had 100 discharge points and is planning on re-entering **State College**.

#### MAJ. REGINALD S. DAVIS

was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for "meritorious achievement" as communi-

cations, equipment and maintenance officer of the Far East Air Service Command in the Philippines.

Maj. Davis was cited for his part in operations in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines. He "efficiently and expertly supervised the preparation of all engineering and maintenance policies and procedures for all types of communications and radar equipment with the Far East Air Forces."

#### CAPT. JACK DOYLE, USMCR

is now on inactive duty with the USMC-R. He was in the service for 42 months, 12 of which he spent overseas with the Second Division. He took part in the Okinawa campaign with the Eighth Marines which took several islands at the south end of the main island. For their work in taking Aguni Shima, they were awarded a Navy Unit Citation.

Jack is married to the former **Miss Barbara Moore** of Redlands. He is planning on doing graduate work in business administration, possibly at Stanford, during the next quarter.

#### PFC. CHRIS FRANOVICH

is back from the ETO 15 months of service in which he earned three battle stars and the Purple Heart. He entered combat with the 11th Armored Division in the Battle of the Bulge and followed that with the push to the Rhine. They crossed the Rhine on pontoon bridges about the latter part of February and pushed on into Austria. Four days before the war ended Chris earned five additional points when a piece of shrapnel struck him on the leg. He is home now with 62 points which is enough to get him out. He intends to re-enter **State College** for the new semester.

**Sgt. George Franovich**, Chris' brother, is already wearing the discharge emblem. He had been in the counter intelligence service in which he was able to use some of his linguistic ability and training. He can read Serbian, French and Russian. He was last stationed at the Los Angeles POE. George is married to the former **Miss Mary Groff** and they have two daughters, **George Ann** and **Stephanie**. George is to go into business with his father here in San Diego.

**MAJ. GEORGE (COTTON) GILLILAND USMC**, is home from his second tour of duty in the Pacific. He has about 114 discharge points, but his commission is in the regular USMC, and he decided to remain in the service.

Cotton's first tour of duty took him to New Caledonia, New Zealand, Guadalacanal, Vella Le Vella and Bougainville. Recon work took him all through the Solomons, but he saw his stiffest combat on the beach at Bougainville with the First Parachute Bn.

His second tour of duty took him to

Hawaii with the Fifth Division. He was in the First Bn. of the 28th Marines, and that was the outfit with which he struck Iwo Jima. He was wounded on D-Day there along with **Ross Workman**, **Tedd Thomey**, both of whom also were wounded in the legs. From there they all went back to Hawaii where they recuperated and began training for another operation, but not before he saw about 10 other **Aztecs**.

The Fifth later went to Sasebo where they were the first troops to land. They did occupation duty there and at Fukaoka until they all came home. One of their jobs was to release prisoners. In one place they released 12,000. On one occasion a Marine detachment (four men) had to be sent out to recover a train that 400 Chinese had commandeered.

Cotton has the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star Medal, also a Presidential Unit Citation. He has four battle stars.

**Mrs. Gilliland (Cora Underhill)** is teaching up in San Clemente, where they own a home. Their address is 1102 Buena Vista Ave. "If you are passing through, be sure to stop and see us."

#### LT. WILBUR S. KELLEY, JR., USNR

at last found time to re-visit the campus. He was on the USS Braine (DD 630) for 10 months during the last part of his service in the Navy. He boarded the ship at Subic Bay in the Philippines, his first real combat duty, other than patrol, was at Zamboanga. They didn't have much trouble there, but things were different a little later up off Okinawa.

They went up to do picket duty above Okinawa and on the third day they knocked down seven Jap planes. But on the fourth day, "they ganged up on us too heavy. Four of them attacked us and two of them hit our forward No. 2 five-inch mount. The first bomb exploded in the combat information center. The other plane struck about 30 seconds later. It hit the No. 2 stack and the bomb exploded in the after fire room. Sixty-seven men were killed and 110 were injured." Wilbur was among the latter and has a Purple Heart. A terrific fire followed which the remainder of the crew fought for five and a half hours. They were then towed back to an island just off Okinawa. Those were the days when many of our destroyers were being hit, in fact, five were struck on that day, the 27th of May.

As stated in the last **News Letter**, Wilbur is back with the **Kelley Laundry** as business manager. He and Mrs. Kelley, the former **Carolyn Carter**, are living at 3026 Xenophon St. in Point Loma.

#### CAPT. LOWELL MARCUS

is on overseas leave after signing up for another year in the Army Air Corps. He

was based in Italy at the Foggia Air Base, and from there they hit Ploesti five times, Vienna five times, Blechammer five times, and other targets such as Regensburg, Frederickshaven, Budapest, Linz, Bucharest, Genoa, Bologna, Turin, Brux and Munich. He was also in on the invasion of Southern France.

On his 52nd mission, his last one which was a volunteer mission after his tour of duty was over, Lowell had all of his fingers frost-bitten. All 10 of them had to be re-amputated. For these operations he was last at Dibble General Hospital in Menlo Park. Now they are "OK and I can write and even type some. They don't bother much."

Lowell has a flock of battle stars, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Cross, the Silver Star, Presidential Unit Citation and the Purple Heart. He was one of the **Aztecs** who went into the old 251 back in 1937. "When **Joe Rodney** was a cpl., I was in his squad."

#### CPL. THOMAS W. NELSON

has enrolled on the campus for the new semester after getting his discharge from the Army. He left the campus in February of 1943 and was released from the service on a certificate of disability after he was wounded in the ETO.

Tom has two campaign stars, one for the Rhineland and the other for Central Germany. It was on the latter campaign that he was struck in the shoulder by shrapnel while cleaning out snipers in a small German town. The shell struck his fox hole, and it was German medics that first took care of him. They were surrounded and "things were pretty well mixed, and they brought me over to an American ambulance."

Tom is going to major in business administration and hopes to continue to sing in the **Men's Glee Club**.

#### M/SGT. EDWARD REESE

received his discharge from the Army last December and is returning to the campus for his last semester's work on an English major and a degree. Ed was in the ETO 23 months much of which time was spent with the 217th General Hospital.

Their hospital was the first to receive patients from the D-Day invasion. They were brought in by air. Later the hospital moved over to France and they moved right back to the Army until they broke into Paris. Ed's outfit took over the La Patie Hospital from the Germans and handled as high as 1,000 patients per day.

Ed has the Bronze Star Medal for his services and a battle star for the Northern France campaign. He had 79 points at the time of his discharge.

#### 1ST LT. COLIN C. REILLY

is back from the CBI theater where he served for 10 months. He flew 26 missions in P-51's and was awarded the Air Medal. He was based in Hsian which is about 80 miles from the great bend in the Yellow River. The missions were to strafe, bomb and to give ground troops support in holding the Yellow River.

A traffic control operator at Chabua in Assam at one of Colin's stops turned out to be **Lt. John Rockey**, former **Aztec** student.

#### ENS. ROBERT RICKETTS, USNR

is on the campus after 14 months of overseas on the LST 839. He was in on the landing at Okinawa, and after that they hauled troops and supplies to Japan for the occupation.

Bob's ship was one of the first to hit Chimmu Wan (bay) which is on the eastern side of the island. That was on D-Day plus seven, and they continued to land air groups on the island throughout the campaign. For their part, the LST was awarded a Naval Unit Commendation. Bob is registering for the semester and is to major in English.

#### T/SGT. ALAN L. ROBBINS

is home with his discharge from the Army. He was in the 511th Parachute Infantry Regt., one of the regiments of the 11th Airborne Division which first saw overseas service in New Guinea. There they were in reserve for another outfit, but Alan saw his first actual combat duty on Leyte where they were assigned to clearing Japs out of the mountains back of the Ormoc pocket and Ormoc Bay. That campaign lasted for 35 days. Then the 511th was in a rest area for a month, but on February 4th, 1945, they jumped in Southern Luzon, 30 miles south of Manila. They pushed up to the city as one part of a pincer operation. At that time the 37th Division was moving down from Lingayen Gulf along with the First Cavalry Division.

Alan's outfit made another mission over to take Ft. McKinley, and then they prepared for the surprise attack on Los Banos prison camp where they released 2,100 American prisoners. Al was in on the releasing of those prisoners, in fact, his company was the only one that jumped in. The others came by Amtracs.

According to Al, "The prisoners were not in any hurry to get out of there. We were back of the Jap lines and were really in danger of being cut off, so we were under orders to get them out of there in a hurry. We loaded them on the Amtracs and forcefully evacuated them."

Apari was the third part of the campaign. "We jumped there, and made

the 35 miles down the Cagayan valley. That was rough walking, and my feet were in sad shape. There were blisters on the blisters."

Yamashita had had about 20,000 men up there, but they had pulled back into the hills, and they surrendered at the close of the war.

Al's outfit, the 511th, landed on Atsugi airport in Japan on August 29 as the first Americans to land in Japan in force. They cleared the water front around Yokohama for the landing of the sea borne troops.

Al said that their band was down at the water front playing "The Old Gray Mare" when the First Cavalry landed.

He is enrolling for the spring semester. Neither he nor his old pal who is with him, **Val Robbins**, has decided they will turn out for football this fall. "We are looking for an easy way to get into condition without doing too much work."

#### LT. MAURICE W. SAVAGE, USMCR

is now on inactive status and is back with the **San Diego Union**. While he was in the Marine Corps he participated in three campaigns, the Marshall Islands, Saipan and Iwo Jima.

On Saipan, Maurice earned a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star Medal. On Iwo Jima he earned another Purple Heart. He was a machine gun platoon leader in the 25th Marines.

#### S/SGT. BEN SIEGEL

of the 94th Infantry Division is home with his discharge. He was in the ETO and has four battle stars for his service. The first was earned in Northern France. The Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe followed in that order. In the Central European campaign he was struck in the head and in the arm by a bullet while taking Ludwigshaven later on. Following his being wounded he was shipped back to England, and he never got back into combat. In February of 1945 while in the Ardennes he had his hands and feet frozen and was hospitalized for a time but he was back in action in about two weeks (they needed men).

Ben has 61 points. He has a Presidential Unit Citation, the Purple Heart, and also the Combat Infantryman Badge. He is to re-enter **State College** in February.

#### SGT. FRED C. SMITH

of the 96th Infantry Division is home in civilian clothes and is enrolling for the new semester. Fred was one of the "famous 38 ERC men" who left the campus in 1943. He trained later with the 383rd Regiment of the 96th Division and was among the first invasion troops to hit the beach on Leyte on October 20th, 1944. Fred went through the entire Ley-

te campaign, being in combat for about 50 days out of the 60 days of the campaign.

He left the division for a time but re-joined it in the midst of the Okinawa campaign. The 96th was in the thick of the fighting in the southward push. In it they held the east end of the line. Toward the end of the operation Fred was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. He looks the same as ever, and hopes to play football again.

#### COL. KENNETH S. WADE

who was CO of the 47th Bomb Group in Italy has some more decoration. Now he has the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart and a Presidential Unit Citation. He also has a bronze arrowhead and seven battle stars. He is now stationed at the AAB, Orlando, Florida.

#### CPL. NILS WINTHER

who was in the ETO with the 102nd Infantry Division is back in San Diego in civilian clothes. He was in the Army for three years and was overseas for 18 months. He landed with his outfit in Cherbourg in September of 1944 and they moved across France to a point just north of Aachen. They were on the Roer River line during the Battle of the Bulge. Later they spear-headed from the Roer to the Rhine, and still later on a patrol, during the month of April, Nils went to within 60 miles of Berlin.

Just after they crossed the Rhine, Nils was struck by a bullet in the leg. It was not serious so he remained with his unit. He has two battle stars and had 58 points when he was discharged.

Nils had the opportunity of attending the GI University down at Biarritz in SW France for two months. There he met **Lt. Larry Devlin** and his new bride. Nils, Larry and Mrs. Devlin took a trip through the Pyrenees. Larry is mess officer at the University. "He gave me a couple of mighty nice steaks."

#### LT. COMDR. CHARLES WITT

who was with a Photo Recon Squadron in the Pacific has been awarded the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross and a Gold Star in lieu of a second Distinguished Flying Cross.

#### 1ST LT. W. PAT WYATT, USMCR

is on terminal leave. He has the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with two Gold Stars, and the Navy and Marine Corps Medal. He was a dive bomber pilot in the First Marine Air Wing in the South Pacific.

**Lt. John Rockey** wrote from Chabua, India, saying that he intended to be home soon. We'll get his story in at length when he gets home.

#### OUR DATA ON KILLED AND MISSING

should be brought up-to-date. We have had 117 reported killed in action and in training. There are still 13 men listed as "missing" on the **News Letter** files. Please send in any news about them. They are as follows:

**Lt. Joseph Barkley, USNR**  
**Lt. Forest H. Brown**  
**Capt. Richard W. Burch**  
**Capt. C. Gene Erdman**  
**Don Finney**  
**1st Lt. Gilbert Fitzell**  
**1st Lt. Robert Griffith**  
**Lt. Edward L. Imblum**  
**Lt. Howard E. McBride**  
**Lt. Gilbert Quon**  
**Capt. Jerry Thomas**  
**Carson Spade**  
**Lt. Frank R. Verduco**

#### MUSTERED OUT OF SERVICE

(These **Aztecs** were reported mustered out of service during the month. Please send in any additions that we should have. Also let us know who has returned from overseas. Thanks, LCP.)

**Lt. (jg) James Ahler**  
**T/5 Reynold H. Alber**  
**1st Lt. Earl Allison**  
**Pfc. Frank Alverson**  
**T/5 Paul M. Arriola**  
**Maj. Herbert R. Bachrach**  
**Cpl. Morrow Bagda, USMCR**  
**AC Charles Blackburn**  
**S/Sgt. William B. Boone**  
**Lt. James H. Borders, Jr.**  
**Lt. (jg) Walter R. Borg**  
**Lt. Fred S. Brackett**  
**T/5 Herman J. Branin**  
**Ens. Charles Byrne, USMS**  
**Ens. Ted R. Carrell**  
**John B. Carroll, PhM1c**  
**S/Sgt. Gerald Cassidy**  
**Ens. Stanley R. Cobb**  
**I. G. Cotton, QM2c**  
**Lt. George W. Cowan, USMS**  
**1st Lt. Wallace Criswell**  
**S/Sgt. Donald J. Crouch**  
**Ricardo de la Cruz, CSK**  
**Cpl. Merrill G. Douglas**  
**Capt. John L. Doyle**  
**Pfc. Robert C. Drescher**  
**Milton Effron, PhM1c**  
**Lt. Ross A. Evans, USNR**  
**Ens. Orville Faulkner**  
**Lt. William S. Fay**  
**Pfc. Leonard Fierro**  
**Lt. Robert E. Ford, USNR**  
**Sgt. H. F. Fritzenkotter**  
**Cpl. Robert A. Ganger**  
**Lt. (jg) Murl Gibson**  
**Ens. Louis D. Gill**  
**Lt. Warren Golson**  
**Lt. Christy Gregg, USNR**  
**Lt. Ben Hammerschmidt, USNR**  
**O. B. Handley, Sp(t)3c**  
**Lt. Clarence Harris, USNR**  
**Lt. (jg) Alfred Arthur Hart**

**Sgt. William B. Hollenbeck**  
**T/5 E. L. Howell**  
**Lt. Thomas Hungerford, USNR**  
**Capt. James W. Jenkins**  
**Richard Jessop**  
**Pfc. Frank Kinsella**  
**Lt. Walter J. Krarup**  
**Lt. Joseph E. Kurtz, USNR**  
**Lt. (jg) Bernard Lamb**  
**Pfc. Jonathan Lippitt**  
**Pl. Sgt. Allison Lutterman**  
**J. K. Macpherson, PhM2c**  
**T/5 M. D. Magnusson**  
**Thomas McGraw, PhM1c**  
**Lt. Comdr. J. B. McLees**  
**Lt. (jg) Jack Edward Meltzer**  
**Harold E. Micken, AER.M3c**  
**T. H. Milligan, P/O RCAF**  
**Lt. (jg) Doil Millsap**  
**1st Lt. William Mohler**  
**Lt. (jg) D. E. Newman**  
**Bert Nichols, MM1c**  
**M. A. Old, CM1c**  
**Lt. Douglas R. Olson**  
**S/Sgt. Arthur Owens**  
**Lt. Edward Preisler, USNR**  
**Sgt. Francis Ramsay**  
**Lt. Maritt John Rand, USNR**  
**Ens. William Redelings**  
**S/Sgt. Edward Reese**  
**1st Lt. Colin C. Reilly**  
**Ed. Requa, QM2c**  
**Lt. (jg) Virginia Rice**  
**Ens. R. L. Ricketts**  
**Lt. Frank A. Riehle, USNR**  
**Lt. Robert A. Riehle**  
**T/Sgt. Alan L. Robbins**  
**Auburn R. Rogers, RM1c**  
**Lt. Maurice Savage, USMCR**  
**Lt. Earl J. Shackelford, USNR**  
**S/Sgt. Ben Siegel**  
**F/O Vincent Silva**  
**1st Sgt. Sam Simpson**  
**Dunton Skiles, CSK**  
**Lt. Ralph Skiles**  
**Sgt. Fred C. Smith**  
**Herbert Sorkness, CMO MM**  
**Sgt. Douglas St. Morris**  
**Lt. John H. Stalnaker, USNR**  
**Lt. David Steinman**  
**Lt. William D. Stewart, USNR**  
**Sgt. Arthur I. Stone**  
**T/Sgt. W. E. Stovall**  
**George Taylor, WT2c**  
**S/Sgt. Winfield Tobey**  
**Lt. (jg) Willard Trask**  
**S/Sgt. John A. Vandewalle**  
**Albert Vanoni, Sp (A)1c**  
**Lt. (jg) J. M. Vogel**  
**Gilbert Watrous, J/E**  
**Herbert E. Wells, QM2c**  
**Lt. Comdr. John K. Williams**  
**Lt. Lee B. Williams**  
**Cpl. Nils H. Winther**  
**Capt. Otto Wolgast**  
**Lt. Charles F. Wurr**  
**Lt. Wallace P. Wyatt, USMCR**  
**Sylvia Yellen, ARC**

#### CAPT. CHAPMAN L. BONE

who was in both the RCAF and the USAAF is home as a civilian. Chappie first went to Canada where he joined their RAF in October, 1941. Later he transferred to our Air Forces as pilot for Photo Recon work. He went over to England in January, 1944. He flew as a Recon pilot for 44 missions in the ETO. He also worked as a test pilot in Germany with an armament wing.

Chappie has the Air Medal, three Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the usual ETO ribbons and stars. He is back at **State College** and is majoring in economics.

**Capt. Earl Allison** is enrolling again on the **State College** campus after an even four years of service in the Army Air Corps. He took his training in B-25s and instructed in them from April, 1943, until January of 1945.

He flew down to Biak down off the coast of New Guinea and later moved to the Philippines and then to Okinawa where he flew only three missions before the Japs found out he was there. That was enough, and they immediately folded. After that Earl moved back to Morotai, and there he went on a rescue mission that was more exciting than most combat missions. A plane had crashed in the jungles of Halamahara. "The two survivors were picked up by natives and Japanese. The war had folded but we did not know whether the Japs knew that it had. We landed and went into the native village. The reception committee was about two dozen Japs who were standing on the beach as we landed in our Catalina. None of them could speak English, and none of us could speak Japanese. They motioned for us to follow them, and as we wandered back through the jungles we finally came to a little house. There were the two fellows, one with a broken leg and the other with severe lacerations. They were so delirious they hardly recognized us as Americans. The Japs wouldn't cooperate, but the natives helped us carry the men down to the beach in our litter baskets. The Japs still didn't do anything, but we got the men on the plane and carried them back to Morotai. Within four or five days the penicillin so improved their condition they were well on the road to recovery."

The Allison's have two children, **Janet Marie** who is two and a half, and **Earl Daniel** who is a year and three months old. Mrs. Allison is the former **Doris Powell**. Earl has finished eligibility in basketball, but will be around.

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**Lt. Col. Jack W. Hayes, Jr.**, 55th Fighter Gp. Hq., APO 374, PM, N. Y. wrote on his Christmas card mailed at Kaufbeuren, Germany:

"Kindly express my sincere greetings to the Student Body, Faculty and Alumni. I must express my thanks and admiration for the excellent job you have done with the **News Letter**. Hope to be able to thank you in person before too long."

**Capt. James Stacy** is staying in the Army, at least for a while. He is assigned to the Inspector General's Section at Heidelberg. His address is:

**Capt. James E. Stacy**, I G Sect. 7th Army, APO 758, N. Y.

**Lt. Christy Gregg, USNR**, is back with the Sports Department of the **San Diego Union** after nearly four years of service. He was in charge of **THE HOIST** which is the NTC weekly paper, and he was also head of the center's public information office.

**Ens. William A. Redelings** has been mustered out and is back on the campus as a student majoring in Zoology.

**Pfc. Jonathan Lippitt** is back from the Pacific where he took part in the New Guinea, Southern Philippines, Luzon and Okinawa campaigns. He was with the Third Air Commando Group, evacuating wounded men from different fronts. Most of the casualties that they handled were in the Cagayan Valley in which **Gen. Yamashita** was hiding. John stayed there for a time, but part of their outfit went up to Okinawa. After the war ended he went up into Japan. For a time he lived in the Mitsui Aircraft Factory at Showa on Honshu about 20 miles north of Tokyo.

John had 55 discharge points and is again a civilian. He is "contemplating" returning to **State College** this semester.

**Ens. David Lippitt** is at Tsingtao with the Special C. B. Bn. No 32. **Lt. Comdr. Henry Lippitt, USNR**, is in Washington is a "Chairborne Commando" in Washington "manufacturing red tape for the Navy." He lives at 601 19th St. NW, in Washington D. C.

**Lt. John R. Watson**, 933rd Engr. Avn. Regt., APO 180, S. F., wrote from Okinawa:

"Things on Okinawa are beginning to get a little better now. The readjustment program is gaining momentum, the work program is slowing down, and a lot of changes are being made. The University of Okinawa is going to open soon with a pretty fair selection of courses."

**Lt. (jg) Haile Chace**, Separation 3, Naval Sep. Center, Shoemaker, Calif., wrote:

"The Aztec Reunions in the Bay Area have been very pleasant, and I sincerely hope we are able to continue them."

**Ernest Kirkpatrick, Y1c**, is getting his discharge from the USS Boxer. Aboard that ship with his was **Gene Edelbrock, RM3c**, a former Hoover High student and a probable future Aztec.

**Ens. Fred Benson** is in Hawaii where he has seen **Jim Reed**, **George Jessop**, **Bob Ricketts** and a few other old timers. His address is: Ens. Fred Benson, NAS, Navy 29.

**Lt. Louis R. Lepore, USMCR**, G Co., 2nd Bn., Second Marine Division, FPO, S. F., wrote from the Pacific saying that he expected to be home with the next point drop.

**Lt. (jg) Leland Nicholas**, Port Director's Office, NTS, San Diego, is one of the new addresses.

**John Vandewalle** is out of the service and is a civilian first class living at 2440 Pamo Ave. in San Diego.

**James Macpherson, PhM2c**, is home as a civilian. While in the service he was attached to the Third Marine Division and took part in the campaigns of Bougainville and Guam. Jim's job on Bougainville was taking care of casualties in the field.

Following the Bougainville invasion, they went to Guadalcanal where they re-trained and prepared for the invasion of Guam. He landed on the island on D-Day right behind the assault troops and was with them clear through until the island was secured. On the ship that carried him to Guam was **Chuck Ables**, but he missed out on seeing **Jack Chandler**. After the Guam campaign, Jim returned to the States and finally landed in the surgery department of the San Diego Naval Hospital. Now he is out with his 37 points and will again take pre-med at **State** after an absence of four years.

**Cpl. John Couvrette** is back on the campus as a student after 33 months of service. Of the 33 months, he spent 27 in the Pacific. First he was in the New Guinea campaign, then he was in the Bismarck and Southern Luzon campaigns. After the fighting was over, they went into the southern Ryukus.

John was in an air service company and their particular job was to do maintenance work on the planes to keep them flying. Most of the time he was with the Eighth Fighter Group. He has three battle stars, the usual campaign bars and 68 discharge points.

Now **George** and **Albert** are the only Couvettes from here in the service. that is, aside from their sister, **Jeanne**, who is with the ARC in Belgium. **Joseph** as previously noted, is a civilian and is living in Alabama.

**Lt. Howard R. Bullen, USNR**, is to be placed upon inactive duty as soon as he is released from the Naval Hospital. Lt. Bullen was USS PCE 870 which is an escort ship for convoys. He was in the South Atlantic for a year, and then he was in the South Pacific and the Philippines for another year. Their work was essentially anti-submarine work.

He has a battle star for the Philippines, and he has campaign ribbons for the Atlantic, Asiatic-Pacific, the American theater and the Philippine Liberation. Lt. Bullen has been in the service for three years and now he expects to return to the Sweetwater School system.

**Paul Goodbody, PhM1c**, is enrolling also. He was in the Navy for three and a half years and was stationed at various places—San Diego, Farragut and Shoemaker. He is to take pre-optometry.

**Lt. (jg) Willard Trask** who left **State College** in the spring of 1943 has been placed on inactive status. Willard was overseas in the Pacific for 22 months on the USS Leon (APA 48). Their first invasion was at Saipan and the ship carried Fourth Marines in the attack. Willard was small boats control officer and his job was to take the first wave into the reef, salvage boats that had been sunk or blown up, and to direct traffic into its proper channels. "Yes, the mortar barrage was plenty hot," was all Willard would say about that part of the landing. "We hauled back a lot of wounded Marines."

The USS Leon also took part in the invasion of Angaur in the Palaus. That one was easier. Leyte followed, then Luzon, and finally Okinawa which was their last combat landing. There they landed some of the Sixth Division. "Oh, yes, the Kamikases hit close. No, none of them actually struck us, but it really was close."

After the Japs folded, the Leon carried Army personnel to Korea, Marines to Tientsin, and Chinese troops to the Manchurian border and to Tsingtao.

Willard intends to stay in San Diego. Mrs. Trask, the former **Joyce Schmidt**, is employed in the office of the county superintendent of schools. They live at 1264 Robinson Ave.

**Cpl. Frank (Cannonball) Alverson** of the 127th Airborne Engineers is back on the campus after 20 months of overseas service which began in New Guinea and extended clear up to Japan where he landed in a C-54 with the 11th Airborne Division.

Frank's first campaign was easy, but Leyte was "much stiffer." The engineers did some fighting and helped bring out wounded men. For their third campaign they landed at Nasugbu which is southwest of Manila. They encountered light fighting until they entered Manila. That is where they had to do their toughest fighting. Frank, as a member of a demolition squad, had the job of deactivating and digging out land mines, deactivating 500-pound bombs that had been buried, and doing other similar tasks. "There were thousands of those 500 pounders buried along the roads and in the fields in the approaches to the city. All we did to them was uncover them, take out the detonators, and plug them up again. Then our self-propelled guns could pass right over them. All of this lasted about 15 or 20 days."

The 11th Airborne then moved into Southern Luzon and mopped up. A rest camp period followed.

"The trip up to Japan was uneventful. We flew over by Fujiyama and finally landed at Atsugi Airfield. In the

11th there were four Aztecs—**Lt. Clyde Coggins**, **S/Sgt. Al Robbins** and **Sgt. Ed Dieckmann**, besides myself. We were among the first Americans to land in Japan."

Frank who was known as "Cannonball" to us on the campus wears the parachute wings, three battle stars and a bronze arrowhead. He had 62 points.

**Lt. (jg) Robert W. Gardner, USNR**, was transferred recently from the USS Mellette (APA 156) to the USS Watsch (GC 9). The former ship is an attack transport on which Bob entered Tokyo Bay on August 28 with the Third Fleet. His new ship is a command vessel which was the flagship for the Seventh Fleet.

The Mellette took part in the invasion of Iwo Jima and Okinawa and Bob was there to see both D-Day landings. They landed on both Iwo and Okinawa. At other times they were busy hauling troops from Tulagi, Saipan, Ulithi and various other places.

Bob was assistant gunnery officer on the ship and was usually up on the flying bridge for the invasions. At Tokyo he landed with the first wave in the landing craft. He had a chance to run around the waterfront area before the MP's were posted to keep them off. One of the things he saw was an American plane (a Helldiver) painted with Jap markings.

**S/Sgt. John Ritchey** is home in civilian clothes. He is one of the few Aztecs to serve both in the ETO and the Pacific before coming home. John was with an engineering outfit and landed at Normandy just after D-Day. He went on through the campaigns across France, he was in the Ardennes, Rhineland, and finally Central Europe. After the collapse of Germany, John's outfit was transferred down to Marseille where they embarked for the Pacific Theater. At that time Japan had not yet folded, and it was not until after they landed on Luzon that the news of V-J Day came. From then on, the boys really wanted to come home. John had 74 points, and now he is planning on enrolling for the new semester. He was a catcher on the baseball team and a back on the football team back in 1942.

**Lt. Clifford A. Perkins, USNR**, is back from Hawaii where he was stationed for the past six months. Previous to that he was down in Panama for 21 months. He will probably be placed on inactive status in a few months, and then he hopes to enter some veterinary school. In the meantime, he is stationed at the 11th Naval District Hq.

**Maj. Ralph Small**, who graduated from **State College** back in 1931, is back from the MTO and is to receive his release from the Army in March. Maj. Small was overseas for 29 months. He landed in Oran in May of 1943 and on the third night there, Jerry plastered the place. The local display of ack-ack was something terrific. "The boys were trigger happy, and the officers had trouble getting them stopped. The next night there were no Jerry planes, and still they fired for about an hour."

Maj. Small was an intelligence officer with an ack-ack brigade, and they followed the war on up. They moved from Oran to Constantine, Tunis, then to Sardinia, Corsica and then over to the Fifth Army front in Italy. There were on the move and usually lived in tents up with the field artillery.

Ack-ack was being converted before the war was over and Ralph did some duty with AMG. This led to Rome, Pisa, Florence and Trieste. There they dealt with the "Jugs," where Maj. Small was stationed until he returned to the States.

Ralph formerly was in the old 231 but was not in the Pearl Harbor bombing. He had two battle stars and the usual campaign bars for the MTO region.

**Lt. William G. Matthie** (Box 595 RAAF, Roswell, New Mexico) wrote saying that they have a new girl in the family now. Their first child is a boy. Bill was shipped off to Kearns, but the Army soon shipped him back to Roswell to continue with his physical education program.

Bill sees **Lt. Olivier** and **Mrs. Olivier (Catherine Anderson)** and **George Schutte**, formerly of San Diego High.

**Maj. Frank L. Moore** is in Germany with the 45th Recon Sq. (Night Photo) APO 374. With him are several San Diego boys, one of whom is **F/O Harold Dill**. Maj. Moore signed up with the regular Army and is assigned to the OAF. He will be home for a leave some time in March.

**Don Clarkson**, former Aztec athlete, will be a member of the physical education staff until April 1 when **Coach Terry** will arrive. After that Don will go to the University of Oregon for his master's degree. He did rehabilitation and physical education work in the Army before he received his discharge.

**Sylvia Yellen** is back in Los Angeles after 25 months in the ETO. Her address now is 3951 1/4 South Van Ness St., Los Angeles 37.

**Ed Thomas**, UP War Correspondent, PIO Cincpac Hq., FPO, San Francisco, wrote from Honolulu:

"Just a quickie to let you know I am still in circulation, slowly working my way back to the mainland from the Forward Area.

"I noted in your V-J number that you speculated that I might be aboard the Old Missouri in Tokyo Bay for the surrender ceremonies, but unfortunately I missed that one. I was overheard in a Superfortress, though, and had a grand overall view of the Tokyo Bay area and the setting from 800 feet. We stayed up there a couple of hours, then returned to Guam.

"I came to Honolulu from Guam late in September. Turned down a chance to go to the Orient because I was homesick for civilization and a bit tired of plane rides and field rations. Honolulu is a great place to relax and catch up on a lot of things missed on the Islands further out. I expect to be here for a few weeks more and hope to be home for my first Christmas with my parents since 1941. I'll vacation for a month, and then I am slated for another assignment, but just exactly where it will take me is still unknown to me.

"I ran into **Lt. Darwin Flakoll** and **Ted Laven**, both former **Aztecs**, here in Honolulu. Flakoll is already back in Washington, I believe. Laven has been out here some time representing Consolidated Aircraft.

"I note in No. 44 that **Pfc. Carl Wolfarth**, an old friend of mine at **State**, was injured when a Kamikaze hit the New Mexico. I remember that incident well. It was off Okinawa, not Japan, and I was in a command ship about 700 yards away. It hit before anyone knew there was a Jap plane in the area. Didn't know Carl was aboard at the time or I would have looked him up. We were plenty worried about the boys on the New Mexico for a while."

#### DELTA CHI PHI SORORITY

has started an alumni chapter in the Los Angeles area. They met at different homes each time and so far there are about 12 members who are attending the meetings. Any Delta Chi Phi alumnae interested in the meetings should contact **Mrs. Robert Grice (Roberta Calvert)** at 1708 South Sixth St., Los Angeles. The meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month.

**Capt. James Stacy** is still in Germany. He is to stay in the Army and will be over there a while longer.

**Lt. Edwin Swann** should be on his way back from Misamari, Assam, by this time.

#### NEW ORDER IN THE CAFE

By Phyllis Russell

There is now a definite change in the atmosphere of the **Aztecs'** favorite roosting spot, the Cafe. For many years the Cafe has been the social center of student life. Then, either due to the extra money jingling in pockets formerly void of anything but street car tokens, stray buttons, and runned-down pencils, or perhaps due to a new heavy-eating type of student, the Cafe began to have growing pains. Firstly the juke box was removed, because it caused too much noise and confusion. Soon separate fountain and hot plate lines were formed, and finally, during Christmas vacation a whole new order was initiated with the approval of student body leaders.

In order to eliminate the haphazardness and expense of employing student workers on a split shift basis, a full-time bus-boy, dish washer, and cashier were hired, although a few student employees are still retained. The new cashier, charming **Laura Washburn**, is not only competent but always has a warm smile and a cheerful greeting for each and every student. **Andy's** new assistant, **Jerry Bevilagua**, is also a welcome addition to the staff, for he is agreeable, humorous, and extremely efficient.

**Lee, Ruby** and **Vera** are here in their respective capacities as fountain clerk, cook and salad maker. They have never lost their sweet tempers, and they remember all of you fellows. They like some things in the new order, but they think that it can never be the same until you come home.

The most noticeable physical changes have been inaugurated to speed up food service. The familiar counter stools and a portion of the southern end of the fountain were removed. A roped off serving line commences here, progresses down past the fountain to the hot plate section near the kitchen door, turns left and passes the salad and milk show case, now completely packed in crushed ice. Next comes the delectable looking dessert section, containing many new delicious concoctions, and finally, near the patio door, we reach the cashier.

Seating capacity has been increased with fifty seats so that cafology is still possible but only during the quiet, non-rush hours of the Cafe.

When you fellows return to campus, either to visit or to resume your studies, you'll find "**Boss**" **Andy** with the same twinkle in his eye and just as congenial as ever, even though he may be rushing around trying to dream up new ways to feed the ever-hungry **Aztecs**, plan food menus, prepare banquets, keep the staff clicking efficiently etc. **Andy** will want to see you old timers especially because he has a soft spot in his heart for you

and says: "The bums that are going to school now are nothing like the old boys were . . . they really worked!"

**Cpl. J. H. West**, Recovered Pers. Det. Hq. AFWESPAS, APO 707, S. F., wrote from Iloilo City, Panay, P. I.:

"Since I wrote you last, I've done a bit of traveling. Our trip to Japan to release and process the POW's was delayed because of lack of shipping facilities,—so my team didn't arrive in Aomori until the 25th of September, and of course all the P. O. W.'s in our area had already liberated themselves and made their way down to Yokohama, where a group of our teams took care of them. My team stayed up in Aomori prefecture for two weeks picking up records the Japs forgot to burn, and doing some other investigating. We rode down to Tokyo in a second-coach (which wasn't so bad), and then flew back to Manila. We flew over both Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and I can truthfully say our air force really did a complete job there as well as on all the other large cities. On our arrival at Manila, we were assigned to an Investigation team, and sent down here to Panay to investigate and process civilians who worked for the War Dept. after Dec. 7, 1941."

**T/5 Chas. D. Clark**, 604th Malaria Survey Det., APO 98, PM, S.F., wrote from Osaka:

"I received a copy of this year's **Del Sud** from my good friend **Jean Cotant** and boy did it make me homesick for that old campus. It is very popular with the fellows here also and will bring new recruits for good old State from all appearances.

"Please let me extend to you my sincere appreciation for a job well done. You will never know just what the Letter has meant to the men on the service. A rousing cheer for a wonderful piece of work.

"Occupation of Japan can be very dull at times and at others quite interesting. Our unit is now engaged in making blood surveys of the native population in the villages surrounding the military installations of Osaka and the outlying districts.

"Last week we took blood from 110 inhabitants of the village of Nozaki. We are looking for Filariasis and Malaria. Our workroom was a Buddhist Temple. We all had to remove our shoes and go running around in our stocking feet. It proved to be very educational however. Next time we will know enough to take slippers."

**Walter J. Krarup** is working as a civilian at the NTC in San Diego. He lives at 4170 Park Blvd., San Diego.

#### VETERANS SEEN AT RECENT BASKETBALL GAMES

On the floor: **Charley Smith** as coach; **Sully Hartigan** as business manager; **Bill Patterson** and **Barney Newlee** as managers (?); **Charley Hampton** and **Hal Summers** on the team.

**Bill Stoll**, **Phil Bulot**, **Bob Ricketts**, **Paul Casad**, **Wilbur Kelley**, **Chris Franovich**, **George Kimball**, **Fred Carr**, **Bill Nettles**, **Don Newman**, **Don Kiel**, **Leo Calland**, **Al Robbins**, **Val Robbins**, **Fred C. Smith**, **Bob Langsett**, **Bob Rivera**, **Phil Thatcher**, **John Boyle**, **Bill Beany**, **Bill Koller**, **Charley Byrnes**, **Bud Quade**, **David McLees**, **Bob Menke**, **Chuck Ables**, **Emmett Fowler**, **George Forbes**, **Dwain Kantor**, **Art Sherman**, **Orville Ball**, **John Burnett**, **Jim Hurley**, **Bud Pierce**, **Bert Nichols**, and **Hilbert Crossthwaite**.

And then had you gone to **Katie's (Andy's)** after the game you would have seen some of the above and others too. **Katie** is still the same as ever and always asks about different ones who are in the service or just getting out. **Katie's cheeseburgers** are about the only things in these parts that have not suffered because of the war. LCP.

**Lt. Pete Siguenza**, USMCR, is back on Guam, his native land. Pete came to Coronado High and **State College** from Agana. Then he joined the Marine Corps and went out with the Third Division. He missed the fighting on Guam because he was at OCS at the time, but now he is Assistant Special Services Officer with the Third Marine Regiment, Third Division. **Navy News** ran quite a story telling how Pete came near being thrown in the cooler for associating with his own family. With the story was a fine picture showing his brother and three sisters. Should any of you have a chance, drop around to see Pete. LCP.

**Lt. Jack Stalnaker**, USNR, is enrolling after 44 months of service. He was overseas for 23 months during which time he piloted dive bombers, torpedo bombers, and patrol bombers. He was in the Solomons most of the time and then for a time flew air-sea rescue work in Hawaiian waters.

While in the Solomons Jack flew missions against Rabaul, Bougainville, Shortland Islands and other islands in that vicinity. Aside from many patrol trips he flew about 75 missions.

Jack is taking a pre-dental course and intends to finish up later at USC.

The **Eidemillers** have a daughter, **Marilyn Ann**, born January 28. The father is **Don**, formerly a JG in the Navy. The mother is the former **Roberta Billings**. Mother and daughter are doing nicely.

**Lt. Comdr. James Bertram McLees, Jr.**, is back in San Diego as a civilian. As you probably know, Bert is the son of **Mr. McLees**, county clerk, and he was our deputy district attorney. After his terminal leave, he is to return to that position.

Bert was in the service for 41 months, and he had 31 months of sea duty. First he was in the Armed Guard as Communications Officer, and on a Liberty ship, he took part in the invasion of Sicily. He later was transferred to the USS Peiffer (DE 588) as First Lieutenant. Later after having served for a time as Executive Officer, he was made CO of the ship. That was in November, 1945.

The Peiffer did convoy duty and patrol work. She escorted transports into Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines, and then she formed an anti-submarine screen astern of them while they unloaded.

Bert looks the same as ever and you'll find him on the job when that terminal leave is up.

**Pfc. T. W. Livingston**, 97th Mecz. Rcn. Trp., APO 445, PM, San Francisco, is stationed in the Red Cross Service club at Kumagaya, Japan as librarian. He wrote his father, **Mr. Livingston** of the faculty, that he likes the library work better than MP duty and that he has the library functioning from 10 in the morning until 10 in the evening.

Ted told of the Japanese girls being able to trim the GI's at ping-pong. He also told of their "Rice Bowl" game that was played on the grass between the runways of their airfield. "They had to convert from 'Touch' to 'Tackle' football in just a week and a half, but they played a good game nevertheless."

(Drop by to see Ted if you ever go to Kumagaya. He ought to be easy to find, and he would like to see you. LCP.)

**Ens. Virginia Belle Laning (HW)** USNR., daughter of **R. Adm. Richard Henry Laning, USN.**, and **Mrs. Laning**, became the bride of **Lt. Edward Dominic Hogg, USNR.**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. William T. Hogg**, of New Orleans, Sunday, Nov. 25 at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City.

The bride attended **San Diego State College**. **Lt. Hogg** is a graduate of Tulane Univ. engineering school, and spent the war years on the USS **BAR-RACUDA**. The couple will reside in New Orleans.

**Mildred Fluck**, former **State College** student and world traveler, is now in Alaska working on a civilian job. Last summer Mildred was writing us from Mexico City. Now her address is: **M. Fluck**, General Delivery, Juneau, Alaska.

#### AZTEC COACHES AND TEACHERS IN AND AROUND SAN DIEGO

by Bob Lantz

(Bob is a former **State College** student and sports writer who is now writing sports for the **San Diego Union**. During the past season he covered high school sports, but occasionally he gets a chance to report Aztec games. He was asked to write us a column about **Aztecs** in athletics in the San Diego area. LCP.)

Represented in nearly every local high school and junior high, **San Diego State College-trained** coaches and physical education men are steadily adding to a long record of service and accomplishment in this field. The war did much to emphasize the importance of the work of these men in instructing youth in physical development, self-defense and sportsmanship and with the return of peace and the long-heralded boom in postwar athletic activity both in school and out, such training will take on even more significance.

Here is a brief listing of some of the **State College** men now active either as coaches or officials:

Starting right on the **State College** campus, **Charlie Smith** long has been an important figure in the local coaching ranks. Charlie at present is handling the **Aztec** varsity basketball team and this spring will handle the destinies of the college's baseball club. Well versed in these sports in addition to football, which he also played in his college days, Charlie is well known for his ability to impart fundamentals of play in the various sports and for his knack of getting the most out of inexperienced players.

**Lt. Comdr. Morris H. Gross**, former head basketball coach, still is stationed at St. Mary's Pre-Flight and is reported considering several attractive coaching offers made contingent upon his release by the navy. **Leo B. Calland**, ex-head football coach, recently accepted a post as head of the city playground and recreation department, a position that will keep him active in sports although out of the coaching ranks.

Hoover High School is represented by two ex-**Aztecs**, **Pete Walker** and **Aubrey Bates**. The latter still is in the navy while Walker was released from the same branch a few days before the start of the '45 football season.

At San Diego High three former **Aztecs** also form an important part of the gym staff and a fourth, **Lt. Ed Ruffa**, is expected to return. **Bill Bailey**, who moved to the Hilltop from Pt. Loma High several years ago, piloted San Diego to its second straight city prep football title in 1945. **Merrill Douglas**, recently discharged after three years in the army, will take over as head basketball coach with the start of the '45-'47

term. **Johnny Brose**, his predecessor, has announced his retirement from the coaching field, but will continue in the department as a class instructor. When **Ruffa** left to enter the navy he was head track and field coach.

Sweetwater High also has two former **State College** athletes on its gym department staff. **Gordon Cox** has served as acting football coach for the past three years and **Glenn Warren** as his assistant in that period. **Warren** also pilots the Sweetwater baseball team and **Cox** the basketball and track aggregations. Pt. Loma High is represented by **Herb Ward**, who coaches football, baseball, basketball and track.

**Paul Mott** is at Memorial Junior High, **Bill Raaka** at Wilson Junior High and **Paul Cheesman** at Kearny Junior-Senior High. **Charlie (Sunday) Durland**, who served on Guadalcanal, has been on the staff of Coronado High for two seasons. **Clayton Henry** is at Lakeside Junior High and **Alex Alexander** is at La Mesa Junior High.

**Jack Hoxsey** is active as a basketball referee. **Max Glass** is at Beverly Hills High School, **Walt Sefton** was at Colton High when last heard from and **Ben Slavin** is teaching at a boys' military school in Wisconsin. This list is far from complete and doubtless many names have been omitted that should not have been, but this sketchy picture gives some idea of the work of **State College** men in this field.

A quick glance at the teacher's directory shows that there are many other familiar **Aztec** names around the county. Here is a list from which you should recognize some. Possibly some of these are still on their military leaves, but most of them are on the job.

**Howard Bullen**, Chula Vista Junior High; **Milton (Red) Cameron**, National City; **James Derrick**, La Mesa-Spring Valley; **Max Forney**, Coronado; **Vernon Fox**, Julian; **John Hancock** at Grossmont; **Wilson Hunt**, El Cajon Valley Union; **Jens Hutchens**, County Deputy Assistant; **Ohan Kerian**, Chula Vista Junior High; **George MacGillivray**, Ramona Union; **John A. Montgomery**, Dist. Supt. El Cajon Valley Union; **Alfred O'Day**, Sweetwater Vocational; **Eddie Priessler**, Carlsbad Union; **Gordon Wells**, El Cajon Valley Union.

In the city one sees **Al Churchman** as Principal of George Dewey; **Morris Howe**, principal of Ocean View; **Lawrence Carr** at Hoover High; **Werner Peterson** at San Diego High; **Ralph W. Smith** as vice-president of Kearny Junior High; **Frank Galindo** at Memorial; **Carmack Berryman** at Pacific Beach; **George Parry** at Roosevelt; **William Raaka** at Woodrow Wilson; and **Denver Fox** at Pacific Beach. And of course there should be many others.

## HOMEFRONT SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Charles Byrnes

(**Charley Byrnes**, formerly an ensign in the USMS and sports writer for the **San Diego Union**, was asked to write something for the **News Letter**. He has always shown great interest in the **Aztecs in Service**, and you'll be seeing more and more news under his by-line. Watch for his initials, "CB." Thanks, Charley, LCP.)

Now that my shoes are finally dried out, after all those months in the Great Northwest, where it is almost continuously "great weather for ducks," I'll try to round up a few sports items of interest to **Aztecs** still out of touch with the home town daily sports pages:

You'll find, when you get home, that **Bill Terry's** appointment as football coach (see story and photo elsewhere in this issue) isn't the only change in the athletic picture on the campus. **Comdr. Carl Young**, now at St. Mary's Pre-Flight, who left in 1942 as a physical education staff member, will return before too long to become director of athletics, according to an announcement by **Dr. Hepner** at the same time he announced **Terry's** appointment. **Young** also will relieve **Dean C. E. Peterson** as head of the physical education department, and is to be chairman of the newly established division of health, physical education and recreation.

It would appear that **Young**, with his many duties, may be as busy a man around campus as "Dean C. E." has been all these years while doing the work of three men as head of the physical education department, track and field coach and dean of men. Furthermore, **Peterson** has acted as director of athletics since **Morris Gross** (who will not return) left in 1942 to enter the Navy.

An **Omega Xi** basketball team whose lineup creates a nostalgia for the "good old Kansas City days" won the city recreation department's pre-season tournament, and got off to an early lead in the City league. Such names as **Dick Mitchell**, **Kenny Hale**, **Jim Ahler**, **Barney Newlee** and **Jerry Patrick** look mighty familiar in agate type in the game summaries. By the time you read this **Hale** and **Newlee** will be back on the **Aztec** squad—and perhaps **Patrick**.

A sign of old times returning: junior colleges transfers are beginning to show up again. The first is **Nick Roussos**, husky blocking back on Santa Ana Junior College's unbeaten national jaycee football champions in 1942. He was with the First Armored Division in North Africa and Italy.

**Orien W. (Junior) Todd**, not an **Aztec** but well known to most **Aztecs**, recently was appointed by **Gov. Earl Warren** to

the four-man state veterans' board. Most veterans will agree the governor couldn't have made a better choice. **Todd** was with the Marines in the Pacific for several years and recently was advanced to major in the Marine reserve.

The **Lettermen's Club** was host to a number of local high school athletes and their coaches at a banquet before one of the recent **San Diego-Fresno State** games. **Barkham Garner** (you won't find a more enthusiastic **Aztec** alumnus anywhere) was also on hand with six of his athletes from South Gate High School.

If you are a baseball fan (like **Dickie Thomas**, now back as **Aztec** sports publicity man) you'll be interested to know that the city council has approved tentative plans of the Padre ownership to build a new ball park with a seating capacity of 20,000 and an adjoining sports auditorium with a capacity of 8500. These structures would be built on a 33-acre tract opposite Convair Plant No. 2 north of the Marine Base.

**Lisle Shoemaker** writes that the new **Aztec** football coach will face one really serious obstacle when he shows up this spring. He has to find a house!

**Ricardo de la Cruz**, CSK, is home in civilian clothes after four years and four months of service. For 27 months he was aboard carriers, the last one of which was the USS **Yorktown**. On the "The Fighting Lady" they took part in the invasion of Okinawa and carried out strikes against Kyushu, Okinawa, Tokyo and the Kuriles. It was a torpedo squadron from their ship that sank the **Yamato** and several other ships in that particular Jap task force that had headed south toward Okinawa.

**Ricky** is to return to his old position in the main office of the Bank of America in San Diego. He is living at 2631 Ulric St. in Linda Vista.

**Capt. James N. Boles**, formerly a student at the University of California, but an avid reader of the **News Letter** while in the Pacific area is enrolling here for the new semester. **Capt. Boles** was with the 854th Engr. Avn. Bn. and saw service on Kwajalein, Guam and Okinawa. They built air fields with all of the necessary accommodations for the air forces.

**Capt. Boles** is taking a pre-legal course and looks forward to the football season. He played tackle at Hoover High and on the U. C. Frosh team.

**Chaplain (Captain) Ralph R. Bailey** Hq. 2nd Cav. Recn. Sq., APO 163, N. Y., is stationed about 10 miles south of Nurnberg in Germany. His duties take him over most of Bavaria every week.

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reports that:

"The faculty is growing with the student body. For the new semester we shall have at least nine additional members spread over the different departments. All of these have not yet been selected, however, we shall have **Dr. Dudley Robinson** back from the Navy in Chemistry, **Dr. William Lucio** back from the Army Air Force in Education as principal of the campus elementary school, and **Don Clarkon**, former **Aztec**, for two months in Physical Education until **Coach William L. Terry** reports for duty from the Navy."

## WEDDING BELLS

By Thelma Chamberlain

The marriage last December 9th of **Eleanor Spinola** to **Richard Lange** of Chicago in St. Mary's church in National City culminated a courtship that, appropriately, began on Capri. **Dick** was a much-decorated member of the 15th Air Force, and **Eleanor** was a member of the first WAC contingent to reach the MTO when they drew seven-day passes and met at a rest camp on the famed and romantic isle.

**Eleanor's** parents who reside in Hilo, T. H., were represented by **Dr. Lauren C. Post** of **State College** who gave the bride away and **Mrs. J. R. Hollingsworth**. The bride was attended by her sister, **Miss Beatrice Spinola**, and **Charles White** was best man. **Miss Pat White** was soloist for the occasion.

**Mr. and Mrs. Lange** now live in San Diego, and **Dick** is enrolled at **State College**.

**Cpl Robert Ganger** has enrolled again on the campus. He had been overseas in the Pacific for 19 months. His first campaign was in New Guinea at Wadke Island and Maffin Bay with the 31st Division. From there they invaded and took the island of Morotai. These campaigns lasted about seven or eight months, and then they retrained for the invasion of Mindinao. While the 24th was taking Davao, the 31st cut the island in two along with 40th and part of the 41st.

**Bob** was in several different kinds of companies, but it was while he was in rifle company that he did his heaviest fighting. This was jungle fighting and a routine of three day patrols which always took them out into the jungles fighting Japs and disrupting their supply lines. "Standing guard at night on those patrols was the worst part of that duty. It really was hell."

When the war ended, **Bob's** outfit was teaching new men who had come from the ETO what a real war was like.

He is going to turn out for football again this fall.

## MATRIMONIAL MERGERS

By Gretta Driver

The surprise of the month was the Yuma wedding of grid star **Orville Ball** and pretty **Laura Lou Sherman**. **Mrs. Ball** is a member of **Phi Sigma Nu** and **Orville** an **Omega Xi**. The newlyweds are now at home at the Riverlawn Dormitories.

**Lt. William A. DeReimer**, Army Air Corps, former **Aztec**, married **Dorothy K. Springer** in Texas on January 15th.

The Captain takes a Corporal. **St. discovered** that **Captain Bernard Harmer**, U. S. Army Air Corps, married **Cpl. Jane Charland** of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, several months ago. They will make their home in San Diego.

**Lois Jean Floto** and **Herbert Wilson Hall**, both former Staters, were married in La Mesa on January 20th.

**Lt. (jg) Raymond "Skeeter" Malcolm** used his 15 day leave from the USS **Montrose** to advantage. He was married to **Norma Baker**, a freshman here at State, on January 6th. The young couple planned to spend their honeymoon skiing at Yosemite.

**Theodora (Teddy) Ryan** and **Richard Carl Hussong** were married recently. **Dick** will continue his study of dentistry at the University of California.

Married away from home was **Grace Bates**, who became the bride of **Ens. Homer Pierce** in Pensacola, Florida.

**Marine Lt. Joseph Robert Kapsh** promised to "love, honor and protect" **Francesjane O'Neill** on January 26th. While at State, **Francesjane** was a **Phi Sigma Nu**. For their honeymoon they will drive to Gary, Indiana, to visit the parents of the groom. They plan to reside in El Centro.

**Sailor Thomas Melvin Powell** claimed **Connie Bateman**, **Shen Yo**, as his bride on January 27th. They will live in San Diego.

**Mrs. Rosaleen Remick Weimer** became the bride of **Dr. Peter Joseph Schneeman** at a morning ceremony at St. Didacus Catholic church on January 27th. **Mrs. Schneeman** graduated from State and **Mr. Schneeman** is a member of the **State College** faculty. The couple will be at home at 8443 Lemon Ave., La Mesa, after February 5th.

On January 2nd, **Lois Elaine Titlow** married **Marion N. Botu** in Indianapolis, Indiana. After a wedding trip to Canada, the young couple are residing in Highland Park, Michigan.

**Capt. Richard T. Bates, USA**, claimed **Bettina Avery**, of Los Angeles, as his bride last month. He recently returned from 30 months overseas.

**Nelson Fry** has been promoted to Sgt. He is still out in the Pacific (Okinawa) and hopes to be home in a couple of months.

## BASKETBALL

By Norrie West

Although Santa Barbara (State) college didn't come down to play the **Aztecs**, as scheduled Jan. 4 and 5, the State basketball team improved its .500 batting average by winning three of its last five games against tough opposition, splitting the San Jose State series up north, twice walloping Fresno State at home, and then losing a heart-breaker to the potent Pepperdine five, 44 to 40, in Aztec gym.

Up at San Jose the boys won the first evening, 40 to 32, as Center **Dick Barnes** hit for 18 points, but although the second night they had just as much offensive power the Spartans poured in the basket in a steady stream and won 51 to 50. **Barnes** was held to just seven markers, his poorest effort of the year.

Not discouraged, however, the Staters came home and were ready for Fresno State, trouncing them 48 to 29, the opening night, and sailing right back with more zip the next evening to shellac the Bulldog five, 57 to 33. In two more games the **Aztec** hoopmen bucked 105 points for their best scoring display of the season. They also showed excellent defensive basketball, and slowed the Fresno fast-break to a slow walk. That was Jan. 18-19.

Then Jan. 25 the Pepperdine quint, led by 6-foot, 7 1/2-inch Center **Nick Buzolich**, came to State gym, where the **Aztecs** hoped to avenge for an earlier defeat, 47 to 40, at the hands of the Pep boys, but it was not to be. The Wave cagers started a second-half uprising to overcome a 27 to 18 halftime score and clinched the decision with two baskets in the last three minutes. Both teams had 40 points up to that point.

Guard **Sal Gumina**, Forward **Buddy Caldwell** and Pivotman **Barnes** got 12, 11 and 13 points to spark the State attack, which never really rolled in the final stanza, simply because none of the fellows on Coach **Charlie Smith's** outfit could hit with any consistency.

That left the **Aztecs** with a seasonal record of six triumphs, against five defeats. They had rolled up 467 points in 11 games, for a 42.4 average. **Mister Barnes** had a fair total himself for ten outings, scoring 139 points for a 13.9 pace.

However, this week State faces the Amphibious Training base (Coronado) team in a game dedicated to the "March of Dimes", and then after that goes north to play Fresno State two more games, then home again for a series against San Jose.

But there will be some new and old faces in the lineup this semester. **Kenny Hale**, ex-State star and former Lit-

tle All-American, and his sidekick, Barney Newlee, are back to battle for the Red and Black. Another ex-Aztec, Chris Franovich, has joined the squad. All three are back from the wars, as is another candidate, Don Smith, former Hoover High ace. Hale will help the Staters, no end.

### OVER TWENTY-ONE

"Over Twenty-One," the successful Ruth Gordon Broadway play, has been taken over by a competent cast of Aztecs and will be presented in the State College Little Theater on February 28th and March 1st.

Martha Shown, former News Letter cover girl, and ex-Sgt. Sheldon Campbell are playing the leading roles. Don Derr, who was in the Army Air Corps at Tetley Field, Florida, the setting of the play, has the part of a fast talking Hollywood producer. Behind the scenes veterans are Bob Kelley, in the Infantry for three years, who is stage manager, and Bill Gaylord, ex-sailor, who is in charge of lighting effects.

Other members of the cast are Jane Allard, candidate for this semester's Blue Book Belle, as Jan, Ed Roche, as her husband, Roy. Bill Cordtz and Barbara Newman as Colonel Foley and his wife. Allen Richardson as Robert Gow, New York newspaper publisher, and Diane Driver as Miss Manley, the secretary.

The production is being directed by Miss Sybil Eliza Jones, assisted by student director, Diane Driver.

### S/SGT. ROBERT GRICE

is again a civilian after three years of service. He is in the XXI Army Corps Hq. in the ETO, and altogether spent 15 months overseas. Robert earned a battle star for the Ardennes campaign, another for the Rhineland and a third for Central Germany.

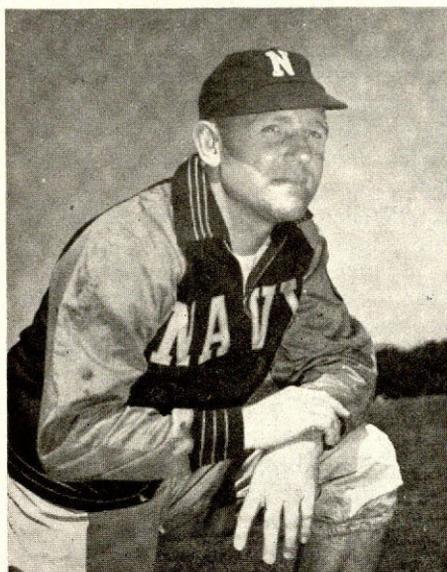
For meritorious service in the Colmar Pocket, Bob was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Most of the fighting was in the middle of the last winter and "we sloshed around in the snow in the Vosges Mountains."

Bob is to begin work in Los Angeles with the Board of Equalization, and he and Mrs. Grice (Roberta Calvert) will live at 1708 South Sixth St. in Alhambra.

### JEAN DOYLE

is another Aztec we are mighty proud to have among our ranks. Jean is one half of the national junior women's doubles championship team and is also ranked as the number two junior woman tennis player. She is 18 years old, she entered State College last fall from Point Loma High and is planning on a career in foreign diplomatic service in South America.

## HEAD FOOTBALL COACH



WILLIAM L. TERRY

Appointment of William L. (Gander) Terry, now on duty as a Navy lieutenant at the Corpus Christi (Texas) Naval Air Station, as San Diego State College's new football coach was announced January 15 by Pres. Walter R. Hepner.

In going far afield for the first time to select a football coach—across the Mississippi River to Kentucky—the college named a gridiron mentor unknown locally, but one whose widespread recommendations and college coaching record earned the approval of the faculty-student athletic committee.

The 38-year-old Terry, before accepting a commission in the Navy pre-flight physical training program in 1942, was head coach for four years at Western Kentucky State Teachers College, where his teams compiled an enviable record of 29 victories, 7 losses and 3 ties. Western Kentucky State is a college of some 4000 students.

The new Aztec coach also has added to his coaching experience since entering the Navy. Before going to Corpus Christi, where he heads the physical training department, he was an assistant football coach at St. Mary's Pre-Flight. He is scheduled for release from the Navy in April in time to take over the Aztec squad for spring training.

Although the first to receive an appointment on a permanent basis, he is actually the third Aztec football coach since Leo Calland left in 1942 to enter the Navy. John Eubanks, a Washington State alumnus, coached a war-depleted squad in 1942, after which the sport was dropped until Bob Breitbard, a Calland pupil, set the stage for Terry by assembling a team last season as a volunteer, unpaid coach. Terry will have a nucleus from Breitbard's squad—which beat Fresno State for its most

auspicious accomplishment—plus considerable new football talent expected to be on hand next fall. Calland is now an assistant city manager in charge of recreation.

A review of Terry's background reveals that the Irish southerner was graduated from Marion (Ky.) High School, then entered Western Kentucky State, where he participated in football, basketball and track. After graduation, he did post-graduate work at U. of Illinois, U. of Kentucky and Indiana, earning his Master's degree from the latter.

He began his coaching career at Marion High in 1932, but in 1935 joined the coaching staff at Western Kentucky State. He became head coach in 1938 and had unusual success as his won-lost record shows. Information presented to the Athletic committee indicates that he places great stress on fundamentals, but that he coaches "wide open" football.

Terry was not interviewed by the committee before being appointed, but he was known personally to Comdr. Carl Young, Aztec physical education staff member who has been on continuous duty at St. Mary's Pre-Flight. It is known that Young, after observing Terry at St. Mary's strongly recommended him. Other recommendations he presented included those from Ray Morrison, of Temple University, president of the American Football Coaches' Association; George (Potsy) Clark, former All-American, now at Nebraska; Merwin E. Potter, University of Kentucky, and Jules V. Sikes, assistant football coach at University of Georgia.

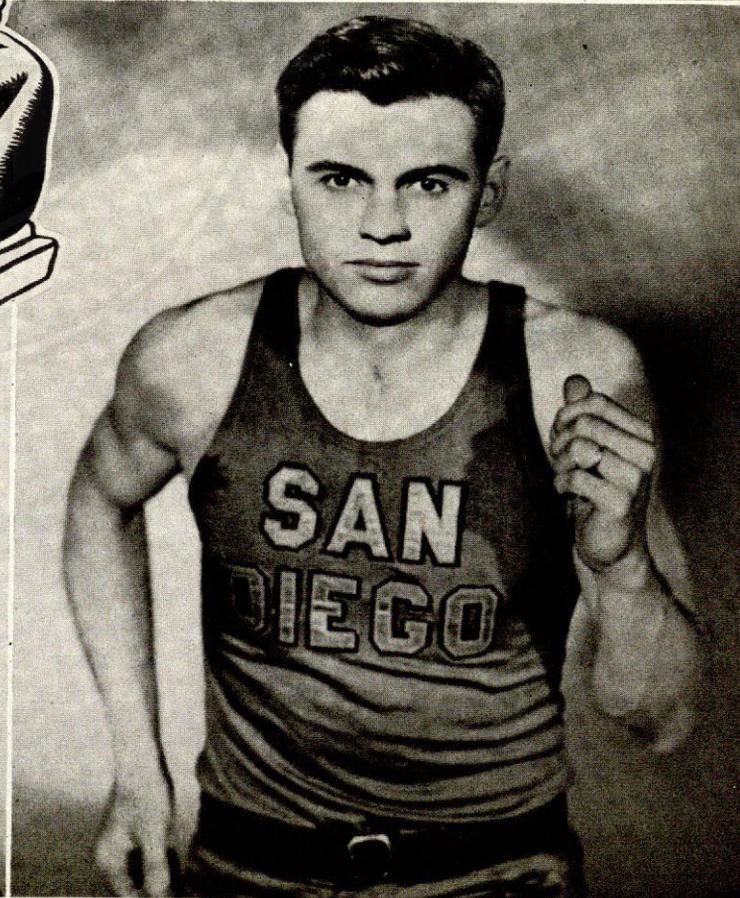
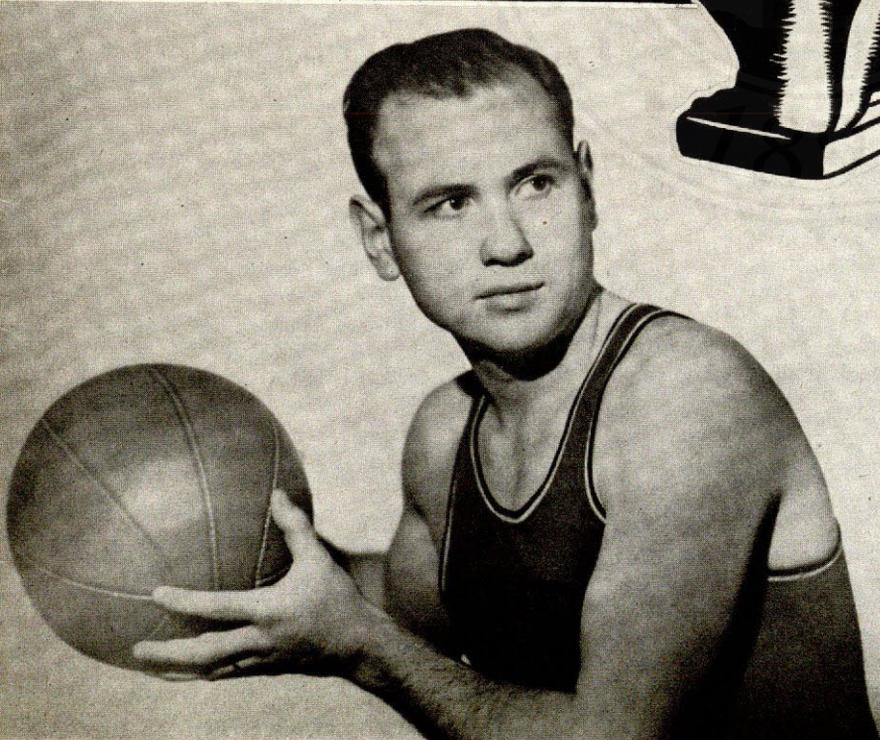
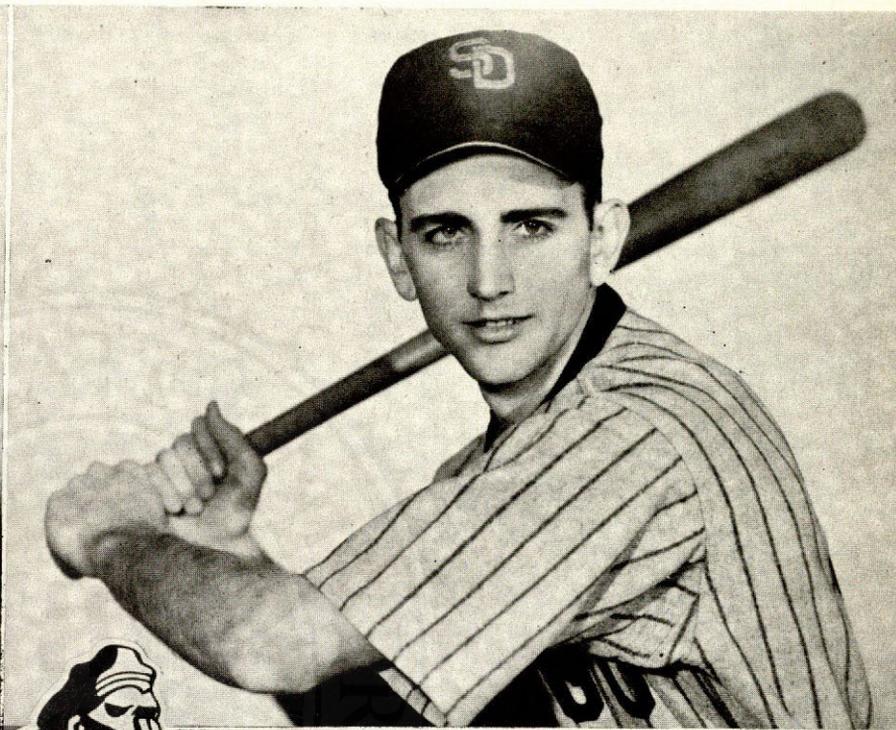
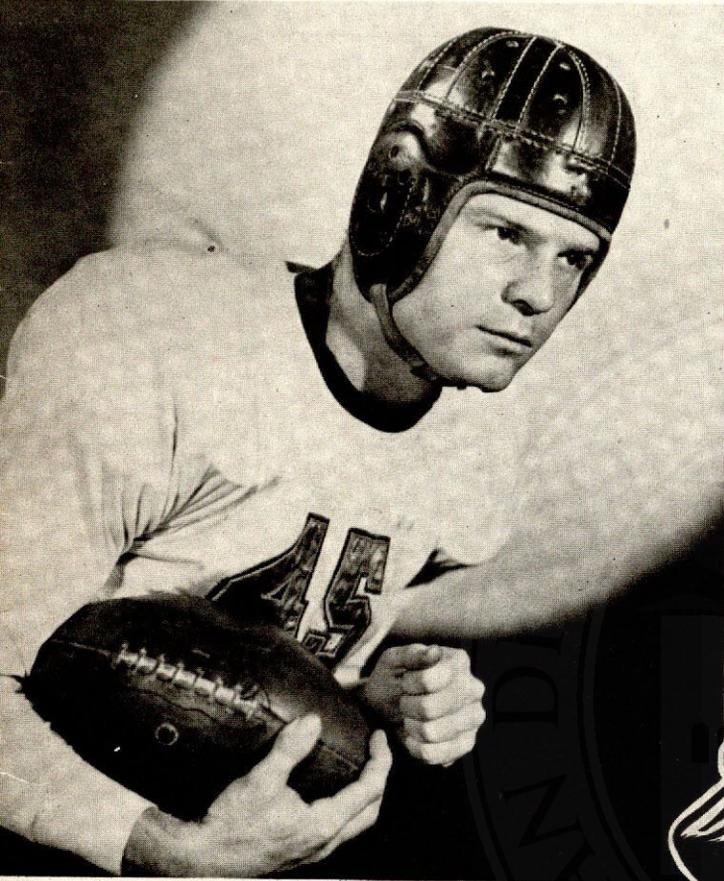
Dr. Hepner stressed that Terry also is qualified as an instructor in physical education, track, wrestling, gymnastics and swimming. He is married and has a 14-year-old daughter. CB.

Lt. Vernon D. (Red) Allen who was a football tackle at State College back in 1940 is on terminal leave from the Army. He spent two and a half years ack-ack and anti-submarine patrol, in Bermuda, and later he went to OCS at Ft. Benning, Ga. He was commissioned in one of their late classes. The date was December 13, 1945. Now he is thinking of enrolling at State College for the new semester.

W. R. Richards, ACRM, YT-75 (CVS No. 42)USS. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, FPO, New York is one of the new addresses we received.

Lt. (jg) Richard St. John, ABTU, Box 27 R. B., NAS, Banana River, Florida, wrote that he made a trip out to the Western Pacific and then came back to the States by way of Oahu.

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**"Montezuma, we're back!"**

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

This is the 48th and last one. Next month you'll get the **Aztec Alumni News Letter** edited by Charles Byrne. See note on the last page. Give him the full support that you have given me in the past four years, and you will have a fine publication sponsored by the Alumni Association.

This task has been a tremendous one, a far greater one than was thought in the beginning. The first **News Letter** was mimeographed, and the budget for it was \$15, all underwritten by the editor. The publication grew in size, in amount of news carried, and in circulation. It developed a large reading public of service men and women and the **News Letter** was read by many civilians. It was your editor's policy to keep the local followers of **State College** informed about our service men so that when you returned, you would not be forgotten men and women. Many of you became known to the public only through the **News Letter**. News about the **News Letter** extended its usefulness, especially during the years when our enrollment was low and news was scarce.

Financing the **News Letter** has been equally unorthodox. No cause was a more favorable one for the raising of funds, and you men could be counted on for contributions any time we ran a "commercial" asking for help. From the \$15 budget on No. 1, we ran up into some pretty high figures. Postage ran up to \$100 per month as each overseas letter took 6 cents and one month each letter took 9 cents. But everything succeeded. Once when we were seeking new methods of meeting expenses three unofficial "advisers" offered these suggestions: Print fewer copies, use cheaper paper, and cut out the picture. Instead, we increased the circulation, we continued to use the best paper we could get and we used more and better pictures. We wanted you to

have the best and we wanted you to be proud of it. The kitty immediately rose to about \$1,000 at which time we had to get the addressing machine at a total cost of a little more than \$500. Altogether in contributions, gifts, and sales the **News Letter** acquired or raised just about \$10,000, easily the largest amount raised by any **State College** activity. Next month when the last sale returns are in and all bills are paid you will get a more complete statement of what is being turned over to the Alumni. For the issue that the Alumni helped sponsor several years ago they are getting all of the balance on hand besides the addressing machine and the use of all of the records and files. (The files rightfully belong to the Library.)

Those files have been kept with considerable detail. Without the **News Letter** and its filing system, we would not have any idea how many of our men entered the service, we would have no record of the killed, wounded, missing, prisoners, decorated, or discharged men and women. As it is, our record of **State College's** part in the war is fairly complete. Of course no such record would ever really be complete, but ours is better than average. All of the correspondence is filed by months in 48 stationery boxes, and the library has several bound sets of **News Letters**.

The address file has been referred to by students, faculty members, the administration, and by the service men themselves. The publishing of addresses helped hundreds of **Aztecs** to find each other the world over.

The picture panel showing the **Aztecs in Service** was an outgrowth of the **News Letter**. It is intact and pictures are still coming in for it. The panel is to be kept up until a later date when a suitable memorial plaque is to be erected honoring the men who gave their lives during the war.

When the news was coming in at its greatest rate, about V-E Day, the **News Letter** could handle only about 10 per cent of the news received. As the service news dwindled the men asked for home front news. That fitted in with the notion of an **Alumni News Letter** and that section of the **News Letter** has grown correspondingly.

Running a **News Letter** is a big job, and it involved much time and many trips with the car, but we feel more than fully compensated for it all because of the pleasure it brought to our men and women in all corners of the globe and the many friends that Mrs. Post and I have made through this particular kind of war effort.

Some of you also have contributed much. We know that the men appre-

ciate what you did. We didn't publicize contributions although they are all written down in Mrs. Baker's little black book in the Bookstore. With the mailing of this issue and the turning over of all the cash funds on hand, the addressing machine, and other appurtenances to the **Alumni Association**, my responsibility will be at an end.

It was a lot of fun editing the **News Letter**, but let's not have another war! Best of luck and we will be seeing you.

Sincerely,  
Lauren C. Post  
Editor Emeritus

## LT. HOWARD E McBRIDE

who has been missing from a bombing mission over Japan since January 23, 1945, has since been declared deceased according to a letter from Mrs. E. Joyce McBride of 10 June St., Palm City, Calif.:

"Dear Dr. Post:

"I want to inform you that I received a letter from the War Department last week saying that my husband, Lt. Howard McBride, was declared legally dead. He had been missing since January 23 of last year from a B-29 mission over Nagoya, Japan. I think his last mission was about his 12th, but I am not sure. He participated in the very first mission over Japan in November of 1944 and was very proud to be one of the few **Aztecs** who did. I have heard from some of his buddies on Saipan and they say that he is entitled to the Air Medal, but so far I have not received it.

"I want to thank you for continuing to send me the **News Letter**. I have read every issue with a great deal of interest as I attended **State College** for three and a half years, and it was there that I met Howard when we were freshmen back in 1935. The Alums have a job cut out for them to come up to the high standard that you have set with all 48 of your **News Letters**."

## LT. JOHN H. ADAMS

is back on the campus as a civilian. He was a bombardier and navigator in B-17s and was in the 8th Air Force in England until V-E Day. He flew 42 missions to targets in France, Belgium, Germany and Czecho-Slovakia. They crash landed with three engines shot out on January 10 of 1945. That was when they were flying about five times per week.

After V-E Day, John's outfit moved down to Marseilles, and they flew the Green Project between Marseilles and Casablanca. From there the ATC flew the men to the States. John flew 15 of these trips.

He has the Air Medal and six Oak

## THE FOUR ATHLETES

on the cover were chosen to depict the return of the veterans and athletes to the **State College** campus. They are your editor's own selection of men who were on the campus before the war, who went into different branches of the armed forces, and who returned to **State College**.

Lt. Harold Summers (baseball) was a pilot and instructor in heavy bombers and returned to us and made the basketball team. He has completed his academic work for his degree and has begun his career in baseball, his favorite sport.

Sgt. Charles Hampton (basketball) saw long service in the Army in the MTO and returned to us as a better and faster player than when he left us nearly five years ago.

Lt. (jg) John Macevitz, USNR, (track) was a Navy pilot and instructor. He also saw overseas service in the Pacific. His specialties are the 440 and the 880.

1st Lt. Valjean Robbins, USMC, (football) was a rugged end before the war and saw plenty of combat duty in three campaigns in the Pacific with the First Marines. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for leading an assault up Bloody Nose Ridge in the Palaus.

## IN MEMORIAM

So far the **News Letter** list shows that 117 **Aztecs** lost their lives in combat and in training during this war. Twelve others are still missing in action as far as we know. When the names of those who gave their lives for our country are listed on a memorial plaque, we hope that the list will be complete and accurate. If you know of any changes or additions that should be made in the following list, please send in the information. The list leaves no doubt that the **Aztecs** did their share in winning the war.

### Killed in Action or in Training

Capt. John E. Abbott  
Lt. Raymond L. Adair  
Pvt. Herman Addleson  
Pfc. Robert M. Alber  
Lt. James Norwood Amos  
Lt. Roger Armbrister  
Pfc. Martin F. Anderson  
Richard Aubert  
Lt. William E. Baldwin  
Allen Bailey  
Pfc. Richard H. Bailey  
Capt. John W. Bassett  
William C. Batchelor  
Pfc. John I. Beck  
Capt. Clair V. Berdel  
Lt. Jack N. Berg  
Lt. John Burdette Binkley  
F/O John William Borum  
Lt. Frank Braisted  
S/Sgt. Warren W. Brown  
Lt. Maxton Brown  
Ens. John C. Butler

Capt. Wesley E. Carter  
Lt. Dennis Chamberlain  
F/O Gordon Chamberlain  
Capt. Richard R. Clark  
Pfc. Richard W. Clark  
Robert Cochran, RM3c  
A/C Thomas H. Cozens  
Lt. George R. Dall  
Lt. (jg) Thomas J. Davies  
Lt. Edward B. Davis  
Sherman Denny  
Capt. Charles W. Dowell  
Lt. Leslie Duvall  
Capt. Wesley P. Eby  
Howard J. Engle  
Lt. George J. R. Ewing  
Lt. Adelbert Faulconer  
Lt. (jg) Paul A. Fern  
S/Sgt. Howard Flisrand  
Lt. (jg) John J. Fraser  
Lt. Jack Frost  
Robert M. Fuller, PhM3c  
Lt. Lyman Gage  
Lt. Joseph Norman Gates  
Lt. William Goodchild  
Pvt. Frank J. Guasti  
T/Sgt. Stanley Gue  
Lt. George E. Hammond  
A/C Warren Edward Hand  
Lt. James C. Hardin  
Capt. Mason Harris  
Lt. William S. Harshaw, USNR  
Pvt. William Headington  
Lt. Douglas Jacks  
Sgt. Kenneth L. Johnson  
Pfc. Charles P. Jones  
Lt. Richard Kates  
Lt. Arthur Kelley, USN  
Lt. James D. Koester  
Lt. Paul Kraemer  
Capt. Robert J. Landis  
Lt. Wendell Langford  
Lt. James Leonard  
Lt. Allen (Swede) Lovine  
Lt. Howard McBride  
Lt. John Megrew  
Lt. Maurice C. Morrell  
Pfc. George R. Mohr  
S/Sgt. Francis Moore  
Kenneth B. Moyer  
Lt. Raymond Mueller, USMC  
Lt. Russell Newbury  
Pvt. John R. Nolan  
Lt. Frank Oliver  
Lt. James (Penny) Parks  
Pfc. Royal A. Parks  
Lt. Sam Patella, USNR  
S/Sgt. Robert C. Peterson  
Ens. Atwell Milton Phelps  
Cpl. Raymond Craig Potter  
Lynn Rogers  
Lt. Kramer Rorig  
Lt. George Rosado  
T/Sgt. Richard W. Roth  
Capt. James Routh  
Cpl. Frank Ryan  
Lt. William E. Sage, USMCR  
James Samuels  
Sgt. Joseph Savage  
S/Sgt. Richard Sawaya  
Lt. Edward L. Searl, III

Ens. Maxwell Butler Sherwood  
Ens. William B. Shropshire  
A/C Paul Siraton  
Lt. Frederick B. Smith  
Lt. Robert Harlan Smith  
Lt. John Stevenson  
Lt. Victor Raymond Talbot  
Lt. William Taylor  
Lt. Ross A. Tenney  
Capt. Clarence F. Terry  
Lt. Alan Thomas  
Lt. Walter L. Tichenor  
F/O Parker Totten  
Sgt. Thomas Traylor  
Ens. Russell Dean Wahlberg  
Ens. John H. L. Vogt  
Peter Leo Volz  
Lt. (jg) Mark P. Wangness  
Capt. Donald L. Webber  
Lt. Lawrence I. Werner  
Maj. Clarence H. White  
Lt. Clea E. Williams  
Lt. Maurice Wilson  
Ens. Louis Massey Winn, Jr.

## AZTECS STILL MISSING

are the following. That means that the **News Letter** office has no more information on them. Please send in any additional information that you may receive. LCP.

Lt. Joseph Barkley, USNR  
Lt. Forrest H. Brown  
Capt. Richard W. Burch  
Capt. C. Gene Erdman  
Don Finney  
1st Lt. Gilbert O. Fitzell, USMCR  
1st Lt. Robert A. Griffith, USMCR  
Lt. Edward L. Imblum  
Lt. Gilbert Quon  
Carson Spade  
Lt. Frank R. Verduco  
Capt. Jerry E. Thomas

## FRED LYNAS SMITH

passed away recently because of an illness with which he had been stricken a few months ago. Fred had majored in Geography at **State College** and had gone to the University of California where he did work toward his master's degree and some work in the department as teaching assistant. He had been classified as 4F during the war and had not been able to enter any of the services. Fred's passing came as a shock to the many of us who knew him. He lived at 1122 Madison Avenue in San Diego and was a member of the **Deltars**, **Alpha Phi Omega** and **Sigma Delta Epsilon**.

(In case you are confused as to the identity of Fred Lynas Smith, he was one of three Fred Smith's on the campus. 1st Lt. Fred B. Smith, husband of Betty Jessop, was killed on a bombing mission in the MTO. Sgt. Fred C. Smith, the third big **Aztec** named Fred Smith, is back on the campus as a civilian after having served with the 96th Infantry Division, LCP.)

Leaf Clusters, a Presidential Unit Citation and three battle stars. The battle stars are for the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe.

#### CAPT. HAROLD D. CORNELL

former wrestling coach at **State College**, recently returned home after 12 months spent in the ETO, and received his discharge at Ft. McArthur.

The first to enter, he was the last of two brothers and a sister to leave the service. **Lt. George Cornell**, a gunnery officer in the Navy, was separated in November, and **Lt. Mary Cornell, WA-VE**, a Navy communications officer at Terminal Island, was discharged in December. All are former **Aztecs**.

Dick enlisted in the Army early in 1942, later received a commission in the medical administrative corps at Camp Barkley, Texas, and was attached to the 370th medical battalion of the 70th (Trailblazer) infantry division. He landed with the 70th at Marseilles and, as an intelligence officer, participated in all its campaigns, which included breaking the Siegfried line to capture Saarbrücken and crossing the Rhine into Germany. Later he was attached to the 12th armored division and the 3rd Infantry division. He holds the presidential unit citation and the French fourragere, both awarded to the latter outfit.

He is living in La Jolla with his wife (**Arlene Palmer**, former **Aztec**) and 18-month-old daughter and is teaching at La Jolla High school.

#### CAPT. JOHN H. DANNAN

is a civilian attending UCLA. He was a pilot in B-29s based in India, China and on Tinian. Altogether he flew 35 combat missions, the longest one of which was 19 and a half hours. They flew from India to Singapore and back. He has the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and a Presidential Unit Citation.

#### CAPT. GEORGE S. FARINA

is enrolled at **State College**. He was one of our early **Aztecs** to go to war and became a fighter pilot. He went overseas to the Pacific in February, 1943, and he saw his first combat flying at Canton Island when Jap bombers came over. Later he was based on Tarawa and Makin. Altogether he flew 200 combat hours and was given credit for downing one Jap Zero. That was in the Marshall Island campaign. George has the Air Medal and two battle stars.

He is taking a social science major and will do graduate work later in sociology.

#### 1ST LT. HARRY GALPIN

is enrolled on the campus again after

three and a half years of service in the Air Corps. He was a navigator in B-17s in the ETO based in England, and from there flew 27 missions over targets in France, Denmark and Germany. After his tour of European service Harry instructed at San Marcos in Texas for four months, and then he was transferred to the ATC to fly to various islands in the Pacific. He went as far west as Manila and Japan. These trips were made after the war had ended.

Harry has the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Presidential Unit Citation. He is taking a Pre-med course and will be out for football again this fall.

#### CAPT. ROY GRIMSE

is to be placed on inactive status in a month or two. In the meantime he is stationed at March Field.

Roy was overseas in the Pacific as a motion picture camera man. He was trained in this country first at Yale University, then in Hollywood, and then he took additional training in Hawaii. He did his first combat photography in the invasion of the Palaus at Angaur. They stayed there for five months and then he went to the Philippines where he photographed much of the fighting on Leyte. Previous to the landing he had flown missions to Leyte to photograph their objectives. Following the Philippine invasion Roy moved up to Okinawa where he was stationed with the 494th Bomb Group. What they did on Okinawa was mostly in preparation for the invasion of Japan. Most of Roy's work in the actual photographing was from the air. He shot up 55,000 feet of film.

Roy has the Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He also has the Bronze Arrowhead for the Palaus. He is planning on doing photographic work for a while.

#### COL. O. S. HARBAUGH, (MC) USA

is back in San Diego as college physician and keeping up private practice. Dr. Harbaugh was attached to the 76th General Hospital in the ETO and the outfit has more than its share of service and experiences as it was right back of the line in the Battle of the Bulge. The 76th was awarded a Unit Citation and three battle stars, the stars being for Normandy, the Ardennes Bulge and the Battle of the Rhineland.

#### F/O JOHN D. HARDIE

is again a civilian after three and a half years of service. He was in the Pacific Area for 14 months and during that time earned seven battle stars and a Presidential Unit Citation.

John's first campaign was in the Southern Philippines, Luzon followed, and then Western Pacific, Ryukyus,

China Offensive and China Defensive, and the Japan Air Offensive followed in rapid order. The Philippine government then added the eighth star.

John was a glider pilot, but since gliders were not being used, the squadron used C-47s in their work which consisted mainly of evacuating wounded men and transportation of supplies. John flew as a co-pilot most of the time on these missions.

#### CAPT. DONALD S. LINDSTRUM

is home from the ETO after 23 months of overseas service. He was a bombardier and navigator in all types of bombers. He flew 111 missions. Of those missions, 84 were in night intruders. They were based in England, France and Italy, and later they were based in Russia near Stalingrad.

Don was shot down once. That was over Germany, and the Germans took him prisoner and held him for 23 days. A piece of shrapnel struck him in the stomach and got him a Purple Heart.

Don now has the Air Medal with 12 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Presidential Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Order of the British Crown, and the **Croix de Guerre avec Palm**. All of this amounted to 185 discharge points, but Don is still in the service waiting to see what will be done about his physical examination. In spite of it all, Don looks even better than when he left us five years ago.

#### COL. JOHN V. LONG

and his brother, **Col. Anthony Long**, are on inactive status. They both went to the Pacific five and a half years ago and during that time, rose to their present rank. They spent much time in Hawaii with the old 251 and again they spent more time on Fiji. Later they went to Guadalcanal and Bougainville where John was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for heroism in battle.

John is to resume his engineering work at Solar Aircraft Co., and Tony has returned to his cafe business in the Hillcrest district in San Diego.

#### LT. COMDR. ERIC PFEFFERKORN

was awarded the Silver Star Medal for his services aboard the USS Bunkerhill off Okinawa on May 11, 1945. When the carrier was set afire, Eric evacuated a group of officers from the smoke-filled wardroom where they were in danger of suffocation. Then, "with total disregard for his personal safety, he organized and directed a fire-fighting party on the flight and hangar decks and successfully extinguished severe fires in burning planes and ready service rooms." Before his assignment to the Bunkerhill, Eric served for 13 months aboard transports and ammunition ships

in the Pacific. He was in the service for about four years and is now on inactive status.

#### 1ST LT. RICHARD STECK

is another **Aztec** to receive many decorations. As a B-24 pilot he flew 24 missions while in the 8th Air Force. He was shot down once and crash landed in Belgium. He has the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross and four battle stars.

Dick is back on the campus and is majoring in engineering.

#### CPL. JOHN TYERS

has received his discharge from the Army. John, well-known baritone star of **State College** and professional musical productions, was in the original cast of **Winged Victory** and later was in the overseas entertainment unit known as **Winged Pigeons**. For his splendid work, part of which was giving shows under combat conditions at Iwo Jima, John was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

#### T/SGT. THOMAS WARBURTON

is again a civilian after 26 months in the Army and 18 months in the ETO. He was with the Fifth Armored Division and entered combat for the first time in October, 1944. That was in France in the push toward Aachen. They took Aachen and Tom was still around for the Battle of the Bulge. He was on the north side of the pocket in the Hertegen Forest where the German push had been expected. Tom's part in this lasted for 14 straight days when he had to be evacuated with frozen feet and a piece of shrapnel that he picked up.

About three weeks later, when the outfit was ready to cross the Roer River, Tom rejoined it and went on into the Rhineland campaign. They later pushed into Central Germany and they were on the banks of the Elbe River when the Germans folded in May.

Tom came home with 60 points, a Purple Heart, and a Presidential Unit Citation. He is expecting to enroll at U. C.

**Lt. William MacKersie, USMCR**, is back from Hawaii and Guam. Bill went over in April of last year and made all of the preparations for hitting Wake when the war ended. He was in the 23rd Marines of the Fourth Division. While over on Guam, Bill saw **Lt. Ross Doll** and **Lt. John Babick**. Bill says that he is glad that he didn't have to fight, and he still is mighty glad to be home. He will resume college work at UCLA in Geology. He expects to be out of the service in about a month and then he and **Mrs. Mackersie (Roxie Wright)** intend to live near the UCLA campus.

#### S/SGT. DON CLARKSON

is on the staff of the athletic department of **State College** for the first half of the semester filling in until **Coach Terry** takes over on April 1. He is handling the spring conditioning in football and the gym classes. This work is quite similar to what he did in the service.

Don was in the Army nearly four years and during that time was stationed at Carlton College working in the Physical Fitness Program; then for 13 months he was in England working at Rehabilitation in a general hospital; following that he moved to different camps in this country, one of which was Camp Callan. In those camps his duties usually were in the Physical Fitness Program.

While at **State College** Don starred in basketball and baseball, and after he graduated he taught in the San Diego school system. The last two of those years were in coaching at La Jolla High. Don plans on going to the University of Oregon for a master's degree. After that he hopes to return to San Diego.

**Capt. Ira H. Lipscomb** is home from the Marianas after 14 months of service in the Pacific. He was also stationed in India for a time. Ira's outfit was a 90MM ackack outfit. He has two battle stars, one for the Battle of Michano and the other for mopping up operations on Saipan.

Ira is to stay in the service a while longer and is to be at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He is married and has a son a year and a half old. Mrs. Lipscomb and the son are to go back to Kansas with Ira.

**Lt. Seymour Rabinowitz, USNR**, is on terminal leave. He was last on the USS Culebra Island (ARG 7) which is an internal combustion engine repair ship. The ship was in New Guinea and the Philippines taking care of LSTs and LSMs and other landing craft.

Seymour was on that ship for 18 months. Before that he was on the USS Spica which is a Navy cargo ship. Altogether he had 32 months of sea duty and was in the service for a total of 40 months. Seymour had graduated from **State College** in 1941. Now he expects to go into business in San Diego.

**S/Sgt. Richard S. Ball** is home from the Philippines. He was overseas about six months, but he had been in the services for three and a half years before that. In the Philippines he was in personnel work and helping with the job of keeping records.

Dick has received his discharge from the Army and plans on returning to college. At present Dick and Mrs. Ball, the former **Dorothy Miller**, are living at 1077 Johnson Ave. Mrs. Miller attended Santa Barbara State College.

**LT. BARNEY CARMAN, USNR** is the new graduate manager at **State College**. Barney now has two positions of responsibility, the other being that of president of the **Aztec Alumni Association**. He is still under-going treatment at the San Diego Naval Hospital for wounds he received when a Jap Zero struck him in the face while he was serving as Communications Officer aboard the Aircraft Carrier Lexington in the Pacific.

Barney is really lucky to be alive, and we are most fortunate in having his services. Many of you made the acquaintance of Barney Carman when he was a commerce teacher and assistant coach at **Hoover High**, but he was well known to **Aztecs** years before that. He starred at center on **Aztec** football teams in 1933, '34 and '35, and was a member of **Blue Key** and president of AMS. In his new work, Barney will have the best wishes of the thousands who know him. LCP.

**Thomas F. Silvernail, MoMM2c**, is enrolled again at **State College**. He was in the Navy from December, 1942, until January 9, 1946. Of that time he was overseas or on sea duty for 27 months. He was stationed on the USS Pelias which is a submarine tender, and from that ship he was assigned temporarily to a great many different submarines for special duty. His particular line was the checking and repairing mechanical equipment on submarines. Usually these assignments were three day trial runs in which the subs were put through all of the tests that they were supposed to stand. They always made at least one deep dive.

Tom is majoring in engineering here. His brother, **Chester**, is now in the USNR. He attended **State College** from 1938 to 1940.

**S/Sgt. Ralph Fenner, USMCR**, is home from the Pacific. He was a radar man with different Marine outfits, and he saw his closest combat conditions on the island Pelileu right back of Bloody Nose Ridge. They went in to pick up a Jap radar set that had been captured.

Ralph was in the Pacific area for 25 months and was in the service for a total of 40 months. Now he is expecting to go to the University of California.

**Cpl. Ted Withall** received his discharge from the Army after having been in grade for exactly three years. "I was at least holding my own." Ted was in Communications with a B-29 squadron based on Guam. He arrived at Guam just as the war folded and from then on they flew only "mercy missions" carrying supplies to the prisoners. Ted was on Guam for six months and then came home to be discharged.

## STATE COLLEGE FACULTY NEWS By Dr. Walter R. Hepner, President

We are now offering 19 major fields of study for the A.B. degree and also seven minor fields besides many subjects not included in either major or minor fields.

Our instructional staff has a total of 93 members. For the second semester we have added:

### Three Assistants:

**Alfred Carr** in English (former Aztec)

**John Lytle** in Biology

**Margaret Rowe** in History (former Aztec)

### Eight Instructors:

**Dyxie Canaday** in English

**Ross A. Evans** in Chemistry (former Aztec)

**Robert Halley** in Mathematics

**Lowell Houser** in Art (returned from leave)

**Douglas L. Inman** in Mathematics and Science (former Aztec)

**Stewart W. Matson** in Physics and Mathematics

**Clarence H. Reich** in Mathematics

**Edward Tilley** in Biology

### Three Assistant Professors:

**J. Philip Bromley** in Commerce (returned from leave)

**Don Clarkson** in Physical Education (former Aztec)

### One Associate Professor:

**Herbert C. Peiffer** (Returned from leave)

### One Professor:

**Dudley H. Robinson** in Chemistry (returned from leave).

**Mr. Selwyn Hartigan** is the new Comptroller, and **Mr. Frank Waterpaugh** has returned to the Commerce Department. **Mr. Barney Carman** is the new Graduate Manager, and **Miss Katherine Pyle** is in charge of the Veteran's Office.

## SPLIT SEMESTER ENROLLMENT

By Dr. Donald R. Watson, Registrar

Last semester the college experimented with the plan of admitting students in the middle of the semester. On November 19, a group of 82 applicants, most of whom were veterans, were enrolled in courses which ran at double speed. The subjects offered were psychology, accounting, mathematics review, and freshman English. Each student was permitted to enroll for two courses or a total of six units. As this work was carried in a half semester, it was the equivalent to a 12 unit load and, hence, made a veteran eligible for the full subsistence allowance under the G. I. Bill. Courses met six times a week, and by thus doubling the speed, the classes terminated on January 29 when the regular semester ended.

On April 8 a similar program of con-

centrated courses will be started. The exact nature of the offering has not been planned as yet, but it is our hope to offer four to six courses on the freshman level. Some of these may be of the refresher type, but all will carry college credit. As was true last semester, a student may enroll for a total of six units or two courses. A statement of the specific course offerings will be available after March 15.

In addition to the above flexible admission, former students who have withdrawn during a semester may re-enroll during a semester if they can gear in to the same subjects which they were carrying previously. In this way, a man can complete the courses dropped and earn full credit instead of the fractional allowances which were made at the time of his withdrawal.

An extensive program is being planned for the summer session which begins with the six weeks term on June 24. The schedule of classes for this session will be available by April 1.

## ENROLLMENT FIGURES

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| Students in the regular enrollment     | 2,066 |
| Junior college students on campus      | 92    |
| Grand total of students on campus      | 2,159 |
| Veterans on subsistence programs       | 729   |
| Veterans paying own tuition            | 125   |
| Total number of veterans               | 854   |
| Married veterans                       | 207   |
| Men on campus                          | 1,127 |
| Women on campus                        | 1,032 |
| Expected enrollment in September, over | 3,000 |

## SUMMER SESSION—1946

By Dr. Herbert E. Peiffer  
Dean of the Summer Session

The Summer Session of the San Diego State College has been organized with especial reference to postwar conditions and to the anticipated needs of returning students. In addition to the usual expanded summer offering in teacher education, the 1946 Summer Session will likewise extend the offering in the lower division. Basic freshmen and sophomore courses will be available in greater numbers than before in such fields as **English, Psychology, Philosophy, Mathematics, History, and the Social and Natural Sciences.** It will be easier this year for entering students to take courses in direct satisfaction of specific lower division requirements.

Enriched progress in **art, music, and drama** have long characterized summer work in San Diego and will again do so in 1946. The **Annual State College Institute of World Affairs**, from which certain college credit may be obtained, will be held as usual during one of the weeks of the summer period.

Term I of the Summer Session will

extend over the six weeks from June 24 through August 2. During this period a maximum of 6 units may be earned. Term II will extend from August 5 through August 23 and will afford students the opportunity to earn as many as 3 additional units.

Summer Session bulletins will be available in the late spring and may be obtained by writing to the **Dean of the Summer Session, San Diego State College, San Diego 5, California.**

## THE AZTEC BASKETBALL SEASON

By Norrie West

Displaying more scoring power than at any time this season, the Aztec cagers brought their first post-war inter-collegiate basketball schedule to a close Feb. 22-23 twice overcoming San Jose State, 54 to 42, and 47 to 35, to finish with 12 victories against five defeats, and score 741 points to their combined opponents' 639.

Forward Don Smith sparked the Staters in their last outing with a 17-point performance, but it was the sharp-shooting of Center Dick Barnes, ex-Hoover High flash, who saw the Aztecs through to one of their most successful seasons; save for the Milky Phelps era. Barnes made 209 points in 16 games, for a 13.1 average.

Two of State's five losses were at the hands of the powerful Pepperdine college five (40-47), and 40-44), and the other three by Whittier (33-38), San Jose (40-51), and the Univ. of Arizona (33-38).

The Aztecs triumphed as follows: Whittier (46-30), Alumni (41-31), Amphibious Naval Base (43-38), Fresno State (48-29, 57-33, 38-33, and 52-40), San Jose State (40-32, 54-42, 47-35), Arizona (39-36), and Occidental (40-33).

In the spring semester games, Coach Charlie Smith had a wealth of talent, and only time prevented the Aztecs from becoming one of the most potent clubs on the coast, big or small. For forwards Smith had Don Smith, Kenny Hale (former Little-All-American), Charlie Hampton, Buddy Caldwell, and Bob Crumly. Caldwell hit for 80 points, Hampton 59, Crumly 51, Hale 36, and Smith 29.

At the guard spots the starters were Larry Berger and Sal Gumina until Berger dropped from school in January. Then Hal Summers took over with Sal. Gumina made 98 points, second high among the Aztecs, and Summers 54. Other guards were Chris Franovich, Barney Newlee, and Jerry Patrick.

Barnes started every game at center except the first Whittier tilt on the Poet court. He was understudied first

by Dick McKee and later by Patrick, who played either center or guard, and Don Brorson.

As usual the Aztecs finished the season in exhibition games against professional teams, namely the Harlem Globe Trotters, funny and clever as ever, and the Kansas City All-Stars, starring a personal appearance of Jesse Owens.

When you hand out the bouquets give one to the Aztec cagers and their coach, Charlie Smith, a combination very tough to beat, as eight opponents will testify.

## COACH CHARLES SMITH

should get an orchid for the fine climax to which he brought the **State College** basketball team in the season just closed. The team won by a score of 56-49 against the **Kansas City All Stars**, a traveling team that had won all but one of its 78 previous games. All of us who saw the game were reminded of the teams before the war. "Basketball has been completely reconverted."

The **Drama Department** also scored a triumph in their performance of Ruth Gordon's "Over Twenty-one" in which **Martha Shown**, a former **News Letter Cover Girl** starred brilliantly. This is just a tip as to what to expect in the **Revival Play** mentioned elsewhere. Watch for the date and be sure to see it. LCP.

## THE COMING TRACK SEASON

By Coach C. E. Peterson

From present indications San Diego State College will be particularly strong in certain events in track and field this year and weak in one or two others. Never in the history of the college have there been so many able middle distance and distance men. The broad jump and the high jump and pole vault all seem to be pretty well taken care of. There are also a number of promising hurdlers, but the weight men and the sprinters seem to be conspicuous by their absence.

Among the returning veterans who should when condition is reached be able to make a real contribution to this year's team are the following: Fred Eisert, a senior who has a record previous to the war of 14.7 sec. in the high hurdles and 24 sec. in the low hurdles. Fred was a double winner in the all conference meet previous to the war. Lowell Donnelly had just entered and during his service experience was able to continue his track work. He came originally from San Diego High School. During his military experience he has pole vaulted 13' 3", broad jumped 22' 6", and high jumped 6' 4". One of the most outstanding candidates to enroll this semester is Willie Steele who starred in track at Hoover High

School and spent one year at San Jose State College. Willie is now married and has a two year old boy who is beginning to want to jump also. Steele has a record made in 1942 of 25' 7" and he has also high jumped slightly over 6' and runs a very respectable flight of high hurdles. John Macevitz, star of the frosh team back in 1941, is again in college and limbering up for an active season. John ran the quarter in close to 50" and was slightly under 2m in the half when he was a frosh. Great things are expected of him. Tom Rice ran on the same team, but performed in the mile and the two mile. Tom was fortunate in having experience in Europe and has already shown real possibilities. Wayne Wagner, a former Hoover student, is also showing up fine and looks like a top notch half mile and relay man. Among some of the transfers who also strengthen the team in the quarter and the relays are Bruce Wisner of L. A. City College who has shaded 50" in the quarter; Charles Christian of the Santa Ana Junior College who also has broken the 50 sec. mark. Hugh Flynn from Fullerton Junior College comes with a record of over 180' in the javelin and should contribute points to the squad.

Most of the 1946 track schedule is away from home since it was difficult to obtain meets in San Diego this year. However, there are some very interesting meets on tap and the relay is scheduled for March 30 which will be one of the finest events ever held in the City of San Diego. Already ten high schools and fifteen colleges and universities have signified their intention to enter. The schedule is as follows:

Mar. 30 Aztec Relay in San Diego  
April 6 Fresno State in San Diego  
April 13 Univ. of Arizona in Tucson  
Apr. 27 San Jose, Santa Barbara, and San Diego in Santa Barbara  
May 11 All Conference in San Jose  
May 18 Fresno Relays in Fresno  
May 31 Pasadena Relays in Rose Bowl  
June 7 Compton Invitational in Compton.

## FOOTBALL

is already a hot topic of conversation at **State College.** It's too early to say what our man-power will be like on the field, although the general indications are that it will be good. Every day some new football player is spotted among the 850 veterans enrolled, but more are expected for the beginning of the Split-semester, for the Summer Session and then still more are expected to arrive in September. But the picture for material is bright everywhere. News from **Santa Barbara, San Jose and Fresno** began trickling in months ago, and now

it is coming in a steady stream saying that they are going to be real power houses. Those of you who know those colleges know what to expect. And since **College of the Pacific** has bravely scheduled Northwestern, you can expect Pacific to have her share of material.

The schedule which includes 10 games is far and away the toughest ever faced by an **Aztec** squad. We will need plenty to break even on it.

Sept. 28—**Pomona College**, here.  
Oct. 5—**Cal Poly**, here.  
Oct. 12—**Whittier**, there.  
Oct. 19—**Nevada**, here.  
Oct. 26—**Fresno State**, here.  
Nov. 2—**Occidental**, here.  
Nov. 9—**Loyola** at Gilmore Stadium, L. A.  
Nov. 16—**San Jose**, here.  
Nov. 23—**Santa Barbara State**, there.  
Nov. 30—**College of Pacific**, here.

There it is. LCP.

## Lt. WILLIAM L. TERRY, USNR,

(Our new Football Coach)

wrote from NAS, Athletic Department, Corpus Christi, Texas:

"My dear Mr. Post:

"This is to thank you for your thoughtfulness in putting me on your mailing list for the school paper and for the **Aztec News Letter.** I have been able to pick up some of the traditions of the college as well as current news which serve to better acquaint me with the institution, its faculty, and the alumni. I am anxious to become a functioning part of the college and its faculty, and hope to be able to make some contribution to the splendid work that is being done.

"It is my sincere desire to become a part of, and add to your athletic program in general. While I am primarily interested in football, I believe in the all-round sports program that should be the goal of all colleges to sponsor. I believe that with the support and cooperation of the players, students, alumni and faculty, I can give the college and the city the kind of teams and type of football that they want to see and to sponsor. We cannot foresee the results of games or record of seasons, because a football bounces in a strange manner, and not always in your favor, but I can assure those interested, that I will give them the results of hard work and a team that is acquainted with the modern developments of the game.

"I am looking forward to my work there, to meeting the faculty, and student body and those who are interested in the athletic program of the college.

Again, thank you. My sincere best wishes,

William L. Terry."

## AMONG OUR NEW ATHLETES

(Phyllis Russell) was asked to write something about some of the new athletes on the campus. She did a fine job of it, but lack of space necessitated the cutting down of the material to the brief statements below. You will be seeing these men as they make athletic history in the semesters to come. LCP.

**Willie Steel** is a track and football star. He was in the quartermaster corps in the Army in Italy where he played football for the Fifth Army in Florence, Italy, and competed in track in Rome. He took honors in the high jump and the broad jump. His most outstanding mark is 25-7 which he made in the broadjump back in 1942.

**John Dahms** is a big tackle who played for State last fall. He was known to many San Diegans as a football player and wrestler at San Diego High. He was in the Army five years.

**Nick Roussos** is a blocking back and guard from Santa Ana J. C. where he made All Citrus Belt League for two successive years. Nick is new to **State College**, but he read the **News Letter** while he was in the MTO in an outfit that saw about 400 days of combat. You will hear more of Nick.

**Dick McKee** is a product of Hoover High and the Army and is equally capable in basketball, track and football. Recently he was married to **Martha Brown**, one of the **Aztec** song leaders.

**Jim Boles** is a football and track prospect from Hoover High, U. C. and the Army. He weighs 240 and was a captain in the Army.

**Ernie Beck** is a catcher on the baseball squad. He used to catch for his brother, **John**, a pitcher who joined the USMCR and was killed on Iwo Jima.

**Bob Dierdorff** is a former SDHS athlete who takes part in football, wrestling and plays softball on the side. (Sorry we couldn't run longer stories on more men. LCP.)

## NEW AZTEC ADDRESSES

**Ens. Jim Creswell**, USS PC 803, FPO, San Francisco.

**Lt. (jg) C. D. Allen**, USN, Box 32 GCA Unit, USNATTC, Banana River, Fla.

**Lt. Aubery Bates**, Hq. 308th Bomb Wing, Keijo, Korea, APO 712, PM, S. F.

**Sgt. Alan Van Horne**, 6th Sig. Sv. Co., APO 6, PM, S. F.

**Lt. Robert T. Sprouse**, 2nd Bn. Hq. Co., 60th Inf., APO 9, PM, N. Y.

**T/3 M. M. Doria**, Med. Det. 318th Ord. Bn., APO 163, PM, N. Y.

**Lt. E. E. Carr**, USMCR, H and S Co., 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division, FPO, S. F.

**Maj. Clyde H. Breen**, 143 Santa Rita Ave., Palo Alto, Calif.

**Lt. Comdr. N. E. Rock**, USNR, Staff,

Civil Readjustment, Nav. Pers. Sep. Center, Terminal Island, San Pedro, Calif.

**A. H. Gallup**, 325 H St., Chula Vista, Calif.

**Ray S. Saxton**, USMS, USMTS American Seafarer, Pacific District Office, 1000 Geary St., S. F., Calif.

**Ens. Lyle Hill**, VB-93, FPO, San Francisco.

**Lt. William A. DeReimer**, Box 202, CAAF, Columbus, Miss.

**Robert S. Rossman**, 1468 7th St., San Diego.

**Lt. (jg) Tom Van Hemert**, USS Philip (DD 498), FPO, N. Y.

**Capt. Thomas R. Rice**, Air Evaluation Board, SWPA-902nd AAFBU (Bldg. 2076), Orlando, Fla.

**Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Fisher**, 234 Guava Ave., Chula Vista, Calif.

**Lt. Comdr. Walter G. Albrecht**, USNR, Hq. Kyushu Base, APO 929, Military Government Section, PM, San Francisco.

**Lt. William R. Burns**, USMCR, 2nd MP Co., Hq. Bn. Second Marine Division, FMF, Pacific, FPO, S. F.

**Capt. Thomas H. Greer**, AAF Historical Officer, Sec'y of Air Staff, Hq. AAF, Washington, D. C., wrote telling us of his new work. **Dr. Greer** is one of our faculty members on military leave.

"Just a line to let you know that I pulled up stakes in Fort Worth and have been serving here as Chief of the Historical Section, AAF Training Command. Last month I was selected as one of 12 historians from all commands of the AAF to come to Washington for the final writing of the **History of the AAF in World War II**. The work will be published in about seven volumes by the University of Chicago Press. I'm to start work on it in Washington, but will be released from the Army this June and shall finish the writing after I get back to teaching. Am looking forward to an early return to San Diego.

"Will you please send the **News Letter** to the new address? I always look forward to receiving it and hope the **Alumni** may carry it on in the best **Post** tradition.

"**Margaret** and I send best regards to our friends on the campus.

"Sincerely yours,

Tom Greer (Captain, A.C.)"

**Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Edwards** announced the birth of **Alanson Christopher Edwards** in San Bernardino on February 7. Jack is a former basketball manager and Marine captain. **Mrs. Edwards (Mildred Larson)** was a cheerleader at **State College**. She did Red Cross work in San Diego during the war.

## MATRIMONIAL MERGERS

By Phyllis Russell

February wedding bells rang often and early for past and present Aztecs and their betrothed. The second day of Cupid's month found **June G. Schupp**, member of Phi Mu Epsilon scientific sorority, exchanging vows with **Henry Edward Schaefer**.

The 3rd was a busy day involving the ceremonies of **Marine Sgt. Robert S. Newsom**, a former Aztec who survived the ordeals of four prison camps until his release in September, 1945, to **Cecilia Kugel**; and that of **Elaine Virginia Harris**, Phi Sigma Nu, to **Ens. Malcolm R. Robbins**, a Phi Lambda Xi alum.

**Virginia Salyers**, another Phi Sigma Nu bride, was claimed on Feb. 4 by **Lt. (jg) Ervin L. McClure** USNR. On that same day **Ginevra Marxmiller**, who was a member of Shen Yo while at State, married **Lt. Giles P. Cleveland**.

**Mary H. Dudley**, a State graduate, became the bride of **John N. Lavery, Jr.** on the 6th of February and was followed by **Elizabeth Mason** who married **Lt. (jg) Hugh Dale Saltsman** on the 7th.

Gamma Phi Zeta president **Jean Marlin** traveled to Miami, Fla., to marry **Lt. Harold Royce Still** USMC in the Naval Air Station Chapel on the 8th of February.

Former Aztec, **Marybelle McLean** exchanged vows with **George H. Frazier** in the Little Church of the Roses on February 10. On George Washington's birthday **Alice Mae Lambert** married **Lt. (jg) Sprague L. Nichols**.

Former Aztec, **Maxwell A. Old**, now a building contractor, claimed **Marion LaVerne Faust** on Valentine's Day as did **Roger D. Loomis** whose nuptial partner was Phi Kappa Gamma alum, **Patricia C. Stewart**.

**Robert R. Winters**, former Aztec, and **Annie Laurey Ripley** were joined in a double-ring ceremony on February 15.

The 16th found **Nora L. Wilkinson** and **Ens. John D. Bailey** exchanging vows of matrimony also.

## DEL SUDOESTE

which is the college annual will appear this year as usual. **Pat Vance** and **Margaret Taylor** are co-editors, and they have announced that for the first time in four years the book will be of the full size that you remember from 1940 and 41. Sorority and fraternity pictures will be individual rather than group pictures. Again, sports will be fully represented. All faculty members will have individual pictures. Some new and unusual campus views will be another feature of the book. You can order it through **The Bookstore**. The price will be \$3.00. We hope you like it.

## MAJ. JOHN (BUSTER) MURPHY

is enrolled again and is completing his major in Economics. John left here in 1941 when he was badminton champion of San Diego County and joined the Army Air Corps. He became a pilot in B-24s and flew the famed "Shoot Luke" for 19 missions from bases in England to targets in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. John was in on the first coordinated daylight attack of B-24s and B-17s back in October, 1942. (The A-21s had gone over in July, and only one of them came back.) From that time on, Ted's Traveling Circus which was their group continued to make daylight raids. John made one trip down to North Africa for two weeks during which time they flew two missions from Oran to Tunisia. Then they went over to Libya and flew seven missions to Tripoli, Sicily and Italy and Tunisia.

The "Shoot Luke" made a forced landing on Malta when returning from Tunisia to Libya. Two 20mm shells had so damaged their plane that the Maltese so-called mechanics had the job of putting in 4,000 new hand-made rivets. Later, in England seven of the crew of the "Shoot Luke" were wounded on one mission, but John escaped all injuries. He was the only member of the crew not to earn any Purple Heart.

John's last tour was in the Pacific where he was still piloting B-24s. He was based in New Guinea, the Halmaheras, and the Philippines. He flew 47 combat missions there in addition to his total of 28 in the ETO and MTO. Thus John has been in three theaters and has the Air Medal, seven Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Presidential Unit Citation with one Oak Leaf Cluster. He has three battle stars for the ETO and seven for the Pacific.

**Pfc. Theodore W. Livingston**, son of **Prof. Livingston** of the Mathematics Department, is on the campus again as a civilian. He left Japan on the USS Admiral W. Capps on January 30th and enrolled at **State College** on February 13th. He had been stationed about 60 miles north of Tokyo with the 97th Infantry Division.

Ted is one of a rather small number of **Aztecs** to see both theaters of operation. The 97th had been in action in the Rhineland, and it also pushed across Central Germany to Czecho-Slovakia. They had been trained to go to the Pacific in the first place, but the Battle of the Bulge brought a change in orders, and they made a quick trip to Europe. They were the "last to go to Europe and the first to come back".

Then the 97th was on the high seas enroute to Cebu to prepare for the actual invasion of Japan when peace

was signed. "Everything was easier than we anticipated."

"When we were in Germany, whenever we rode a train with a German crew, we had several MPs guarding each crewman. But in Japan with entire Japanese crews, we used no MPs at all. It was all so much easier than in Germany. The Japs seemed to be genuinely friendly by contrast."

**T/3 Charles Kruse** is taking a PG course at **State College** this semester. We graduated him in 1943, and he was overseas for a time with the Infantry. Later he was transferred to SHAEF where he finished out the war for which they really gave him a battle star. Chuck says he doesn't feel so badly about his battle star, especially since he heard that men in 12th Army Group Hq. are entitled to wear five of them.

While in Paris, Chuck had a visit with **Capt. Eugene Bowman**, and in his own outfit was **Sgt. Vincent Sund**.

**T/5 Albert Oertel** received his discharge from the Army after his tour of duty in the ETO with the 11th Armored Division. The 11th landed in England in September, 1944, and crossed over to France in December of the same year. They got into the Battle of the Bulge right off and with only short rest periods, they went right through to Austria where they met the Russians about 50 miles from Vienna. That long push took them through from the Bulge on into the Rhineland, and then into Central Germany. For all of that he has three battle stars.

Albert was one of four meteorologists in his division. Their job was to make weather observations for corrections for their artillery pieces.

In the 11th also were **Chris Franovich** and a couple of other **Aztecs**.

**Lt. Comdr. Joseph L. Howard**, USN, paid the campus a visit. Joe is one of the older members of **Phi Lambda Xi** from the middle 30's. After attending here for a few years he transferred to U. C. from which institution he graduated. Joe has now been in the service for five and a half years and was overseas for 34 months with the Sea Bees. He was staff supply officer for a Sea Bee Task Force Commodore, which consisted of three brigades, 12 regiments or about 50,000 men. They went to the Admiralties and then to Okinawa.

The outfit built roads, harbor installations, warehouses, bases, communication centers. "After the typhoon we started building all over again."

**Mrs. Howard** is the former **Irene Silver**, **Delta Chi Phi**, and they have two boys, **Mike** aged five and a half, and **Kenneth** aged two and a half. They are living

at 2922 Felton St. Joe is heading back east where he will be Supply Officer for Operation and Development at Solomons, Md.

**Lt. Walter A. Nagle**, USNR, is on terminal leave after three years and nine months in the service. He has 26 months of sea duty during which he was on various ships in the Armed Guard, and later he taught fire control at Miami, Florida.

While in the Armed Guard he made the invasions at Kwajalein, Tarawa, Eniwetok and the Philippines. He has four battle stars.

Walter is going back to the San Diego City Schools where he had taught for two years before the war.

**Jack Lamon**, CSK, is back and has enrolled for the semester after three and a half years in the Navy. He was last stationed out at Hawaii and there he saw **Lt. (jg) Doris Smith**, USNR, just before he returned. She is with Naval Supply Depot at Pearl Harbor.

Jack is taking a Pre-dental course now.

**Millard G. Sowers**, CMM, has received his discharge from the Navy after five years of service. He was overseas in the MTO, the ETO and the Pacific. His service took him on a tanker all around the British Isles, and all through the Mediterranean fueling other ships with oil and high test gasoline. He was at Casablanca during the invasion of North Africa, and after a couple of years of convoy duty in which he crossed the Atlantic 22 times, he went over to the Pacific. In the Pacific he was in on invasion, Iwo Jima, Luzon, Okinawa and Tokyo. They called those invasion "occupational campaigns." Millard is on the campus again and is majoring in Education. He intends to specialize in Visual Education.

**Sgt. Ethel Mae Scholder** is back on the job in the Lincoln School in San Diego after many months of service in the WAC. She was overseas for 16 months and was stationed in England and in France. She crossed the channel and was for a time with the Channel-Normandy Base Unit and later moved to Brussels in Belgium. Ethel Mae had 40 discharge points.

**Bert Nichols** and **Miss Harren Schueler** were married recently in Ontario, Calif. Bert, who is a former football player at **State College**, was a MM1c in the Navy until a few months ago.

**Lois Siemsen** is a trumpet player with USO Camp Show, Unit 819, Hq. AFWESTAC, A and R Div., APO 707, PM, S. F. She was in Manila and should be in Japan by this time.

## AZTECS MUSTERED OUT

(These names have been added during the month. Possibly many of the ranks are far too low, but they were the latest that we had. Keep sending in news of discharges to the News Letter office. LCP.)

Pfc. Carl Ackerman  
Lt. John H. Adams  
Lt. Comdr. Charles S. Alexander  
Paul Algert  
Lt. Vernon (Red) Allen  
Lt. (jg) Phil Allred  
Richard Applin, RT2c  
Lt. Harry Ashfield, USNR  
Lt. Joseph Avoyer, USNR  
S/Sgt. Richard S. Ball  
Ted Ballam, CY  
Jack Bone, Flc  
Maj. Neil Boothby  
Harlan Boucher, Y1c  
Lt. Bill Bramble  
1st Sgt. Chas. Bradshaw  
W/O Robert Brazell  
Sgt. R. E. Bresnahan  
Cpl. John W. Burnett  
Lt. John D. Butler, USNR  
Pfc. Ralph E. Callahan  
Cpl. Roger Cash  
Lt. Leon Carver, USNR  
Pfc. Earl Childress  
Bruce Clapp, S1c  
S/Sgt. Don Clarkson  
George G. Glaspill, AMM1c  
Cpl. Daryl Cole  
T/5 Edward Coleman  
T/4 Roy Combs  
Capt. Harold D. Cornell  
Pfc. Leonard Cosgrove  
Cpl. John Couvrette  
S/Sgt. Glen Doughty  
Lt. Harold Driscoll, USNR  
1st Sgt. Eden (Bus) DeVolder  
1st Lt. E. C. Egolf, USMCR  
F/O Fred Eisert  
Pfc. Clark Elliott  
Sgt. David Erwine  
Cpl. Gale S. Evans  
Lt. Charles R. Faust  
S/Sgt. R. L. Fenner, USMC  
Sgt. Floyd Finnerty  
1st Lt. Ralph Finnerty  
Sgt. Andrew Forshaw  
S/Sgt. Mariuce Forshaw  
Capt. Joseph Francis  
Pfc. Chris Franovich  
Lt. Harry Galpin  
Lt. Don Gautereaux  
Pfc. Richard Gerding  
James Goff  
Lt. Comdr. Russell Grant  
S/Sgt. Robert Grice  
Cpl. Glenn Hall, USMCR  
Lt. Henry Hammond  
Cpl. Owen (Pete) Hansen  
F/O John D. Hardie  
Sgt. Chas. Harrington  
Lt. J. Edwin Hedquist, USNR  
Lt. Henry Holt  
Sgt. Francis Howell

Cpl. Leroy Hulden  
T/3 Seba Hutson  
T/5 Henri Jacot  
Tommy Johnson  
Cpl. Jimmy Kaupp  
Sgt. Robert G. Kelly  
Capt. Charles G. Kerch  
Pfc. Francis King  
S/Sgt. Ebbe G. Kolbeck  
Cpl. R. F. Kreizinger  
Sgt. Charles Kruse  
Lt. (jg) Phil Krutzsch  
Lt. Paul Kuyama  
Jack Lamon, CSK  
Sgt. Norman Levi  
Pvt. Marvin Liker, USMCR  
Everlyne Lindenmeyer, Sp(G)3c  
Pfc. Theodore Livingston  
Col. Anthony Long  
Col. John V. Long  
Ernesto Marques, S1c  
Sgt. William Martin  
Pfc. Austin Mason  
A. F. Matchinske, A. S.  
Lt. William Matthe  
Pvt. Albert Mayrhofer  
Sgt. William Mayne  
Lt. Col. Harold McAuliff  
Henry McCollum  
Lt. Jim McMichael  
Florence McKinney, Sp(W)3c  
Lt. Ralph McQuaid, USNR  
Cpl. Gerhart Mehner  
M/Sgt. H. Billy Miller  
Pfc. Marshall Miller  
Maj. W. Brad Moeser  
Sgt. Bartow Morris  
S/Sgt. Donald Moyer  
Maj. John (Buster) Murphy  
Lt. Walter Nagle, USNR  
S/Sgt. Masato Nakagawa  
Capt. Robert Nath  
Cpl. Thomas Nelson  
Ens. Lewis Newbrough  
Lt. (jg) Leland Nicholas  
Cpl. Albert Oertel  
Lt. (jg) Robert Page  
Lt. (jg) Gaylord Parkinson, (MC) USNR  
T/Sgt. William Parr  
Pvt. Wade Peebles  
Pfc. Roy Peters, USMCR  
Cpl. Phil Poindexter  
S/Sgt. Hubert Price  
T/5 Louis Quayle  
Lt. Seymour Rabinowitz, USNR  
Lt. (jg) Robert Ravey  
S/Sgt. Thomas Rice  
T/Sgt. Roy Richards  
Pvt. John Ritchey  
Lt. Comdr. Dudley H. Robinson, USNR  
Pvt. Fred Rohr  
Pvt. Nathan Rosenberg  
Cpl. Robert Rossman  
S/Sgt. Geoffrey Rothero  
Lt. Richard Sawday  
Sgt. Wm. Scarborough  
Sgt. Ethel Mae Scholder  
T/5 R. L. Schwenkmeyer  
Cpl. Reid Scott  
Sgt. Guy Sessions

S/Sgt. Dale Seymour  
Lt. Arthur Sherman, USMCR  
Cpl. Herman Sick  
Thomas Silvernail, MoMM2c  
Martin Siegel, SM1c  
Lt. James Sims, USNR  
Cpl. Darrell Shryock  
Cpl. Theodore Skelley  
Pvt. Ervin Slayen  
S/Sgt. Charles Snell  
Lt. George Sorenson, USNR  
Millard Sowers, CMM  
Pfc. Harold Stark  
Lt. (jg) George Stillings  
Lt. Comdr. James Stubbs, USNR  
Sgt. Vincent Sund  
S/Sgt. Robert Swisher  
Cpl. Leighton Taylor  
Pfc. Edward L. Thomas  
Lt. (jg) Marjorie Payne Thomas  
Lt. (jg) Robert L. Thomas  
Sgt. Selwyn Thomas  
Pvt. Galen Trostle  
Cpl. John Tyers  
Sgt. Leland Updegraff  
Ens. Jack Waller  
T/Sgt. Thomas Warburton  
Sgt. Frank Watenpaugh  
Pfc. James Weidner  
Sgt. Mitchell Williams  
Cpl. Robert (Red) Williams  
Cpl. Ted Withall  
Lt. Comdr. Milo Wood  
Lt. (jg) Richard Woolley  
Pfc. Ross Workman, USMCR  
Sgt. Eleanor Wright  
1st Lt. Harvey Wright  
T/Sgt. William Yoggerst

## TWO LONG TIME FRIENDS

that the News Letter has had are the Kiwanis Club of East San Diego and the Lion's Club of San Diego. Both of those organizations have made monthly contributions to the News Letter for a long time, and it was that sort of spirit and generosity that kept us going without ever having to really worry about finances. Our Aztecs in Service and the college have many friends among the citizens and clubs of San Diego. And after you men come home, whenever you are introduced to members of either the Kiwanis Club of East San Diego or the Lion's Club of San Diego, you may say, "Oh, yes, we read of your club helping with the News Letter when I was in the service. We all appreciated it very much." LCP.

Lt. Howard W. Holmes and Mrs. Robert Erickson Hebbler (Eloise Muzikar) were married recently in San Diego. The bride was the widow of Lt. Hebbler, USNR, and had attended State College as had Lt. Holmes. Among the Aztecs at the wedding were Phil Thatcher, Joe Avoyer and Chapman Bone. Lt. Holmes had been in the Pacific with the 20th Air Force for 14 months.

Miss Catherine Congdon announced her engagement to Lt. (jg) Richard Pabst at a Phi Sigma Nu meeting on Monday, February 26. They are to be married in a couple of months when Dick goes on inactive status. Dick left State College in 1943 with the 33 V-7 men to be commissioned at Northwestern in August of the same year. He helped put the USS Norman Scott (DD690) in commission, and he went through the rest of the war in the Pacific on that ship. The Norman Scott saw a great deal of action, but it was in the shelling of Saipan during the invasion of that island that she received her worst hits. A half dozen big Jap shells punctured the ship from the bridge to the after 5-inch gun mount killing 20 men and wounding 60 more. Although more than half of the officers were casualties, Dick came through unhurt. The ship took time out to be repaired at Mare Island and then went back to the western Pacific where she finished out the war. Now she is being decommissioned.

What this story was leading up to was to say that Dick and Catherine had your editor and Mrs. Post over for dinner and an inspection of the ship. It was a thrilling occasion for one who had sat the war out and had not been aboard a tin can for nearly 27 years. Needless to say, there are many improvements in destroyers between the DD No. 15 and DD No. 690. These tin cans are really more like cruisers.

As an added note, in walking down to the pier to the Norman Scott, we passed the USS Porterfield, the destroyer on which Lt. Comdr. Arthur Eddy and Lt. (jg) James Ahler served. For us who stayed home, the Norman Scott and the Porterfield are much more than mere names. Just think of what they mean to our men who fought on them. LCP.

Lt. H. H. Blossom wrote from Japan where he is stationed with Headquarters, 3rd Bomb. Group (L), APO 328, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco:

"I am now located near Yokohama and Tokyo at the Atsugi Air Field. I have been assigned to the 3rd Bomb Group (light) as the group Photo Officer. So far my duties have been light as flying is at a minimum.

"Maybe I can give you a little bit of a picture of our location. We are situated on a rather wide flat bench above the Yokohama area and to the east of Juji San and the mountains. The whole area with few exceptions is rural. For the most part the villages and dwellings are in flat bottomed ravines in which the streams are located. Occasionally a village may be located along a main artery of travel on the flat top of the bench.

"These villages are long and rather narrow rugging the side of the ravine

or road. In the ravines travel is accomplished on narrow paths just wide enough for one ox cart. At times at this time of the year these roads, so called, are very muddy and sticky and even foot travel becomes slow and difficult. Even the best of highways are being torn up by military traffic.

"The farmers of the area have, since I arrived, threshed their rice and harvested a good share of their turnip crop, the long white variety. The rice harvested at this time of the year is paddy rice which is grown in the lowlands and ravines.

"The upland rice is planted and is about 3 to 6 inches high. How it withstands the every night freeze I can't understand. Often it has been as low as 20 degrees, F. This rice is planted in very regular furrows but in small and somewhat irregular patches. Sometimes when the plot comes down to a point these rows of rice will only extend 6" to a foot long at end. The rice plants are growing at the bottom of the furrows in bunches from 3 to 6 inches apart. Often the farmer is seen walking down the furrow methodically treading on each patch of rice—why I don't know.

"One of the most interesting and yet offensive things I have run across is what we Americans here have termed the 'Honey Cart'. It is usually a two wheeled cart pulled by oxen led by a tight panting Jap or sometimes is a hand cart. No matter how big or how small it is it still carries the same pungent odor so characteristic of all Japanese farms and gardens. One might say these carts are the very essence of their agriculture here because they carry the human excrement universally used as fertilizer in Japan. These carts come on to the post most every morning to pick up a load from the septic tanks. We are glad to get rid of it and they are glad to have it so the trade is even.

"I hope to have some good photos before I leave here. Enclosed is one poor snap of the lowland area around Juji-sawa (S. of Ttsuji and SW of Yokohama near the coast of Tokyo Bay).

"Grace (Tupper) and the baby (Herbert John) are at 2745 Mission Blvd. in S. D. They are both doing fine last I heard. Johnny is 15 months and walking well and also trying to talk."

Cpl. Robert (Red) Williams wrote from Canton Island in the Phoenix group where he is with AAF Weather Station 7-48, APO 914:

"You have probably never heard of this atoll, as it is a place where only a weatherman can be sentenced. I am still doing electronics work, although I am no longer connected with radar equipment. But I have just as good a racket as ever and certainly cannot

complain about being overworked.

"When I was at Hickam Field, I saw Frank Watenpaugh again. He is working at Headquarters there and is doing right well. We had some good sessions and went over the old days at State in great detail. We agreed that the News Letter pinups lend promise of good things back there now. I'd settle for one of those coeds right now (to put it mildly). Frank hopes to go home in a couple of months. I figure to pull in to the Quad sometime before the next war starts, although that is perhaps an optimistic point of view. But optimism is a great thing to hang on to out here. Better to be a fool than a nut I say."

Cpl. Robert (Red) Williams is again a civilian after 34 months of service. He was a radar weatherman in storm detection (he was not a wind-sniffer) and was stationed at various places in the Pacific. He was on Saipan, then on Iwo Jima and finally on Canton Island. "Canton was nothing but white coral, but still it was the best island we were on. There was one tree on our end of the island."

Ultimately, Red is to go to Law School at the University of California.

Ted Ballam, CY, is back on the campus majoring in economics after about five years of service. He was in the old 251 and came back from Hawaii in 1941 a month before the war started. After that he joined the Navy and was at the Section Base for a while. He went overseas in November of 1944 and was on the Flag of Adm. Kinkaid of the Seventh Fleet, "The Fighting Seventh." They were in New Guinea, then they went through the Leyte operation, and then they went into Manila. When the Flag went to Shanghai, Ted left for the States.

1st Lt. Horace Jerry Blanchard, 1399th Engr. Const. Bn., APO 957, PM, S. F., wrote:

"I have been in the hospital off and on for the last six months. I hurt my back (nothing serious but it is rather painful) when I was trying out for the Army Olympic Team. I was doing fine and would have enjoyed a trip to Tokyo, but the old back was just too much for me.

"I know it will be at least six months before I'll be out, but I hope to be able to start in September. Give my regards to the old Kappa Phi Sigs."

Lt. and Mrs. Thomas D. Hart are now living at 276 119th St., Virginia Beach, Va. Their phone number is Virginia Beach 1990-R, and they would like to have any of you who are in that vicinity call them.

## DANGEROUS WEAPON

By Wade Miller

(Sheldon Campbell was asked to tell you about **Dangerous Weapon**, a new novel, by **Bob Wade** and **H. Billy Miller**. LCP.)

**Bob Wade** and **H. Billy Miller** did not quite hit the jackpot, but they got the machine to pay off. This famed **Ex-Aztec** team sold a detective novel, "Deadly Weapon," to the New York publishing firm of Farrar and Strauss. "Deadly Weapon" will appear this September.

Thus Wade and Miller, both discharged from the Army, announced that they have begun the second phase of a literary career which started in 1932.

"From now on," the team announced, "we write for cash. We worked fourteen years for experience."

"Deadly Weapon" was originally a three-act play. While trying to wile away some monotonous hours in the Philippines, Miller conceived the idea of turning the play into a novel. He found a deserted typewriter and went to work. Forty thousand words later the first draft was complete. Miller liked it and off to Wade it went.

Wade added 20,000 words and sent it to an agent in New York. Several days later he received a letter.

"It's good—very good. I'll sell it!"

Not only did the agent sell it—he also obtained a contract for two detective novels a year from the publishers. Wade and Miller's typewriters haven't stopped since.

Early in 1942 Wade and Miller went into the Army together but were separated shortly thereafter. Wade went overseas with the Army Air Corps, and Miller was stationed for a while at Santa Ana, was later shipped to the Pacific, aided in the liberation and reconstruction of the Philippines.

**News Letter** readers will remember Bob's well-written and interesting letters from the MTO during the campaigns of North Africa, Sicily and Italy. Other **Aztecs** remember the Wade Miller team as our inseparable pair whose works dominated the **Aztec** literary and dramatic world during their three years at **State**. They edited the **Aztec** and **El Palenque**, wrote, produced, directed and acted in two movies, "Beau Geste" and "King Congo," the latter in technicolor.

"Deadly Weapon" establishes Wade and Miller (using the pen name of Wade Miller) as professional writers. **Aztecs** who know that they have written professionally for years anxiously await this first novel in which **State College** and an **Aztec** girl play important parts.

**Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Taylor** have a baby daughter. Leighton was a sgt. in the Army and recently returned to civilian life. He was in the class of 1942.

**Ens. Phil Bulot** is home after having taken the USS Zane around to the east coast. He will soon be released from the Navy and hopes to complete his work for his degree at UCLA.

Phil was assigned to the USS Palmer, but she was sunk before he could get aboard. Then he was assigned to the Zane, and the evening before he boarded her, Kamikaze planes just missed that ship in getting at the carrier Randolph at Ulithi.

The Zane's duties carried her to Ulithi for target-towing for heavy fleet units, and then to Leyte for the same type of duty. From May, 1945, until V-J day they towed targets, but after that they rode the hook until orders to return to the States came. They left Leyte on October 14 and reached San Diego in November. Now the old ship is in Norfolk, decommissioned.

(This brings to a close the story of a ship that your editor helped to build at Mare Island Navy Yard back in 1919. Other ships that should show the same delicate (?) handiwork are the Litchfield, California, Mount Vernon, and the Madawaska, the last two for repairs.)

**Maj. Herbert R. Bachrach** is on terminal leave from Army. He had been overseas for 33 months going through from a landing at Oran in North Africa in May, 1943. After the campaign in North Africa they moved up to Sardinia and Corsica with the 31st AAA Brigade. In that same outfit were **Maj. Ralph Small**, **Lt. Larry Devlin** and **S/Sgt. Robert Wade**. Out of 14 officers in one Hq., three were from **State College Aztecs**, and that was purely by accident.

**Maj. Bachrach** landed near Marseilles on D-plus four. The particular place was on the Riviera, and they set up the brigade Hq for the battalions of AA charged with defending the area. They remained there for a time and later moved to Liege in Belgium, and still later they went into Germany.

Throughout the campaigns in the MTO **Herbert** was nearly always in close contact with his brother, **Maj. Robert I. Bachrach** who is a B-25 pilot. **Robert** flew a great many missions and is now stationed at March Field. He plans on remaining in the service.

**Herbert** is planning on taking some work at USC.

**Lt. Jerald Allen** is out of the service and is re-entering **State College** this week. He was in the Army Air Corps for about three years, part of which time he instructed on B-25s at Douglas AAF. There he saw **Lt. James R. Lowell** who was on the same program.

**Mrs. Allen**, the former **Barbara Taylor**, is here in San Diego with Jerry. They are living at 821 Manhattan Court. Their son, **Stephen**, is 22 months old.

**Lt. Comdr. Charles Alexander** returned to San Diego as a civilian after five years of service. Charles' first real duty was in the Virgin Islands where he was the officer in charge of the Naval Net Depot. That was early in the war, and he used to see **Jim White** down there. At that time Jim was on the USS Partridge. Later Charles was transferred to the USS Spicewood which is a net tender. Their duties took them to the Pacific where they operated out of Canton Island, Ulithi and Okinawa. Their ship served as net-layer, salvage vessel and tug. When ships had been hit by Kamikaze planes, their job was to come alongside and supply power to them. While doing this, they never were hit, but the Japs scored some near misses on them now and then. (Charles forgot to mention that he was skipper of the ship.)

**Sgt. Selwyn Thomas**, son of **Mr. Thomas**, of the Maintenance Department of **State College**, is again a civilian. He attended State in 1941-42 and then joined the Army. He went overseas as a laboratory technician 18 months ago and was stationed on Saipan the entire 18 months. He was connected with Station Hospital 176, and they took care of casualties from all of the Marianas, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. A great many of their patients were Marines.

**Selwyn** had 35 months of service altogether with 45 discharge points. He is planning on entering the Los Angeles College of embalming for their special course.

**Capt. Michael (Red) Hallihan** is on terminal leave from the Army. As we stated months ago, **Red** was in Iceland for 27 months doing radar work. Since returning from Iceland he was stationed at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey as athletic officer.

**Red** hopes to return to **State College** in September. No more baseball for **Red**. "I now realize the benefits of an education."

**1st Lt. Lee B. Williams** is back from the Pacific after 29 months of service overseas. He was stationed first at New Caledonia, then at Guadalcanal and later at various places in the Philippines and New Guinea. **Lt. Williams** was with different engineering outfits and their main job was camp construction for the Hq. of the 13th Air Force. They built camps all of the way from New Caledonia clear up to Leyte.

**Lt. Williams** now has his discharge and is going to enter the University of California for the coming semester. **Mrs. Williams** is the former **Miss Bertie Yates**. She graduated from State in 1942, and she also will attend U. C.

**Lt. (jg) Al Hart** is on terminal leave from the USNR, but he is thinking of going into the USN. He went out to the Pacific after the war had folded and did some patrol duty as a torpedo plane pilot on the USS Boxer.

**1st Lt. Warren Butcher, USMC**, is another **Aztec** on the Boxer. He is second in command of the Marine Detachment on the ship. **Warren** probably will remain in the service.

**Lt. James V. Couche, USNR**, whom we reported as being on inactive duty last month is back in San Diego and will teach again this fall. **Lt. Couche** was on the USS Croatan doing anti-submarine patrol work on the Atlantic side. They also qualified new pilots in carrier landings. He was on that ship for a year.

Last month **James** and **Miss Margaret Sundberg** were married, and they are living at 2135 K St. here in San Diego. **Mrs. Couche** is a former **State College** student.

**1st Sgt. Sam Simpson** of the class of 1942 is home from the ETO where he served for 24 months. He was with a QM Truck Co. (4263) with the Third Army. He has five battle stars (he says infantrymen got two for the same thing) the first one of which was for the Battle of Normandy. **Sam** worked on the Red Ball Highway and the second battle star was for the Battle of Northern France. They hauled gasoline and ammunition up for the Ardennes Forest fighting and followed with the push through the Rhineland and on to Central Europe.

**Sam** said that his side of the war was not spectacular from the point of view of fighting, however, they did haul a lot of gold out of German salt mines. One of their main jobs was hauling prisoners. They packed them in like sardines (120 to a truck) and hauled them from the stockades back into France. "After the prisoners were broken in on jobs back of the front, you couldn't drive them away with a club."

**Sam** intends to do graduate work in Education. In the meantime he is interested in finding a house. He is married to the former **Miss Eve Hartich**. She is from Minnesota.

**Cpl. Earl Cantos** is currently a patient in the Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco, but he has a 30-day furlough. He has been in both the ETO and the Pacific before getting the trip home.

His first campaign was in the Rhineland; his second Central Germany; and then he went down to Marseille where he embarked for the Pacific. Most of his work was clearing mine fields and building bridges while in Europe. When he arrived at Manila he found that the

war in the Pacific had folded, and all he had to do was wait around for the boat home. **Earl** has 55 points and will be a civilian soon. He hopes to attend UCLA.

**Lt. (jg) George Peck**, Navy pilot, was out on a hop somewhere in the Pacific when he received a radio message telling him that he had just become the father of a brand new boy. To date the son has no name as the **Pecks** had been expecting a girl. **George**, let us have the name for next month. LCP.

**S/Sgt. Vincent Sund** is back on the campus after 26 months of service in the ETO. He was with a communications outfit that landed in France in September, 1944. They moved across France to Versailles where they remained for nine months. Later they moved to Rheims and they were still there when the surrender was signed. **Vincent** was right next door to the little red school house. He saw all of the German officials, he took their pictures, and he also saw the Russians.

**Vincent** was right in SHAEF where he frequently saw **Gen. Eisenhower** and the rest of the high American and British officials. Along with him in the Hq. were **Chuck Kruse**, **Dick Dowell** and **Lorraine Lyons**, all from San Diego.

**Capt. Noel Bickham** is again a civilian after four years of service in the Army. He was in a sea coast artillery unit and was in the Aleutians for two years. He was on three different islands—all bad. "There was no combat, we just sweated it out."

While up there **Noel** saw **Lt. Terry Quiett** and **Maj. William Brad Moeser**, both of whom were in the Air Force. When he first landed up there two years ago he saw **1st Lt. Harvey Wright**, but that was a long time ago.

When **Noel** came home, he saw for the first time his son, **Junior**, who is two years old. He is already running around and talking. **Mrs. Bickham** is the former **Jeanne Case**.

**Ens. Robert F. Smith, USNR**, came home on leave from the USS New York which is now in the city of New York. It has been there undergoing repairs for the past three months. **Bob** has been on the ship for about nine months and went through the Okinawa campaign on her—Jap suicide planes and all. During that campaign the planes came over, but only one hit them and that one did no damage to amount to anything and killed no one.

**Bob** expects to be out of the service in about six months, and then he probably will enter some law school, possibly USC.

**Lt. Henry Holt** is a civilian after five years of service. He went to Hawaii with the old 251 back in 1940, but he came to the States when the old outfit sailed for Fiji. He took pilot training and became a Flight Officer and was soon stationed in Arabia. From there he went both east and west over India and Africa for a year. His field was on sand, but their runway was on salt. Only two light showers fell during the entire year that he was stationed there.

After returning to the States **Henry** was stationed in Wilmington, Delaware, for another year. From that base he flew the North Atlantic to Paris and also to Casa Blanca.

**Henry** had 99 discharge points at the time he was placed on inactive status. He arrived just too late to enroll for the spring semester.

**Lt. Leon (Ace) Carver, USNR**, is on terminal leave after nearly four years of service. Through his entire tour of sea duty he was on the USS Ammen, DD527. He helped put her in commission, and he helped to put her out of commission. He was aboard as assistant engineering officer for 11 months and then he was made chief engineer.

The Ammen first went into combat in the invasion of Attu. Then they went over to Kiska. For four months they did patrol duty in the Aleutian area and then they went down to New Guinea for the Cape Gloucester landing. Again their duty was to support the landing of troops. The Ammen took part in a long string of invasions up the New Guinea coast, through Morotai and then at Leyte. The Ammen was hit at Leyte, and she missed everything until the Okinawa invasion in which she again participated. The Japs hit near enough to spray the ship with shell fragments, but didn't quite connect with a real hit. That was the last real combat for the Ammen, but she did make a few sweeps up into the China Sea before the Japs folded.

**Leon** is around visiting and will either get a job or go to Berkeley for a semester. He took the general engineering course here at **State College** and played football. His football career began with the 1938 Frosh squad and ended up with the varsity on December 5, 1941, against College of the Pacific.

**Sgt. Herman Fritzenkotter** is again enrolled as a student at **State College**. He was in the Merchant Marine for a while and later went into the Army. His Army experience took him into the Battle of the Bulge and the fighting around Bastogne, and later he pushed on into Germany.

T/Sgt. Roy D. Richards, Hqs. Sp. Gps. 82nd Abn. Division, Ft. Bragg, N. C.:

"My travels in the past few months took me across France, then to England where we boarded the Queen Mary. We left on December 29th and arrived in New York on January 3rd.

"As you probably read, the 82nd put on a parade in New York City. Old Grover Whalen did a good job on publicity and the show went over well.

"The only thing I remember as noteworthy about the parade (for me) was seeing a small lone figure standing out from the crowd on the curb in one particular block. He evidently had been wounded as he had a cane. He was a trooper although he didn't look much like a soldier. He stood there saluting us with a look of pure joy and proudness on his face. It brought a few tears to my own eyes—for it seemed to make it all worth while.

"At present the Army is holding up my marriage plans, for I'm marrying a Sacramento girl as soon as I get home. We are to be married in Santa Rosa around the end of February. I'm eligible for discharge now, but I had to stick around to do some administrative work.

"Let me add, along with the others, my hearty thanks for all of your hard work on the News Letter in the past four years. You made so many of us feel closer to home by reaching out to us with the news from home. God bless you, always.

Maj. Robert Cardenas is still at Dayton, Ohio, where he has been a test pilot. He is expecting to go to a Command and General Staff School soon. At present his address is: Rm. 608, YMCA, 117 West Monument, Dayton.

Sgt. Louis Poluzzi, USMCR, Service Sq. M d G 24, FPO, S. F., wrote from China:

"Here I am in faraway China. Things aren't too bad, but we could use a little of the hot weather of the islands that the fellows talk about. There are a few places in town that are frozen over for skating. We are now being organized into a hockey league. We made one rink here near the base, but it took the coolie labor ages to build the dikes around the thing, and when we turned the water on it, it all leaked out or sank into the ground. And still we have no rink here.

"The first of the year we changed over from left hand driving to right hand driving. I'm glad I didn't have to drive the first few days. It really doesn't make much difference to these Chinese.

"Are many of the fellows returning to the campus? I'll be satisfied if I can get back in time to enroll in September."

S/Sgt. William Hale Thompson is enrolled as a student on the campus and is at the same time sweating out the coming of Mrs. Thompson and their baby from England. William was married in England on February 17, 1944, to Miss Harriett Peggy Sailes when he was a machine gunner based in East Anglia. William returned to the States and the baby (Roger William) was born on February 2 of this year. Mrs. Thompson is scheduled to come over some time in May.

While based in England, William flew 47 missions and was awarded the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross and a Presidential Unit Citation. He was shot down twice, once back of the enemy lines where he hid out for four days before our forces advanced to that spot. At the time they bailed out they thought they were over our territory but soon found that was all wrong. Previously they had to crash land in France, but that was definitely in our territory at the time.

Everlyn Lindenmayer Rolfe, is back in Vallejo, California, teaching school after having been in the Navy. She received her discharge on November 17 as a Sp(C)2c, and is now living at 1408 Louisiana St. in Vallejo.

Sgt. Frank M. Watenpaugh, Jr., son of Mr. Watenpaugh of the faculty, is enrolled again after three years of service in the Army. Frank was at Pomona College for a year in their Meteorology program and then went to duty at different California weather stations and then he went overseas 14 months ago. He was then stationed in Hawaii, Tarawa, and then at Hawaii again. On Tarawa, Frank was record clerk and helped in the making up of the weather maps. The forecasts from them were essential to the planes going through their station.

Frank says that there are little cemeteries scattered over Tarawa. There are no weeds on the island, and the graves are in the white coral sand. "When the tide goes out, one can see thousands of shell casings on the beach. Those casings and the cemeteries are about all of the evidence of the fighting that took place over three years ago. It was nice to get away from the island."

Frank is taking physics and math. He intends to major in physics.

Ens. George R. Saunders, Naval Supply Center, Guam-Saipan Yards and Docks Supply Branch, Navy 926, FPO, S. F., sent a newspaper clipping showing our Aztec girl cheerleaders (Indians) which had been published on Guam. It showed the girls greeting the returning service men down at the docks in San

Diego. That is one of the patriotic services that our cheerleaders have rendered along with many other girls of this area. LCP.

Lt. Ross Evans, USNR, is one of our new faculty members for the spring semester. He was in the Navy for more than three years and was in aerial navigation. For a considerable time he instructed in that field in Norman, Oklahoma. Mr. Evans majored in Chemistry at State College and has an M.A. in Chemistry from UCLA. He is on loan from the city schools and expects to be back there this fall. He taught in San Diego High before the war.

John Bernard Carroll, PhM1c, is back on the campus after 21 months of service on the USS Wright which is a sea-plane tender. They were down in the South Pacific and followed various task forces in the battles of Midway, Coral Sea and Guadalcanal. After their latter battle, they became the "Midway Taxi" and ran troops and supplies between Hawaii and that island.

The T. S. Walkers have moved again. This time it is to 1412 North Walnut St., Champaign, Ill. T. S. is in Weather School at Chanute Field.

Dr. Walter R. Hepner, Jr., (MC) USNR, and Mrs. Hepner and their son have a new address. It is 2057 Ala Wai Road in Honolulu. Ray is at the Navy Yard Dispensary, Navy 128.

Lt. George Stillings, (SC) USNR, is on terminal leave and is returning to his former position as assistant manager of the El Cortez Hotel.

Ens. Phil Bulot passed by San Diego on his way east on the USS Zane. They are taking the old tin can around through the Canal and will de-commission her on the east coast. More about Phil and the USS Zane when Phil gets his leave. This is what he wrote on his way home: "This is a big occasion: Homeward bound pennant flying and our over-sized colors at the gaff.

"I received all of the News Letters, thanks to you and your ever-working staff. You don't know how much we appreciate the News Letter. It is the link with home that so often reached us when our spirits were at a low ebb. Its just the thing to boost morale. Say, those morale boosters on the covers have caused a great deal of favorable comment from the other officers on the ship. Gloria Vallier and Barbara Mackay have received the most votes.

"Your Aztec ship list was a gold mine of information. Wish I had had the list when most of those other ships were in Leyte Gulf."

## BARNEY'S LETTER TO THE ALUMNI Hello Alumni:

First of all, I want to extend to "Doc" Post the well-earned applause and appreciation which he deserves for his wonderful four-year instigation and turn-out of the Aztec News Letter. It is now OUR JOB to attempt to keep the AZTEC ALUMNI NEWS LETTER in the same high caliber. For more news on that and an Alumni Reunion Dance, refer to Charlie Byrnes' column.

At the last meeting of the Alumni Board of Directors (February 20) Charlie Byrnes was appointed and approved as Executive Secretary, whose duties include the editing of the AZTEC ALUMNI NEWS LETTER.

Under the new constitution, accepted by the Board, after presentation by Jean Carmody Self—hats off, Jean—(it was a hard job well done) the dues are set at \$5.00 per annum, with a family dues rate of \$1.00 per additional member of the family. The life dues was set at \$50.00, with additional family members at \$20.00. The family rates apply where all members of a family are at the same mailing address. The dues set-up and Executive Secretary position are in accord with the answers to the questionnaire returns.)

Now, fellow alumni, there comes a time in the life of all active associations when the members must pay their dues—so far we have about 22 paid memberships, the farthest member being Charlie Kahn in Chicago. (Thanks, Charlie, for setting the example which I hope all loyal alumni will follow.) We're on the road folks, but we need something to pay the expenses. The NEWS LETTER is no small account to carry, and we have plans for other activities. Now that the gang is all getting home, let's get together and keep together—mail your checks to the Association in care of the College. The dues year runs from January 1st to December 31st, the calendar year, as do the terms of office for all officers. PAY YOUR DUES NOW! Show us that we have your full support, not just lip-service! We've been criticized at times for not being well-organized or strong. Let's prove that we Aztec Alumni are organized and strong. PAY YOUR DUES NOW! It takes money to make money—'nuff said.

On April 11th, the Alumni in conjunction with the Senior Class are presenting the Revival play "East Lynn." Al Bradt and Miss Jones are casting and directing. Sol Schultz is handling the other details. The place of presentation will be announced later. Any Alumni interested in taking part in the play or the Olivo should let me know immediately.

Any alumnus not receiving the News

Letter should notify me at once. You who are receiving it can aid us in completing our mailing list by sending in the name and address of any alumnus not now on the list.

Get behind us and help make this an ACTIVE ALUMNI GROUP!

Barney Carman, President  
Sincerely,  
4537 59th Street,  
San Diego 5,  
Talbot 3070.

Capt. William B. Lucio is back on the State College faculty after three years and nine months of service in the Army Air Force. He was in the Aviation Psychology Program and was stationed at various times in Santa Ana, Albuquerque, Louisville and Washington, D.C. He was an aviation psychologist director of a research unit, and also, he was psychologist for a convalescent hospital. He developed tests that were used throughout the country in the AAF selection program. He was loaned by the AAF to 20th Century Fox to serve as technical adviser on the test sequences for Winged Victory.

Dr. Lucio was given a Commendation from the CO of Psychological Research Unit No. 3 and a Meritorious Award from the Western Flying Training Command. His new position on the campus is Principal of the Training School. Dr. Madden who formerly held that position is now Director of Elementary Instruction.

Among the faculty members your editor could not reach for interviews are Dr. Dudley Robinson and Alfred Carr.

Dr. Robinson is back with us after about four years of service in the Navy chemical research department over at North Island. The Navy kept him pretty busy. Enough so, that he was mighty glad to get back to teaching. And we are mighty glad to have him back.

Fred Carr, as previously reported, was a Marine Capt., and he saw long service in the Pacific. He is back and the Carrs have announced the arrival of their new model. Mrs. Carr is the former Juanita Tipton. Fred (Mr. Carr) is teaching English and intends to go on with graduate work in that field later.

Albert Shaw, former State College student, is a medical missionary in India. He wrote a most interesting letter from Akola, Berar, India. Some of you may be going that way. Look him up if you have a chance.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Schultz (Charlotte Fried) are claiming another exemption in the name of Susan Joan, weight five pounds and ten ounces born at 1 p.m. of Monday February 25, 1946.

Another Aztec bride of the month was Lt. Margaret Redelings, formerly with the 8th Air Force in England with the WAC. Miss Redelings was married to Mr. Daniel George Massing of Moulton, Montana. Mr. Massing was a captain in the Army Air Corps and is to be with the U. S. Forest Service at Neihart, Montana, where the couple will reside.

Pl. Sgt. Robert S. Newsom, USMC, and Miss Cecelia Kugel were married recently. Bob who is remembered by many Aztecs as a frosh football player back in 1938 was taken prisoner by the Japs on May 6, 1942, and was released on September 4, 1945. His story appeared in an earlier issue of the News Letter.

Mr. Lowell Houser who was on leave from the State College faculty is back on the job teaching in the Art Department. Mr. Houser left us about three and a half years ago and was in the Army for a while. He was mustered out because of his age, and then he did war work for a while at Convair and later went to New York, where he worked in industrial designing. We are all glad to welcome Mr. Houser home along with other members of the faculty who have been on leave.

Mr. Selwyn (Sully) Hartigan, who was a Lieutenant in the USNR and whom many of you remember as a hurdler and as Graduate Manager, has been moved to a position of greater responsibility. He is now the Comptroller of State College, a position held for a long time by Mr. Van Horne and later by Mr. Frank M. Waterpaugh.

Capt. Douglas Inman, USMCR, was placed on inactive status a few months ago and is now in an entirely new and different status. He is teaching mathematics and science on the State College faculty. This is a far cry from his experiences in the Palaus campaign in which he was radar officer. See earlier News Letter.

Doug, as many of you know, was one of our honor graduates in the class of 1942. At that time he was president of three honor societies: Delvers which is in Geology; Sigma Pi Sigma which is in Physics and Delta Kappa which is in Chemistry. He also was a member of Blue Key. He is helping us out for the year and hopes to do additional graduate work at Caltech this fall. Geophysics is his special field of interest. We are glad to welcome Doug back. LCP.

Lt. Comdr. Russell V. Grant is on terminal leave and is to enter law practice again in San Diego.

### To All of the Aztecs:

Beginning with the April 1 issue, the **Aztec News Letter** will become the official publication of the **San Diego State College Alumni Association**.

That you will know what to expect as responsibility passes from **Dr. Lauren C. Post** into the hands of the **Alumni Association**, a general statement of policies outlined by officers and the board of directors to guide publication of the **News Letter** follows:

The **News Letter** will continue as a monthly publication. This was the overwhelming desire of the large number of Alumni who returned the questionnaires sent out with No. 46. Continuance of monthly publication is contingent only upon the ability of the Alumni Association to meet expenses—and that's where your dues will help out. (Alumni dues are \$5.00—and the address is **Box 94, San Diego State College.**)

All service men (and women) on the mailing list will continue to receive the **News Letter** while they remain on active duty. In return, it is requested that they continue to send in news of discharges, promotions, new assignments, changes of address—very important—and awards.

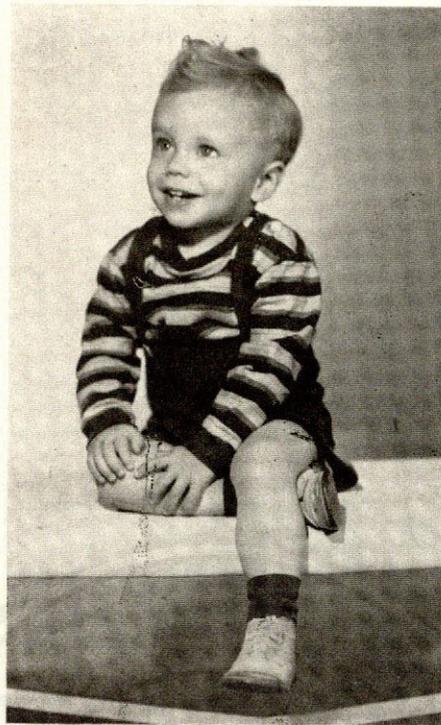
In a future issue we hope to be able to announce the establishment of an Alumni office on the campus where Alumni and servicemen would always be welcomed. But in the meantime, you can always send your news to the **News Letter** through Box 94.

There will be no immediate revision of the **News Letter's** present mailing lists, but after several months only Alumni who are paid up members of the Association will continue to receive the publication. (This will **not apply** to any man or woman still on active duty in service.)

The activities of **San Diego State's** representatives in the service will continue to be of primary interest to the **News Letter**, as stated above. But as discharges continue and the service mailing list grows smaller, such news will naturally diminish in proportion. As this happens new features will be added, and the **News Letter** will be transformed gradually into a magazine-type publication.

The Alumni Association is fortunate in being able to take over a publication already so successfully established. Under Alumni guidance, with the momentum furnished by four years of successful publication by Dr. Post, and with the same reader support it has enjoyed in that period, the continued success of the **Aztec News Letter** should not be a matter of doubt.

Sincerely,  
Charles Byrne



**CHARLES SANDERSON (SANDY)  
BYRNE**

(Photograph by Valley Studio, El Cajon)

The up-and-coming youngster in the photograph is the son of **Charles Byrne**, the new editor of the **News Letter**. Oddly enough, the out-going editor has never seen Sandy, nor has the in-coming editor seen the picture. The intrigue was intended to help introduce Charley to you as the new editor and to herald the publication as an alumni publication and one entering upon a new era.

Sandy's mother is the former **Sue Cornell**, a well-known **Aztec** in a family of **Aztecs**. Sandy's father is the man I want to present to our readers as the new editor. Charley Byrne is a State College graduate of the class of 1940. He majored in English and was active in **Delvers**, on the **Aztec**, in **Radio**, he was a sports writer, and he was **Director of Publicity**. For years before the war he was in the Sports Department of the **San Diego Union** and was in Public Relations work for the college. During the war he entered the U. S. Maritime Service and became agent cashier for all Maritime service units in Oregon and Washington. Now he is back on the job in Sports with the **San Diego Union**.

Charley is a well-known person of mature judgment and a great deal of energy. I want to recommend him to you as the person who, above all others, can build the **News Letter** up into a real alumni publication. My own feeling is that you have a very fine man on a tough job. He is going in with far more journalistic experience than your old edi-

tor has even at this date, so he should make it a real success.

Now **your** job is to help him out. Subscribe to the **News Letter**, or better yet, join the alumni association. Send in addresses of our service men, and give Charley plenty of news. Send your news to him in writing whenever possible. It makes it easier for him.

We need a big membership and a big circulation. Let's make the new publication a success. And best of luck to **Charley, Sue and Sandy**. They will all be working on the **News Letter**. LCP.

### THE FRESHMAN CLASS (1949)

sponsored this issue of the **News Letter** in full with funds raised last month through the **Blue Book Ball**. The class deserves double applause for the ball was a great success (almost in the Reunion category), and their proceeds are being put to a very worthy cause (financing the special edition of the **News Letter**).

Among the people responsible for the double success are the following:

**Dr. Fay Perry**, Freshman adviser  
**Dr. Donald Watson**, Freshman adviser  
**Marian Hughes**, Senior adviser  
**Tommy Wilson**, President  
**Dorothy Little**, Secretary  
**Katie Dupont**, Treasurer  
**Miriam Barrett**, Publicity manager  
**Lyra Carouthers**, Posters

### AN AZTEC REUNION DANCE

Honoring particularly returning service men, the **Alumni Association** will sponsor an **Aztec Homecoming Reunion** dance on **Wednesday, April 24**, at the Mission Beach ballroom.

This isn't THE homecoming reunion to which alumni and students have looked forward throughout the war years, but it is expected to see the largest gathering yet of returned servicemen. If enough alumni are on hand, it may offer a good opportunity to make the first definite plans for the BIG reunion.

**Bob Breitbard**, dance committee chairman, says that alumni, students, faculty and guests will be invited—in other words, it will be a real get-together. Breitbard is being assisted by **Ed Costenborder** and **Joe Suozzo** as committee members.

Complete details, including the name of the orchestra and information of where bids may be obtained, will be published in the first issue of the **Aztec Alumni News Letter** next month.

In the meantime, reserve **Wednesday, April 24**, on your date calendar right now for the **Aztec Homecoming Reunion dance**. C.B.