

GRACE
VAN DYKE
BIRD'S

LETTERS

TO SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN
ASSOCIATED WITH BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

EARLY 1943 THROUGH JUNE 5, 1945

Miss Bird was the Dean (President) of
Bakersfield College, Bakersfield, CA

Bakersfield Junior College

Dear Beejayceers:

Because I want to write to so many of you, I am resorting to this mechanical device to make it possible; but there is nothing mechanical or impersonal about the greeting I am sending you or in the thoughts I am having about you. These are personal and warm.

We are given to thinking of war as something that separates us. And, of course, in a very real way, it does. But it also brings us together in another very real way. You cannot guess how often you are in our conversations. No day passes that Miss Levinson (Levvy, to you) doesn't stop at my desk to find out what is the latest news I have about you and to tell me the latest fact or rumor she has heard of B.J.C. weddings, wings, stripes and bars, furloughs, embarcations, and sech like. Or "Tab" comes in with a letter to share that Jim McDonald has written or Walt Kessler or Frank Hancock or Frank Hollarbush. And Mr. McKaig wants to know what's cookin' and then proceeds to toss into the broth the news that his son-in-law, Ed Gholz (Florence's husband) has just rated a commission as Ensign and an assignment for further study at Harvard. Then, of course, McDaniel and Ewert, Jaggard, Young, and Sagen are always asking about you and sending you their best--and their best is A grade, too, as you well know.

Miss "Robbie" is hoping you've got a good part (theater parlance) in this Big Show. Most of her former dramatic stars are now waiting for their cues along with the rest of you. Paul Gilmore, for instance, is mess sergeant at Ft. Monmouth. Tony Reid and Glenn Tanner are also in mufti "somewhere".

Mrs. Ingles is still leading the Sh Sh brigade, but she will let you be "As You Were" to your heart's content if you stop by the Libe on your furlough. I could go on with messages like these "far into the night" but I think you can see what I am getting at; namely, to let you know you are always in our minds and that you are tops in our hearts.

And here is another thing you have come to mean to us. Besides just being yourselves, you are, to us, the Army and the Navy and the Marines and the Coast Guard. If the press or a radio commentator or Time Magazine or any one says "naval aviator", with instant art there flies our Lieutenant Bill Henry over Guadalcanal or Ensign Pat Curran over the Aleutians. And there, too, are Les DeCew, Bruce Ponton, Leo Meacher, and those two brand new ensigns, Jim Chambers and Dwight Long and all the rest of you BeeJayCeers of the Navy's sky. In my mind, all of you are everywhere that the Navy flies.

And if I hear the words "Army Air Corps", do I think of Minter Field or General Arnold? Not at all. What I see is our old buddy Ed Newbury on a night raid over Cologne or Genoa. Or Ray Daly on the job in the Canal Zone. Or I see Bill Curran and Harry Hendry about to embark together from the U.S.A. for an unannounced destination. Or Glen Roberts or Max Bayless or Stewart Chenoweth or Larry Butterfield (Ground) or Dick Taylor (Statistical Officer) or any of you other eighty or ninety lieutenants who will always belong partly to us. As far as we are concerned, you are the Army Air Corps.

Then when Darrell Berrigan sends a United Press dispatch from China or India about our land forces--well, there stands Joe Angeles with the old smile. A recent V-mail letter from Joe really came from China. Dave Fanucchi is a corporal majoring in war and minoring in surfboard riding at Waikiki. Army Bookie Baker's furlough was so timed that he was able to attend Navy Jim Chambers' graduation at Corpus Christi. Dan O'Neill is one of scores of B.J.C.'s temporary residents of Australia. Greg Poulogianis is one of our scores temporarily in

England or Ireland. But, wherever you are and whatever your particular assignment is, you are, to us, the United States Army.

And what does Uncle Sam's Navy mean? It means James Moon at his post on the Boise; Roy Hubbard swimming to safety in Pearl Harbor in 1941, then being assigned to Officer's Training and commissioned an ensign in communications. It means Bob Montgomery or James Watts in San Diego; Jack Leddy, a Navy Liaison Officer in Chicago; and a half a hundred others who have stood together in assembly here and sung "All hail to B.J.C."

And who are the Marines? To my eyes, the United States Marines from the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli look like Dwayne Mears (who is in the thick of it in the South Pacific) or Jere Tilson (married and fighting--but not with Patricia) or Rip columnist Gus Pappas or Joe Clerou or the Stoddard twins or you, Mr. Leatherneck!

The Ferry Command claims some of our family too. Dick Hatfield, Clark Wiedmann, and Lee Rogers are shuttling them over across the Atlantic. Dick Newmeyer has shifted his ferrying from service in England to service in China. Good looking, honey-blend Kay VanDoozer, who owns four of the five dogs in the Levinson household, is now ferrying bombers and other planes in England for the A.T.A.

Hail to all of you!

When you turn in tonight, know that back home there is always pride and affection and a prayer for each one of you from

Joe V. Bird

Bakersfield Junior College
February 18, 1943

Dear B.J.C. Men in Service,

Let me open this second letter to all of you with a great big thanks for the friendly and thoughtful letters that have come from many of you from the training fields at home and those fields of active service that stretch from Africa to China and from Alaska to Guadalcanal. It is as if we were hearing a well-remembered and well-loved melody hummed all around the world. I wonder if we can't get Greg Poulagianis to write that melody down for us in actual musical notation so we can all sing it together at the big reunion we are bound to hold when you are home again. Should we call it "Remembering You"?

Yes, remembering you--you who walked beside me along the campus path; you who struggled hard to make the grade in Taber's math; you who took your dances stag and then tagged all our "dates"; you who gave football opponents "Up-and-at-'em, mates!"; you who picked your coeds sweet and cute and nifty; you who talked of Life and Love and Dreams out on Lawn Fifty --- remembering you? And how!!

The report of news from the immediate home front is good weather; more frequent "Kiss the Boys Goodbye"; fewer men and fewer women in our halls; less meat (except for the usual "bull" and "beef") in the cafeteria; more marriages in the village churches or post chapels (Olivette Gingras is now Mrs. Bill Miller; Dorothy Schafer is now Mrs. Dwight Long; Toodie Fanucchi is Mrs. Mike Audap; Muriel Jean Cook is Mrs. Francis Perry; Jeanne Tieck is Mrs. James Hitchcock; Jean Kettleman is Mrs. Bruce Stickler--all since I sent my last letter), the beginning of the enlistments in Waacs, Waves, Spars, and Ripples (Helen Boyd, Marie Davis, and others); the continued depletion of the faculty (Mr. Ewert is now a Lt. Senior Grade at Jacksonville, Florida. Larry Hall and Don Robesky, Homer Beatty and Cal Mueller have their commissions in the Navy, too. Mr. Freed is a First Looie at Minter Field in meteorology. Mr. Bliss is an Infantry Captain at Ford Ord. Miss McKinley is on leave this term because of her mother's health. Happily for us Mr. Sagen is back again after his period of illness.)

The home front also still has a goodly number of Renegades and Renegadettes at Cal and Stanford and S.C.; San Jose, Fresno and Santa Barbara. The Medical Schools have Sheldon, Shaffrath, Siemon, Neumann, Himovitz, and Mills going strong. Handsome Bob Mills' picture appeared in the Stanford Illustrated News talking to Dr. Chandler, Dean of the School of Medicine. Bruce Landry witnessed his first plastic surgery last week, following his February admission to U.C. Med. School. Physics Brain Richard Dickey has a job in the Radiation Labs. at U.C. under Nobel Prize Winner Lawrence. Louis Wilson (at West Point) and Martha Lee Myers (still at Stanford) have announced their engagement. So have Bob Johnson and Kathy Strong and Hugh Ellsaesser and Lois McCaw. Remember Hugh Robertson who came here from Wasco? He has a brand new commission and a brand new wife. Bob Lynch ("Ceiling Zero" and "Petticoat Fever") has just left for A.A.C. primary training. Don Kohler is at West Point.

Quite a group of our men in uniform have called on us in the past three weeks. Here is the up-to-date news of them. Lincoln Goddard (rosy cheeks and all) is a second lieutenant in Anti-aircraft Artillery School. Lieutenant Paul Woollomes went into the Army Engineers via the University of Nevada and is now a second lieutenant at Claiborne, Louisiana. Lt. Clinton Thomson is in the Navy Air Corps.

Lee Rogers (Pan-American Ferry Command) has ferried many a plane to South America and has now made the hop to Africa. Vernon Cline (Aerographer in the U.S. Navy) was home between obtaining his rating and assignment. Paul Landry and Stanley Maxwell are instructors in Link Trainers at Minter Field. Jack Marble is there as a machinist. Douglass Rappley came by to let us know he will soon be enroute to Yale for continued study and, we hope, a sight of Hollarbush. Bard Suverkrop is just

being called to active status from A.A.F.E.R. His bull fiddle has been earning his college expenses for him (I mean, of course, the fiddle with Bard on the end of it.) Although I missed seeing him myself Mumps Mumford was in town one day last week en route north.

And now a paragraph passing on to you the latest news we have through letters or the press. First, let me stir your pride as mine has been stirred with the news of our own Lieutenant Bill Henry. Bill has recently received a navy air medal and citation for gallantry in action "somewhere in the Pacific". He is now at Daytona Beach, Florida after his 35 continuous days last fall in the thick of the fighting at Guadalcanal.

Remember Albert Villard? He leaves next month to take the advanced paymaster course at Harvard. He is at present assistant paymaster at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Wilbur Shellhammer is at Great Lakes, too, but will soon complete his training and be on his way to "wherever next". Johnny Clark is another Navy lad who has won outstanding honors in training. Bill Wottring is in the latest-thing-on-wheels, the anti-tank division. Bob Hood has just won his commission as a bombardier at Albuquerque, and was selected to represent his class of 152 as speaker at the graduation exercises. Real pride back home, Bob! Keith McCormac (another one of these married men) has his flying officer commission in Army Air Corps and is now in instructors' training. Among the flock of BJCeers in A.A.C. basic training right now are Walter Scott, Max Miller, Glenn Hartwell, and Fred Brown. Paul Daly won his wings last week. Lt. Robt. Walter (AAC) phoned his family here from an overseas station and gave everyone a thrill. Glenn Martin is making a fine record in Signal Corps training. Marvin Spear has finished basic glider training.

A swell letter has come from the interior of China from Joe Angeles. Joe is an Air Force Radio Operator who finds time to take in American movies, eat pies and cakes at the missions, and go to the parties sponsored by the ranking Chinese officials of the province. He is ready to match his group of American men in uniform with that of any in the world. Anyone want to place any bets? Nate Morrison (South Pacific) writes with pride of the camera shots he has received of his five months old baby girl. Frank Hollarbush is at Yale after intensive training at Valley Forge. Larry Butterfield (First Lieut.) is still at Miami making a fine record and hoping for a Bakersfield home after the war is finished. Ex-prexy Derdivanis is headed for OCS in Army Air Force Administration. John Watson (Supply Division of Navy) expects to be pushed off his chair any day by a Wave (You know the kind I mean). Leland Brown is knocking off high grades in mechanics school at Sheppard Field, Tex. Lem Schaad is one of those in Class 43B Aviation Cadets at Hancock Field in Santa Maria. He is the enterprising editor of the cadets newspaper.

Letters come in fairly regularly from some of our Japanese-American students. George Norikane is teaching physical education to the high school age boys in the relocation center at Jerome, Ark. Kengo Nagasako is serving the Army Intelligence. A-minus Kawata is in scientific studies at Washington University in St. Louis. Geo. Tatsuno is in the Recreation Dept. of the Poston, Arizona Relocation Center. He recently scored 20 runs in a baseball game. Harry Tatsuno, the pharmacist, is in the Army at Salina, Kansas. No word in a long time from Sakemoto. Larry Orida and some of the others have been scattered over the middle west helping with crops. Several of you have asked me about these boys, and I believe those of you who played on Renegade teams with them will want to know that they write to tell us how much they wish you "all the good luck in the world".

This letter will doubtless reach those of you who are still on the mainland of homeland. I hope it reaches, as well, those of you who are in the fields of operations. It brings my affection and the deep, heartfelt wishes of all of us for the safety of all those and all that which we hold dear.

As ever, Grace Bird

Bakersfield Junior College
22 March 43

Dear B.J.C. Men in Service:

When someone makes a present to our private corner of the campus of a handsome sun dial, I shall ask to have it inscribed with "Time for You". Time could not be worth more.

Furloughs, Leaves, and Letters continue to bring us your news, and these bulletins of mine become Reports For the People, About the People, and From the People. So here is the March Letter, persons to person.

Life is still spiced and tasty in this Charm School (two women for each man now); but, I assure you, the Charmers are more and more homesick for a sight of you in our halls, our classrooms, our doorways,—even our hair. We do miss you.

Our faculty lieutenants are located as follows: Van Ewert at Daytona, Bob Wright at Camp Farragut (Idaho), Paul Freed at Randolph Field, Butch Clymer at Corpus Christi (They-can't-bear-to-part-with-him-there), and Don Robesky on sea duty in the Pacific. Nick Pananides is still at his post at the University of Michigan. Ensign Cal Mueller and wife, Peggy Ross Mueller, are somewhere in New Mexico where Cal is saying it with music in the Navy. Alan Parker is somewhere between indocrination and duty.

Latest news on medals and citations. Lt. Ivan Osborne has been awarded an air medal for participation in a raid on Wake Island on Christmas Eve. Lt. Jack Mulvana has been awarded an air medal for "exceptionally meritorious service" with a bomber crew working out from London. Jack is a bombsightman.

Ex-Prexies' Lexie (Lexicon, to you): Navy Air Corps Ensign Jim Chambers was in town last week en route to a new assignment at San Diego. Johnny Derdivanis is about set for O.C.S. in A.A.F. Administration. Lt. Elton Rodgers (Artillery) has gone across the Atlantic and sent us his A.P.O. address. Glenn Siemon is an Ensign and a Medic at Stanford.

The Student-Body is about to produce "Brother Rat" as its spring play. As used in the play "Rat" refers to freshmen. As used in this paragraph, Rat is a term of affection; for this is the news on B.J.C.'s Brothers Rat. Beginning with Z, there are the Zuerchers: Ed, Bob, and Harry—now, respectively, Sergeant (Armored Force), Warrant Officer (Signal Corps), and Corporal (Infantry Communications). There are the Pontons. Jim is a First Lieutenant in Medical Administration in North Africa. Bruce is a Lieutenant, j.g. in Naval Aviation now teaching at Corpus Christi and married to a University of Texas girl. Melvin is on a submarine on duty in the Atlantic. Eugene just left last week for the Navy. There are the four Graingers: Harold, in Army Medical; Ed and George, in the Navy on active duty; Bill (Big Brain), in V-7 at the University of California. The Robeskys! Marine Lt. Tom is teaching at Quantico. C.P.O. Kenny is in the Navy Physical Education Program at Great Lakes. And Don, as I have said, is at sea. Bob and Bill Tinsley, both as good looking as ever, are doing their job in the Army Air Corps and the Coast Guard. The Leddy Gang—Navy Ensign Jack is in radio engineering in Chicago. Don has just been called out of U.C. with the rest of the E.R.C.'s. The twins, Albert and Jim Leddy are in V-1 in B.J.C. And speaking of twins, the Esteps are both lieutenants, j.g. busy with Navy radio; the Shivelys are naval aviators; the Stoddards are marines. The Marbles, not twins, but still top notch now stand as follows: Jack has just been made foreman of the shops at Minter Field. His smiling kid brother, Clarence, earned his commission last week as lieutenant in Army Air Corps.

The B.J.C. Army Enlisted Reserves and most of the Army Air Corps Reserves have now been called in. Fifty-three men have left the campus since my letter last month. We now have an even 100 men on our Renegade deck. They and the women are doing a grand job of carrying the torch. Did you know that pulchritudinous Ruby Baldwin is driving a school bus? That is a symbol of what I mean.

The prize coincidence of last month was the meeting of brothers Tom and Weston Harper in England. Air Corps Lt. Tom was waiting to be taken to his new base with a dozen other pilots. When the transport plane put down to pick them up, its pilot was flying sergeant Weston. And that reminds me---Six feet and seven inches of Private Joe Davis with assorted medals for marksmanship is now in chemical warfare in Alabama. He came home on a furlough by hopping plane rides. When he got on a plane at Memphis, who should be at its controls but Lt. E. P. Burley.

Staff Sergeant Harold Gerrish came into the office March 12. He looks like and is a real leader of men. Ensign Bob Montgomery called with lots of news. He reported that Roo Pollock is in the Navy indoctrination school at Tucson; that pass-catching Pinky Mohr is an athletic director at Norman, Oklahoma; that Ed Barbosa is at Lockheed; that Don Hopper is a Maintenance Engineering Officer in a squadron at Jacksonville; that the two Guthries are in Captain Joe Clerou's platoon in the South Pacific.

Basketball Alumni, please note. Dink Sheehan is an Army Aviation cadet in the new five months academic pre-flight program at the University of Montana. Walt Fermenter is at Lincoln, Nebraska waiting for a call for a similar assignment. Bob Nutter is in Navy Air Corps Basic Training at Livermore. Ensign Bill Miller and wife, Olivette, are now at Miami. Bob Kelley is in the Navy Air Corps waiting to be called for training. Dave Bannister is in the Army Signal Corps.

A few football notes: Frank Loustalot is an Army Air Corps cadet and married. Bob Herndon is an Army Air Corps cadet and married. Bob Lynch is an Army Air Corps cadet and not married. Johnny Rossetto is in Navy Air Corps. Scott Hodges is a Tech. Sgt. in physical training for A.A.C. Red McWhorter is still at University of Alabama; Chuck Wakefield, at Stanford; Dave Kofahl, ditto, in V-7. Ensign Harry Scaroni is with the Third Naval Training Group in Texas. Leo Meacher, now a lieutenant, j.g. was home on a short leave recently to see his mother. He has since reported to Virginia, probably for shipping out.

Big News from the Phi Rho Pi Front. Marines Lt. Jim Logan and wife, Rose Stockton Logan, have been in Bakersfield for a short time after Jim's long period of action in the South Pacific. John Schuetze and Walt Lewis are doing notable work in the History Department at U.C.L.A. Chet Wuertley has recently heard them both in lectures and gives them top ratings. Doris Hancock passed up a graduate fellowship to do her turn for the government in Washington D.C. Ensign Kenny Hastin is on duty in the south Pacific. Ensign Jess Jones is on duty in the Pacific. Johnny Stewart is one of those B.T.D.A.A.F.T.T.C. riding around the board walk at Atlantic City.

The "Edwin Booths" aren't missing any cues either. Lt. Tony Tovarich Reid is an instructor at Camp Roberts yearning for a duel in Tokio. Lt. (j.g.) Herm "Winterset" Spindt is commander of a sub-chaser based in North Africa yearning for a chance for advanced study in the drama at Iowa. Ensign Les "Romeo" DeCew is flyin' 'em and fightin' 'em in the Pacific. Bill "Candid Camera" Mitchell, who has done some excellent photography for Life Magazine, is now receiving training for work as a special photography officer for Uncle Sam.

The News Scribes, too! Dan O'Neill is somewhere around New Guinea and, in his words, "seeing more country and on less time". Jim Radoumis is in the Army somewhere between inoculation and indoctrination. Everett Jones (news hound and radio pianist) is at Ford Ord, one of eight out of a large number of college men who have just qualified for an army specialist exam.

Piccolo Pete Warren Freeland just this minute came into the office looking fit as a fiddle and ready for work. He has just been assigned to Gardner Field as a flight instructor. (Lucky break for Mrs. Freeland). Right on his heels came a fine letter from King Taylor from Victorville (Calif.) where he is with the Army Air Force. He gave us a report on the Bookies. I have already reported some of the news between the Book covers, but King has brought us up to date on the rest. Bookie Baker is a staff sergeant in charge of supply at Camp Dorn, Mississippi.

Bookie Bill Harman is at Corpus Christi (advanced Naval Air Corps). Bookie Gene Adkins is in advanced Army Air Corps Training at Eagle Pass, Texas. (Thanks, King!)

Corporal Dave Fanucchi writes that he regretted missing Bill Henry and Dwayne Mears but was cheered by a sight of Johnny Mackessy. Dave sold about \$250,000 worth of insurance in two months and builds castles in the air with the theoretical commissions he might have made. Aerologist Vernon Cline has been assigned to the Aerology Office at Miami. Lt. Larry Butterfield is still there and married to a Kentucky belle. Pan-American's Clark Wiedmann recently helped pilot a Boeing 314 Clipper to Africa. He is stationed in New York. Across the country Marvin Hort is with P.A.A. in California.

The following men have recently begun the A.A.C. meteorology training: Harry Hofman and Harlan Glenn at Pomona College; Bill Paynter and Gordon Choy at U.C. This group is soon to be transferred from Civil Service ratings in the Army Signal Corps to basic training, and, we hope, O.C.S.: Glenn Martin, Bob Murray, Leo Tobias, Richard MacComb.

The two air corps continue to be the number one choice of service of B.J.C. men. Don Breitinger is now in primary (A.A.C.). Bob Johnson has just finished primary at the top of his class in C.A.A. (Army Service Pilot Program). Howard Rohman is a Second Lieutenant bombardier. Bard Suverkrop is at Ellensburg, Washington #A.A.F.C.T.D.C.W.C.E. (Unscramble that!) Ed McAleer (my nominee for Handsomest Naval Aviation Cadet) stopped to see us enroute for basic training at Corpus Christi. Lt. Bruce Marble, married, is flying again in Texas after a stay in Louisiana.

Louis Grothaus waved good-bye a week ago. He is still with the U.S. Geodetic Survey--frozen to the job and maybe frozen to the marrow; for he is Alaska bound. Bob Stewart is in the Alaska Command somewhere this side of the pole. Greg Poulogianis has qualified for O.C.S. in Ordnance. (Thanks for the pictures, Greg!) Roy Weaver is in the Naval Training Hospital at Norfolk, Virginia. (Keep 'em rollin', Roy--I mean, the eyes.) Doug Rappley has arrived at Yale and had a talk fest with Frank Hollarbush. Ed Vassar is a Sgt. Pilot Bomber for the R.A.F.

Lloyd Thu (Navy) has a string of bars across his chest that span its whole diameter. He has seen action with practically all the fleets in the Pacific. Lt. Homer Wentz is all set to take a B-26 where it will do the most good.

And so we go. And as we go, so will go the world. Never doubt it.

With faith and affection,

Gene Buid

Bakersfield Junior College

At the Dedication Exercises of the Service Flag, April 9, 1943, Miss Bird read a letter she addressed to you, our men in service. Because it speaks the thoughts and feelings of all of us, we are sending this copy to you with an expression of our pride in you.

Associated Students of Bakersfield
Junior College

This letter is for you, Joe Renegade:

We are dedicating our service flag this morning--your service flag, Joe; for the blue stars on the white field stand as symbols of you.

We have sewed on ninety-eight stars; for that is the number of you who left your classes during that first college semester after December 7th and the declaration of war--left your classes to go to the posts at which the nation needed you. But those stars stand as symbols of all of you--you who went throughout all that first year and all of you who have gone since; you who will go tomorrow. Four hundred forty-six of you have already reported. Ninety-eight is but the symbol --the first cascade in our shower of stars that will one day light the world again.

Your great grandfather fought a war for this nation, Joe, four score years ago. Maybe your grandfather was there, too, though he couldn't have been much more than a boy. Twenty-five years ago we armed and marched again. And now you are armed, Joe, you are marching, you are at your posts. And we are dedicating a flag to honor you and the thing you do.

It is April ninth and the weather's as wet as a Tojo claim of a victory in the South Pacific. Kern Canyon is banked high with its native flowers. Only the rubber shortage is saving attendance units in Econ. and Poli. Sci., accounting and the science labs. Lawn Fifty is as green as a billiard table top, and, of course, somebody is usually out on it behind the eight ball. But nobody is out there this hour, Joe. We are all in 117 giving you our thoughts and honoring you in our hearts.

It is good to have your letters. When we read them over together, the miles, with instant art, drop away. We are reading part of your last letter now, Van Evert, --the one in which you wrote:

"I was delighted to discover that Bill Henry is an instructor here at Daytona. He has had a group of British Navy fliers under his fatherly wing teaching them the fine points in dive bombing. They were all experienced pilots, with torpedo plane or fighter experience out of Malta and Egypt, but were assigned here to learn an American phase of the game. Bill is a fine chap. He invited me on a hop his boys were taking over a land target. He let me get into the back seat, took me up to 8500 feet, and then dove six thousand feet and leveled off at 2500. He repeated the dive and bomb release five times and never once explained how in the world one gets out of that gunner's seat in an emergency." And then, Mr. Evert, you added with a grin, "I can't remember how Bill liked American I., but I'll ask him one of these days." Well, Van, we remember how much we like you; how indebted to you we are for your high integrity, your fine scholarship, your inexhaustible capacity for friendship with your students. A great leader once wrote, "Those who would honor me and love me will keep my ideals". That is how we shall try to be worthy of your blue star, Van, and of all the stars that stand for our faculty in service. And it's how we shall try to keep ourselves worthy of the record made by you, Bill Henry, and those like you--the Jimmie Moons of the "Boise", the Dave Fanucchis, the Ivan Osbornes, and the hundred others whose character and courage have already met the tremendous test of the fighting line.

We salute with particular praise our "medalled" stars, those of you who have been decorated for "exceptionally meritorious service", "for gallantry in action beyond the line of duty". May we not let Ed Newbury stand as your representative today? Ed, the good natured. Ed, who used to shrug off his troubles like so many dry leaves. Ed, who has made a dozen sorties over enemy territory in Europe and in Africa and, after a bit of rest, asked for more. Ed who gathers in air medals and oak leaf clusters as unfailingly as the sun picks up the hours or as Rossetto picks up yards on a gridiron. Listen to Ed's letter of March 5 from North Africa to Les Buchner, who first taught him to fly.

"I didn't have a lot to do today so I'm not too tired. I logged only 4 hours 15 minutes. Not bad, but it is usually from five to eight hours a day. No foolin' they are really working the pants off of us. I don't know how they found time for a General to make presentation of those medals. I got the Distinguished Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters and only have to get a few more sorties to get my D.F.C.

"The other day I walked into the Operations Tent and who should I meet but Rex Hunter--Major Hunter I should say, since I am only a lowly 1st lieutenant sweating out my captaincy.

"This is really some hole--this North Africa. When it rains, it gets so muddy you can't fly. Then when you can fly, the mud splashes all over your windshield and, when you go over the target, you see these mud spots and think they are M.E. 109's or F.W. 190's. Then after you see they're only mud spots,--well, you see a mud spot and suddenly it starts shooting at you, and then you know it is Jerry in all his glory As yet I haven't had any of my Jerrys confirmed as destroyed, but I'm up twice a day trying!"

You have had them confirmed as destroyed now, Ed, and all the world knows it. The Associated Press dispatches on Tuesday evening told of your downing two Stukas and one transport plane in the big engagement off the Tunisian coast. Wipe off the mud, Ed, here comes the Distinguished Flying Cross.

We honor with humility the ones who have given, in Lincoln's words, "their last full measure of devotion". We shall not see them again across the table at a reunion banquet. We shall not talk to them again leaning against the wall outside the library. But if they could come among us, they would be the first to say they would pay the price again to help make the way safer for those who replace them and those whom they love at home. We know you would, Jimmie Thornber, George Gingras, and all the others like you. May we deserve it!

We salute, too, the wives, Joe Renegade, those other "good soldiers" who have travelled from state to state with you to share all your days they can. Dodie Schafer Long with Dwight in Oakland, and three thousand miles across the land, Bob and Ellen Zuercher. Florida, Alabama, Texas, Washington. Let Flo Clymer tell their typical story in a letter written only last Sunday:

"Somehow or other I find myself meekly going into another year as secretary to Butch Joe Clymer. Try as I may, I can find nothing that will move him to the point of letter writing. Well, at least, he will never go to court over any indiscreet messages he has written.

"I can't tell you how much we enjoy the news of our B.J.C. men in service Our hearts fill up when we realize how many are giving so much for their country. We couldn't help recalling one night when Pinky Mohr, Ronnie Newman, and the Trouts were out on our back porch eating the ice box empty and talking about war.

"Since it has come, I am very happy to be as close as I can get to the thick of things. Living on a Naval Air Station is a wonderful experience. Joe has recently got away from "flying a desk", as he says, in the personnel office. He is now skipper of a seaplane squadron. It has always been our favorite squadron, and when we moved into quarters right across the road from it, we never dreamed Joe would become Officer in Charge. I just look out the window to see what flags are flying, and I know just what's going on and how soon to put the steak on. Of course, the planes nearly rip our roof off but we love it, noise and all.

"I certainly find plenty of things to keep me out of mischief. I have belonged to the Red Cross Motor Corps for over a year and have finally made the grade to rank of Captain. I tried to tell Butch that I outranked him, but with a whole squadron calling him Captain, I haven't mentioned it lately . . . Of course we have first aid and motor mechanics and gas defense; map reading, convoy driving, blackout driving, and all sorts of stuff. Our duties are evacuation and first aid in case of an air raid, and meantime, now, we drive station wagons and trucks and transport handsome Navy personnel.

"Studying was a terrible blow to me at first, but now I like it so well I am also enrolled in Spanish. Conversational Spanish is given to officers and men who are going to instruct the many, many South American students we have here. I privately practice on the Mexican window washer.

"Joe hasn't changed a bit. His hair is a little thinner, but it is still there. No doubt we will both come back to you unchanged except for a very repulsive Texas accent.

"Our best love to all our friends,
Flo"

And our best to you, Flo, Butch, Dodie, Dwight, Bob, Ellen--all of you, Joe and Josie Renegades, who are taking this together, double stars on our service flag.

We talk about you a great deal. We recall all sorts of things, big and little, important and inconsequential, we did together: the Rooters bus trips to Santa Monica and Long Beach with coffee and sandwiches at Gorman under the friendly eye of Mr. Jaggard; the handicap races at the Jefferson Park picnics; the Christmas formals with the alumni home from the universities; the bonfires on the bluffs, the polls of student opinions.

We speculate, too, upon what you are thinking about, Joe, in those pauses in your lives that do not belong to the business of war, or even perhaps to the realm of time. "But though my wings are closely bound, my heart's at liberty" runs the old French song. And though your acts are closely bound, your mind's at liberty. The older ones of us back home wish we could go along with your minds; for so much of the future, we know, lies there.

Some of you tell us of your hopes, of the maturing of your plans for the time when "this is over". There is you, Joe, who talk of resuming your law studies. There is you, Joe, who write ". . . and then on to Iowa for special study and a higher degree and maybe the beginning of a reputation". There is you, Joe, who say, "I dream--but doesn't all the world love a dreamer?" and then, there is you, Joe, who write quite simply, "I want to see my baby girl--I never have, you know."

We salute you--dreamer, lawyer, student, teacher, fighter, friend. We are looking now at the stars on our flag which stand for you. And we are rising from our seats to pay our tribute and to sing in your honor our Alma Mater song.

"All hail to B.J.C."

G.V.B.

Bakersfield Junior College
20 May 43

Dear B.J.C. Men in Service:

Let me begin this May letter with a few candid camera shots of the campus as we see it on this spring day. And then let us put a theoretical telescopic lense on our theoretical camera and take some other photographs by remote control.

Lawn Fifty looks like a minor Buena Vista Lake dotted with life rafts. A fortnight ago an enterprising co-ed brought a patch-work quilt to the campus to sit on for her noon gabfest. No sooner had she tossed it down then all her friends climbed aboard. Today patch-work-quilt-life-rafts dot the surface of Lawn Fifty, and from twelve to one they are crowded with Josie and Joe Colleges talking about life, liberty, and your pursuit of the enemy.

Camera! The Office Force stands in gloom before Dean Taber's empty office. In what must have been a record for speed "Taber" was sworn into the Navy on a Thursday, received his orders the next day and two days later was on his way to Columbia University for indoctrination. He is being prepared for assignment to a college as one of the naval officers in charge of students in the new V-12 program. As you can guess, the tall ex-Texan looks "plenty devastating" in the uniform of a Lt. Senior Grade.

Camera! The beautiful big satin service flag hangs handsomely from wrought iron brackets just inside the California Avenue entrance of the Jay Cee Building. Our hearts salute you as we walk past it each day.

Camera! When troop trains, passing through Bakersfield, wait for clearance orders at the Santa Fe, the men are often limbered up with formation marching around our campus. The novelty never wears off for the Renegades; for they continue to pile out of the library to line the curb and hail each new group. As the song goes, "There's something about a soldier" . . .

The traditional picture of Cupid, as you know, shows him with bow and arrow and a quiverful of a dozen spares. That picture now belongs to the days of the bicycle built for two. Today's Cupid is equipped with a new kind of bow that is shooting arrows (à la machine gun) as rapidly as they can be fed from an automatic quiver. And he can scarcely feed them fast enough. Just read the Californian for a week! As far as the Air Corps is concerned, here is the formula: (1) enlistment with Uncle Sam; (2) primary training; (3) basic training; (4) advanced training; (5) commission; (6) enlistment with Cupid; (7) primary training; (8) basic training - - - and so forth.

Now for three feet of 16 mm. film turned on the annual Jaycee picnic. The Harry Coffee athletic awards went to Dick Cheney and Bill Love. Clarence Niebuhr was elected student body president for 1943-44. The Jaycee men who pass Frost's "functional swimming" tests KNOW HOW TO SWIM!

Let us turn to some of those news shots by remote control.

Picture Ensign Bill Miller, Flight Instructor in Miami. Picture his beautiful and high grade-point-ratio wife, Olivette. "If only her freshman counselor had diverted her to home economics", writes Bill. "Not only do I teach flying by day, I teach cooking by night." But Bill wouldn't swap lives with anyone.

Picture smart and smart-looking Kay Mattly (B.J.C. 40) washing up her bacteriology lab at Kern General to undertake the intensive training of the Waacs way down south in Ruston, Louisiana.

Picture Corporal Jack Stewart (B.J.C. 42) sitting down at mess at the University of Nebraska at a table for three only and finding out in the ensuing conversation --BELIEVE IT OR NOT--that the other two table mates were B.J.C. graduates too! They

were John Young (B.J.C. 32); recently Deputy District Attorney here, and Bob Zenk (B.J.C. 28). Stewart is temporarily in the Army S.T.A.R.S. unit, but is to be sent on for university study in psychology. He writes that Norman Dow is in basic training at Boca Raton, Florida. He is an aviation cadet in engineering and will soon be in a university program. Wes Frederick is in Glider Maintenance School.

Somewhere tossing around on the Pacific in a "can" is former Student Body President Ensign Jess Jones. He is an Assistant Torpedo Control Officer and Assistant Communications Officer and then, for good measure, stands watch as a Junior Officer of the deck or stands by for coding duty. Jess has seen it hot and seen it cold.

Sgt. Nate Morrison writes a wonderful tribute to competitive college sports from his spot in the South Pacific. He knows what sports have done for men he has seen in action. Nate, we know what good sportsmen like you are doing for Uncle Sam in return.

Kleig lights for a moment on that grant Irishman, Captain Howard Rohman ('39-41. Yes, you heard correctly; "Captain" is what I said. Ten days ago, he was a second louie advanced flight instructor at Victorville. But he installed a super-charger on his think tank, and now he is being called to Washington to explain his idea of doing something better than it has ever been done before--You know, the old "better mouse-trap" idea. He was a first lieutenant for five minutes and then promoted to Captain. Anyone wanting his formula for "that Old Black Magic" will have to address him first hand.

Take a look through the J.C. Office door Monday morning, May 17th. Yep, that's Warrant Officer Bookie Baker on furlough. He is still stationed at Camp Dorn, Mississippi. And those two A.A.F. meteorology students on a four day recess from the grind at Pomona are Harlan Glenn and Harry Hofman. Glenn has just been notified that he passed the examinations for West Point. He brought us news that Lt. David Gardner, bombardier, has recently been assigned to ship and crew. Just as Bookie leaves the Office to distribute his smile around the campus, Lt. Louis Homfeld arrives. Louis is an instructor in basic at Marana Field, Arizona. He is married to Mabel Stockton. Remember? He reports on having seen John Lindley who did his basic at Marana, and Jimmie Webster who is now at Corpus Christi. Just at this point, Miss Bayes brings in the mail. There's a letter from S/Sgt. Sam Rifkin for Mr. Asperger from North Africa. Another comes from Lt. Charley "Friend-of-All" Hamilton from the 164th Chemical Company at Camp Sibert, Alabama. Then, by telephone, I hear that Walter "Tiny" Mays has his commission in the A.A.F. and is being assigned as an instructor in twin-engined planes and that Lt. Scott Barrows has finished special flight training at Walla Walla.

Camera Clicks at Faculty Men. Henry Evans is in the Pan-American ferry command in Hawaii. His wife is Betty Lucas. Peggy Ross Mueller writes from Del Monte Lodge that Calvin has shipped out. Don Robesky's mother told me Friday that Don is "on the sea". C.P.O. John D. Kennedy writes from the Naval Training Station in Advanced Aviation at Chicago that Roy B. Anderson is Regimental Commander at the same school. (Ted Adolphsen recently finished carburetion school there). Earl Sargent is an ensign in the physical training program in the navy in North Carolina at present.

Two fellow Bookies arrived at home on leave simultaneously three weeks ago: Lt. Gene Adkins, an instructor at the Davis Monthan Air Field in Arizona; and Lt. Doug Rappley en route between receiving his commission at Yale and beginning his assignment at Sacramento. Gene and Doug were grateful that the time of their leaves permitted them to pay last honors to Bill Harmon, their friend and our friend, who had been killed in a crash in training.

Two other of our finest have given their lives in the past month: Lt. Bob Anderson (Elaine Stoddard's young brother) was killed in action in North Africa. Cadet Walter Scott was killed in training two weeks before his scheduled graduation with wings. We honor them.

And still others have been decorated for valor. Lt. Ed Newbury now has the D.F.C. Lt. Gordon Slater has been awarded the air medal. He shot up ten trucks and a number of Axis troops in Tunisia. He flies a P-39. S/Sgt. Fred Harmon and Sgt. Bill Whitaker have received air medals for sorties. And we honor them all.

Gordon Boles is en route home from action to be assigned to West Point. Sgt. Roland Segress has recently returned from New Guinea to be trained as an aviation cadet at Nashville. Wade Wilson is an advanced bombardier at Midland, Texas. Bob Dickson and James Ebaugh are in the Reserve program in Veterinary Medicine. Corporal Otho Block-Buster Baker is a fabric specialist in A.A.C. in North Africa. Douglas Shifflet and John Besone are service pilots based in Long Beach. Flight Officer Richard Gillespie (married to Betty Breithaupt) is in the Transport Command (A.A.F.) and is stationed at Presque Isle, Maine. Clyde Perry received his wings and commission at Altus, Okla. late in March. Lt. Homer Wentz has gone over with his B-26. Art Sargent (Rip Editor in '39-40) is one of the recent applicants for aviation cadet training in A.A.F. Dale Smith is in the Marines Band stationed at San Diego. Don Wachob is in the advanced meteorology program at Cal Tech. Frank Hollarbush won his commission as an armament officer (A.A.F.) at Yale a month ago. Corporal Jim Caldwell is with the Fifth Photo Group at Peterson Field, Colorado. Cliff Gill is an instructor in aeronautics at Thunderbird Field. John Fanucchi, who will marry an Arizona girl in June, ran into Cliff recently in a hotel lobby in Phoenix. John, by the way, is teaching at Maricopa Hi under the principalship of Wiley K. Peterson. And that reminds me that former debate star David Goldberg has expressed his choice of action in this war to be tank destroyer service.

The Buttonwillow Thomsons have both gone Navy. Flying Ensign Clinton Thomson is already on duty. Young brother Jack is at U.C. in V-5 for another week before starting for training.

Lt. Larry Butterfield was home on leave from Miami but Mrs. Larry, who is a nurse, was unable to come along because of duty. Mike Audap saw us when he went through Bakersfield to visit wife, Toodie Fanucchi Audap, in Berkeley during his furlough. Richard MacComb is in A.S.T. Program in Elect. Engineering in Oregon State. Corporal Myron McFarland, Jr. is in Officer Candidate Class in Artillery School at Fort Sill, Okla. Corp. Bill Wottring is still at Camp Hood in anti-tank.

Remember modest, brainy Bill Heffernan(BJC '39)? He is a second lieutenant in the Army Engineers in Iran. Ronny Oldershaw of the same class is at Cornell in Steam-Power Engineering for the Navy. So is Ensign Gordon Jewett. Ensign Otis Mitchell called on us en route to training at Fort Schuyler. Glen Roberts is back from the Middle East with a captain's commission. I remember seeing him little more than a year ago at Kern Airport on his first official assignment after his wings. Lt. Dwayne Mears of the Marines is in town on his first leave since settling out last July for the landings on Guadalcanal. Lt.(j.g.) Paul Combs, another former student prexy, is stationed at Norfolk, Va. He and wife, Jane Roebuck Combs, have a new son, Paul Jr. Dick Heber is at Norfolk, too. So is Pharmacist Mate 2/c Roy Weaver who called on us during a recent furlough. Wilbur Shellhammer was recently shipped out from Norfolk, a machinist's mate. Jack Harrington is in A.A.F. advanced training in Washington. Hi, Uncle Bud!

Two or three snapshots of our medics before we wind up the film. Dr. Romain Clerou is interning at St. Mary's (S.F.) after taking his M.D. at Creighton U. Bob Sheldon is interning at San Francisco County and Bob Mills is externing at St. Luke's. These two Bobs have got themselves engaged to the two prettiest and brightest nurses in the Bay area according to Medic trainee, Harold Himovitz. The Navy will have to put Ex-Prexy Siemon into a uniform soon, or he'll desert medicine for the fighting front.

Won't we all - - - if for no other reason than to see you and greet you in the name of all your friends who send their love and who speak a prayer in your name

Always,

Joe Bird

who thanks

you for your letters and your calls.

Bakersfield Junior College
23 May 43

Dear B.J.C. Men in Service:

Here are some of the promised Brevities on the 1942-43 Crop in Service. The Army Air Corps claims the largest number of enlistees. Don't tell us it is because of the popular song, "There's a gold mine in the sky". In the academic pre-flight program we have:

At Montana State University (Missoula): Jack W. Smith, Frank Loustalot, Lawrence Krauter, Dink Sheehan.

At Montana State College (Bozeman): George Valencia, Jack January, Walt Fermenter.

At Washington State College (Pullman): Paul Boone (making a fine record and telling us that Redtop Jim Jackson is in Texas in the Signal Corps), and, we think, Fred Giminiani, Paul Howard, Art King.

At Washington State Normal (Ellensburg): Bard Suverkrop (already transferring to Santa Ana).

At College of Idaho (Caldwell): Chuck Owens.

At Oregon State Normal (La Grande): Ted Hand, Elwood Catlin, Russ Doyland.

At Drake University (Iowa): Don Sutton

At Santa Ana selected for pilot training: Tom Cullen, Herb Bayless, Charlie Allen. Herb will cover himself with glory if he follows in the footsteps of brother Lt. Max Bayless, Jr.

At Texas A. & M.: Bob Lynch; At Wichita Falls, Texas: Adolph Bernacchi.

At Kearns, Utah: Kenneth Allen and Bernard L. Ruiz.

At University of Nebraska: Harry Makoff.

The A.A.F. Meteorology has the following enrolled: At U.C. living in the lap of luxury at Bowles Hall, Bill Paynter and Jimmie McIntire (Jimmie ranks in the top 24 of the huge class); at Pomona, Harlan Glenn and Harry Hofman; at University of Washington, Gordon Choy; at Cal Tech, Don Wachob.

The Army Enlisted Reserve Corps lads are now distributed as follows: Bob Crosson is at U.C.L.A. After various A.S.T.P. tests and refresher courses, he has been assigned to the curriculum in mechanical engineering. Joe Kimovitz is temporarily at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Bill Anderson called at the office this week with a Fresno Basic Training Center cold. He was enroute to Lowry Field. Say hello to Bob Tinsley, Bill; for he is at Lowry, too. Fred Smith is in basic training at Fresno, A.A.F.

Among the Navy enlistees, Paul Starke has left boot camp for special training in torpedo school in Washington. Bob Gunsolus is a naval aviation cadet. George Stevenson is in a sub-chaser school.

Siegel Grove is in the physical training instructor's program. Harold Matlock is going to an Army Surveying School at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Tom Doll is in the armored division in Phoenix, Arizona. Jim Myers is in Field Artillery in Florida. Dale Mawson has shipped out for the South Pacific. Corporal Leland Brown is in Maintenance Engineering School at Inglewood.

At last reports Max Miller, Jim Tomerlin, and Walter Bayus were still at Waco, Texas. Graham Lovelace is in the Base Weather Office of A.A.F. at Carlsbad, New Mexico. S/Sgt. William E. Graham is there, too, in Advanced Flying School.

Cpl. Bertram Davis called in April with two chevrons and a T. He is in Anti-Aircraft, Coast Artillery at Camp Haan. Bert has seen Leland Bell who is also at Camp Haan. Bruce Magorian is another A.A.F. at Fresno Basic Training.

And they are still coming!

As ever,

Gene Bird

BAKERSFIELD JUNIOR COLLEGE
20 September 1943

Dear Beejaycee Men in Service:

The college year is under way, and here is my opening "Report to the Stockholders". You are the stockholders, you know. You invested with us your time (more or less), your loyalty (to the full), and your minds (on a sliding scale, of course--some days taking a big block of stock and some days not even examining the market report). And you also invested with us a generous measure of your capacity for friendship. Let me report to the Stockholders, first of all, that we are exercising care to protect your investment. The faculty is sticking to gilt-edge teaching. The student-body is piling up Series G (G for good) Savings Bonds of Memory. And you needn't worry about any inflationary trends in enrollment either. We now have 240 students with a ration of two Little Red Riding Hoods to each campus wolf.

Lawn Fifty is dotted with a covey of those coeds right now with red ribbons in their hair and with letter writing pads on their knees. V-Mail for their E-males: Pfc, Corporal, Sgt., flying Looney, A/C, A/S, Ensign, Who's Hooey.

"Taber" is gone for the duration. He's one of the naval officers (Lt. Sr. Grade) in charge of the V-12 program at the University of Colorado at Boulder; but he writes, "I still feel that I belong to BJC; and I am waiting for the day when I may return to your command." Lt. Van Ewert is still at Daytona Beach Naval Air Station--a communications officer, but, then, wasn't he always ace high as a communicating expert in JC 117? A good Californian, he has learned to tolerate Florida only since Mrs. Ewert is back there broiling his steaks--when there are steaks. Lt. Paul Handsome-As-A-Movie-Hero Freed is acting Director of the Ground School at Minter Field. (You can never tell where majoring in Botany will land you.) Joe Butch Clymer has asked Secretary Knox to send him out on a carrier so he can drop his own personal earthquake on Kobe. Meantime he is still keeping his plane and his squadron on high at Corpus Christi. Ex-track coach Perc Bliss is now a Major, taking the hurdles two at a time--as usual. Lt. (j.g.) Larry Hall now in Hawaii ran off one of his famous tennis duels with former Kern Champion Jack Lynch, also U.S.N.R., when they met there between operations. Ensign Cal Mueller tromboned "Stormy Weather" recently when a San Francisco traffic violation ticket caught up with him in a far off post in the South Pacific. The event was even reported on Alka Seltzer newscast. Thank you friends for listening!

The Office Force? Well, there's Peg Levvy Levinson as the new Dean of Women, and she's cooking on both burners. Former Dean McKinley is manager of Judd's smart shop in Glendale. And there's Mr. McKalg, Acting Dean of Men and adviser to the Executive Council. Such debates! Mr. McDaniel is running JC 207 minus the help of Ewert, Mitchell, King, and Clymer. (Have you an I.Q.? . . . That's what we thought.) Lorraine Bayes, prettier and more gracious than ever, is still our highest trump card, and Odette Davin, the special befriender of V-1, E.R.C. and C.P.T. is still master of the photostat. To quote Mr. Taber again: "Tell Lorraine and Odette that I wouldn't trade either of them for all the yeomen in the Navy".

Adelaide Schafer tied a parachute on this summer and then tucked forty hours of flying experience under her belt. We shall not be able to keep her behind her desk much longer. The odds are already even that she'll soon be a W.A.S.P. P.E. teacher Frances Williams has left us to marry Betty Whidden's flying brother, Major Jack Whidden. Violet Franz and the Reverend Ralph Cox (Rector at St. Paul's) are to be married after Christmas. There's something in the air around here besides oxygen!

And now for the news of Our Men.

Decorations and Honors. The Beejayceers have been earning their quota, as you may already know. Army Captain Ed Newberry and Navy Lt. Bill Henry have the largest assortment, but there are many others who are also severally honored: Carroll Knott, Jack Mulvana, Harry Abell, Ivan Osborne, Joe Wagner, John Hays, et al

During the Third War Loan Drive, the Bakersfield California is honoring each day, "Today's Bond Hero". Beejayceers thus far honored include: Ed Newbury, Bill Henry, and Carroll Knott.

Gold Stars. Our pride and our sorrow accompany this announcement of men who have made the final sacrifice since our earlier roll of honor. Ensign Bill Guddal was killed in training June 18th. Lt. E.P. Burley gave his life in action in the New Guinea area just a fortnight after receiving the Air Medal. Navy trainee Bill Harmon was killed in a training crash May 22; Army's Leon Barr, in June. Paul Westerman, one of our South Pacific fighting marines, met his death in action in July. Gale Rogers was killed September 14th while training at Visalia.

Missing in Action are Joe Lindsay S 1/c; Lt. Bob Sylvester (piloting a P-35 whose brother Lt. William Sylvester was the first officer killed at Pearl Harbor); Lt. Harold Cox.

We feel confident that all these men are safe.

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Wonderful Coincidence Department. It is hard to say which of our wonderful coincidences shall be awarded the month's Blue Ribbon. Shall it be a meeting between Sgt. Joe Angeles (radio operator with the 23rd Fighter Control Group) and Sgt. Norman McNamee (bombardier) at a remote Army Air Corps base in China when Norman stopped "to show up"? Or shall it be Tommy Boyd at a control tower in Egypt watching Newbury come in for a landing? Or shall it be that same Newbury meeting Lt. Elton Rodgers in Tunisia and engaging him in a heavy debate on the relative merits of a P-38 and a 40 mm A.A. gun as destructive forces for the ME 109? Elton reports, by the way, that Ed won the argument when Ed took him on a demonstration dive which all but dropped Elton's stomach to the bottom of the Bay of Tunis. The Aleutians yield their share of coincidences too. Bill Tinsley, who is attached to a remote radio post on a foggy reef, packed some materials he was sending to headquarters in a copy of the Bakersfield Californian. Who should open the package at headquarters but flying Ensign Pat Currant? Result: a long Irish whoop. Over at San Antonio's Randolph Field where Corporal Siegel Grove is a physical training instructor, Beejayscers are constantly appearing in his classes. He looked up one day not long ago to see Charles Stinson and Don Spalinger in the line-up. When Lt. Joe Wagner of the Marine Air Corps and Lt. Dwayne Mears, a Radar Marine, were sent home from the South Pacific for recuperation and rest, they found themselves in neighboring cabins on the same boat. Lt. Max Bayless and Lt. Ray Daly, both outstanding pilots out New Guinea way, had a BJC seminar long into the night when they ran across one another this summer.

The men in the various transport commands are frequently running across old "Renegade" friends, of course, but they still like it "better than anything else that happens to me".

Home Town Visitors. We've seen many of you, and no one likes to do so more than we except your families and your best gals, of course. Today it was Ensign Tennant Brooks (Louise Johnson's husband) fresh from the Pacific, and Naval Aviation Cadet Tommy Thompson en route to pre-flight at Del Monte. Yesterday it was Lt. (j.g.) Jack Leddy on short leave from Chicago where he carries important responsibilities in the so called "Great Lakes fleet". During the preceding week we received with pride Lt. Charles Hay of the Army Engineers who had just completed maneuvers in Louisiana; Aviation Machinist 2/c Bill Rowell (our speedy red headed football back) who is on the crew of a Blimp patrolling out of Santa Ana; Bill Tinsley and Wally Schreeter who were both winding up their 96 days furlough before returning to their isolation points in the Aleutians; Aviation Cadet Otto Sunny Boy Kramer who was home over the week-end from training at Lancaster; and Cpl. Siegel Grove (already reported on). The week before we proudly hailed Lt. Harry Anderson (navigator in the Army Transport's Africa-Oriental Command); PAA Marvin Kort in the Pacific transport service; Aviation Cadet Dick Cheney who rushed over between busses at the Santa Fe to say hello as he headed for primary flight training at Visalia; Lt. Bill Mitchell, recently graduated from Yale's photographing training for Army Air Corps and now on his way overseas.

During the summer recess we saw Lt. Gene Adkins who is now flying a Liberator in the Middle East. Big brother Ed Adkins (philosopher) has his captaincy and is a squadron veteran in New Guinea. When Lt. Dwayne Mears called, he was accompanied by Lt. Roy Murray, a bombardier on a B-24 in the Pacific war theatre. They looked fine. Lt. Dick Hatfield (A.T.C.) brought us news of Lt. Jack Roberts who is in foreign service with the Army Engineers. Lt. Joe Wagner, as handsome as he was bronzed, spent an hour with us inquiring about his junior college friends. He has seen a great deal of action with his Corsair where the fighting has been heaviest against the Japanese. Infantry Lt. David "National Speech Champ" Goldberg saluted us briefly as he was Texas bound. Ensign Jack Gist was still in San Diego in July but he was hoping for an order to New Caledonia. Lt. Jack Cooper (my idea of "one of the best") is still at Ft. Lewis, Washington. When these men call, we understand how Van Ewert felt on his leave in June when he said to his friends, "You don't mind if I just sit and look at you, do you?"

Wimner Cooper came by bringing us the news of seeing Paul Beane, Bob Lynch, and Bard Suverkrop at Santa Ana. All are aviation cadets. Johnny Clark (in his Navy blues and his rating) stuck his blond head in the door on one of our hottest days. Jack Ferdinand is doing a fine job as a civilian instructor at Randolph Field. I have missed Lt. John Beane, flying encyclopedia of news about Beejayceers, each time he calls; but Jim Day hears his news and relays it through his lively column "Pipefuls". Most of you write to tell me that your families clip this column from the Californian and send it to you. Good!

Glenn Sison, Navy reserve in Stanford School of Medicine, spent last evening with me bringing me up to date on some of the Bookies. Fighter pilot Jim Chambers has left Hawaii for the South Pacific theater. He and Dive-bomber Leo Meacher had a reunion before Jim set out. Lt. Doug and Delia Rappley are living in Fresno where Doug is one of the brass hats at the A.A.C. sub-depot. Glenn says Delia's cooking is as pretty as Delia. Betty Massey, who was Bill Harman's fiancée, joined the Waves after taking her degree at Cal in May. Lt. Gene Adkins is pilot to a heavy bomber in Europe now (instead of in the Middle East) after casting a longing eye on a P-38. Dwight and Dodie Long are still in Southern California.

Scraps of News of the Old Guard. Pre-Nineteen Forty-One-Twoers.

Captain David Gay of Anti-Aircraft at Camp Han was married last May to his gal in Stockton. Ensign Marshall Walden has graduated from U.S. N.T.S. at Ohio State University. When last heard from Ensign Francis Perry was in Phoenix with wife Muriel Jean Cook Ferry near at hand. George and Alva Digier Voll have the Perfect Baby Boy. Any challengers? Doubtless Navy Flier Lt. Bruce Ponton will challenge as soon as he learns he has a son--born this week just after Bruce left for seaplane duty. Those four Ponton brothers are all in the thick of it; Bruce, Mel, and Gene in the Navy in the Pacific and Lt. Brother Jim in the Army in Africa. Jim has been hospitalized, by the way, but is back at his post again. Pfc Dan Andy Burnett is another one of ours who is relaxing in a rest camp in Africa. Here is a good wish for him and for all of you recuperating from fighting service. . . Sgt. Wayne Montgomery wrote a good letter bringing us up to date on himself and brother Bob. Wayne is at Langore Army Air Base, and Bob is still in the Navy offices at San Diego, a lieutenant j.g. . . When Homer Wontz arrived in England in June, his first lieutenant's commission was waiting for him. He's flying a medium bomber. His wife and baby are awaiting his leave (when it comes) as eagerly as Ellen Zuercher and daughter wait for Warrant Officer Bob who is busy right now learning Italian from the Sicilians, and as little Mrs. Kate Morrison and little Mistress Morrison await Staff Sergeant Nate who is still busy pushing the enemy out of the Solomons. Herb Shively (Lt. jg) still receives his mail out of Seattle. I sprained my cornea trying to see if he were in any of the planes in the excellent OWI technicolor film, "Report from the Aleutians". No soap. The Harding brothers are a triple threat to the Axis. Cliff is a flyer, Fred is in the Signal Corps, and Bob is--I think--in tank destroyer training. John Dowd has one of the more fabulous records: eleven months with the paratroopers, ten with the infantry, and now we learn he is a lieutenant pilot. . . I saw Sgt. Ray Steidel and Mrs. Steidel (once Mary Martin) at the Padre Hotel a week ago.

Last May a group of our men were sojourning at the handsome Boca Raton Club in Florida under the aegis of the Army Air Corps. This fall they are at Yale in advanced training. Who all? Well, Jerry Lake, Charles Webster, Norman Dow, Elmer Williams, and Wayne Morrison, for instance. I suppose New England can absorb the shock; California did. Glenn Holland, who married that cute trick Margio Stanfield, is at Yale, too; but he is studying in the School of Psychology--his Ph.D., just around the corner.

All the former CAA enrollees will like to know that Les Buchner is a lieutenant in the 60th Ferrying Squadron at Romulus, Michigan. He is assistant in charge of the flying school. "Vi" and the children have gone to join him. Former student proxy Monroe Browne (Ensign) is an instructor at Bainbridge, Maryland Naval Training Station. His wife (Mary Frances Ashby) and baby Elizabeth are with him. Another Renegade, a former footballer, is also teaching on the east coast. First Lt. "Barney" Dupes is in the anti-aircraft school at Camp Davis, North Carolina.

Lt. George Scott has been in Seattle for the past several weeks after some months in the Alaskan command. Pinky Mohr stayed on at Norman, Oklahoma as an instructor when Red Rowell left to go to his Blimp. Kenneth Weaver is in town with a whole barrage of service ribbons and stars to hide his modesty behind. He has seen almost as much action as Jimmie Noon who has literally been in everything major since and including Pearl Harbor. Jim and the "Baise" just protected the troop landing on Sicily and are probably destroying enemy tanks on the mainland this very minute with big shells from the sea.

Do you remember Jim Hampton--a BJC news scribe and stage star and back stager, too? He has just been commissioned in the Army Air Corps. . . Ensign Robert Fisher works fast: commission from Miami in March, marriage in April, sea duty in May. . . When Don Wachob graduated in the Meteorology class from California Institute of Technology, they had to hold the exercises in Los Angeles Coliseum. No foolin'. Ask Don. . . First Lt. Paul Woollomes is still at Camp Claiborne and still taking in ball games on his leaves. . . PAA pilot Clark Wiedmann is still touching four or five continents a week.

Scraps of News of the Young Crop since Forty-One-Two's Who's Who.

Mike Audap received his commission in August in the field artillery. Toodie Fanucchi Audap is with him in Oklahoma while he attends an officer school of the

battalion motor corps. . . Perry Johnson who has been in the Signal Corps at Davis is applying for training as an aviation cadet. . . The most recent graduates from Corpus Christi with commissions as ensigns are James Michaels and Gregory Robeson. Other summer Naval Air Corps graduates are: Ernest Culberson, Edward McAleer, Bob Davidson, and Bob Nutter. . . Corporal Mon K. Fong (Allan Choy, to you) is now going to school to Sperry Gyroscope Corps in Brooklyn after some time at the Storage depot in Springfield. . . Aviation Cadet Jack Harrington has been in sick bay at Corpus Christi. . . Gus Pappas writes from the South Pacific that he is "the official mamma and papa to twelve rugged Marines". He is on duty with a Rifle and Rubberboat Co. Bruce Ridlon is down there, too--motor machinist's mate 2/c. . . Marvin Powers has graduated from the Army radio technical school at Madison and been sent to Long Island. . . S/Sgt. Sam Rifkin is doing one of those important jobs to keep 'em flying in the European theater. He's full of thoughts of post war, too. Bill Hamilton writes from the "Parasite of the Pacific"; "Dave Fanucchi and Miles Heber are good examples of what Bakersfield can turn out to make Japan look sick". . . Now that his share of work on the Alcan highway is finished, Cpl. Tommy Dorris is applying for Army Air Corps. . . Alvin Pyatt is training in an Airacobra at Hayward Field near Oakland. . . Our 1941 halfback, James Heady is training in the paratroops at Fort Benning. . . When Tommy Thompson arrives at Del Monte for his Navy pre-flight training, he'll find Russ Kniffen, Doug Stone, and George Setzen already there. . .

And now I am going to close this letter so that I may begin to write--immediately--a Supplement--a Supplement to report the news on those of you who are still within college walls in the ASTP or V-12 programs.

Good night, for the moment, and a blessing from Bakersfield Junior College
and

Ysaca Bird

BAKERSFIELD JUNIOR COLLEGE

Supplement to September Letter to Our Men in Service

Beejaycee has a good share of its family of men in the educational programs of the Army and the Navy. The reports coming back to us about them are more invigorating than three feathers in our hat, four roses on our desk, or stars in our eyes, Mr. Hennessy. Listen to this:

In Texas, the V-12 engineers have just finished their first term, and most of them stand in the top quintile of the unit. Men like Bill Suman, Bob Sutton, Bob Gormley, and Bill Fraser are holding down A- averages, and the rest of the group are mastering a great deal more than a Texas accent. The Leddy twins are safe on second with B plus's. At Notre Dame Bev Stewart has turned his military training in "Brother Rat" to account and become Co. Commander. At Westminster College Jim Graham has turned his histrionic training in "Brother Rat" to account and won a part in a dramatic production now in rehearsal. Meantime, both have the sort of scholastic records that mean continued V-12 training. In Sioux Falls Joe Himovitz has just finished Radio School in the top 10 percent of his class and been asked to remain as an instructor. At Liberty, Missouri, Bill Love completed his V-5 academic program with a grade-point average of 3.75 (4.00 equals straight A) and has been jumped from 5th to 7th training group hurdling right over the 6th. And so on. You have the idea, I'm sure.

Here is a partial roll call on our various trainees:

At University of California. Bill Grainger is in V-12 at Callaghan Hall. Callaghan is the former International House. It has now been taken over by the Navy and an assortment of dogs. Famous footballer Bill Trout is a chief in the physical training program there. Dick Mahin (V-5) is at Cal waiting his call and also waiting table at the Faculty Club with two of our finest (and prettiest) ex-BJC coeds. Bill Paynter is in the A.A.C. Meteorology group housed in Bowles Hall, and Glenn Martin is in ASTP basic phase of engineering. At U.C.L.A. Bob Crosson is also in ASTP engineering.

Seventeen of the B.J.C. family are at the University of Texas--all USNR V-12-ers in Engineering: Robert Brame, Stanley Coombs, Whistlin' Jim Dennen, Bill Fraser, Bob Gormley, Ellis Hamilton, Richard Hayes, Albert and Jim Leddy, Don Lumis (unless he asked to be called in to active duty--a rumor we have heard), Johnny Miller, Albert Reese, Harold Roati, Scott Robertson (whose big brother Lt. Hugh R. has just been on leave home), Lloyd Suckut, Bill Suman, Bob Sutton, and Bill Voorheis. Jerry Rounds was slated for U. of T. but was assigned instead to Rice Institute.

The Navy pre-meds are, for the most part, at Notre Dame University: Jim Brown, Keith King, Neil Mulcahy, Max Newman (Congratulations on your swell record, Max), Bev Stewart, Bernard Thompson, and Terry Wilbur. Norman Christensen, however, is in the V-12 pre-med group at U.C.L.A.

At Liberty, Missouri, Gene Clausen is keeping Renegade traditions with Bill Love. They will soon be welcoming another Navy Air Corps Corp when Merle Combs, Ted Carlton, Milton Gardiner, and Downing McKee arrive this week. Two of our men are in the same AST Unit #3875 at the University of Arkansas, Jack Garner and Vernon Fugit. Both are in engineering. Ralph Palla is in the same state in Army Administration School at Arkansas State College in Jonesboro while three thousand miles away, Fred Smith, Jr. is in an AST Unit at New York City College.

Our last report from Milton Nikkel was from Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls, but we believe he was due for a move in August. Kirby Blodget and Marvin Powers have just graduated from an Army Technical School in Madison, Wisconsin. Bob Sabovich, Gene Reynders, and Jack Williams are finishing up another round of their V-5 training at Monmouth College in Illinois. Down in Stillwater, Oklahoma, at Oklahoma A. and M. we are represented by Ray Fairbanks and Leonard Hylton. Roger Nabers R.T. 3/c has already gone on to Ward Island, Corpus Christi, Texas. Up in the northwest, Leland Bell is carrying our torch in ASTP in Washington State.

The news and gossip about our Renegades at Westminster College cuts through the air like flak. "Did you hear that so and so washed out?" "Did you hear about Philipp's trip to St. Louis with Morrison and Graham?" "I wonder if the girls at William Woods College are attractive" . . . And so on far into the night. All I know is what I know, and who wants to hear that? But anyhow, the group in this little Missouri town of Fulton includes John Battistoni, Donald Dye, Jim Graham, Paul Graham, Bob King, Harry Morrison, Don O'Reilly, Jean Philipp, Ray Snider, and Leon Watson. And we wish them and all of the rest of you the best of everything.

A word about the campus. Although my September Letter told you we were small, I hope it also gave you the notion that we are carrying on. Barbara Wallace is a general factotum in the Office when she is not in class or meeting with student committees. Rena Russell is more efficient and more stunning than ever. Betty Lou Galey and Carmen Anderson have brought their enthusiasm over undiminished from East High. Clarence Niebuhr is a fine student prexy. . . In short, all we need for perfection and happiness is YOU.

With all good wishes,

George V. Buid

Dear Beejaysce Men in Service:

If Roger Babson were to issue a report on home-town visiting, it would show an extraordinary peak for October. Various college training programs have been transferring from one term to another, Secretaries Knox and Stinson have a large number of boys on the move, and, best of all, some of our very own heroes have earned a visit home from action at the front. What a wonderful month it has made it for us on the campus!

Whom have we seen? Listen to this roster since last month's letter. Husky ex-Renegade footballer (Fall 1941) from Louisiana, George Jacobs. His Navy uniform carries the Purple Heart, the Presidential Unit Citation of the U.S.S. Enterprise, thickly starred ribbons for engagements with most of the fleets in the Pacific. The thing George most wanted to do while he was on the campus was to dig out a 1942 Raconteur and look at the pictures of all you other footballers who played with him here and are now playing with him on the Big Team. "These are my idea of the best", he said of you. Ex-student-prexy John Derdivanis en route to U.C.L.A. after being given a medical discharge from the Army. He was recently in the Army Specialized Training program at Denver University. He saw Kinya Sakemoto one day in downtown Denver. . . Ensign Truett Bunch was on his way out to sea as a deck officer. Truett wound up his last year at Cornell with an outburst of music. He composed the music for Cornell's bond show, "V's in Our Bonnet", and was its musical director. He studied music privately with Roy Harris, one of America's greatest contemporary composers. . . Lt. Walter Hicks recently completed advanced training in twin engines. He still likes to debate economics. . . Fay Sanders brought word that Lt. Luther Goodwin is stationed at the Army Base at the Oakland end of the Bay Bridge. . . Lt. Edward Davis, who flies a C-47 troop transport, was home on a visit showing off his nice June bride from the East. . . Another proud husband, who called recently, is Lt.(sr. gd.) Urcel Holloway. Mrs. Holloway, a charming, tall blonde from Texas was with him. He is still teaching at Corpus Christi. By now he can practically demount and reassemble a B.T. 13 in mid-air. . . Cpl. Graham Lovelace, A.A.C. weather observer in the middle west, had only praise for the attitude of commissioned officers, non-coms, and enlisted men at his base. . . Lt. Frank Hollarbush shouted Amen to Lovelace. Hollarbush is an armament officer recently transferred to the Hayward Air Base at Oakland. His dog (half Scottie, half fox terrier) was named Snafu by the Base. Frank Dobbs is in the same outfit as Hollarbush. Staff Sgt. Gerald Stockstill is still at Minter. He recently enrolled in an Army Institute course in economics with one eye already on the post-war period. Lt. Donald Kylton, with brand new wings from Yuma, stopped over to greet his family and friends en route to Mountain Home, Idaho, for Light Bombardment training. On the same day that he was here, we also saw Cpl. Ken Thrasher on a rest from his desk; Army flight instructor Lt. Fred Diebel; Tech. Cpl. Curt Neideffer who is now at Georgia Tech. in A.S.T.P. Elect. Engineering; S 2/c James Watts who has seen service on a destroyer in Aleutian waters, the Central Pacific, and South Pacific; A.A.C.'s Lt. Louis Homfeld home for a look at his baby girl; and ferrying Lt. John Besone on a mission between Palm Springs and the mid Pacific. Thrasher reported running across Adolph Bernacchi and George Fox in Texas. Besone had had a get together with our well-decorated flying Lt. Ivan Osborne and Y 2/c Fred Mulroy (Asst. to his Exec. officer) in Hawaii.

Most of the visitors described above called during the first week in October. You begin to see what I mean by "the October high". Just observe the roster for its other three weeks. October sixth brought six feet of Lt. Frank Tomlinson freshly graduated from Adv. Single Engine School, Eagle Pass, Texas and on his way to instructor training school. October eighth brought Major Howard Rohman, now an General Cousins' General Staff. (Those brains again--or is it the Irish smile?) On October 9th I ran into C.P.O. Bill Trout on the Santa Fe Streamliner bringing the Minnesota girl he is going to marry home to visit his parents. Bill is a chief in the Navy physical training program at the University of California. October fourteenth brought Art Johnson, still air engineering for the T.V.A. but getting his house in order for other work with Uncle Sam. On October 15th we saw T. Sgt. Joe Davis and Lt. Myron McFarland. It was the one year anniversary of Joe's entrance into the Army. He is in the physical lab for chemical technology. Myron is attached to a Field Artillery Unit at Ford Ord. October 18th was the month's Red Letter Day. IT BROUGHT TO THE CAMPUS MAJOR ED NEWBURY AND HIS BROTHER PFC CHARLES NEWBURY (AN OLD FAVORITE OF OURS), LT. TOM HARPER, LT. CARROLL KNOTT. The three flying officers are home from hundreds of hours of combat and operational service in Africa, Pantelleria, and Sicily. Each has had more than fifty combat engagements. They believe implicitly in the U.S.A., the P-38, and their friends. Lt. Monroe "Speed" Homer, who came across with them and had the same marvelous

record, arrived home a few days later. He had stopped off in the east to see his former Stanford roommate, Ensign Don Hopper. All these boys won our hearts all over again. Bill Grainger telephoned October 22 to say that he and John Williford were among the thirty men just selected from U.C. for Midshipman School at Columbia University. October 25th brought V-12 Jerry Rounds on furlough from Rice Institute and Navy Med. School Bruce Landry home between terms at U.C. The night of the 25th, while not seeing her in person, we all felt as if our favorite Wave 3 2/c Betty Massey were inside our family circle when we heard her interviewed on the Vox Pop program. The Mahin brothers were both here on October 26th. A/S Bob Mahin is in V-12 at U.C. "readying-up" for Midshipman School. A/S Dick Mahin has begun Navy's flight preparatory program at Cal. Poly.

November has begun with a special kind of Thanksgiving on our part on its very first day; for November 1st brought us calls from Bill Hamilton (en route from service in Hawaii to flight training at Keesler Field); from four of our students now in V-12's pre-medical program at Notre Dame--Max Newman, Rev Stewart, Keith King, and Jim Brown; from Army Signal Corps, David Bannister (about to go over); from Jack Dowell in A.S.T.P. at Tarleton College, Texas; from P.A.A. Marvin Hort with news gathered on his last mileage via a PB2Y3 in the Pacific--news that Ensign Jack Gist was "dropping sticks" on the enemy, that Burt Fuller was in a Coast Guard Radio School, that Sgt. Ervin Burroughs is in G-2 Military Personnel.

Letters

Letters continue to come in from you from all over the world. With instant art they transport us across the miles into your presence. Thanks for your news, thanks for your humor, thanks for your thanks, thanks for your unaffected but firm loyalty to one another. Wouldn't you like to share a few excerpts from these letters? Lt. Hugh Ellsaesser, B.J.C. 1941, meteorologist at an A.T.C. Weather Station writes, "I feel out of things sitting here in the Carribean watching the clouds go by. The greatest excitement available is prying into the private lives of occasional hurricanes. However, today we landed a twenty-five pound barracuda, and a few weeks ago one of the boys pulled a twelve foot shark out of our swimming pool". Gene Clausen remarks that "Walking around in a Navy platoon is not like riding around in my Maroon Spitocn", and Ted Carlton who is in Navy flight preparatory training in the same school in Liberty, Missouri adds, "Since I've been running the two mile obstacle course, I've decided there is no such thing as downhill in Missouri". S/Sgt. Brian Hilty writes from "far beyond any semblance of civilization"--Outpost duty, the Army calls it: "For temporary escape from military life and its strict regimentation, those of us up here tend to live our lives in retrospect--in those treasured years buried beneath a cascade of anything but dull months". Over in England, S/Sgt. Greg Poulouganis, piano playing optometrist, "has more fun playing for groups than any other one thing I know. I played the pump organ for the Chaplain on ship's deck every afternoon, in the lounge when seas were choppy, and now I play in pub houses, hotels, for Red Cross programs, and the like". Lt. Roy Murray, whose Liberator crew has been knocking down Zeroes asks us to tell Butch Clymer that "the Navy is trying to steal the show from the Army over here, but the Army is steal proof". Another former Renegade whose name I'll keep as a military secret confesses: "I have half a dozen girls to write to, and I try to make each one think she is the only one, so-o-o I have to write plenty of letters." This quoting of letters could go on and on, if it would not overtax the mails.

Faculty News.

Three new items to add to those previously reported: Lt. Bob Wright is now on the U.S.S. Piedmont. Like the rest of you Navy men he has been east side, west side, all around the Pond. Robb Walt has just been commissioned lieutenant j.g. He is teaching at the Naval Training Station at San Diego. Jere King, that Alabama-Virginia-Californian is now teaching in the history department at Stanford.

October's Report on Decorations.

Capt. Ed Adkins (B-25) has the Silver Star and the D.F.C. Lt. Stuart Chenoweth (bombardier) has the bronze oak leaf cluster to the air medal. Capt. Ray Daly (P-38) has been awarded his second oak leaf cluster. Lt. H.H. Wilkerson, a combat pilot with avenger medium bombardment group in Sicily has the air medal for raids against the axis. Lt. Robert Anderson's parents received the air medal and bronze oak leaf cluster awarded posthumously. Lt. Wilbur Shine now has the D.F.C. as has also Maj. Stewart Robb. Capt. Jack Lavers has just added the Silver Star to his other decorations.

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Gold Star.

Lt. Lemuel Schaad was killed when the B-24 of which he was co-pilot crashed in Colorado. His death was doubly tragic to his junior college friends for he was engaged to marry our own Betty Ann Jaggard.

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A Few Navy Men.

Lt. Don Robesky writes that Lts. Leo Meacher, Jim Chambers, and Les DeCew all took part in the Marcus Island raid. They are on different ships but Leo says they see one another now and again anyway. Bill Eddy is out there, too. Lt.(j.g.) Clinton Thomson is flying a dive bomber from the carrier, Bunker Hill. Lt.(j.g.) Kenneth Mastin is on the USS Louisville. Ensign Bob Fisher, pilot of one of the new Navy Wildcats is credited with two Jap Zeroes. Ensign John Brook is a gunnery officer on a Liberty ship. Hugh Williams and Nate Himovitz are new ensigns. Naval Aviation Cadet Bill Love made a few touchdowns for William Jewell College this fall while in flight preparatory. N.A.C. Johnny Rossetto is starring for St. Mary's Pre-flight squad. At Annapolis B.J.C. now has Don Kohler and Don Houck with Bob Gormley's appointment just announced. Lt. Herm Spindt, Jr. is still on the Atlantic but has received his orders to return to Miami for new instructions. Ex-pole-vaulter Greg Williams is a C.P.O. at Portsmouth, Virginia who is collecting the necessary papers for O.C.S. The latest withdrawals from B.J.C. to enter Navy Flight Preparatory are Downing McKee and Milt Gardiner.

Among Our Marines.

Lefty Faulk is in aviation ordnance in the South Pacific. Ross Doll is in O.C.S. at Quantico.

Army Briefs.

Lt. Richard Gribble is Mess Officer in an Air Warning Bn. Cpl. Allan Choy is attached to an all Chinese training unit. Former Driller Nick Angeles is reported to be in a unit at Camp Carlson, Colorado made up of Greek-Americans. Sgt. Joe Andre is turning his business ability to the service of the Army in Africa. S/Sgt. Pat Franey is with a combat engineers' division. Recently assigned to A.S.T.P. are Joe Rice, Kenny Shelton, John Fenfield. Lt. Charley Hamilton is "sight seeing" in Africa.

That Renegade Army Air Corps.

F/O Jack Durrett writes that Gordon Slater and Jack Middaugh are in the same 81st Fgt. Gr. in Africa as Jack but in different squadrons. Meteorologist Lt. Don Wachob reports that Charlie Wakefield now has his weight down to 194 lbs. and has been accepted as an aviation cadet. Alabama Jim McWhorter is another A/C. Art Johnson ran across him at a dance at the University of Tennessee one night. Lt. Delbert Wong (navigator) is in the final stage of overseas training at Great Falls, Montana. Allan Spindt (U.C.) is in basic at Merced. Lt. Dick Stutzman, piloting a P-51 Mustang, will soon leave Tampa for the front. (Brother Lt. Jim Stutzman, by the way, is an engineer in the 23rd Depot Repair Sqdn. in England.) 1st Lt. Ernie McNahan is at the controls of a P-47 Thunderbolt, a flight leader in England. Lt. Leon Moynier has won both R.A.F. wings and those of Uncle Sam. He is a Cargo Pilot in the A.T.C. Lt. David Gardner, a B-17 bombardier, has been working overtime in the missions over Italy and Germany. Lt. Tom Doll is teaching gunnery at Las Vegas. Aerial Engineer, Cpl. Leland Brown is chief nurse to a B-25. Some of the newest Air Corps trainees as of this date are Don Sutton, Art King, Bob Johnson, Dick Hoskings, Jerry Herndon.

By the way, while Frank Loustalot was at Santa Ana he broke the all-time "45" automatic shooting record--424 out of 450. Pistol Packing Papa, eh?

Wonderful Coincidence Department.

Jim Day reported in "Pipfuls" that Bob Stiern went into a restaurant in London catering to the American trade and saw on its wall a blue and white pennant with the legend "Bakersfield, California".

Good News.

Our charming Betty Nisbet married our Naval Aviator Richard Stambok a fortnight ago. I just came home from one of the happiest weddings of the year, that of Sgt. Bill Whitaker and Veda Brite. I wish I were able to go to Oregon next Friday when Louis Grethaus will marry Molly McGuire with Loren Voth standing as his best man.

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This letter will reach many of you at Thanksgiving time. May I close it, then, with this quotation from Robert Louis Stevenson:

"Good friends make us worthy of ourselves".

As ever,
Yours V. Ruid

Bakersfield Junior College
7 December 43

Dear Beejaycee Men in Service:

This letter comes to you to convey the high-as-a-mountain, deep-as-the-sea good wishes of your college to you at the Christmas season. Our bulletin board is already covered with greetings from you from your "corners in the foreign field": a red berry wreath from Lt. Lincoln Goddard in Alaska, "une bonne annee" from Lt. Jim Ponton in Africa, a Coronado flying over the water from Ensign Don Peaslee, a silver and white salute from Major George Holmquist from Italy, a Carmen Miranda-like "alegra catala" from SK 1/c Frank McNaughton from South America, a ves dock and doris from killed S/Sgt. Gregg Foulogianis from England, and a score of others. The December letter with news of our men in service will reach you in a few days. But here, for my Christmas message to you, let me quote from a poem written a number of years ago by Wheaton Brewer to a friend who was leaving California.

"Oh, you'll come back
The skies of California
Summon you.
The sunset track,
Across the ocean's blue,
The orient
Flavering above the meeting line
Of sea and clouds,
The eucalyptus tent
Above the poppy crowds,
The touselled hills
Like small boys in the sun,
The Indian's adobe shack,
The cedar waxwings' trills
Will bring you back.

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"You cannot go away and leave
All this behind.

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Oh, you will see us all, once more.
Your heart is Californian after all.
And if for just a little time you roam,
We've no fears on that score--
You will come home."

In friendship,

Yvonne Bird

Bakersfield Junior College
7 December 43

Dear Beejaycee Men in Service:

My Christmas letter has just gone out to you to speak our affection and our faith. This letter goes out to bring you our latest news of you, yourselves. Perhaps I should say "our latest news of some of you"; for our reports are too numerous to crowd into the space of one envelopeful. We shall try to catch up wholly before the college year is done.

Latest on our faculty—on land, in the air, and on the sea. Major Perc Bliss is one of 700 students in the Army's Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth "struggling under the equivalent of a triple major in double-time". Navy Lt. Nick Pananides assigned to engineering instruction at the University of Michigan has just earned his Master of Science degree in the Graduate School. East High's Lawrence McArdle is bandmaster at the Submarine Base at New London and, I understand, working for his Master's by remote control at Yale. Dean Taber is (as you might guess) one of the best liked officers in V-12 at the University of Colorado. No recent word has come from Lt. Commander Butch Clymer since his carrier left this coast. Adelaide Schafer has passed her Air Corps physical examination and is awaiting assignment for training with the Women's Air Force Service Pilot Command. Miriam Gatley Esher (who taught English here to some of you) is a candidate for her commission as lieutenant junior grade at Hunter College. Lt. Larry Hall and Lt. Don Robesky are on active duty with the Navy in the Pacific. Navy Lt. Ewert has just had ten glorious days leave in New York where he and Mrs. Ewert feasted on the opera, the stage shows, the concerts, and the galleries. He is back at Daytona Beach again.

Office Visitors. Thirty days hath November and thirty visitors, too. The largest crop came from the college training programs during the recess between terms. On leave from Notre Dame University were the V-12 pre-medics: Jim Brown, Bev. Stewart, Max Newman, Neil Mulcahy, Bernard Thompson, and Keith King. (Terry Wilbur didn't come home to show off his new svelte figure.) All seven of these men made fine records as indicated by the transcripts sent back to us by Notre Dame. Two A.S.T.P. enrollees on furlough were Jack Dowell (asking questions about Jere King, Miss Forsberg, and others) and Harlan Glenn (wondering what will happen to him now that the meteorology program is being discontinued). Harlan, by the way, reported that Major Frank Hornkohl who has done so much for some of our chem majors has several posts under his command in Oklahoma.

Pfc. Bill Hamilton was en route between service in Hawaii and cadet training at Keesler Field, Mississippi. Pfc. Harry Hofman was returning to his post as weather observer at Chanute Field. Dave Bannister has just been reclassified as a lineman at Camp Kohler after ten months of hard preparation for radio technician. On December 3 Dave and Jeanne had a son born to them, another "Dave". Seven A/C's have dropped in. A/C Walt Permenter has just finished aerial gunnery at Kingman, Arizona. A/C Bill Wettring is at approximately the same stage in Texas. A/C Bard Suverkrop graduated from Minter this week and is training in bombers at Marfa, Texas. (Bard always did go in for the bull fiddle size.) A/C Tommy Cullen is graduating from basic at Lemoore and will train for that beautiful new B-25. The same good news applies to A/C Herb Bayless who is winding up his basic at Lancaster and reporting to B-25 training at Marfa. Tommy and Herb brought news of fellow Beejayceers. Joy Hunt and Gerald Greer are cadets at Lancaster—Joy, a cadet officer. Bob Loudon has been classified as a navigator at Santa Ana. Art King and Jerry Herndon who have been roommates throughout their Air Corps experience thus far are now on their way together for basic training. A/C Swiffle-hipped Paul Howard was en route to training in an A.T.6 at Marana, Arizona. A/C Frank Lousalot, who called with his pretty and proud-of-her-Pistol-Packin'-Papa wife, is just beginning his advanced training at Ontario.

The P.A.A. pilots always bring us news from the more distant B.J.C. spots on the Big War Map. From P.A.A. Marvin Hort we learned that Ensign Jack Gist is doing his full share of "dropping sticks" on the enemy in the South Pacific; that Burt Fuller is in Coast Guard radio school; that Sgt. Ervin Burroughs is in Military Personnel.

Marine Air Corps Lt. Ed McAleer flew over from Santa Barbara. He was celebrating (1) coming safely out of a crack-up and (2) being a brand new uncle to the son born to Capt. Bill Baldwin and Mildred McAleer Baldwin. Ed is still at Santa Barbara. Artillery Lt. Mike Audap was in town with Mrs. Toodie Fanucchi Audap. They had been to the hospital to see John Fanucchi (B.J.C. Student Prexy in 1938). John was seriously injured in an automobile accident last month in which his young wife was killed.

T/Sgt. Eldon "Twin" McDanel is in ordnance at Camp Maxey. One of the big thrills in the service for him has been "teaching rookies".

We have seen half a dozen "old timers". 1st Lt. Paul Fong (BJC 1933) is stationed in Washington D.C. with Army Intelligence. Younger brother, Lt. Robert Fong, is a meteorologist. Capt. Jack Cornwell, BJC 1939 and now in the Quartermaster Corps at Camp Kearns, Utah, brought his wife to visit his parents. S/Sgt. Roy Farrell who was a P.E. instructor in civilian life serves the Army similarly at Gulf Port. Ensign Howard Paine, Patrol Boat officer, expects to continue his work toward his Ph.D. at U.C. as soon as the war is won. Lt. Paul Woollomes entertained us for an hour with tall tales of hunting, fishing, and trapping down Louisiana way where bull frogs weigh two and a quarter pounds and croak like a basso profundo. Paul said that Lt. Charlie Hay is still running true to his usual form at Camp Claiborne where he has a staff car and chauffeur at his disposal twenty-four hours a day.

I ran across Navy's Wilbur Shellhammer and Roma Stone sauntering down F St. Roma was A.W.O.L. from the University where, by the way, she is an associate editor of the Daily Californian.

Do you remember that well-liked faculty basketballer, Glen Rodgers? He is home for a respite from Camp Kohler and brings word of two Beejayceers of half a dozen years ago. T/Sgt. Lloyd Barteis in charge of film production work for the training program at that base and Captain Bill Van Sandt of the Signal Corps. George Waters, whose punctured eardrum keeps him out of military service, has been doing his share in the Merchant Marine in the South Pacific.

Today, our second anniversary of Pearl Harbor, brought Lt. Norman Dow, fresh from a commission at Yale as a flight engineer en route for heavy bombardment training at Seattle. Charlie Webster will be accepting his commission (also in engineering at Yale) in about two weeks. And it brought Pvt. Glenn Martin, A.S.T.P. student up at Cal, and Lt. Jack Gregg Harrington of the Marine Air Corps Reserve. Jack announced with regret that he had been assigned as an instructor at Corpus Christi. There is nothing he wants so much as to pit a fighter plane against a Zero. Glenn Martin, by the way, saw Navy Bob Lane just before he shipped out a month ago.

The most distinguished home town visitor of the month was our own Capt. Ed Adkins whose decorations (D.F.C., oak leaf clusters, air medal) only partially measure the high quality of his service.

Anchors Aweigh! Navy Roger Nabers writes from Ward Island, Texas: "If nothing slips between now and then, I'll be shipped out soon as a 2nd class aviation radio technician". Ensign Tennant Brooks is, among other things, the moving picture officer on U.S.S. Wake Island. When last heard from, he was showing "Dumbo". R.T. 3/c Leonard Hylton, stationed on Treasure Island, has just been part of a B.J.C. reunion party at U.C. with "Gracie Dart, Gladys Russell, Harry Rinker, Paul Zydner, and Ruby Baldwin". He has also met Chief Ralph Stockel, a physical training instructor who played football here when Spud Harder was Renegade Coach. A.M.M. 2/c Vernon Gularde writes that he and Ensign Bob Fisher were reading my last letter down in the South Pacific when an air raid sounded. "We hit the dug-out and there I read the letter. I couldn't let a few Japs stop me from getting the long awaited news on the junior college and our fellows". Gularde and Fisher are in the same squadron. Ensign Harry Scaroni, who is also out in the distant south seas is a cartooner as well as a flyer. He recently sent home a cartoon of himself looking somewhat questioningly at the doubtful success of having converted a native girl into a "date" by applying a coat of white wash. Ensign Roo Pollock is in the Aleutians. Our V-12 lads are still making fine records at their various colleges. Jean Philipp has just turned in an A- average. John Schorr has just begun his first term at U.S.C.

Lt. (jg) Herm Spindt, Jr. is back in the States from Africa and is assigned for further training at Miami. Army Sgt. Bill Whitaker will probably see him there.

"This is the Army, Mr. Jones". Lt. John E. Dowd, who outshot the rest of his squadron in target shooting from a P-40, is now in a B-24. His ten man crew is a miniature democracy: a protestant pilot, a Catholic co-pilot, a Jewish bombardier, and a Christian Scientist gunner.

Lt. Bill Bartenstein who has touched shore in half a dozen South Pacific Island writes to John VanOsdel, "Working on the Shell roustabout gang schooled me in digging fox holes--handy gadgets."

An Associated Press dispatch acclaimed our Lt. Ivan Osborne as hero of the raid on the Marshall island of Jaluit. Another Pacific hero, Capt. Ray Daly, is home after sixteen months of aerial combat service. He headed straight for his fiancée in New York.

Sgt. Ed Compton, that gifted painter of ours, is with an Armored Division in Africa. (I hope, Ed, that some one of our American artists on assignment at the front will lend you his paint kit some day!) Lt. Bill Heffernan is with an Engineer Water Supply Section in Iran. Lt. James Dresser is with the Army Medical Corps --at Wendover Field, Utah, according to our last report. Cpl. Jack Cutright and Cpl. Billy Rowland are still at Minter and able to live in their own homes. A former Driller half back in Bob Stockton's day, Lt. Lyle Brown is the new Public Relations' officer at Minter.

S/Sgt. Harold Gerrish has been starring all season as left half back and Captain of the Infantry Team at Camp Gordon, Georgia. Press notices describe his "sparkling performances". He and his team-mates played Georgia Tech on Thanksgiving Day. When not playing football, Hal is pushing tanks around or dating Georgia peaches.

Lt. Jerry Lake and Mary Louise Robinson were married as soon as he graduated. He is now a chemical warfare and armament officer at Bruning Field, Nebraska. Elaine Davis and Ensign Kenneth Hastin "dood it", too, during his recent leave after ten months active duty in the Pacific.

Lt. Don McDonald is in Field Artillery in the South Pacific. Sgt. Tommy Rigg went across the other way with an outfit of Engineers. S/Sgt. Joe Angeles writes from China that Lt. Norman McNamee's design for the squadron insignia has been accepted as official. Pfc. Tom Boyd writes of snack bars and movies in Egypt. Sgt. Skeet Paine is an armorer in a fighter squadron with a New York A.P.O. Sgt. Wayne Montgomery, in A.S.T. at the University of Minnesota, spent his furlough taking in the art galleries and museums of Chicago. Down in the Caribbean Sgt. Charles Anderson and Bill Jaspersen have run across one another. Chuck Owen is at Scott Field. Harry Makoff and Jimmy Murray are there too. Leland Brown has been asking about Mother Bouchey of our Boys' Dorm. She is now at the Girls' Dorm, but she is just as loyal as ever to all of you whom she knew.

Lt. John Besone is looking forward to a reunion with Morton Block on his next ferrying trip to Hawaii. P.A.A.'s Clark Wiedmann helped fly Queen Wilhelmina back to England when she returned there this summer. He has met many of our men in all sorts of spots. He saw Lee Rogers in Rio when in Brazil.

Arthur Johnson has just left his fine engineering job with the Tennessee Valley Authority to begin cadet training at an A.A.C. base in North Carolina. George Voll has just been named a Captain (A.A.C.) and ordered to Baltimore, Maryland. (Applause!). Lt. Gordon Hudson has won his wings this month at Douglas Field.

Our be-medaled African quartette (Newberry, Homer, Knott, and Harper) are being assigned to various P-38 schools in California (Salinas, Santa Maria, et al).

The Maroon Ribbon Award for furnishing news to relay to all of you goes to Jack Snodgrass this month. Jack is in the weather station at Lowry Field at present but expects to leave soon for cadet training. Here is his equivalent to Jim Day's "Pipefuls": "I saw Jim Guzzard in Denver one night. He is an armament instructor at Buckley Field where Lance Lee is a sergeant. Lt. Wade Wilson, B-24 pilot, is now overseas. Bob Johnson is an aviation student at the University of North Dakota. Paul Boone is a bombardier cadet at Kirtland Field. Jimmie Jackson is a T/Sgt. with the Signal Corps in Texas and expects to go across very soon. Ernie McMahan is a first lieutenant flying a P-47 in England now. Kenny Wegis is taking the final phase of C.P.T. at Randolph Field. His wife, Vivian Wheeler Wegis, expects to join him soon." Thanks to you, Jack, for your thoughtfulness in sending the addresses of Johnson, Wegis, Jackson, Boone, and McMahan. A letter from Paul Boone added the news that Bob "Petticoat Fever" Lynch has just completed Basic and is probably to be at Stockton for advanced training.

End of time. End of letter. No end, however, to our good wishes,

Grace Bird

I've been cutting the stencils for these letters practically since Pearl Harbor. This time I'm just going to add my own personal good wishes to those of Miss Bird. Your letters and your visits--which Miss Bird lets me share with her--are bright spots in our office lives.

As always,

Lorraine Payne

Dear Beejayeese Men AND WOMEN in Service:

Our women are now taking their places in uniform beside our men, and my Service Letters greet you all with affection and a new pride in the ready willingness and common sense with which you are meeting the job that has fallen to you to do.

Can you guess how many men and women have left their classes at B.J.C. to enter the armed forces since Pearl Harbor? Six hundred! And this does not count the other hundreds of alumni who are Stars in our thoughts just as certainly as the Six Hundred are our official Service Stars--alumni like Infantry Captain Don McCarty in New Guinea; Lt. Stuart Chanoweth just home from completing twenty-five missions over Europe with air medals, oak leaf clusters, and the D.F.C.; Lt. (jg) Isabelle Hanawalt Wadsworth putting the ripple in the Waves at Hunter College; S 2/c Jimmie Moon of "Boise" fame still assigned to that Navy craft and acting, on the side, as nurse to the Chaplain's jeep; former Rip editor Art Sargent somewhere in the China-Burma-India Transport Command; those two brother dentists who are so adept with the bow and arrow--Captain Delmer Fletcher (Robbins Field) and Major Erwin Fletcher (Barksdale); Captain (Dr.) George Cuneo whose A.P.O. is #488; Captain Jack Roberts who writes from England; . . . "What a grand day it will be when we can all sit out on the lawn again and talk things over. I dream of that day often, for it is a direct reminder of the happiest days of my life."; and so on and on and on all around the clock and all around the world.

You may be interested in the distribution of our 600 Service Stars; Army--140; Army Air Corps--228; Navy--154; Navy or Marine Air Corps--44; Marines--23; Coast Guard--3; Merchant Marine--6; R.A.F. or R.C.A.F.--2 . . . all as of January 1, 1944.

It has been my great good fortune to talk with many of you who have been home on leave from action in every theater in which our troops are now fighting and to talk with scores more of you still in preparation for that hard task. What do I see? Modesty, Resolution, Confidence in leaders and in self, Soberer judgment but undiminished good humor, Love of home (How very great it is!), Allegiance to friends, Yearning for familiar faces, And never-to-be-quenched, gloom-resistant wisecracks!! I wish Time Magazine would let me name the Man of the Year. It would be Fighting Joe College.

But, let's get on with our news sheet.

Our Beejayeese Gals in Uniform.

First, here is a toast to our Betty Coeds in uniform; "May they free a man to win the war, and capture one to win the peace."

Ensign Phyllis Champion has been assigned to the Naval Training Station at South Hadley, Massachusetts. Sp. M. 3/c Betty Massey, whose duty is in the Fleet Post Office in San Francisco, writes, "The best thing about San Francisco is seeing familiar faces". Among friends she has seen are Leigh McFarland; Beverly Hall who is in nurses' training and whose engagement has recently been announced to Cpl. Richard Barnes, radio gunner. (Dick, by the way, is reporting to the Second Air Force Replacement center at Salt Lake); Genevieve Parker who is in nurses' training at U.C. Hospital along with Ruby Baldwin and Dorothy King; Jane Roebuck Combs and Navy husband Lt. Paul Combs who were running to get out of the rain; Bookie Baker elsewhere referred to in this letter.

Wave Betty Lee Baldes Y 3/c graduated January 10 from Yeoman School at Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls. Wave Shirliann Pentzer S 2/c has finished indoctrination and is preparing to be a link trainer instructor at the Naval Air Station in Atlanta. Jim McAuliffe's attractive wife, Janet, is a Yeoman 3/c in San Francisco. Wave Bernice McCann is still in indoctrination. Wave Mary Watts is now Storekeeper Watts. S 2/c Glasner Leslie is in the Waves Storekeeper School at Milledgeville, Ga.

Two officers in the Army Nurse Corps who will mend many a head and heart are Lt. Kathryn Safford at Fort McDowell and Lt. Alice Jones, sister of Army Air Corps Barton Jones and Navy "can" officer, Jess Jones, Jr. Mac Barbara Davis is representing B.J.C. at Camp Carlson, Colorado, while Edna Cooter is entertaining troops in a USO TT unit. We are proud to be giving a special salute to Beejayeese's Women in Service!

Decorations Recently Announced.

Decorations are won by our men faster than our records can be kept. We wish we knew of all of them, but perhaps these men can stand as symbols for those of you not named. Lt. Chuck Durant at 19 has his second air medal. Chuck pilots a P-47 in England. Lt. Ivan Osborne has his second oak leaf cluster for aerial attacks on the Gilberts. Lt. Carroll Knott was recently awarded his twelfth oak leaf cluster, but the real thrill in his life is the announcement this month of his betrothal to Ellen Cordero. Lt. Oliver Hopkin has his ninth oak leaf cluster and is now back in the

United States (Sioux City, Iowa) after 50 combat missions. Rumor says his wife is worth them all! Lt. Johnny Hays, marine air corps hero, is home on a 30 day leave with another D.F.C. Lt. Cody Robertson's wife was given the Silver Star, awarded posthumously to Cody for extreme gallantry in action in Tunisia.

Gold Stars.

Harry McCoy who recently won his Navy wings was killed in an operations flight at Melbourne, Florida. Walter Fermenter was killed in training January 18 in New Mexico.

Missing In Action.

Lt. (J.G.) Clinton Thomson, naval aviator.

Our Raiding Marines

This is my editorial comment on the Marines: "The bigger they are, the harder we fall"--we and the enemy and everyone else. Cpls. Gus Pappas, Ken Stoddard (artillery) and Charles Klevies (Navy corps man attached to the Marines) took part in the spearhead landing in Empress Augusta Bay. Gus celebrated his second year of service January 7. The latest to begin marine training is Guy Wathen--just last week to be precise. Unless I am mistaken, he should be good for one Nipponese island, single-handed. Captain Jere Tilson is making a supermarine reputation with his men in the South Pacific. While I was standing in line for some of Dewar's famous caramels last week, I met Mervin Porter's father. Merv is a first lieutenant Marine flier on duty in the Pacific. Brother "Tubbs" Porter is a Navy cadet at Tucson. Marine Sgt. Keith Deane is at the Marine Hospital in Oakland. Some of you old tennis players will remember Edmund Clarke, formerly from K.C. and Stanford. He is Captain Edmund Clarke now, and he was recently selected to attend the Command and Staff School at Quantico after serving with distinction in the war zone. That ought to give him "point, game, and set". Lt. Bill Clanin is also doin' right by our Nell in advanced officers training.

Serving Overseas.

Lt. John E. Dowd is in the bomber group in England that is captained by James Stewart. John E. wouldn't exchange Captains or wives with anyone. (Mrs. John E. was the former Virginia Pfost). Lt. Alvin Pycatt is in England with his P-51. (Any buzzing, Al?) Lt. Homer Wentz who has taken part in the heavy bomber raids over Germany recently went hunting in Scotland on a wonderful 10,000 acre estate. Cpl. Kirby Blodget has left his job as radio instructor at Truax Field for service overseas. F/O Mike Seely is co-pilot of a cargo plane. Dick Taylor, "the demon basketballer", is a Captain in the Army Air Corps Ground Administration in England. Sgt. Charles Anderson writes from the West Indies: "It is almost two and a half years since I have seen the old home grounds. That's a long time in my book. I haven't even managed to get so much as a 24 hour pass in all that time". But Charlie is comforted by his dog, "Uncle Rafe", a dog as lazy and easy going as his name implies --a dog who calls at the PX every day for his hamburger and who has piled up enough flying hours to win his wings. Lt. Caesar Jung is in the I.T.C. in China. Lt. Ernie McMahan (P-47) and Lt. Gene Adkins (B-24) see one another often in England. Both see Chuck Durant occasionally. Navy's Art and Glen Sawyer ran across one another in the South Pacific and had their picture taken together to salute their mother. Their smiles would light up anybody's dim-out. So.M.2/c Jim Watts of the U.S.S. Mustin writes: "One can't be a salty sailor and pine for Mother's cooking, so I just won't be salty". Lt. (J.G.) Dwight Long (naval flier) had a lucky leave and spent Christmas at home with Dodie and their dachshund canine quiz kid. Jack Viles R.M.3/c is at the Comfair West Coast Glider Unit. Bill Potts E.M.3/c is with a Barrage Balloon Unit. Aerologist Vernon Cline is in Cuba far from "Torchy" (Mrs. Vernon Cline to you). Musical Bob Tinsley has landed in India. Lt. Harry Scaroni has left Trinidad and Puerto Rico for parts unknown. S/Sgt. Nate Morrison is in his seventeenth month of service with the marines in the South Pacific. Charles Sutton (big brother to A/C Don at Santa Ana and V-12 Bob at U. of Texas) is serving in Ireland for Lockheed's engineering department. Lt. Murphy Pruett is in your neighborhood, Charles. . . . Lt. Jim Ponton is now Detachment Commander at his headquarters in Africa. His clerk at Detachment Hdqs. is our C.P.O. John Twaddell's cousin, Sgt. Bill Twaddell from Pasadena.

R.T.3/c Bob Lane writes from the South Pacific to praise Bakersfield and those charming Davies sisters, Jo Ellen and Patsy. Former stage crewman Sgt. Erwin Burroughs is behind the scenes in Uncle Sam's show in Honolulu. Lt. Frank Hollarbush, recently arrived in England, writes "You have to be a mathematical specialist to use the English money. They told me the best way to learn it was to get into a poker game. Well, I still don't understand the system, but I don't have to worry about the money either." Lt. Harry Hendry through his work in Air Force Administration sees and hails a co-Renegade every so often. Sgt. Dick Golden has a new A.P.O. in the South Pacific; another Jayseer with a new A.P.O. is Don Everitts T/5. Lt. Hugh Ellsaesser ran across S/Sgt. Jim Garone in Puerto Rico. Through the benevolence of Uncle Sam,

11 Hugh is now taking graduate work in Tropical Meteorology under the University of Chicago on the campus of the University of Puerto Rico. Hugh's last letter to me was delivered to my desk four days after he wrote it. And the very same day I received a letter from Pfc. Bob Stewart written just four days earlier in Alaska. Bob writes that he and Earl Snow have been together since they left home; that Lt. Burton Cox used to fly by in a B-17 and Ensign Pat Curran in a Kingfisher. And then Bob adds that if he and Tom Boyd make one more jump in their respective directions, they will be able "to team up in China". (Tom Boyd, you may remember, is in Egypt.) Down in the Pacific Ensign Jack Gist reports having crossed the equator over forty times. He is now a Short Snorter, a Shellback, and a Golden Dragon.

Some Snap Shots of Some Hot Shots in the Army Air Corps.

There used to be a Gay Nineties song about "How're you goin' to keep 'em down on the farm after they've seen Paroo?" The modern version is "How're you goin' to keep 'em down on the ground after they've tasted flight?" The latest to desert the Ground Forces for the air is Lt. Larry Butterfield now Lt. L.E. A/C. (Larry, by the way, wants us to start a Lifers Club Scholarship, of the Lifers, by the Lifers, and for the Lifers. Good idea, n'est-ce pas?) Dewey Girard, who has been a marine engineer in San Francisco is now an A/C in Wichita Falls. Former farmer Warren Kecker is a bombardier. The Diebel brothers are both in the sky--Lt. Fred as an instructor at Williams Field and A/C Don at San Antonio. Lt. Otto Sunny Kramer has just moved out of Marfa and made room for two new Bakersfield recruits, A/C Neil Churchill and A/C Herb Bayless. A/C Elwood Catlin is at Lemoore after celebrating the holidays with his twin sister. And speaking of the holidays, some area on the east coast must have felt the echoes of the Xmas celebration that brought together A/C Charlie Wakefield and Lt. Don Meteor Wachob. Lt. Ed Davis (Troop Carrier Group) and his wife honored their first Christmas by giving a big party at the Masonic Temple in Alliance, Nebraska. Cpl. Kay Jue has won his gunner's silver wings at Yuma. Two other A.A.C. gunners are Bob Finch, who is at Sioux City, and Robert Murray, who is at Sioux Falls (just a couple of Sioux and Sioux, if you don't mind a poor but tempting pun.) A/C Bob Lynch is at Stockton Field. Lt. Barton Jones is in fighter pilot training at McCord, Washington. A/C Tommy Marshall is in basic training at Peocos. Pencil Fushing Papa Jim Radoumis is a statistical clerk at the Fresno Air Base. F/O Stanley Schultz married Lt. Irene Wasch of the Army Nurse Corps December 18th. Mechanic Bruce Magorian plans to leave, honor and obey a B 24 J. T/Sgt. Dick Williams is in a fighter squadron out of New Orleans A.F.O. And so,--"Off they go into the bright, blue yonder"

You March, You March, You March!

1st Lt. Dave Goldberg stopped off to see convalescent John Fanucchi the first of the month, and he expected to greet Donald Dingman for us all last week. Lt. Mike Audap was ordered to Tennessee in December. Kenny Shelton is in A.S.T.P. at Loyola University. Mel Davis is making a nice record at Camp Pannin, Texas. Cpl. Clarence White is a chief mail clerk at Camp Hood. Lt. Kathryn Safford reports that Lt. Cyril Andre is in the Finance Dept. at Fort McDowell. Major Gregg McKee is in the General Staff and Command School at Fort Leavenworth along with Major Perc Bliss who first taught him his military science.

Navy Tars and Stars

All the Navy needs to do is to push a button and B.J.C. will serve up an R.T. 3/c seasoned to perfection. Here is a trio for proof: Johnny Clark at the Oakland Naval Supply Depot, Ray Fairbanks and Leonard Hylton at Treasure Island. Midshipman Don Houck is knocking out holes-in-one (metaphorically speaking) in his courses at Annapolis. Lt.(j.g.) Roy Hubbard is in Joint Comma. School at the Amphibious Training Base at Norfolk. Our former prize tackle, Dave Kofahl, is tackling the tough Navy engineering program at Cal Tech and will be commissioned as an engineering specialist at its completion. Another Baejayscoer who transferred to Stanford is Lt.(j.g.) Don Hopper, now based at Jacksonville.

Ensign Lloyd Stovall graduated from Corpus Christi recently. A/C Hues Kniffen is working for the first feather in his wings at Hutehison, Kansas.

Up Alaska way Ensign Rec Pollok is an A & R officer. Lt.(j.g.) Herb Shively is in the same squadron as ex-debater Lt.(j.g.) Jim Middleton in the Pacific. (They've lost track of "Sully" and so have we except to know he is an aviation radioman 2/c on a Grumman Avenger.) Jim is inquiring for a book on the flora of the central and south Pacific. Tall blond engineering Jim Smith (U.C.) is an Ensign on a subchaser whose crew included curly, blond George Stevenson.

December Visitors and Their News.

All Baba has no priority on the number 40. My ledger shows forty visitors in uniform since our letter of December 7th. If I had not been away visiting my family for four days at Christmas, the number would have been forty-nine. What could be more characteristic of California than Forty-Niners, and who could be more characteristic of us than this Forty-Nine:

(1) Lt. Lawrence Ines, 99th Q.M. Co., home for the first time in 5 yrs. and recalling campus politics of 1939 when Zuercher, Mass, Pollock and Co, were stokers

on the steam roller that put Lt. Elton Rodgers (Africa) up for student body. His Mississippi wife was visiting with Ellen Craig Zuercher and Baby RoseAnne Zuercher while Lawrence was visiting with us and with (2) Ensign Bill Taylor, also BJC 1939, who happened by at the same time. None of us had seen one another since that '39 spring, and we played both sides of the record at once. Bill is a NAC navigator. He is married to a Nebraska girl whom he met while at UCLA. (3) A/C Johnny Rossetto, outpointed only by All American Bruce Smith of Minnesota while at St. Mary's Pre-flight now enroute to Livermore. (4) Lt. Robert Lackey of the Medical Corps. Doc Bob, whose interne record was upper decile (to use McDaniel language), is making the same kind of record in the Army at Camp Claiborne. (5) Richard Heber, Ch.Sp.(A), Co. Commander at Camp Sampson. Brother Miles Heber is still out of service battling malaria.

(6) A/C Jay Chapin (big enough now to block a Wakefield) enroute to adv. training at Luke. He told us George Valencia and Bill Bradley were also headed for Luke and that Art King, Jerry Herndon, and Don Nighbert are all at Lemore. (7) Epl. Siegel Grove has been accepted for air corps cadet training. He said Vernon Mears is at San Antonio and Bob Herndon at Texas A & M. Major Howard Rohman recently routed Siegel out of his bunk at 3 a.m. for a brief bull session while Rohman's plane was down at San Antonio. The Major is now stationed near St. Petersburg, Fla. (8) Meteorology cadet Jimmie McIntire. In three terms at U.C. McIntire has deposited to his account with Fame, grade-point ratios of 2.82, 2.67, and 3.00. (9) Ralph Setterholm, M.M.2/c, en route for V-12 training as an engineering specialist after 1 1/2 years duty in the South Pacific. (10) Cpl. Walter Mays from Fort Hays. (11) and (12) the Himovitz brothers, Army Joe and Navy Harold. Harold was returning to Stanford Medical and Joe was en route to McClelland Field. (13) Dan Sabovich, farmer. (14) Lt. Bob Austin. The Office heard lots of talk and laughter rolling out Dean Levinson's door while Bob was visiting with her. He has just taken his commission at Stockton Field and will train next at Mather. (15) Lt. Jack Allen (and fiancée). If Jack isn't well trained as a flier, two Renegades will have to explain why; for Lt. Keith McCormac was his instructor in twin engine school and Lt. Paul Daly, his instructor in transition school. Now Jack, himself, is to be an instructor. (16) W/C Ed Bookie Baker, after eleven months of exposure to the Mississippi "souf mouf" talk, is now being exposed to the Texas drawl at Camp Maxey. (17) Paul Zydner, still-but-not-for-long a civilian attending U.C. (18) Cpl. Jack Stewart soon to be transferred to duty as a Classification Specialist at Maxwell Field. Jack finished an AST Program in psych. (19) and (20) and what a day they made--AAC Lt. Keith McCormac and MAC Lt.(jg) Bruce Ponton. Everything going smoothly (not quietly, of course) until the subject of babies was mentioned. Keith has a three weeks old son, Gordon Keith, Jr. Bruce has a five weeks old son, Bruce, Jr. You should have heard the two old men talking 'em up. Speaking of babies, we all enjoyed the second generation camera prints at Christmas --Lt.(jg) Roy and Jeanne Hubbard's Mike and Diane; Ensign Monroe and Mary Frances Browne's Elizabeth Ann; Math Prof Lt. Nick and Ethel Pananides' Alexander. But to return to Keith and Bruce. Keith is a flight instructor at Williams Field. Bruce has just gone out on a carrier.

(21) A/S Richard Hayes on vacation from V-12 at Texas Christian University. (22) Pfc. Kenneth Turner, junior radio operator, en route between Madison, Wis. and Camp Maxwell. (The detour always includes Bakersfield.) (23-25) A/C Jerry Lucas fresh from completing basic at Merced; A/C Jack Bradshaw fresh from pre-flight at St. Mary's; A/C Russ Doyland fresh from flexible gunnery school and en route to New Mexico. (26) Lt. Ed McLean with new wings and en route to the Second Air Force Replacement Center. His brother Kenneth McLean is a 1st Lt. in the Medical Corps Replacement Center in New York and Duncan is a Pfc. in a Tank Corps in the South Pacific. Three big thanks to three McLeans. (27) Y.3/c Betty Lee Baldes on whom I have already reported. (28-29) Two of our Chinese Americans; Cpl. Allen Choy on short furlough from Patterson Field and Lt. Robert Fong who graduated as a meteorologist at Chanute and is now on duty at Stockton Field. Bob's brother, 1st Lt. Paul Fong, is in US Signal Corps Hqs. at Warrenton, Va. Allan's cousin, Gordon Choy, is a cadet in adv. meteorology at UCLA. (30) Lt. Myron McFarland returning again to Fort Ord after taking Spec. Surveyor Course at Fort Sill. He told me the wonderful story of Lt. Carl Smith (BJC 1934-36) who was (a) rescued after being shot down over the North Sea six months ago and who has (b) just made his escape back to England after parachuting to safety from one of the 60 planes lost in Germany in that Sept. raid.

(31-46) Some of the group lucky enough to get home for Xmas; Ensign Jess Jones, A/C Wimmer Cooper, A/C Navy George Setzen, S.1/c Ed Urner, Lt.(jg) Lee Miller, and the V-12'ers; Bob Mahin, Bill Suman, the Leddy Twins, Bob Sutton, Bill Fraser; from Missouri; Jean Philipp, Donald Rye, Harry Morrison, John Battistoni; and Faculty Lt.(jg) Robb Walt.

(47 and 48) Two men who have seen long service; Cpl. Keith Stoddard, on furlough from the Marine Hospital at San Diego where he is convalescing; S/Sgt. Norman McNamee looking marvelous after bomber duty (radioman) in China. If, when we look in the mirror we could see Keith or Norman, we'd be proud of ourselves.

(49) PAA Marvin Hort arrived on my birthday with a beautiful lei of white tube roses and red carnations which he had just flown in from Hawaii. It took me with magic art to the Pacific and made me feel near to you who serve there.

Your Xmas cards and messages did the same thing. We mounted them on the bulletin board, and every day the faculty and students came by to see your names and to say to you,

"The Best of Everything in 1944" *Yuan Bird*

Bakersfield Junior College
29 February 44

Dear Beejaycee Men and Women in Service,

This February letter brings you special messages from faculty friends on the home front. Because today is that special Leap Year date when Sadie Hawkins and her Sorority Sisters are having their field day, let us bring to the mike, first of all, Dean of Women, Margaret-L-for-Levvy-Levinson:

I'd feel much more natural if I were broadcasting from behind that battered steel file in J.C.122, and not from behind the desk of the Dean of Women! (There was something very comforting about being able to rest my foot on the bottom drawer of that clanking cabinet!) Holding a freshman theme, or an issue of the Rip, or if local products ran low, a copy of Hamlet or even of Henry IV, I'd be able to say my "Happy Leap Year" to you just as easily as I used to announce a mid-term for a week from next Tuesday!

Even then it would be hard to tell you how all of us feel about all of you, but here are some of the ways! we miss you! we're proud of you; we long, with you, for the day when you'll come home.

Special Leap Year Offer to B.J.C. Men in Service: When you do come home, please know that the sign "Dean of Women" on the office door doesn't mean a thing; just ignore it, and come on in!

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This is Goldie Ingles speaking from across the Loan Desk in the JayCee Library. Since we are now making another drive for books to send you, I am going to ask the question in person that I have wondered each time we have these drives. "Are you getting the books?" I am particularly anxious to know if the ones in far away places have books to read. I've thought it might be interesting to put a B.J.C. mark on some of the books we collect for distribution to the troops just to see if anyone of you would see those letters from home.

Do you know how much the J.C. Reading Reference Library has grown? It now has over ten thousand books on its shelves. We take over one hundred magazines and newspapers. We have fine oil paintings and prints on its walls. This year we have sufficient room for all. Several may remember that a few years back some of you sat (I almost said studied) on the floor. Now we are expanding books and shelving space and hope to attend to the expanding seating capacity before you come back to pick up where you left off.

I think there is probably no place on the campus where some of you are remembered more frequently than in the library. Many times a book that has not circulated for some time is brought to the counter, and as I check it to the student, I see on the card signatures of many of you who have used it before. This is particularly true of books on philosophy since we've not given that course since Lt. Ewert joined the Navy. You've changed your way of dress, and you've changed your address, but your handwriting for the moment brings you back, and you are a part of the library again. And whether you were the ones who spent your time inside or outside of the library (if you know what I mean) it is with a great amount of good will and affection that I remember you now. Come see me when you're again on the campus.

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And now, home on his first leave since taking up his duties in the V-12 program at the University of Colorado, here is Lt. Theron S. Taber.

To all Beejaycee men (alumni, students, and faculty) who are now at sea, on foreign shores, or on continental shore bases, I send my very best greetings. I envy Miss Bird in being able to talk and visit with those of you that have been fortunate enough to get home on leave. Although it has not been my good fortune to see many of you for some time, I have been able to follow your achievements through Miss Bird's "newsy" letters. I am sure that my pride in the courage you have shown in battle, your devotion to duty, and your victories is shared by everyone. It is my fondest hope that the past holiday season is the last one that you will have to be away from your family and your friends and the year of 1944 will bring us to victory.

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Psychologist Extraordinary and Counselor Plenipotentiary J.W. McDaniel is speaking:

With apologies to the radio psychologist whose howdy greeting is, "You're fine; how am I?"

All B.J.C. men in service will be interested in knowing of plans for expediting the return of service men to school and work. Through regular news channels you will learn of pending legislation providing for further schooling at Uncle Sam's expense. California junior colleges, the universities, and the armed services have

committees working on standards of college credit for military service and for special military training. With the generous credit allowances suggested by preliminary committee statements and with your frequent use of Army Forces Institute, it looks as though A.B.'s may become G.I. At a Berkeley meeting in February of 1944, junior college representatives drew up plans for special educational and occupational advisory services for returning service men and for early publication of a bulletin on Training Opportunities in California Public Junior Colleges. The Kern County Chamber of Commerce has just appointed a full-time director for a survey of post-war employment for this county's service men. At B.J.C. we are giving constant thought to planning courses and services that will prove advantageous to all of you who wish to continue study and work in your home town. We should welcome letters from you telling us of your hopes and plans for completing your education.

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Greetings to B.J.C. Men in Service from Acting Dean of Men Leonard "Mac" McKaig who believes that even Cupid is debatable:

Advices from Washington indicate that some officials there are concerned over the nation-wide manpower shortage. Here at B.J.C. some 150 fine looking college girls are concerned over the local manpower shortage! And I know I speak for all the teachers in saying we, too, have missed you greatly. Exceptionally high moments for all of us are those which so many of you find time to spend with us during your brief home furloughs.

From many sources we do hear a great deal about you and of the fine job you are doing. Because you are so much a part of us, it makes that job seem much more real and important to those of us at home.

I was about to say we hope to see you back soon. But with this leap year still ten months to go, you may prefer the relative safety of camp and foreign field! Good luck to all of you and good hunting.

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Speaking of Leap Year, only one dyed-in-the-wool G.I. misogynist raised a voice in protest over our using upper case letters when addressing the B.J.C. Women in Service last month. That ought to encourage Eros!

The regular B.J.C. Service Letter is being sent to you in this same post.

We, the girls in the Office, who do the chore
work on this mail
Send our greetings, too, to YOU, and shout,
"ALL HAIL".

Gina Buid
Lorraine Taylor
Odette Davin

Bakersfield Junior College
29 February 44

Dear Beejaycee Men and Women in Service:

We have just posted to you a special February letter of greetings from the administrative staff. Now we are beaming out the monthly "family news".

"OUR TOWN". Classes in the college are still sparsely populated. But it is good to see in them some of the faces who have been until recently framed in beige or blue or gray. Six of our own are back at their books with the medical discharge and blessing of the Service: Hal Tuncil, Ernie Oldham, Eddie Yaksitch, Bill Warner, Mel Brittan, and Ed Urner. You would like knowing that they are looking fit again. Jean Philipp, Reid Owen, and Howard Showalter are in town almost ready to pick up the reins again at the University.

OUR TOWN VISITORS. If it is possible to name any one person "Visitor-of-the-Month", I am sure you would agree that it should be Lt. Theron Taber, erstwhile Dean of Men. "Tabe" has already spoken his greeting to you in this letter. As I write this paragraph he and Lt. Les Buchner of the Army Ferry Command are leaning against the counter in the J.C. Office reminiscing over C.P.T., Lone Pine, Newbury, Hayes, Wagner, DeZan, et al.

As is often the case, the larger number of visitors are from the two air corps. Here is the roster since my January letter. Ernest Hofman's record as a flight instructor with the West Coast Training Command is so fine he was continued on the staff at Lancaster when more than half the others were discontinued. Lt. Tony Pasquini (ORP AAF) is at Lowry Field. He showed me an excellent camera print of Lt. Kenneth Hoagland who has just completed two years of bomber pilot service in the Pacific which included nine major combats. Enroute to a meeting in Berkeley last week, I met Army Lt. Joe Bonnar (You take Sinatra; I'll take Joe) headed from Williams Field to transition training in P-38's. Lt. Ray Packard graduated in the same class with Joe. Enroute home from Berkeley, I found Navy cadets Roy Phillips and Burke West (Marine) in my Santa Fe car. They had just finished pre-flight at St. Mary's and were on a few days rest before reporting to Norman, Oklahoma. They may see Bob Tobias there at the south field and meet his Texas bride. A/C John Campbell, who was with the Marines at Pearl Harbor and who advanced to T/Sgt. before transferring to the Navy Air Corps, is at Hutchison, Kansas with his eyes lifted to Marine Corps wings.

Valentine's Week brought us a quintette of shining new flying lieutenants who should be top notch replacements for some of you who are winding up your twenty-five or fifty missions with medals and stars: Lt. Tommy Cullen who will soon handle a B-25 at Granada, Miss. as neatly as he handled a football; Lt. Herb Bayless, now flying a B-17 at Las Vegas, who knows he has to be better than good to match the record of Brother Lt. Max Bayless; Lt. Bard Suverkrop, also assigned to a B-24 to practice up his own kind of music in the skies; Lt. Bob Lynch who drew a lucky transfer from Stockton to Mather Field (all Californian); and Lt. Herb Williams headed for Richmond, Virginia and (question mark) a P-47. These men brought the news that Lt. Gerald Greer will also be training at Las Vegas with Herb; that A/C Bob Loudon will soon have his commission as a navigator; and that Lt. Bob Austin will train with Bob Lynch at Sacramento. Another heavy bomber trainee is Lt. Ed McLean in B-24 at Gowen Field, Boise.

A/C Jack W. Smith is now at Lemoore and A/C James Gredler is in C.T.D. at Oklahoma A. and M. . . . just two more Renecadets stopping at the door to greet us and receive our good wishes.

We've seen a flock of Air Corps Corporals, too. Cpl. Chet Wuertley, aerial gunner, may be on his way over now for he was en route to the Second Air Force Replacement Center when we saw him. Cpl. Dick Stotts was on leave to see his wife who was in the hospital but who is now fine again. Cpl. Frank Stanton and Cpl. Ervin Wong (radio operator-mechanic-gunners) asked about all of you. Cpl. Vernon Johnson came by with Armament Lt. Wayne Morrison, fresh from Yale, and with orders for Orlando, Florida.

The Navy has been putting into port, too. ART 2/C Roger Nabers had a brief break between Corpus Christi and his new assignment to a squadron at Alameda where he is night nurse to PBM's and PBX's. Lt. (ig) Remain Clerou, Medical Corps, knows he was reporting to Treasure Island; but what next--quien sabe? S 1/c Tom Hasper came to the surface in his USS Shad long enough to say hello and to let us know that brother Don is an aerial gunner in one of the Forts at Las Vegas.

Pvt. Bill Dittman and Pvt. Jack Dowell were home between terms from their A.S.T. Units--Bill from Brigham Young University and Jack from Tarleton College in Texas. Pvt. Mel Davis is en route to Fort Ord after completing basic in Texas. He was full of news about the Bakersfield V-12 engineers at the University of Texas. Gold Seal Harlan Glenn has just been classified as a navigator at Santa Ana. He knows how good it will be to have his wings; for we told him how happy and how well Lt. Paul Boone looked when he called with his commission still damp

with the morning dew. Paul is reporting to Columbia, South Carolina. While he was here he called on Norma McMahan and learned that Lt. Ernie McMahan had recently brought down an ME 109 with his Thunderbolt. CPT Jack Ferdinand from Thunderbird Field reported seeing Tommy Marshall there. He also dropped the platter of beans about a certain lovely Arizona girl named Katherine who is "everything in the world" to Lt. Fred Diebel. It seems Diebel stops overnight with Jack and talks in Jack's sleep!

The Couple-of-the-Month were Lt. Jerry and Mary Lake. The Office Force decided couples do not come any happier--or any prettier. They are together at Alamogorda (N.M.) until Jerry goes over, which may be soon.

The Returned-Heroes-of-the-Month who called on us were three, and how I wish you might all have seen them and had your pride and courage refreshed by the sight of them and by their confidence and modesty and common sense. Jim Day has run a column on each of them topped by a photograph. I hope your families are forwarding his "Pipefuls" to you. First, there is Marine S/Sgt. Nate Morrison with some 18 months service in the South Pacific. Those of you who know the brand of football Nate played know the kind of service he has given. He is now enjoying playing on the three-man team of husband-wife-daughter. Lt.(jg) Leo Meacher, an Avenger pilot, bombed the Gilberts and Tarawa. He met Capt. Joe Clerou, Jim Stramler, and the Guthrie brothers on the beaches of Tarawa. He brought his plane to a safe landing with flaps and hydraulics shot away. I shall let you fill in the complement of experiences and give him the "A" grade he deserves. Capt. H.H. Wilkerson is home after 50 missions as a bomber pilot in the Africa-Italy theaters. He has the D.F.C. and plenty of air medals. His bomber was named "Our Jewel" in honor of his wife, Jewell Collier Wilkerson.

DECORATIONS. Of course, we cannot report all the decorations being won by our men, but we like to honor some of them each month as symbols of them all. This month let us give our skyrocket yell for the following: Lt. Lloyd Wattenbarger for winning his second Oak Leaf Cluster while serving as flight leader of a Bomb. Sqdn. operating against the Japanese; P.A.A. Clark Wiedmann for being decorated by the Dutch Government at a ceremony in Holland House, New York; Lt. Gordon Slater for gathering in his fifth Oak Leaf Cluster in the North African area; Lt. Jack Lane for achieving the status of "Ace"; Major Howard Rohman for adding to his D.F.C. and Silver Star and Air Medals, a Letter of Commendation from Marshal Stalin.

GOLD STAR. Lt. Ivan Richardson was killed in a bomber crash over French Morocco, January 27th.

LATEST ON THE FACULTY. Larry Hall (U.S. Naval Argus Unit #2) is now a full lieutenant in the Navy serving in the South Pacific. For his extra-curricular activity he is helping enlisted men with the studies which will bring advances in their ratings. Major Bliss is temporarily at Camp Roberts again. Lt. Freed is still Director of the Ground School at Minter. Tom Merson, his former Botany buddy here, is acting principal at McFarland High School. Adelaide Schaefer is now in training in Texas in the Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots (WASP). The rest of our faculty in service are still at their same posts: Lt.(jg) Don Robesky (U.S. Naval Argus Unit #10); Lt. Commander John Clymer (USS Belleau Woods); Lt. Nick Pananides (University of Michigan); Army Lt. Homer E. Beatty (Santa Ana Base); Lt. (jg) Cal Mueller (V.B.108); and Navy Lt. Van Ewert (Daytona Beach).

MORE NEWS ON EVE. Isabelle Hanawalt Wadsworth has recently taken up her duties in Washington D.C. as Senior WAVE for the Department of the Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Fleet, Admiral King! (Yes, we said Zowie, too!) SPAR Y 3/c Barbara McLain's new post in Chicago is assistant to pharmacist. S 1/c Shirliann Pentzer, now at Jacksonville, ran across S/Sgt. Harold Gerrish in Atlanta and has met two Marine Corps captains who were in the same squadron with much decorated Johnny Hayes. Y 2/c Barbara Pinnell Seims is on duty on the Dallas N.A.S. S 1/c Bernice McCann writes that she is in the Naval Radio Station at Point Loma "striking for a radioman 3/c and loving my work". Marine Pvt. Jean Holman is in indoctrination at Camp Lejeune while Marine Pfc. Ruth Gilbert Renaud is at Camp Pendleton. Mary Lou Frick will soon report for training as a WAVE at Hunter College. WAC Lt. Helen Boyd is a Company Commander at Ellington Field.

Barbara Cappell is one of our newest Registered Nurses. R.N. Patricia Hall has been accepted as an Army Air Corps Nurse and is awaiting her call. Brother Leonard Hall is very near his commission as a bombardier.

Of course, scores of our Eves are joining the services through matrimony. Betty Richardson has married Lt. Bob Hannagan, for instance. Muriel Davies is engaged to S/Sgt. Lindsay Hutchison. And So On

NEWS FROM YOUR LETTERS. Our appreciation for your letters is boundless. I share them with the college staff and then, through the generosity of Jim Day and Mae Saunders of The Bakersfield Californian, share the news in them with your

friends and acquaintances far and wide. And while I am speaking by thanks, let me express our gratitude, too, for the kindness of your parents in keeping us informed of your changes of address.

T/Sgt. Bill Basketball Hayes is in Radar work in England. Spouse Betty is at home in McFarland. Sgt. George Aubin was wounded during the fighting at Kwajalein. Knowing George, we know he's still fighting. In Italy Bob Zuercher has been advanced in rank to Chief Warrant Officer. James Kimber in Alaska has been advanced to Staff Sergeant. Lt. W. L. Johnson is an amphibian engineer. Another amphibian engineer, Lt. Victor Brown, now down in the mud of the South Pacific, wrote to Jim Day to get news of the rest of you. S/Sgt. King Taylor is in England.

The winter season of promotions brought BJO a new line-up of captains and jg lieutenants: Marine Captain Joe Wagner home from serving with the Wolf Pack and now at Green Cove Springs, Florida; Army Captain George Scott (Alaska); Marine Capt. John Hayes (resting in Southern California), Army Captain Ed Adkins (test pilot in San Bernardino); Lt. (jg) Dwight Long and Lt. (jg) Jim Chambers, both in the Pacific, and Lt. (jg) Leo Neacher reported on earlier. Ensign Jack Gist is about to have his first leave in months from the jungles and waters of the South Pacific to Australia. Having only seen two white women (Navy Nurses) in all that time and they were being conveyed by a group of Commanders, Jack is avid for (1) beautiful women (2) beautiful women (3) beautiful women, etc. S 1/c Paul Starke is even hungrier for a sight of the Golden Gate. Pfc. Bob Tinsley writes from India that he played for an officers dance not long ago and saw a few Maharajahs. Cpl. Tom Boyd is sold on Tel-Air because the city is so much like a Southern Californian city. Lt. Bill Heffernan had twenty-six stars on four men pass within two feet of his nose during the Tehran conference, and that didn't count the eight a full Admiral is entitled to wear. Lt. Elton Rodgers, now in Sardinia, writes movingly of the plight of the hunger ridden native children. SF2/c Glenn McKibben plans "to learn while he serves" by enrolling in Armed Forces Institute courses. Lt. (jg) Albin Johnson's outfit is the first of the Seabees in the South Pacific. Curt Mecham (also a C.B.) was in town recently on an embarkation furlough. Ensign Barrett Baldwin is an engineering specialist. Lt. (jg) Jack White is teaching advanced flying at Kingsville, Texas. SC 1/c Don Shultze writes, "The war stopped this afternoon for a full half hour when two BJO circular letters arrived". Ross Doll (in Marine Corps O.C.S.) writes from Quantico that Jack Trout is in the class ahead of him. The most recent BJO graduate from Quantico is Lt. Mike Janzen. Marine flyer Lt. Jack Harrington married a Georgia peach in Atlanta January 27. Major Gregg McKee is on overseas duty now. Gregg married a Mississippi girl and has a 6 months old Gregg, Jr. About the time he left the Command School at Fort Leavenworth, Captain Bill Van Sandt arrived there. Bill, too, is happily married--and to a girl from New Jersey. Cpl. Ken Stoddard is still in the same Marine unit with Gus Pappas and Chuck Klevis. Ensign Tennant Brooks reports from the Central Pacific that Ensign Peter Oardett ("one of our best fighter director officers aboard ship") is recovering from an injury in the naval hospital at San Diego. Lt. Hugh Ellsaesser is assigned to graduate study in meteorology at the University of Puerto Rico. Lt. Harry Scaroni is also in Puerto Rico teaching navigation. Army's Doc Leddy is now a full fledged Tank Destroyer gunner. A/C Lawrence Smith and A/C Bob Herndon are at San Antonio. A/C Russ Doyland is at Deming in advanced bombardier training. Lt. (Doctor) R. W. Lackey has an overseas A.P.O. for one of the very front line medical corps. Bob Shaldon, another M.D., is now a lieutenant, jg. A prize letter has come from Pfc. Bob Stewart who is celebrating two years in Anti-Aircraft in Alaska. Cpl. Clarence White has sent us a copy of "The Panther" from Camp Hood. Lt. Jim Ponton has sent us a comic valentine from Africa. Our congratulations are being beamed out to three of our newest Ensigns: Bill Grainger, Bill Bennett, and Everett Wiedmann.

Let me close with a quotation from a letter from S 2/c Harshel Sears: "News of the Beejayece helps a lot. Just to say to yourself 'Jack's doing this or Betty's doing such', you can readily see that we are all pulling together, and you think how can we lose this war!"

Best wishes as always,

Gene Birch

Bakersfield Junior College

March 28, 1944

Dear Beejaycee Men and Women in Service:

This letter will reach some of you for Easter. It brings Easter's own message to all of you--the message of faith in you and faith for you.

Four generations ago Walt Whitman wrote,

"One song, America, before I go
I'd sing o'er all the rest, with trumpet sound,
For thee--the Future."

And on Easter we are singing, "o'er all the rest", one song for you--Your Future.

Let me begin my March news with another fragment of a Whitman poem:

"In a little house, I keep pictures suspended.
It is only a few inches from one side to the other,
Yet behold, it has room for all the shows of the
world, all the memories."

And these are some of the newer pictures suspended there since receiving your letters and visits since our February Letter:

Lt. Hugh Ellsesser, now in charge of the Weather Station in Antigua, learning a lot of Spanish as he censors a hundred or more letters a day from the Puerto Rican detachment there. (He's learning about the señoritas, too). . . Curly and blond George Stevenson CM 3/c measuring an 8 1/2 foot man eating shark on the deck of his Mine Sweeper or reading "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" while sea-locked. . . Lt. Don Wachob, a meteorologist reconverted into an instructor in Fighter Control in Orlando, Fla., writing home to his friends asking them "to pick out a couple of nice girls and save them" for him before they all "marry those d--n Minter Field gadgets". . . Lt. Herb Williamson, youngest officer in his squadron of P-47's, finding Richmond, Virginia, "three times larger than Bakersfield but a heck of a lot deader". . . Lt. Lee Karpe enjoying superlatively the life of a newly-wed with his charming bride, Frances. . . A/S Jim Snodgrass taking time out of C.T.D. to post a "breezes in the trees" Easter card to your correspondent. . . Lt. Bill Mitchell, photographing officer, haggling with an Arabian trader and getting hooked as have the rest of you tamerfoots, or Bill, now in Italy, sleeping on his "comfortable" bed of plank and camouflage netting. . . Lt.(jg) Robb Walt celebrating the arrival of his son Rob Ray. . . Lt.(jg) Jack White getting as far inland as Monterrey in old Mexico. . . Ph.M.2/c Ralph Shaw and E.M.3/c Jack E. Roberts staging Ye Olde Reunion at a Fleet Recreation Center picnic in the Pacific. . . Cpl. Gus Pappas, down New Guinea way, seeing that these Beejaycee Letters "pass through more hands than a soldier's pay in a dice game". . . T/Sgt. Jimmie Jackson handing out the taffy on Irish soil with that "bit of Irish blood in me heart". . . Ensign Pete Gardett finding his sealegs again on his carrier "The Makin Island" after a spell in the San Diego Naval Hospital. . . Three of our Chinese-American 'Gades, Sgt. Allan Choy, Sgt. Warren Lee, Sgt. Raymond Fong, rushing from Patterson Field to Dayton or Springfield for Chinese food on each 24 hour pass. . . Lt.(jg) Dwight Long, between flying missions in the Pacific, scanning Jim Day's "Pipefuls" or these documents or Dodo's letters for news of his fellow Bookies. . . S/Sgt. Milton Thompson sharing the tremendous and magnificent responsibility of the last tank through the Casserine Pass. . . War Correspondent Darrell Berrigan covering General Stillwell in Burma and politics in Delhi. . . Major Howard Rohman, after service in Africa, Alaska, England, Iran, and Russia, practicing up on his Russian vocabulary to date a Moscow beauty in the best Emily Post manner when he returns there before long. . . Lt. Jack Red Middaugh zooming through the flak in his fighter plane in Africa, Italy, and all points Hitlerwards. . . Lt. Harry Hendry and Lt. Bill Curran giving Mrs. Stanley Schultz of the Army Nurse Corps a large and lovely evening in England. . . Merchant Marine Paul Castelfranco finding the world small in spite of its expanse of oceans. . . Captain George Scott, fortress pilot, feeling like an "incurable ground hog" when he thinks about Alaska's fogs. . . C.P.O. Rinton Cappell, getting a camera shot of himself in his new uniform to send to his daughter. . . Lt. Caesar Jung of I.T.C. helping to train Chinese troops "in preparation for the final assault on Japan". . . Lt. Charley Hamilton, of chemical warfare in Italy, keenly aware of the long historical significance of the lands about him. . . S/Sgt. Joe Angeles reading a letter from Captain George Cuneo at his base in China. . . Cpl. Jimmie Radoumis typing out his "Sportraits" for the Air Service Command's paper "The Beam" at Fresno. . .

Gold Star. Floyd Stevens was killed in action over Italy during the second week in March.

Decorations and Honors. Lt. "Chuck" Durant has the D.F.C. for meritorious service with his P-47. Lt. Harold Tom Harper has recently received the D.F.C. after previously winning the air medal and 3 oak leaf clusters. (He will have an orange blossom cluster when he marries Eleanor Pyles on Easter Day) Lt. Ray Jackson, a B-24

navigator in the South Pacific, has the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster as has P-47 Lt. Richard Kirkland. Lt. Ernie McMahan has his second Oak Leaf Cluster for action with his P-47 "Honey Babe". Ernie has had more than 30 operational sorties against Germany. Lt. Lloyd Anderson has completed 50 missions in Sicily, Sardinia, Italy, and the Balkans with his B-25 and has the Air Medal and nine Oak Leaf Clusters. Licut. Max Bayless is home on leave with a handful of air medals, the D.F.C. and the Purple Heart. Lt.(ig) Jim Chambers is home on leave with credit for four enemy planes and two probables with his Hellcat. (Lt. Paul Combs, by the way, was radar officer on Jim's Carrier.) Lt.(ig) Les DeCew, home from action over the Marquis, the Gilberts, the Marshalls, etc. etc., and Truk!

Hospitalized. Everyone reading this letter will join in the best of good wishes to all our men in hospital beds wherever they are: to Lt. Victor Brown of the Amphibian Engineers in the South Pacific wounded in action; to S/Sgt. Bob Bruce with eight fractures in one leg from action in Italy; to A/S Harry Morrison (V-12) injured in St. Louis; to A/C Lawrence Krauter convalescent at Palm Springs; to Cpl. Keith Stoddard still "bedded down" in San Diego.

--yes, and to A/C Bill Love convalescing from the measles which kept him confined at Minter Field for all but three days of his furlough and to A/S Ed Bilsborough convalescing from scarlet fever at San Diego.

Missing in Action. Lt. Gene Duncan, former Renegade quarterback, is missing over Wewak since March 14 with his P-47. T/Sgt. Bob Maddox, aerial gunner on a B-17, has been missing over Germany since February 10. Lt. Walter Hauptman, formerly reported missing, is now known to be a prisoner of war in Germany.

Second Generation News. Renegades of the future are doing very well according to parents and grandparents. Gene and Patty Gear have a baby girl, Carol Lyn. Lt. Lyle Brown's son is named Lyle Jeffrey. Lt. Gerald Estep has a March baby girl. Dave Bannister and son, David Sherwood, are far apart with Dave in the South Pacific. Former faculty square-dancer Bill Mitchell has a second son, Roger.

Featuring Families of 'Gades and 'Gadettes. The Bevy of Burriss Beauties: Peggy Burriss Brown (Mrs. Vic Brown. See report on Vic elsewhere in this letter) is a Ph.M.3/c at Sand Point Hospital, Seattle. Beverly Burriss is approaching completion of her nurse's training and will soon be applying for her commission in the Army Nurse Corps. Virginia Burriss Mosconi is librarian at California's shiny little Balboa Island while husband Joe is stationed at Santa Ana Air Base. . . Three Roving Robesky's: Lt.(ig) Don Robesky is with Naval Argus Unit #10. Marine Lt. Tom Robesky, fifty pounds heavier than when he entertained us from our old Auditorium stage, ran across fellow-Marine Gus Pappas earlier this month in the South Pacific. G.P.O. Kenny Robesky is in Midshipman School at Northwestern while Audrey Hughes Robesky counts the days until his next leave. . . The Peerless Pontons: 1st Lt. Jim Ponton is now in his fifteenth month of service in the Africa theater in medical administration. Lt.(ig) Bruce Ponton is awaiting assignment with his bomber squadron at the Santa Rosa Naval Air Base. Mrs. Bruce and Bruce, Jr. are still with him. R.M.2/c Mel Ponton is in Submarine Division 141 and S.2/c Gene Ponton is somewhere in the Pacific. . . The Shafter Constellation of Starrs: Lt. Irwin Starrh is with the Air Corps Engineers in Italy. His brother, Gerald Starrh, is still an industrial engineer at Lockheed but is making application for a commission in the Naval Reserve, Kid brother Cpl. Louis Starrh is with the A.A.C. Maintenance Division somewhere in England. . . The Baldwin Bellicose Band: Captain Bill Baldwin is now writing to his wife and son from England. Lt. Burr Baldwin is attached to an Anti-Aircraft unit at Muroc. Brother-in-law Major Fletcher and Evelyn Baldwin Fletcher had a son (Delmer, Jr.) born February 19th. Rollicking Ruby is in the Cadet Nurse Corps at the University of California Hospital. Ensign Barrett Baldwin is in Washington, D.C. (something to do with Naval Mine Warfare) and Cpl. Lawrence Baldwin is at Minter Field. Their brother-in-law Elmer Suarez (husband of Geraldine) is an Army aviation cadet at Independence. . . The Newman Twoman Team: Navy V-12 Bob Newman is in combat engineers officer training at Pariss Island and Max Newman is in pre-med at the University of Notre Dame. . . The Hardy Hancocks spend their time talking about the weather: T/Sgt. Frank Hancock is with the 12th Weather Sqdn., and Sgt. Donald Hancock is with the 7th. . . The Haymaker Herndons: T/Sgt. Les Herndon is still jive bombing at Minter. A/C Jerry Herndon arrived at Douglas A.A.B. the day Lt. Lee Karpe graduated. A/C Bob Herndon is at San Antonio. . . The Necromancing Nabers: Roger Nabers, formerly A.R.T.3/c, has just left California for Midshipman School at Northwestern. His Ph.M.3/c brother, Bill Nabers, is still X-raying the Navy at Sun Valley. . . And so on through the Wathens (Guy and Roy), the Montgomerys (Wayne and Bob), the Schroeters (Wally and Waddy), the Gardiners (Milt and Jim), the Graingers (Harold, Ed, and Bill), the Perrys (Bob and Bill), the four Leddys, the four Voorhies, etc. etc. Here is our salute to all of you and to your family hearths!

Office Visitors since the February Letter.

Men from Service Overseas: Major Howard Rohman and Lt. Jack Middaugh calling together after months of foreign service--Middaugh with more than 120 operational flights and Rohman with "the works"; Lt. Albin Johnson was on a thirty day leave after 18 months with the Seabees in the South Pacific. (Albin saw Jean Bertollette, Ph.M.2/c, while recovering from an accident in a hospital in the New Hebrides); Lt. Harry Anderson, who has navigated every sort of plane to every major theater, en route to a new assignment after thirty days in an Operational Training Unit in Florida.

Naval Aviation Cadets: Douglas Stone unscratched by a three way training plane crash at Hutchison; Bill Love en route to Olatha, Kan.; Bob Sabovich enroute to Grosse Ile, Michigan.

Army Air Corps Cadets: Gayne Wimer dua for his wings in May at Marfa, Texas; Bob Loudon due for his navigator's commission in May at Hondo, Tex. (Bob told us Lt. Tommy Cullen is now training with the Troop Carrier Command); Cadet Jimmie McIntire en route to Communications School at Goldsboro, North Carolina. (Jim ranked in the top four of the class of 240 at U.C. Bill Paynter and Dr. Wm. McDonald who were in the same class also graduated in the top ten percent); Walter Osborn, Jr. is on his way to a commission as a navigator.

Apprentice Seamen in V-12: Johnny Schorr from basic at U.S.C.; Max Newman, Bernard Thompson, Jim Brown--three pre-medics from Notre Dame; Jerry Rounds from engineering at Rice Institute.

Others. Ray Fairbanks R.T.3/c moving from Treasure Island to Communications School at Camp Pendleton; Lt. Roy Wathen visiting his parents with his wife, Katherine Richards, from his duties as a flight instructor at Enid, Okla; Roger Nabers, thrice (once with an especially pretty piece of femininity) now being transferred from A.R.T.3/c to Midshipman; Cpl. Clarence White from Camp Hood; Lt. (jg) Monroe Browne and wife and baby girl (but not the cocker spaniel) on his last leave before going out to sea duty; A.S.T.P. August Arley from Haverford, Pa.; Lt. George Valencia just graduated from Luke Field and reporting that two equally new A.A.C. pilots were also in town, Lt. Bill Bradley and Lt. Tommy Marshall; Cpl. Leland Brown from Greenville, S.C. with sister, Evelyn Brown; Lt. Keith McCormac, still teaching flying in Arizona; Lt. Gerald Lucas with new bars and assigned to the replacement center at Hammer Field; Lt. Wayne Morrison en route from Wendover, Utah for a two weeks schooling in camouflage at March Field. (While at Orlando, Fla., recently Wayne saw Lt. Don Wachob (Fgt. Control) and Lt. Robert Fong (Chem. Warfare School)); Ensign Bill Grainger, twice, once headed for A.T.B. training and later en route to his ship; Cadet Nurse Bev Burriss and Cadet Nurse Ruby Baldwin, the latter peeling from sunburn and snowburn from a skiing vacation in Yosemite; Sgt. Warren Lee reported on elsewhere in this letter; Lt. Thelma Arney who left her job as head surgical nurse at Stanford Hospital to join the Army Nurse Corps. S.C.1/c Don Shultz telephoned as he passed through Our Town for special schooling as a pay clerk from which he may emerge as a C.P.O. (Good wishes to Don).

Dese and Dose (but no Mairzydoes)

Lt. Paul Boone is enjoying the Officers' Club at the Columbia Army Air Base, South Carolina. V 3/c Betty Baldes is now at Waves Headquarters in San Francisco. Tommy Gallon, Metalsmith 2/c, is in an Attack Flotilla. Ensign Bill Grainger is en route to his landing craft assignment. Marine Sgt. Jerome Rehfeld is at Cherry Point, North Carolina. Early this month Pfc. Carl Allen was assigned to a B-17 combat crew as a tail gunner and alerted for overseas. Ph.M.2/c Roy Weaver is on a Destroyer Escort. Cpl. Clarence Paine is an armorer in England sharing some home cured fresh olives from California with his ground crew. Lt. Norman Dow is in Fleet Engineer School at Lowry Field. He is making eyes at a B-29. S.1/c Paul Starke ran across Jess McCarty not long ago in the Pacific. Navy Lt. Urcel Holloway is a patrol plane commander flying one of the new Ventura medium bombers with his five man crew. Navy Lt. Theo Spud Harder is assistant to Exec. Officer at the Alameda Base. Lt. Thelma Arney, Army Nurse Corps, is with the hospital unit at Beaumont, California. Midshipman Dave Kofahl is in engineering training on the USS Prizee State in the Hudson. Navy aviation cadet Russ Kniffen thinks he will train for carrier based fighters because "my legs are too short to fly anything else". S.K.3/c Glesner Leslie has been assigned to San Diego according to S.K.3/c Mary Watts in Georgia. Mary has run across George Gunderson in Milledgeville. Pfc. Bill Dittman was transferred this month to advanced electrical engineering at the University of Arizona. A/S Del Brink is in V-12 in Sewanee, Tennessee. A/S Ralph Setterholm is in V-12 at Occidental College. A/C Art Johnson is a candidate for a commission as an engineering lieutenant at Yale. He writes that Lt. Leon and Velda Lee Moynier are at Great Falls, Montana, where Leon is an instructor in transitional flying (C-47's). Captain Tom McCart, whom many of you knew at our

Airport, is director of air training for the 7th Ferrying Group at Great Falls. Pfc. Norman Gady and Barbara Permenter Gady are in Mississippi at present. Lt. Elton Rodgers is now Exec. Officer of his Battery in the Italian theater. Captain Leonard Turoski, A.A.C., is also in Italy. Shipfitter 3/c Gurt Meham is now at Camp Peary, Virginia with the Seabees. Lt. Walter Buas is one of our newest Bomber pilots. Two of our men making an outstanding record in the India China Wing of the A.T.C. are Lt. Clyde Perry and Lt. Jack W. Lynch. Darrell Berrigen, War Correspondent, hopes that any B.J.C. men in his area (Delhi, India or Burma or China) will look him up whenever possible.

I want to close this letter with a quotation from Shakespeare sent me by S/Sgt. Gregg Poulogianis from England:

"I count myself in nothing else so happy
As in a soul remembering my good
Friends"

My thanks and my kind thoughts to Gregg and to all of you,

Gene Bird

BAKERSFIELD JUNIOR COLLEGE
May Day

Dear Beejaycee Men and Women in Service:

If there is any season which makes us miss you more than another, it is Spring. The doors of homes stand hospitably open. The mildly warm days draw us out of doors to talk together lazily and to bask in the sunlight of one another's company. Boy meets Girl and walks hand in hand with her through the Elm Grove. Groups of coeds, in the colored pinafores which are this year's campus costume, look like tall flower beds on the lawn east of the Science Building. And in your homes dinner tables have fresh smelling centerpieces of roses and stocks and snapdragons from your family gardens. All this makes us only too aware that you are absent--absent from the doorway, the grove, the campus, the garden. I am sure you know, though, that you are never absent from the thoughts of your friends. Perhaps this brief paragraph has brought them nearer to you--in camp, foxhole, plane; on carrier, transport, landing-craft.

Beejaycee is setting some new kind of a record with a World War II veteran as candidate for student-body president for 1944-45. Ernie Oldham, who received his medical discharge after several months of hospitalization, is being backed by our other returned veterans and by a contingent of lovely pretties who would decorate any man's political headquarters. He intends never to lay himself liable to suit for breach of campaign promise; for the only thing he is promising is that YOU will win the war.

"Stars and Strips" is unquestionably carrying news reports to you on the progress of the "G.I. Bill of Rights". There is no doubt whatever that the bill will become a law, and the opportunity will be available for you to continue your college studies with the Government's grateful financial help. Reporting this to you now reminds me of a cartoon in The New Yorker recently. It showed an airful of paratroopers descending on enemy territory. One lad, heavily hung with equipment and supplies, was saying to another whose parachute was descending beside his own, "What are your postwar plans?". . . And that, in its turn, reminds me that the shortest and most accurate definition I know for morale is "faith in the future".

And "faith in the future" seems precisely to be what is written on the private banner of every Renegade with whom we visit or from whom we hear. Witness the bumper crop of babies, the investments of G.I. pay in local real estate, the enrollments in correspondence courses to pave the way for advanced studies, etcetera ad infinitum. What a right bunch you are!

Here is the month's news on some of you for the rest of you.

Mr. and Mrs. and Near-Mrs.

Lt. Bob Austin has married Esta Belle Morris of Newcastle, Indiana. (Just as Bob was checking in to A.A.C.'s headquarters at Columbia, South Carolina, recently he met Lt. Paul Boone, bombardier, checking out.) Marine Lt. Jack Gregg Harrington and his wife frequently entertain former Beejayceers at Corpus Christi where Jack is an instructor. Navy flying Lt. (j.g.) Les DeCew (a hero at Truk) married Virginia Wagner of Chicago this month here in Bakersfield. S/Sgt. Bill Whitaker and Veda Brite Whitaker are housekeeping near March Field where Bill is now stationed. Sgt. Harold Mumford joined the Benedicts when he married Myrtle Mumford whom he met at the Ogden, Utah arsenal. One of the nicest of the recent betrothal announcements was that of Marine Lt. Tom Robesky and Red Cross's Barbara Thrasher. Midshipman Kenneth and Audrey Robesky believe Tom is making no mistake. Lt. (j.g.) Roo Pollok intends to print March 1st in red letters on all his calendars. It not only brought him his promotion; it brought him and Mozelle Pollok a sturdy son named Michael Bruce Pollok. A.M.M.2/c Bill and Aline Rowell, who were married in January, are living in Lompoc since Bill has liberty every night. Now that A.A.C.'s Lt. Tom Doll and Lt. Jerry Lake have shipped across, Nancy Doll and Mary Lake are back home in Bakersfield. Office callers this month have included some very special couples. Lt. (j.g.) Bob and Jane Fisher and Aerologist 2/c Vernon and Lucille Cline came as a foursome. Baby daughter Sharon Ray Cline stayed home with her grandmother. Bob is on leave after his last action in the Pacific with his Hellcat. Vernon was on furlough from his post in Cuba. They brought word that Lt. Lee Miller has married a Texas girl and that Scott Bradford is pledged to an Australian lassie. Lt. and Mrs. Frank Loustalot have "their" wings from Douglas and, after Frank completes instructor training at Randolph, "they" expect to begin teaching at Douglas. Lt. and Mrs. Richard Adams (our former Office charmer, Bessie Bailey) stopped en route from Luke Field to Mather where Richard will train for night fighter planes.

Renegade Off-Springs

I wish you could see some of the Class of 1960 who are already making pre-registration calls at our Office: Master David Bannister (4 months) looking strikingly like his old man whom he has never seen; for Daddy "went a hunting" in the South Pacific five days before Dave, Jr. was born. Little Miss Sue Grandall (11 months) called with her mother to let us know that her father "Hod" was still at Minter, an instrument specialist in the Ground Forces. Tony Tor (11 months) and his photogenic mother, Cherrie Hering Tor, calling with Sue whom he expects to date for the Christmas Formal in 1961. Lt. and Mrs. Tony Maes are announcing the birth of a daughter, Patty Jean, on March 20.

Overseas

Major George "Bill" Holmquist has chalked up his 1000th mission in the European theater. Jim Day, who plays a generous game of Give-and-Take with me, reports that Captain Jack Lane has been on 298 combat missions in the South Pacific and has seven confirmed enemy planes to his credit. Captain George Cuneo (Dentist) and S/Sgt. Joe Angeles had a recent reunion dinner in China. With them was Keith Thompson of the A.P.O. in that area. Thompson, who used to deliver mail to Joe's family here is now delivering mail to Joe out there! Cuneo reports that Andrew Jung is in his unit and that he met Lt. Ernie Smith in India. Ernie is a transport pilot. S/Sgt. Art Sargent is with the India-China wing of A.T.C. (Watch for him, Ernie.) Ensign Hugh Williams (with L.C.I. in the South Pacific) writes, "Sydney, Australia is a good port for the Navy, but it doesn't compare with the States. The girls lack that certain something which we call 'it'." Lt. Gene Adkins commands his own Liberator "Baggie Maggie" in England. Named for whom, Gene?

Listen to Ensign Jack Gist. (Quote) I sure did have a hot time in New Zealand, but the women aren't as pretty or as glamorous as Stateside women (unquote). Jack had a bigger thrill when he ran into Marine Lt. Howard Nielsen (DC-3) and Lt. Merwin Porter (SBD). Out in India Lt. Reno Zanotto has run across Lt. Morton Fisher. Cpl. Dick Williams writes from Panama where he is stationed with the 51st Fighter Squadron, that his former B.J.C. Ag. buddy, Lt. Howard Colliver is flying a bomber in Italy and Cpl. Neil Martin is in the infantry in the South Pacific. Dick, himself, has done some 30,000 miles during his two years in the service and has been assigned to some 12 different outfits. Torpedoman 3/c Jack Duncan has seen M.M.M. 2/c Jess McCarty and S. 1/c Paul Starke. He reports Paul has given up his mustache. Lt. Ernie McMahan has completed more than 40 combat missions over the continent with his P-47 "Honey Baby", and he has been awarded the D.F.C. along with his other honors. Lt. Elton Rodgers (in Sardinia) has had his first letter in about 18 months from Captain Glen Roberts, who is flying "box cars" from India over the hump into China. Elton writes, "Glen tells me that he isn't home long enough when on leave to find out what his wife's first name is." We are expecting to hear any day of a reunion between Elton and Lt. Richard Williamson who is also based in Sardinia. Sc.M. 2/c Glen Sawyer is on the U.S.S. Renshaw. Pfc. John Stenderup is reported wounded in action in the Pacific. Lt. John S. Lindley gathered in his 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster and his promotion to 1st Lt. in April. He is flying a Liberator over the Third Reich. Marine Lt. Ed McAloer is with a fighter plane group in the South Pacific. From his medical unit in England, Lt. (Dr.) Bob Lackey writes praise for the courage and courtesy of the British. M 2/c Tommy Gallon, who alternates between shore duty and sea duty, packs his Scrap Book with him to keep himself closer to his old school mates. Sgt. Don Hancock is observing weather on an atoll in the Central Pacific. 1st Lt. Durward Annis writes, "I've seen my share of air raids here and at Guadalcanal. I have a fine bunch of boys, and their morale is high. We make the best of any situation and take care of any trouble that comes along." Lt. Bob Hannagan's Liberator was well punctured from the explosion of four A.A. shells directly under his ship at Rabaul, but he brought her safely to her base. T/Sgt. Bob Maddox, reported missing in February, is now established as a prisoner of war in Germany. S/Sgt. Brian Hilty, after his third year in Alaska, takes the weather "like a native Aleut." Far to the south comes a letter from Sgt. Dick Golden from his AAA Gunnery Bn. Pvt. Mel Davis made some sort of time record from B.J.C. to Basic to Infantry active duty in New Guinea. Former speech teacher, Barbara Smith, has arrived in New Guinea for service with the American Red Cross.

Missing in Action

When we report our men who are missing in action, it is with faith that they will soon be reported "safe".

Captain Don Garrard is reported missing in action over Italy. He was piloting his Liberator. His wife, Pat Lucas Garrard, is at home here. F/O Marion Becking, whose wife, Jean, and little daughter, Charlotte Anne, live in Bakersfield, is missing in action over Italy since March 17. 1st Lt. Robert Martin, pilot of "Hell's Belle", is missing over France. Torpedoman's Mate 2/c Douglas Lockyer

has been missing in the South Pacific since April 8. Lt. Gene Duncan, who was flying in Captain Jack Lane's flight, is missing in the South Pacific. Lt. Alvin Pyeatt was reported missing with his P-51 "Scrappy" over Europe a few days after shooting down his second Nazi plane. T/Sgt. Vernon E. Smith is missing over Europe.

Gold Star

W.A.S.P. Evelyn Sharp, whom many of our C.P.T. boys knew at the Airport and at Lone Pine, was killed in a plane crash when the twin engine fighter she was flying crashed in Pennsylvania. When Evelyn was teaching here in 1941, she was the youngest woman transport pilot in the United States.

Statesiders News Briefs

Back at Westminster College our V-12 ex-debate stars A/S Bob King and A/S John Battistoni won all six of their debates in the final tournament and were the only team in any division to go through undefeated. Navy A/C Downing McKee ran the 120 yard low hurdles in 14.3 last week (in rubber-soled shoes) coming within .2 second of the track record. Former Marine Cpl. Keith Stoddard is working in Bakersfield since his medical discharge and expecting to go on with his college studies next fall. W.A.S.P. trainee Adelaide Schafer has been inspected by no less a Brass Hat than General H.H.A., himself. With her usual magic, she manages to keep in touch with her former students. From her we learn Pvt. Irene Tanigaki is a Wac hospital aide at Camp Joseph T. Robinson. Jack Leddy has just been promoted to a full Navy lieutenancy. He is a radio engineer. Another new Navy lieutenant is Lt. Bruce Ponton, now fourth in command in his squadron of flyers. Lt. David Gardner is back in the States after his full share of missions as a bombardier in Europe. He is preparing for bombardier instructing. T/Sgt. Al Malouf is stationed at Santa Barbara with the Fourth Fighter Command. A recent letter from Sgt. Walter Bayus reports all well at Hays, Kansas under this date line: "This beautiful day of April which is the 7th, and believe it or not the sun is shining". Lt. Jerry Lucas, co-piloting a B-24, is at the Second Air Force Replacement at Lincoln, Nebraska. Fyt. Bill Dittman is in Army Signal Corps telephone school in Missouri. S.K.3/c Jack Dittman is expecting to ship out soon on a tanker. A/S Milton Kreyenhagen is at Doane College, Nebraska. Lt. Bobby Schoon graduated recently from twin engine school at Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

Two former B.H.S.-B.J.C. men are making a distinguished record as V-12 pre-meds at Notre Dame. They are A/S Max Newman and A/S Jim Brown. The families of both of these men were notified this month that they had made honor records and been admitted to the Academy of Sciences. Newman's average was 91, Brown's 89. A/C Bob Johnson is at Santa Ana Air Base in pre-flight.

The women in uniform are making their records too. Ensign Harriet Mills is serving in a Navy hospital in Honolulu. Cpl. Barbara Davis has been accepted for overseas service and will soon move from Camp Carson to Fort Oglethorpe for final training. Ensign Eleanor Champion had a leave this month which permitted her to visit home. Lt. Bill Taylor's sister, Betty, who went to J.C. before transferring to U.C. is applying for the Spars. The newest Wave recruit is Florence Moore, handsome, red-haired violinist. Technician 5/c Catherine Mattley is now in an army laboratory at Fort Slocum. Om Louise Dear McManus is piling up flying hours in the hope, we hear, of enlisting in the Wasps.

Office Visitors

The greater number of Office Visitors came, of course, from among the men and women still in training for overseas service. Now and again, though, one or more of you who have proved to be EVERYTHING we knew you could be comes home on leave. Flags fly in all our thoughts. Such April visitors have been: Lt. Max Bayless, Sgt. Charles Anderson, Lt.(j.g.) Bob Fisher, Aero.2/c Vernon Cline, S/Sgt. Bill Whitaker, Q.M.3/c Harry Ferdinand, Lt. Don McIntire, and Lockheed photographer Joe Henley. Fisher, Cline, and Whitaker have already been noted in this letter. Bayless is still the same unspoiled, happy-hearted, well-balanced Bayless. He wears a flock of decorations and the Purple Heart. He has had hundreds of flying hours in the South Pacific, first in a B-26 and later in a B-25. He has had a medal pinned on him by General Kenny, himself, and he is one of the few local lads to share a revolving door with General McArthur. The most important thing about Max (in his own opinion) is his son, born just after Max shipped out. Charlie Anderson is as much the same Anderson as Max is Max. This is his first furlough in three years from his service in our Air Corps submarine patrol. He has been based in Brazil and the Caribbean. He brought some photographs of his famous pooch, Uncle Rafe, about whom Jim Day wrote a top notch column. . . Harry Ferdinand is on his first furlough in a year from his Escort and Anti-Sub duty in the Atlantic Fleet. With him was Flight Instructor Jack Ferdinand from Thunderbird Field. Their brother, Richard, was lost in action at sea. . . Lt. Don McIntire

was en route from Fresno to Camp Haan. He has had a varied tour of duty with A.A.A. Coastal Artillery in Trinidad and elsewhere. He reports having seen Lt. Roy Murray in town from the Pacific, Jim Logan working with the Coco Cola Co. since his medical discharge, Simon Santiago (now in the Navy). Brother Jimmie McIntire is at Seymour Field at present but is due for early transfer to Yale. . . Joe Henley returned from Scotland to Bakersfield to report to his draft board only to find himself classified 4-F. He may enter a college of dentistry. While in the British Isles he saw Lockheed's Charles Sutton and 1st Lt. Jim Stutzman of the Army Engineers.

Fifteen flying cadets received their wings over the April 15th week-end. Most of them were able to come before reporting to their next bases. From Douglass, Arizona, were Lt. Dink Sheshan (Boy, is he handsome!) scheduled for Deming, New Mexico and planning to lock up 1st Lt. Burton Cox who is a new first officer on a B-29 at Alamogordo; Lt. Al Meyer; Lt. Frank Loustalot en route to Randolph for instructor training; Lt. Jerry Herndon; Lt. Don Nighbert. From Luke Field were Lt. Jay Chapin en route to Baton Rouge and ultimately a P-51; Lt. Lon Allen scheduled for Mather Field and ultimately a P-70; Lt. Richard Adams, ditto. From La Junta was Lt. Art King. From Marfa were Lt. George Hottle scheduled for B-17's at Hobbs, N.M. and F/O Dick Cheney. From Williams Field were F/O Paul Howard who is still flying with his own particular 4H Club (Hall, Housh, Hoyt, and Howard) at Victorville; and Lt. Tom Coyle. From Eagle Pass, Texas came F/O Charles Stinson and Lt. Don Spalinger who are due to return to that field for transition training in P-40's.

Stinson brought us news of his family in service. Ben Stinson is a Lt.(jg), Cpl. Bob Stinson is in Central Africa. Ray is on Guadalcanal. Bob's wife (the former Pearlee Robinson) is a Marine. Lt. Bruce Campbell (the Stinsons' brother-in-law) is flying a fort in England. That makes six stars for Mrs. Stinson(Sr.)'s pin.

Tank Destroyer Don Leddy called on furlough from Camp Hood. With him was Navy A/C Vernon Newcomb on brief respite from Livermore Air Field. Don reports his twin brothers are still separated. Albert Leddy is in the Naval Hospital at Corpus Christi and Jim Leddy is continuing his engineering studies in V-12 at U. of Texas. Lt. Leonard Hall, recently commissioned as a bombardier, has reported to the Second Air Force Replacement Center at Lincoln. Patricia Hall is receiving her five weeks training for commission as a flight nurse at Santa Ana. Navy A/C Johnny Rossetto (He has almost everything!) stopped over en route from Livermore to Corpus Christi.

Lt. Paul Wollomes brought his handsome personnel officer home as a guest on his recent leave. Paul is the new commander of a Company of Army Engineers for petroleum distribution and expects to ship over before long. He saw S/Sgt. Harold Gerrish in Delano, and he reports Lt. Mike Audap will go out soon with an armored artillery unit. Leonard Hylton, R.T.2/c, is now an instructor at Treasure Island. Sp.T.3/c Shirliann Pentzer is a link trainer operator at Jacksonville. Jim Burke, who has been at Stanford in engineering, is applying for the Navy. Pfc. Chuck Owens was home on a fifteen day furlough from Homestead, Fla. Brother Rodney is at Minter now. Pvt. Bill Paynter is a weather observer at Muroc.

Two Pharmacist's Mates called in April. Ph.M.2/c Bill Nabers is back again at the Naval Hospital at Sun Valley. Ph.M.3/c Neil Mulcahy was on furlough from Great Lakes awaiting assignment to hospital or ship. Keith King who was at Notre Dame with Mulcahy is now in the University of Illinois Med. School. Cpl. Kenneth Thrasher, on furlough from Sheppard Field, reports that base is living a double life--half engine, half glider. Wave Glesner Leslie S.K.3/c is now at the Destroyer Base at San Diego. Lt. Tommy Marshall is taxiing bombardiers at Victorville. Navy A/C Russ Kniffen is known to Corpus Christi as "Little Sahara Kid". He reports seeing Troy Burrage in "Old Madrid" at Corpus.

Latest Flashes from Today's Mail Box

A letter from Lt. Bob Wright, U.S.N.R. (a former Dean of Men) tells of his joining Lt. Don Robesky and N.A.C. Lt. Pat Curran in a swim and bull session in the Pacific. Cpl. Bill Anderson writes from "someplace in New Guinea" with a Photo Tech. Sqdn. S.2/c Johnny Miller writes from Norman, Oklahoma.

Finale

With the Big Push already on in the air and soon to be engulfing the whole European front, let me give those of you across the Atlantic the lift that came to us from out the Pacific in this excerpt from a letter from Gus Pappas to Miss Levinson. Remember that Gus has spearheaded more than one Marine landing under heavy enemy fire. Yet here you have his unfailing humor, his modest dismissal of the tough months he has known since the early days of Guadalcanal.

"Dear Teacher: . . . It's a wonderful day today. The sun is shining, the birds are singing, my washing is finished, and it's five days before pay day. And I owe no money. . . . The rumors around here are that we won't see the States for quite some time. It seems that there is a war around here some place. You can't prove it by me. The only battle around here is in our chow line. . . . As ever, Gus"

And,

As ever, *Gus Bird*

BAKERSFIELD JUNIOR COLLEGE
June 27, 1944

Dear Beejaycee Family in Service:

This midsummer month finds you more than ever in our thoughts as the Allied Offensive mounts in every area. As the newsmen talk from Rome, from Honolulu, from the invasion beach of France, it is you whom we see in each action described, in each gain made. If it is a barrage being laid down, a Cherbourg street taken, an emergency runway being built on Saipan, it is always a Renegade we see doing the job. Photographs of some of you in the actual locales have helped us reinforce this notion--photographs such as that the Californian carried Saturday of 1st Sgt. Dave Fanucchi receiving the Purple Heart from a two star general, or such as that of a newsreel of Tarawa in which Capt. Joe Clerou was detectable. And accompanying every prayer for victory is a prayer for your safety.

You will be interested, I am sure, in the distribution in the services as of June 1, 1944, of all of you who constitute our "official" Service Stars. This does not include all of the Beejaycee alumni in service, of course. If it did, the figure would be more than twice as large. Here you are, then: Army, 141; Army Air Corps, 232; Navy, 164; Marines, 23; Navy and Marine Air Corps, 50; Coast Guard, 3; Merchant Marines, 6; R.A.F., 2. The Beejaycee faculty in service are: Army, 3; Army Air Corps, 1; Navy, 6; Navy Air Corps, 1; near-WASF, 1; Army Nurse, 1.

Before turning to my Clearing House report on you, gathered from your visits (thirty or more of you), your letters (eighty-three since I wrote you last), and telephone calls from your families and friends, let me pass on a hint to those of you who needed only a term of work to graduate from B.J.C. when you entered the armed services. If you have received any college training in an Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, or Air Corps program, ask the college in which you did that work to send a transcript of your record to us. If you have received any training in a service technical training school or base, ask the Armed Forces Institute (Madison, Wisconsin) to send us a report on the work you completed. Perhaps you have already completed enough work to add to your junior college record to be graduated when we receive your reports!

"Renegade of the Month".

I believe you would all agree with the nomination of Major Claud Ford. Claud is a squadron commander in the top scoring fighter group in the Mediterranean. The group is credited with 440 aerial victories. Our Major is officially credited with two enemy aircraft shot down (over Albania and Hungary) and he has damaged many others. He has been awarded the D.F.C., the air medal, and seven clusters. He has risen from the ranks to his present position. He received his wings in the first class of Staff Sergeant Pilots graduated by the Air Corps.

Decorations.

An entire Service Letter reporting nothing except decorations would still not cover the number of awards being received by our men. And the number deserved far, far exceeds the number received. Let us, as usual, however, recognize all of you through the names of some of you: Capt. Harry Abell, the soldier's medal for heroism in rescuing other crew members after a sea landing of his bomber in the Mediterranean; 1st Lt. Gene Adkins, B-24 pilot, the D.F.C., distinguished unit badge, air medal, and three clusters; Capt. Homer Wentz, the D.F.C., one silver cluster, one bronze cluster (Wentz is Asst. Operations Officer in his squadron. He has come unharmed through 49 missions over Europe, but he has been grounded twice for injuries received playing soft ball); 1st Lt. David Gardner, bombardier with 51 missions in North Africa, the air medal and 9 clusters, now teaching at Midland, Texas; Capt. Gordon Slater, veteran of Tunisia, Sicily, and Anzio, and now in China, the air medal and silver cluster; T/Sgt. Norman McNamee, the D.F.C., with 50 missions over the rugged terrain of China, India, Burma, now teaching at Tonopah, Nevada; 1st Lt. Chuck Durant, the D.F.C., silver cluster, with more than 40 missions in his Thunderbolt; 1st Lt. Delbert Wong, navigator, the air medal and two clusters; and two brand new air medals to 1st Lt. Bob Perry flying B-24's over France and Germany, and to 1st Lt. Bob Hannagan in the Pacific.

Gold Stars.

Capt. Ernest McMahan was killed in an air crash in his P-51B at Gloucester, England on May 9th; 1st Lt. John Beauchamp killed in Wales in his P-47 on May 4th.

Missing in Action.

Lt. Donald Hylton and F/O Bill Belluomini and Lt. Max Miller are missing over Europe since May.

Prisoners of War.

You will like knowing that two of our men formerly reported missing are now known to be prisoners in Germany: Lt. Alvin Pyeatt, T/Sgt. Robert Maddox.

Purple Heart.

Awarded to Marine Pvt. Ernest Calkins (one of our first to volunteer after Pearl Harbor), E.M.2/c Troy Calhoun on LCT duty in the Pacific, 1st Sgt. Dave Fanucchi on Guadalcanal; Lt. Max Bayless by General Kenny, himself.

On the Mend (or perhaps already mended): Ensign Tennant Brooks recuperating at Norfolk Naval Hospital from some of the things you might contract in logging 30,000 miles in tropical waters; Pvt. Richard Stotts, hospitalized at Alliance, Nebraska, taking time, nevertheless, to let us know that two of our best California Dons—Don Crum and Don Peaslee report "everything under control" with the.

Turning the Telescopic Lense E. by N.E. and W. by S.W.

In Italy we see Lt. Charley Hamilton "keeping about 150 yards from Jerrie's bombs"; T/Sgt. Joe Franey serving as a disbursement officer with the Fifth Army; Lt. Frank Tomlinson that 6'4" P-51 fighter pilot with half a hitch now to his credit; Lt. Richard Williamson with an A.A.A. Gun. Bn. in southern Sardinia and anxious to have any old friends look him up, W.O. Bob Zuercher having an unexpected reunion with his brother, Cpl. Harry Zuercher while brothers Bob Gill (machinist mate) and Lt. Bill Gill (pilot) were having a similar surprise; E-24 radio operator Dick Barnes tossing the bull between missions with S/Sgt. Ray Fermenter at Foggia.

In the Pacific we see R.M.2/c Jack Viles riding the seas on one of our new carriers; 1st Lt. Ronald Dunn, serving as a classification officer—and a good one; Cpl. Chet Wuertly itching "to irritate Tojo" from the Admiralty Isles; Sc.M.2/c Jim Watts doing more good than the sun by bringing five bags of air mail aboard his U.S.S. Mustin; U.S.S. Tulsa's Art Sawyer "breezing the crew about Bakersfield"; two College of the Pacific fans meeting by chance in the central Pacific, Lt.(jg) Ed Holz and Lt.(jg) Kenneth Hastin; C-47 Lt. Bruce Marble unloading cargo and conversation with Sgt. Dan O'Neill; Marine Cpl. Ed Whittaker winding up his 20th month of service in that area.

In England we see these (and how many more!): Lt.(jg) Royal Tyson serving on Admiral Kirke's staff since December; Lt. John Dowd covering the invasion with the Eighth A.A.F. Liberator Group; S/Sgt. Bernard Yancey with the Ninth Air Service Command; T/Sgt. Jim "Red" Jackson, still carrying the torch for Ireland; Sgt. Bill Wottring, aerial gunner; Lt. Harry (Navigator) Anderson recently arrived at a coast air base.

In Africa—Navy's Glenn McKibben in his 19th month in the African-European theater; Cpl. Tommy Boyd and Cpl. Bob Stinson holding a reunion over some copies of the "Californian"; Sgt. Allan Choy minding his bombsight; Pfc. Bob Finch doing a radio operator's job on cargo planes.

In Iran. 1st Lt. Bill Heffernan trying to hex the sand flies.

In China. Capt. George Cuneo comparing Bakersfield news with Sgt. Keith Thompson.

"Three Hundred Thousand Slow Burning Camels" (Imaginary) go this month to Bill Tinsley, U.S.C.G. radioman 3/c, for graduating as top man in his class of 108 recently at Atlantic City; to Lt. Ed McAleer, Marine fighter pilot, for perfecting his skill in home economics (laundry, sewing, etc.) on his day off; to Lt. Art Johnson for being the latest Beejayceer to be commissioned in Maintenance Engineering at Yale; to Sgt. Bud Isaacs of the 30th Engineers for a fine camera shot of himself and brother Q.M.2/c Bill Isaacs taken with their mother and for news of Lt. Leonard Hall; to A.A.F.'s Sgt. Henry Yoon for one of the nicest letters ever to cross the desk at B.J.C.; to Lt.(jg) Jess Jones whose latest orders will give him a year of post graduate study in Applied Communications at Annapolis; to Gunnery Sgt. Keith Deane, hospitalized back to the States in December, now stationed at the Fleet Post Office in San Francisco, for sending his good wishes to the Bakersfield boys whose names he sees in the mail; to Q.M.3/c George Stevenson for sharpening his wits at chess between duties on his Mine Sweeper; to Pvt. Yoshio Fujii serving with the 442nd Combat Division in our European Theater.

A Carton (also imaginary) of "Right-Combination Chesterfields" go to Pfc. Bill Anderson who has equipped his tent in New Guinea with all the modern conveniences (even fluorescent lighting) because of his horse trading ability with the Aussies who will exchange anything for an American pin-up girl; to bomber pilot Clyde Brazeel for moving from 2nd Lt. to Captain in the Marine Corps in 11 months; to F/O Stanley Schultz and his wife (a flight nurse serving in England) for proving they know what all the fighting's about by travelling half way across the globe to

spend their 5th anniversary together in New York; to A.T.C. Lt. Richard Hatfield (Fireball Express) for reporting on the largest number of former Beejayceers seen in foreign parts by a single Renegade. Here is his roster: Capt. (maybe Major, by now) Herbert Rosa in Cairo, Sgt. Art Sargent and 1st Lt. Jack Durratt in Karachi, India; Jack Lynch at Agra; F/O Marion Becking in the Officers' Club at Natal not long before Marion was reported missing in action; also in Natal A.T.C.'s Bill Fain who was en route to North Africa and who had just seen Capt. Glen Roberts Lt. Roland Greene in Belem, Brazil refuelling the B-17 of which he is co-pilot; and the former Miami favorites, Lt. Bill and Olivette Miller.

"One Dozen Roses" (or only Four Roses, if you'd rather) go to United Press Correspondent Darrell Berrigan for writing an incomparably good article on "Uncle Joe" Stillwell in the Saturday Evening Post of June 17 which should do our cause in China as much good as a transfusion; to Four Fighting Fongs--Lt. Paul with a Signal Team at Camp Crowder, Raymond already somewhere in Asia, Donald teaching gunnery at Kingman, and Lt. Bob anxious to ship over from Orlando; to Ensign Jack Gist for sending us a sample of the Japanese "invasion money" printed for use in Australia and actually being used to light the cigarettes of G.I. Joe; to Navy Lt. Bill Henry for returning to action in the Pacific with a fighter plane after having scored so heavily with his dive bomber in the early days at Guadalcanal; to Lt. Gerald (Luke) Lucas for a corny (barley) description of his chance meeting with Lt. Sunny Roy Kramer at the Pyote Officers Club; to Lt. Tommy Curran and 'Anderson' 'Arry 'Endry (Captain) for taffying the British toffs in a V-mail colloquy on cancelled leaves; and to Lt. (ig) Cal Mueller, A.R.M.2/c Vernon Blanc, Marine Lt. Ed Simonsen, and Marine Pfc. Mark Tapscott for issuing from their reunion spot at an advanced base in the Pacific a honey of a combined operations letter. (Blanc, by the way, has been recommended for a decoration for his part in the Wake Island blitz. Mueller has the air medal and Gold Star for his part in shooting down three Japanese planes and sinking an enemy ship; Simonsen flies transport planes over "shark-infested waters", and "Little Symphony" Tapscott is keeping up his music in the Marine Defense Band.)

Still "Readying-up" in the States for Overseas.

Marine Lt. Ross Doll in Reserve Officers' School at Quantico reports on having seen Lt. Mike Janzen and his lovely wife, the former Ella DeGuili, just before Mike left for Hartford, Conn. for further training in aviation ground work". Cpl. Jim Radoumis, whom Jim Day calls the Corona Comaraco, still at Fresno, gives news that S/Sgt. Jim Caldwell is with a Photo Reconnaissance Group in Italy. Svelte Charlie Wakefield is on his way to Army Engineers' O.C.S. at Fort Belvoir. Lt. Jack Atkins has just finished two and a half years at Ft. Belvoir and is now assigned to a new station near our Santa Anita race track. R.M.3/c Jack Hood is at Imperial Beach. New flight engineers for B-29's are Lt. Norman Dow and Lt. Charlie Webster. Norman, now at Salinas, called on us last month with his pretty Denver wife. Ensign Barrett Baldwin is on detached service with the Navy and having a chance to look-see everything. C.P.O. Dick Heber is still conditioning brains at Camp Sampson and at Douglas A.A.B. Lt. Jack Allen is still conditioning brains. From Camp Maxey Capt. "Tony" Maes writes that he sees W.O. Ed Baker often and that Bookie's officers report him as "probably the best ammunition man in the division". Pvt. Don Leddy (also at Camp Maxey) reports ripping off his fatigues in infiltration practice. When not making deliveries to England and elsewhere, 7th Ferry Gp. Lt. Leon Moynier is at Great Falls. When A.S.T.P. folded, Sgt. Wayne Montgomery was assigned to the 32nd Sig. Tng. Bn. Lt. Myron McFarland, Asst. S-2, is R-Sopping in Kansas in preparation for R-Mopping in France. Clyde Barbeau, one of our greatest athletes, is now in the Marines. Sgt. Nate Morrison is still assigned to Goleta, near Santa Barbara. Lt. Irene Vassey Wegner is an Army Nurse at Douglas Air Base. Lt. Alice Jones (sister to Jess and Barton) has 30 hours toward her pilot's license for flying nurse. Marine Pvt. Evelyn Rygh is in training for aviation machinists mate (What do I mean, mate?). After two years as W.T.S. flight instructor, Karl Thurber is now applying for A.T.C. We saw Lt. Don Wachob (fighter control officer) while on leave in May and again in June. Don is now headed for his final training before the hop. Marine Sgt. Bill Spillane, radio gunner, was still at El Centro when last reported on. Merchant Marine Paul Castelfrance completed an 8 months cargo trip with the S.S. Northfield to Persian and African ports and is waiting for a new ship.

Naval aviation cadets who are surviving the new attrition policy of the Navy and determined to join you at the front lines are our three Jacks at Livermore--Jack Thomson, Jack Williams, Jack Bradshaw. Winding up pre-flight are Downing McKee, Ted Carlton, Dick Mahin. Already at Corpus Christi or ready to report there are Andy Davidson, Howard Tommy Thompson. Troy Burrage is at Brounville, Texas. Current Navy Midshipman are Terry Wilbur at Cornell, Johnny Schorr with orders to Asbury Park, Bob Mahin at Northwestern. Newest Ensign. Roger Bartenstein commissioned at Notre Dame.

Army aviation cadets. Glen Taylor is now at Maxwell Field, Alabama. Bob Herndon is at Chickasha, Okla. Larry Smith is at Cuero, Texas. Recently commissioned as lieutenants at Stockton are Lts. Artie Tisdall and Bob Broome; at Luke Field are Lts. Wayne Crabtree and Robert Canady; at La Junta, Lt. Jack Smith.

Home Town Visitors (not already reported upon in this letter).

Three of B.J.C.'s growing team of Cadet Nurses in the smart new cadet nurse uniforms called between terms of their hospital training: June Johnson, Abbie Scott and Beverly Green. Two of P.A.A.'s best came by: Clark Wiedmann whose Coronado flights take him to Africa, South America, and the Caribbean, and Marvin Hort whose almost continuous series of trips to the South Pacific give him a chance to see several of the BJC family "and the wonderful job they are doing". Two potential Sad Sacks, Pvt. Vattie Schroster and Pvt. Harry Francisco waved at me through the office door. Lt. Gayne Wimer left a message "wishing everyone good luck and happy landings" on his way to B-17 co-pilot school at Las Vegas. Pfc. Bob Stewart, who has spent months and months behind an A.A. battery in the Alaska theater, had a furlough before reporting to Radar School for advanced training--well-earned if anything ever was!

And we enjoyed, as we always do, our bi-monthly call from Lt. John Besons. He always brings news of some of our Pacific family. This time he brought news of himself. He is married to a Kansas City girl, Jean Myrick, and is occupying a typical honeymoon cottage at Palm Springs between his missions.

Beejayece Bouncing Baby Battalion

The sub-title could well be "Reinforcements Regularly" if the announcements coming by mail are a criterion. In honor of Father's Day, which falls in June, let me do the boasting for the following: Infantry Lt. Jack Cooper (somewhere in New Guinea), a son; Lt. Glenn Tanner (Special Service and Public Relations Officer at Western Signal Corps School at Davis), a son; Lt. Jim Stutzman (overseas) an eight months old daughter whom he has not yet seen; S.l/c Eugene Ponton (Submarine), a daughter; Jack C. Cornwell II (Q.M. at Davis Monthan Field, Tucson), Jack C. Cornwell III; Major Marvin Cramer (an Operations officer at Albrook Field, Canal Zone), a daughter; Marine Pvt. Guy Wathen, a brand new second daughter; Ensign Kenny Robesky, a son; Ensign Barrett Baldwin, a month old daughter.

Romance

Ol' Man Romance, he jus' keeps rollin' along. Metalsmith Tommy Gallon married Marilyn Moon, June 10; Cadet Nurse Beverly Burriss and Army's Chod Sill married this month, too. A.M.M.l/c Vernon Gulara is engaged to a Wave Y.2/c in Washington D.C. Navy Lt. Leo Meacher has married Thalia Goodrich of Pasadena. Lt. Jim and Jeanne Tieck Hitchcock are rooting for Jim's younger brother, A/C Richard Hitchcock, and Jeanne's younger sister, Wilma Tieck, to make it doubles for both Tiecks and Hitchcocks. Former K.C.U.H.S. Student President Bob Fio Rita married Elizabeth Wilton in Nahant, Massachusetts in May. The w-bells have also rung for Patricia Wright and Lt. Harry Albert Nicoll; for Betty Ellen Kofahl and Marine Lt. Stacy Morgan; for Lt. Charles Nourse (Army) and Marian Jones (Navy); and for flying Lt. Barton Jones and Virginia French of Berkeley (in March); for Mary Frances Ober and Steve Davless. But this could go-on-and-on-far-into-the-night. If you miss reading the Californian one day, you miss a BJC wedding or betrothal announcement. Well--almost.

And isn't this a good note on which to end a letter which will be reaching most of you on the most American of all days, July 4th?

All of us to all of you,

Grace V. Bird

BAKERSFIELD JUNIOR COLLEGE
Bakersfield, California
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Dear Boyfayose Men and Women in Service:

I wish it were possible to convey to you the deep gratitude felt by all of us at home for the stamina and courage you have shown in bringing the war to its present state of high hopefulness and confidence for the United Nations. As Capt. Jack Roberts writes from somewhere in France, "It is very gratifying to be able to see the end in view and to realize that getting home has turned from a hazy future possibility into something that can be set down as a matter of time, regardless of how indefinite". And Lt. Bob Lynch writes from India, "The Japs don't seem to realize they are a lost people." I do not believe any of us are too sanguine. We realize how much is still to be done and at how high a cost, but it is wonderful to begin a new college year of letters to you in the knowledge that you have turned the great odds in your favor. All honor to our own men who won so dearly the tosholds at Guadalcanal, Bizerte, Tarawa, Kasarins Pass, Anzio, Carentan. And all honor to you who are pushing uncompromisingly on.

What more natural way to begin a letter such as this--a letter written on the day of the liberation of Paris--than with a listing of some of our more recently honored men?

Decorations

Since my last letter, the Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to Lt. Delbert Wong in England, Lt. Harry Hull for B-17 heavy bomber assaults in Europe, Lt. Bill Landsborough for pro-invasion bombings of occupied Europe, Navy Lt. Jim Chambers (at San Diego) for fighter service in the Pacific, Lt. Bob Perry co-piloting a B-24 (Bob has been previously decorated for flying a Pathfinder plane for British night bombers and lighting the targets for them), Lt. John Lindley, co-piloting a B-24 out of England, Lt. Gene Adkins stationed at last reports in Ireland (Gene already holds the Distinguished Unit Badge), Capt. Harold Harper and Capt. Carroll Knott of African-Italy fame; Lt. Charles Moore for action at Wewak who dropped his bombs on the target though wounded in the face by shrapnel.

Lt. Jack Lynch (India China Air Transport Command), Lt. Frank Tomlinson (Italy) Lt. Lloyd Wattenbarger (Pacific 13th Air Force), Lt. Bob Hannagan (Pacific), S/Sgt. Bill Hotting (aerial gunner, England)--all have additional new Air Medals.

Capt. Warren Stockton and 1st Lt. Johnny Boydston have received the Presidential Unit Citation to their Pioneer P-51 Group. R.3/c Bert Fuller, U.S.C.G., has received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroism in rendering assistance to wounded personnel during landing operations in the Marshalls.

Gold Stars

You who were friends of the following men will share our sorrow as you learn that these young men have given their lives in service.

P/O Dick Cheney killed in a bomber crash in San Francisco Bay, July 26.

Lt. Bob Austin killed when his plane crashed in Georgia, August 15.

Cpl. Ervin Wong killed when his plane crashed in Georgia, August 14.

Lt. Warren Freeland killed in July in a P-39 crash in Washington

Lt. Alvin Fyeatt reported on August 10 as having died in a prison camp in Germany in March.

Missing in Action

Lt. Tom McManus, Lt. Robert Doty, Pfc. Carl Allen, and Walter Formenter's brother S/Sgt. Ray Formenter are reported missing in flights over Europe.

Sgt. Richard Barnes and Lt. Don Hylton, previously reported as missing in action, are now reported prisoners of war in Germany.

A Few of Our Distinguished Home Visitors from Combat Duty

1st. Lt. Robert Martin has been on leave from the 8th Air Force Command in England. A B-24 pilot, he was reported missing in action. He made his way back to England. He wears the Purple Heart and two rows of ribbons.

1st. Lt. John E. Dowd arrived in Bakersfield two days after leaving England. He completed 30 missions and 9 months of service as a B-24 pilot. He took part also in the invasion of France. He has the D.F.C.

Capt. George Scott stationed with a cold weather testing outfit in Alaska for two years was home for a brief rest. It is generally agreed there are few more challenging tasks than test piloting in Alaskan weather.

S/Sgt. Brian Hilty called on his first visit home from 32 months of service with the aviation engineers in Alaska helping to build the Aleutian airfields. He reports next to Geiger Field, Washington.

Q.M.3/c Harry Ferdinand whose Destroyer was seriously damaged in a collision had a brief time at home en route to Norfolk, Virginia for six weeks of Destroyer School before assignment to a new destroyer.

Another roving Q.M.3/c who called is Q.M.3/c George Stevenson who is serving on a Mine Sweeper. George is vacationing at Newport Beach.

Lt.(jg) Jack Gist brought interesting statistics of his seven & a half months' service as a bombardier-navigator in the Pacific. He made 65 missions--Guadalcanal, Munda, New Guinea, Admiralty Isles, Wadke, Funafuti, Tarawa, Makin, Wake, Midway, Palau, Truk. He travelled more than 190,000 miles. His squadron sank 54 ships and damaged 114 more. His own crew had a total of 8 enemy planes destroyed and 3 ships sunk. He is now at Dallas Naval Air Station training for his pilot's wings.

Lt. John Roving Reporter Besons saw Major Ed Newbury at Moses Lake, Washington and Capt. Ed Adkins at San Bernardino on recent ferrying missions.

The Californian reported Radioman 3/c Sully Sullivan had visited Bakersfield after months in the Pacific.

News Gathered from Our Mail Box, Our Callers in Uniform, and Our Volunteer Operatives
This news represents the latest reports that have come to the Office. They are not necessarily, however, the news as of August 22. We do wish it were practical to share all we learn about you with you as soon as we have it.

China, India, Burma

Lt. H.N. Jack Durrett (China) has probably seen as much of the surface of the globe as anyone we have in service. He has been stationed in England, Africa, Sicily, Italy, Egypt, India, and now China. He is one of the BJC men working with the B-29's. He saw S/Sgt. Art Sargent at A.T.C. Hdqs. in India, but he has yet to see Lt. Dick Stutzman who is with a Tactical Reconnaissance Sqdn. or S/Sgt. Joe Angeles who has been in the Chinese Theater over two years. . . Pfc. Bob Tinsley who is with the A.T.C. has recently been reclassified from armorer to "entertainment specialist". He is back with his first love, music. He has been making music arrangements for the band, and he is putting on two record concerts a week with some of the classics he has been collecting: Mozart, Beethoven, Tchaikowsky, et al. . . . Lt. Bob Lynch, who thought he was going to bomb with a B-25, finds himself assigned to duty in India flying supplies to the troops in Burma. He writes, "I am so thankful for every minute of instrument training the Army gave me. Nearly 3/4 of all my flying has been on the gauges." The first thing Bob did upon arriving in India was to look up his brother Lt. Jack Lynch who has already been awarded the Air Medal and Presidential Citation for his services over there. . . . Sgt. Allan Choy is busy as a bombsight, but he has managed to visit one of India's larger cities to find out "how different it is from our American cities". . . S/Sgt. Grady Kearns is reported stationed with the A.A.F. in China. . . Lt. Ed Davis wrote early in the summer of "activating a cargo carrying group that will probably wind up somewhere in China". More important to Ed, though, was the birth of a "fine son".

Alaska

Lt. Lincoln Goddard, after MONTHS in the Aleutians, is now at Fort Richardson at Anchorage. He says, "It is kinda nice to be able to go over a hill without seeing salt water." He reports that Frank Dobbs in England is hungry for "a little of that recalcitrant sunshine you have in Bakersfield".

The Pacific, So.Pac. and Mid Pac.

Capt. Joe Clerou writes (July 12) from Saipan that "Like Guadalcanal and Tarawa, Saipan has been a rough show." Because of the many Japanese and native civilians, Joe reports the Civil Affairs Department has doubled its personnel. Jim Day says Joe was recently buried in an explosion but was dug out by one of his sergeants unharmed. . . Cpl. John M. Greene writes from Down Under that he derives "as much pride in our gangs' splashes as any of us". . . Lt. Wayne Morrison was still on Kauai when last heard from fighting the war against mosquitoes and insects but expecting momentarily to be moved into position for a try at the Japanese. . . Navy Lt. Bill Henry is back out again night fighting in his "same old girl, F7". "She has had an engine change and now will really fly out". He expects his nice wife to come to Bakersfield this winter to spend "a long time waiting for me". Bill is Exec. Officer of his squadron. . . Cpl. Dave Bannister is now chief operator of a telephone exchange. He expects any day to have his current male operators replaced by Wacs. "I would surely like to try taking care of 10 Wacs", he writes. Eager beaver or wolf, Dave? . . Ensign Bill Grainger says of his first official assignment from aboard his ship, "As far as working with men is concerned, I have a good time even when they give me a bad time." . . . Lt.(jg) Harriet Mills of the Navy Nurse Corps is enthusiastic about her work in a base hospital in Hawaii. Her brother, Dr. Robert Mills, is still at Stanford University Hospital where our cadet nurses report him to be "tops". . . Down New Guinea Way, Pfc. Bill Anderson is publishing a news sheet for his service outfit as an extra-curricular activity. . . Our Capt. Don McCarty is only recently out of the hospital

following the New Guinea campaign, and Keith Stoddard, who just called on me, reported that Cpl. Gus Pappas is on the mend after shrapnel wounds sustained in our landings in Guam. Our best wishes go to these men and to Capt. Dick Adams who is also convalescing. . . In Australia are S/Sgt. Joe H-for-Highboy Davis in chemical warfare; Petty Officer 1/c Matthew Klopp attached to the Fleet Hospital; 1st Lt. Maurice Coombs with the Signal Corps; and Lt. Jarrell Thompson in an engineering corps. . . S/Sgt. Guy Welch is somewhere out there with an Anti-Aircraft unit. . . Marine Air Corps 1st Lt. Ed McAlser is doing some post war educational planning at his island base. . . Lt. Don McIntire writes from shipboard that he has heard from Pvt. Kenneth DeLakar from New Guinea. . . Beejaysce Marines taking part in the landings on Guam included, besides Gus, Eddie Evans and Kenneth Stoddard. Were you there, too, Ph.M.1/c Chuck Kleives? Pvt. Mal Davis on New Guinea has had several fishing expeditions with natives in native boats.

Egypt

The lone Renegade with an apparently permanent base in Egypt is Cpl. Tommy Boyd. Much travelled A.T.C. men tell us Cairo is one of the nicer spots, so no wonder Tom signs himself "Sand-happy Boyd".

Italy and Africa

Pvt. Yoshio Fujii is with the now famous and honored 442 Combat Team of Japanese-Americans fighting in Italy. He writes that there are "quite a few Bakersfield boys in the Combat Team," and "we're all doing our best". . . Cpl. Bob Finch doesn't think much of the Italian grapes: "I look at them and then think of the Fresno beauties, and my heart turns over". . . Lt. Frank Tomlinson, who has been managing to fold all 6'2" or more of himself into his P-51 to fly protection for his flight leader in combat, has the air medal and two clusters to show for his good service thus far. For hobbies Frank is collecting German armament and pinch-blowing for a band on a valve trombone. He is serving in the 15th Air Force to which Capt. "Hank" Ford is attached. "Hank" is now credited with four German planes shot down. . . S/Sgt. Joe Hunt is serving as a waist gunner in a B-24 operating unit in Italy. . . Lt. Charley Hamilton is generating smoke and smiles on some Italian front. . .

Fighting in France

Capt. Jack Roberts of the engineers writes, "So far I have managed nicely to get myself bombed, shelled, and shot at; but the old luck that used to carry me through some of Levinson's exams seems to be sticking with me."

It is my assumption that Sgt. Albert Neville is among the paratroopers to have landed in southern France. The assumption is based on the report that he has taken part in every air-borne invasion in the European theater thus far, and why not this one, too?

England and Ireland

Two of our newest pilots to take on jobs in England are Lt. Gerry Lucas and Lt. Herb Bayless. (Two more too good for the Axis). . . Lockheed's Charles Sutton has received a Civil Service Appointment to remain in Ireland as an engineer with an officer's rating. . . T/S Don Everitts is attached to a Signal Depot. . . Lt. Paul Woollomes (Engineers) praises both Uncle Sam's and the Red Cross's care of our men. . . Lt. Ed McLean joins the rest of our men in England with thumbs down on the English weather and thumbs up on the English people. . . Lt. Lee Karpe has seen Mike Brown in Wales and talked with Tommy Doll and Jack Reynolds near London. He reports the latter are gunners on B-17's. Karpe is co-pilot of a B-17. . . Another aerial gunner now in England is S/Sgt. Roger Stone. . . Lt. Otto Kramer is in a control depot, we hear. . . Navigator-Bombardier Leonard Hall has reported for active duty at an English base.

On the Seas, Theater Unknown

Ensign Gordon Jewett is on active submarine duty. He telephoned us in mid-summer. . . Ensign Dave Kofahl, engineering officer, is roaming the sea on his first active duty. . . Lt. (jg) Don Peasles may be back patrolling the Caribbean with his flying boat, but who knows? . . . Mel Ponton, R.M. 1/c on a Submarine, has been recommended for a decoration. . .

News of Men and Women Still in the States.

Among our men whose long periods of overseas service have earned them current assignments at home are Capt. H. H. Wilkerson now on the staff at Morris Field, South Carolina, Marine Capt. Jos Wagner who is Director of Ground Training at Lee Field, Florida and who saw Wave Shirliann Pentzer, Sp.(T)3/c who is instructing in link trainers at Jacksonville. (Shirliann also reports that S/Sgt. Hal Gerrish is temporarily "in the soft job of physical training instructor"); 1st Lt. Max Bayless and Capt. Jack Lavers instructing at the A.A.B. in Columbia, South Carolina, after over 18 months in the South Pacific; Capt. Jack Mulvana reported at Lowry Field.

Among our NAVY men still serving at home are Chief Specialist Orval Gillett, physical training instructor at Great Lakes, and brother A.M.L.2/c John Gillett stationed at San Diego; Ensign Wayne Wimberley who completed U.S.N.R. officers' indoctrination last week; M.M.2/c Wilbur Shellhammer based in Portland, Oregon and R.T.3/c Johnny Clark based at Oakland Supply Depot; Lt. Comdr. Carroll Blacker, engineer at the Naval Hospital at Corona and Ph.M.3/c Delbert Olsen at the same hospital; Lt.(jg) Romain Cleron of Medical Corps serving at Camp Parks, California; Lt.(jg) Jack White beginning his third year of the war in Texas where he is a Squadron Safety Officer; Navy Lt. Bruce Ponton still in San Diego with his fighter group; S.2/c Fred Wilkerson, signalman, based at Camp Elliott; F.2/c Charles Griffith is at Electrician's School in Detroit.

Beajayceers in active service with the NAVY and NAVY AIR CORPS will be relieved before very long by some Aces and Jacks in the making. A/C Johnny Rossetto will soon have his commission; A/C's Jim Gardiner, Downing McKee, Jack Williams, Meric Combs, Ted Carlton, Vernon Mears, Vic Corro are still holding their own against competition and training standards that wash out all but the very best. Marine Corps A/C Burke West has completed primary and moved up another step. Four of our men were on the honor roll of V-12 engineers at the University of Texas this term: Bob Brame, Jim Dennen, Bill Suman, and Bob Sutton. The other V-12's in Texas and in Missouri more than pass muster too: Stanley Combs, Lloyd Suckut, John Battistoni, Bob King, and the rest. V-12 men who are now attending Midshipman School are Ronald Kinney (Northwestern), John Schorr (Asbury Park to Northwestern), Dick Mahin (Asbury Park), Bob Simpson (Harvard), Bob Garmley (Annapolis). V-12 Milt Kroeyenhagen and V-12 Clarence Cullimore, Jr. are at Doane College and Flagstaff respectively. The latest flying Ensign to be commissioned is Bob Gumsolus, Navy Lt. Roy Gumsolus' young brother. Roy, by the way, is still at Sea Island, Georgia. S.1/c Jack Hislop is at Great Lakes studying radio and radar.

As usual, it is the ARMY AIR CORPS which embraces the largest number of our trainees: 2nd Lt. Adolph Barnaschi is at Douglas Adv. Flying School. . . 2nd Lt. Charlie Webster is with a B-29 group at Harvard, Nebraska after completing his flight engineer training. . . Capt. Burton Cox is pilot of a B-29 at McCook, Neb. . . 2nd Lt. Tommy Cullen expects to go out soon with the Troop Carrier Command. . . 2nd Lt. Don Stickler is in a fighter squadron training in P-39's and 63's at Victorville. . . 2nd Lt. Don Spallinger is in final phase of P-47 combat training in Texas. . . 2nd Lt. Art Johnson has finished the Battle of Yale and is now at Marianna, Florida. . . Lt. Bob Walter graduated from Waco on August 4. . . Lt. Jack K. Smith is en route for the wind-up at Columbia, South Carolina, after a stint of teaching at La Junta. . . And the following Aviation Cadets are doing well, thank you: J.J. Snodgrass at San Antonio, Art Hasper (Georgia, Art?), Arenal's Bill McDonald at Yale in communications, Larry Smith in basic at Waco (nice letter, Larry), Harold Rinehart and Don Engel at Santa Ana, Don Camp at Maxwell Field, Alabama, Jim Gredler and Clayton Vines at San Antonio. Capt. Lawrence Maes is with the Tenth Army Hdqs. at San Antonio. Lt. "Dink" Shesha is flying A-11's at Deming for bombardiers.

Marine Sgt. John Leer is a radar technician at Cherry Point, North Carolina.

Capital R for Romance.

As you well know, R (Romance) always runs ahead of T (Tell). We can only report a few more examples of the happy, never-ebbing tide. F/O Paul Half-back Howard married Janette James (Beardsley teacher) at Salinas in June. Paul is flying a P-63 at Portland, Oregon. . . Lt. Bard Suvorkov and Sylvia Panucchi were married in Texas July 14. . . Lt. Bill Brubaker and Helen Ingles were married earlier this month. . . Army Engineer Lt. Charlie May has married a Watsonville girl, Kay Richey. . . Lt. Stuart Chenoweth and Bodil Genkel of San Francisco were married in early summer. . . Sgt. Walter Bayus, now in A.T.C. in New Hampshire, reports glowingly of his Texas bride. . . Fred Halverstadt came across the continent to attend the marriage of brother Lee Halverstadt. . . Navy Lt. Edgar Wasem married an Ensign in the Waves July 8. . . Thursday of this week Lt. "Speed" Homer is marrying a Salinas girl who announced her engagement to Speed lately at the home of Navy Lt.(jg) Otis and Mrs. Mitchell at Carmel. . . And the air is perfumed with engagements: Submarine Ensign Roger Nabers and Pat Winham, Lt. David Gardner and Hope Mocham of Taft, Lt. Richard Gribble and Dorothy Borg of New Jersey, Ensign Truett Bunch and a beauty from Pennsylvania named Marilyn Wise.

Dr. and Mrs. Bob Sheldon have announced the birth of a daughter; Lt.(jg) Francis and Muriel Jean Cook Ferry, a son; Capt. Don Garrard (still missing in action) and Pat Lucas Garrard, a son; Lt. Mike and Toddie Panucchi Audap, a daughter.

Double F for Faculty Friends

The Faculty in service are, for the most part, assigned to their same stations or areas: Dean Taber at the University of Colorado, Lt. Van Ewert at Daytona Beach Naval Air Station; Lt. Comdr. John Clymer with a carrier based fighter group in the Pacific; Lt. Homer Beatty in physical education at Santa Ana; Lt. Alan Parker in

radio research in Washington D.C.; Lt. Comdr. Nick Pananides at University of Michigan; Lt. Paul Freed at Minter Field, Cadet Adelaide Schafer at Sweetwater, Texas; Lt. (jg) Calvin Mueller, Lt. Larry Hall and Lt. Don Robesky, Navy Pacific units; Major Perc Bliss, now in Arkansas; Lt. (jg) Robb Walt recently out to sea in the Pacific; Dick Newmeyer serving with China National Aviation Transportation; John D. Kennedy with Naval Air Technical Training Center in Chicago; Sgt. Glendon Rodgers in New Caledonia with an extra-curricular soft ball team.

The big new change on the staff is one we regret exceedingly to announce. Mr. McDaniel has resigned to accept a new post at San Bernardino Junior College as Director of Student Personnel Work. He is one of the most valuable men we have ever had, and we shall miss him more than we can say. Mr. Robertson will be on leave this year. Home town visitors will thus miss many good friends when they visit the campus--our faculty in service and our faculty lost this year by resignation or leave. But those of us who constitute the smaller home guard will try to compensate in every way we can.

We join now in giving you our warm affection and our prayer for your safety in the victory-promising days just ahead.

As always,

Grace Bird

BAKERSFIELD JUNIOR COLLEGE
25 September 44

Dear Beejaycee Men and Women in Service:

September is usually a month for educational counseling in colleges and universities over all the state. It was such a month at B.J.C. when you were sharing the life of this campus with your friends. I should like to try now to stretch that service across the Rockies and the plains, even across the two oceans to reach you wherever you are. Not all of you who receive these letters, but many of you who do, had your education interrupted by your military service. And I believe all of you will be glad to have this summary of certain of the paragraphs in the "Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944", popularly known as the "G.I. Bill of Rights", whether they apply to your own particular case or not. The Act consists of six major "titles": Title I Hospitalization, Claims, and Procedures; Title II Education of Veterans; Title III Loans for the Purchase or Construction of Homes, Farms, and Business Property; Title IV Employment of Veterans; Title V Readjustment Allowances for Former Members of the Armed Forces Who Are Unemployed; Title VI General Administrative and Penal Provisions. The Act, as you can guess, is tremendous in scope. I am going to quote only a few paragraphs from Part VIII of Title II, Chapter IV, on "Education of Veterans".

Part VIII

1. "Any person who served in the active military or naval service on or after September 16, 1940, and prior to the termination of the present war, and who shall have been discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable, and whose education or training was impeded, delayed, interrupted, or interfered with by reason of his entrance into the service, or who desires a refresher or retraining course, and who either shall have served ninety days or more, exclusive of any period he was assigned for a course of education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program or the Navy College Training Program, which course was a continuation of his civilian course and was pursued to completion, or as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, or shall have been discharged or released from active service by reason of an actual service-incurred injury or disability, shall be eligible for and entitled to receive education or training under this part: Provided, That such course shall be initiated not later than two years after either the date of his discharge or the termination of the present war, whichever is the later: Provided further, That no such education or training shall be afforded beyond seven years after the termination of the present war: And provided further, That any such person who was not over 25 years of age at the time he entered the service shall be deemed to have had his education or training impeded, delayed, interrupted, or interfered with."

2. "Any such eligible person shall be entitled to education or training, or a refresher or retraining course, at an approved educational or training institution, for a period of one year (or the equivalent thereof in continuous part-time study), or for such lesser time as may be required for the course of instruction chosen by him. Upon satisfactory completion of such course of education or training, according to the regularly prescribed standards and practices of the institutions, except a refresher or retraining course, such person shall be entitled to an additional period or periods of education or training, not to exceed the time such person was in the active service on or after September 16, 1940, and before the termination of the war, exclusive of any period he was assigned for a course of education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program or the Navy College Training Program, which course was a continuation of his civilian course and was pursued to completion, or as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, but in no event shall the total period of education or training exceed four years: Provided, That his work continues to be satisfactory throughout the period, according to the regularly prescribed standards and practices of the institution: Provided, however, That wherever the additional period of instruction ends during a quarter or semester and after a major part of such quarter or semester has expired, such period of instruction shall be extended to the termination of such unexpired quarter or semester."

(The underscorings in this paragraph are mine, not Congress's! I have volunteered them because they cover provisions which I find are sometimes misunderstood by some of our Beejaycee men who call on us while on their furloughs.)

3. "Such person shall be eligible for and entitled to such course of education or training as he may elect, and at any approved educational or training institution at which he chooses to enroll, whether or not located in the State in which he resides, which will accept or retain him as a student or trainee in any field or branch of knowledge which such institution finds him qualified to undertake or pursue: Provided, That, for reasons satisfactory to the Administrator, he may

changes a course of instruction: And provided further, That any such course of education or training may be discontinued at any time, if it is found by the Administrator that, according to the regularly prescribed standards and practices of the institution, the conduct or progress of such person is unsatisfactory." ("Administrator" means the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.)

4. This paragraph is being omitted since it doesn't deal directly with you.

5. "The Administrator shall pay to the educational or training institution, for each person enrolled in full time or part time course of education or training, the customary cost of tuition, and such laboratory, library, health, infirmary, and other similar fees as are customarily charged, and may pay for books, supplies, equipment, and other necessary expenses, exclusive of board, lodging, other living expenses, and travel, as are generally required for the successful pursuit and completion of the course by other students in the institution: Provided, That in no event shall such payments, with respect to any person, exceed \$500 for an ordinary school year: Provided further, That no payments shall be made to institutions, business or other establishments furnishing apprentice training on the job: And provided further, That if any such institution has no established tuition fee, or if its established tuition fee shall be found by the Administrator to be inadequate compensation to such institution for furnishing such education or training, he is authorized to provide for the payment, with respect to any such person, of such fair and reasonable compensation as will not exceed \$500 for an ordinary school year."

6. "While enrolled in and pursuing a course under this part, such person, upon application to the Administrator, shall be paid a subsistence allowance of \$50 per month, if without a dependent or dependents, or \$75 per month, if he has a dependent or dependents, including regular holidays and leave not exceeding thirty days in a calendar year. Such person attending a course on a part-time basis, and such person receiving compensation for productive labor performed as part of their apprentice or other training on the job at institutions, business or other establishments, shall be entitled to receive such lesser sums, if any, as subsistence or dependency allowances, as may be determined by the Administrator: Provided, That any such person eligible under this part, and within the limitations thereof, may pursue such full-time or part-time course or courses as he may elect, without subsistence allowance."

There are many other sections to this part of the chapter on the education of veterans but these give the information most critical to you as individuals and to the decisions you may make with reference to the choices available to you as soon as the war is over. If you come home before the war ends because of a medical discharge for a disability, your educational or training needs will be met under Public Law 16 (Veterans Rehabilitation) or under Part VII of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (Public Law 346). In such a case you should put yourself in touch with the Veterans' Administration nearest home immediately after your discharge. If, however, you are demobilized without disability, the paragraphs quoted above will apply to your case.

If any of you wish to ask our advice about your own particular educational planning, we shall try to give you the wisest help we can. I suggest you talk things over, too, with men in the service whose judgment you respect. Please do not imagine that we are calling your special attention to this "Bill of Rights" because we think the war will be over very soon. We do think, however, that the future yields more when it is thoughtfully planned.

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And now to the news FROM you, ABOUT you, TO you.

We Honor You All in the Name of These. . . Marine Pfc. Ernest Calkins home for the first time after 26 months of front line service at Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Tarawa, Saipan wearing the Purple Heart and plenty of ribbons and stars but wearing his quiet modesty, too. He will soon be on recruiting duty in Chicago. . . Lt. Dick Stutzman, now reported "safe and under government control" after having been missing in action for a month in the Chinese theater. . . A.A.F. Lt. Chuck (C.O.) Durant and Ensign Francis Perry, both hospitalized after foreign service at Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver 8, Colorado (Francis was visited last month by his nice wife, Muriel Jean Cook Perry, and his carbon-copy-of-father baby boy, Michael). . . Commander John "Butch" Clymer, flight officer and now third in command of his aircraft carrier in the Pacific, which is remarkably good going for any reserve officer, n'est-ce pas? . . . Cpl. Bertram Davis who was one of B.J.C.'s representatives in the memorable D-Day landings in France. . . Lt. Bill Mitchell with more than 100 combat missions as a photographic officer with the 15th A.A.F. heavy bombardment group based in Italy. . . The Sextette from Europe now passing through the Santa Monica Redistribution Center--all men with bouquets of decorations: Cpt. Gordon Slater, Lt. John Dowd, Lt. Bill Landsborough, Lt. Eugene Adkins,

Capt. Homer Wentz, Lt. Delbert Wong. . . Capt. Ernie Smith who is now a veteran at flying the hump for A.T.C. in China-India-Burma Area. . . .

Gold Stars

1st Lt. Owen Filkel killed in action in England in August.
S./c Edwin Grainger died of illness contracted in training. His mother wears one gold star beside her four blue stars.

Safe (after Previously Being Reported Missing in Action)

Lt. Bill Belluomini, now safe in France. . . S/Sgt. Cliff Easley, now a prisoner of war. . . Lt. Dick Stutzman, safe in the Orient.

Missing in Action

Lt. Lee Karpe missing in action over Germany since August 16 after two months in Europe.

Lt. Earl C. Edgar, missing since August 7.

1st Lt. Frank Tomlinson, missing since September 20 over Rumania.

Gatherine Curran's husband, 1st Lt. Will J. Ravey, a P-38 pilot, is missing since August 17.

Home Town Visitors (not covered elsewhere in this letter)

Lt. (jg) Calvin Mueller ready to swap the whole of the Hawaiian Islands for a chance to spend the next few months with his wife and baby daughter whom he saw for the first time on her nine months' birthday. . . Navy Lt. Roy Gunsolus, home on his first leave in many months. Since Roy's South Pacific crash and long hospitalization, he has been an instructor in radar at St. Simon's, Georgia. Lt. Larry Hall is now on the same staff. The two play lots of tennis together when Larry coached and Roy played for the Renegades. . . Three P.A.A. pilots have touched this desert post since the last letter--all three First Officers now: Marvin Hort, who delivers Navy planes to the Pacific, heartsick over the crash death of his Skipper with whom he had flown for 7 months; Clark Wiedmann based in Brazil and flying the famous South American triangle--Rio to Belem to Buenos Aires; Jim Livers (and attractive Mrs. Jim) who flies army planes across the Atlantic as regularly as Hort flies the Pacific. . . Lt. Jess L. Ott is a Battery exec. officer in Field Artillery at Camp Van Dorn. . . The Leddy twins, Albert with a medical discharge en route to University of California and Jim, completing aerographer's training. . . four Army Signal Corps representatives, Richard Wonderly on furlough from Camp Crowder, Glenn Martin en route to Camp Kohler, Captain Bill Van Sandt on his way to take over a new battalion at Camp Crowder. . . Army A/C Don Camp en route to pre-flight. . . Mrs. Les Buchner called to let us know Capt. Les Buchner is Flying Safety Officer at Brownsville, Texas. . . Lt. Paul Cayori is reporting to Lincoln A.A.B. for assignment as a B-24 navigator. . . Cpl. Pete and Mrs. Gilli have had a week at home with Pete's family.

Corona Commandos, Remington Rangers, Hot Airborne Underwoods.

Cpl. Jimmy Radounis writes that perhaps someday he'll receive the Distinguished Filing Cross for his efforts. Sgt. George Meyers, former Rip editor, is now one of the commanding voices for "Yank" in New York. United Press's (and our) Darrell Berrigan is still in the Burma-Chinese area laying the news on the line, fact for fact, and writing his heart out for our better and fuller understanding of the needs of our magnificent General Stillwell and his troops.

Pills and Sawbones

Lt. Robert Lackey is serving as a physician-surgeon at an evacuation hospital in France with the Third Army. . . S/Sgt. Gregg Poullogianis is on his third year of service with the oldest hospital unit in the U.K. He expects that he may still be there when the final shot is fired in the Pacific. . . Lt. Jim Ponton (Medical Adm.), who has been serving in Africa almost as long as Gregg in England, has now been transferred to Italy. . . The medics in the States are coming right along. The young V-12 brains at Notre Dame are still full of convolutions: Max Newman and Jim Brown (both honor students) and Bernard Thompson will qualify for Med School next term. Bev. Stewart has been assigned to University of St. Louis Med School. Ph.M.3/c Ralph Shaw met Navy V.T. Lt. Dwight Long in the Pacific not long ago. . . T/5 Ed Bryant is stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood. . . Cpl. Charles R. Allen is en route to Richmond, Virginia.

Two Lane Highway.

Like roses which bloom fall, winter, and spring, weddings, too, are all-season perennials. I think I have never seen as beautiful a bride as Patricia Winham as she walked down the aisle of the Presbyterian Church ten days ago toward Ensign Roger Nabers, her groom, and Naval A/C Downing McKee, his best man. But then I didn't see Anita Curran while she was being married to Lt. Bob Ryrholm, and Roma Stone's marriage to Howard "Arky" Russell isn't due until October 1st. So perhaps I am safest in just saying that all the brides are lovely and all the grooms are

lucky. Anyway here are some of the newer ones: U.S.N.'s Carroll Austin and Evelyn Hiebert; Aviation Metalsmith Jack Cramer and Mary Compton. . . AND our admirable former Student-Proxy Glenn Siemon (Navy pre-med) is to marry Isobel Jones next Sunday, October 1st.

Three Lane Highway

Capt. and Mrs. Jack Hayes of the Medical Corps at Camp Haan have a baby daughter. . . Lt. James and Jane Bellows Gable announce the arrival of their G.I. Babe, too. . . Master Sgt. Bud Bowen, a bombardier on a run from Italy to Bucharest, has a nine months old baby girl he has never yet seen. . . Lt. (ig) Bill Taylor has just had eight days at home getting acquainted with his three months old daughter. . . Capt. Don McCarty has already promised his 18 months old son, Michael "Denny" McCarty to Jack Frost as a quadruple threat halfback in 1961. . .

Grace Notes on Some of Our Women in Service.

Virginia Dean is now a full lieutenant in the Navy Nurse Corps. T.5/c Barbara Davis is serving as a censor in New Guinea. Waves Alvina Graubman and Margaret Urner are nearing completion of Yeoman School at Stillwater, Oklahoma. Alfrista Moyes is a S.1/c. . . S.2/c Betty Taylor is serving with the SPARS at Long Beach. S.2/c Virginia Tarver is at Hunter College. . . Other Jaycee women not yet reported on in these letters are Waves Esther Hart, Bettie Davis, Leona Jasper; Marine Evelyn Rygh.

A Big Round of Applause for:

Capt. "Speed" Homer for getting his promotion and his wife, Mary Margaret Waggenen, at the same time. . . Ensign Ray F. Snider for qualifying for permanent member hip in the Wellesley Men's Club (1) by being one of the lucky 210 who have thus far been commissioned in the Naval Supply Corps School at that distinguished women's college. . . Capt. Homer Wentz for completing 65 missions in his B-26 over Europe and for finally making the acquaintance of his 100% perfect daughter. . . Cpl. Floyd Stancliff whose A.A.F. Little Symphony Orchestra has made a west coast reputation under his leadership. . .

France (and maybe Germany)

Capt. Johnny Boydstun is serving as a public relations officer in France. "Lucky Johnny" according to S/Sgt. Gregg Poulougianis who reports that the wounded Yanks all want to go back to France as soon as they've recovered. It seems the "beautiful" French girls are an attraction. . . Sgt. Pete Martinez is serving with a field artillery battalion. . . Sgt. Albert Paratrooper Neville is among those who descended on southern France. . . W.O. Bob Zuercher is brushing up on his German for potential prisoner interviews. . . Cpl. Bob Finch expects to be "in this theater until we shake hands with the Russians in Berlin".

Italy

1st Lt. Milton Thompson who took part in the occupation of Rome is now further north with an anti-tank company. . . 1st Lt. Donald Round has completed more than 60 combat missions with his B-26 operating from Anzio to the Po Valley and Southern France. . . 1st Lt. Elton Rodgers visited the University of Cagliari before leaving Sardinia for Italy. He reports that, like American universities, it is looking forward to a large increase in post war students, and he also reports the equipment and University library to be marvelous. . . S/Sgt. Donald Shore is radio operator gunner on a B-24 flying missions over the Balkans. . .

England

Capt. James Dresser is serving with the Medical Corps. . . S/Sgt. Frank Dobbs is serving with a Mustang group. . . F/O Leonard Hall, B-24 bombardier, is undergoing an intensive training in high altitude bombing. . . W.O. Bookie Baker's new A.P.O. suggests he may now be in the European Theater with his Sv. Company. . . Lt. Bard Suverkrop is in northern Ireland begging for any sunshine we might send him. . . Pfc. Harry Francisco writes "I am somewhere in England but where I do not know". . . F/O Paul Howard (still in the States) writes that Fred Gimini and Jim Heady are (or were) in England. Heady is a paratrooper so it is not unlikely he is already in France.

The Pacific

R.T.3/c Bob Lane has a Grade A softball team on New Caledonia. . . Scuttlebutt has it that Cpl. Gus Pappas is back on Guam after his bout with shrapnel. . . Lt. Bill Henry writes that "One thing that makes a successful fighter pilot is to be put where the Jap planes are." He ought to know. Of his experiences as a night fighter he says, "Anyone knows that only bats fly at night, and look at the reputation they have." Lt. Leo Meacher is back out with Bill, "not on the same base, but on the same ocean". . . Capt. Merwyn Briggs recently went through San Francisco en route to Washington D.C. for redistribution after completing some 50 missions. He telephoned Mrs. Moon to tell her he had seen C.M.2/c Jim Moon in Australia on shore

patrol and that he had also run across our ex top notch basketball Renegade, Lt.(ig) Jim "Indiang" Smith. . . Navy's Dale Wright, the man who once ran 109 yards for a touchdown, told Jack Frost he had seen Lt. Don Robesky in the Pacific. . . Army's Mel Davis sees Lt. John Mongold now and again. Mongold is in the anti-tank company of Davis' regiment on New Guinea. He used to be adviser to Mel's DeMolay lodge here at home. . . Ensign Truett Bunch reports staging a summer reunion in the Pacific when he gathered together Navy Air Corps Lts. Howard Shively and Jim Middleton, Cpl. Lefty Faulk of the Marines, and Commander Clymer. . . Lt.(ig) Bill J. Taylor with a Naval Air Transport Squadron writes, "I was pleasantly surprised the other day when Lt.(ig) Tom Eddy reported to our squadron for duty. He, too, is a navigator." Bill also has seen Marine pilot Lt. Howard Nielsen in the Solomons, a fellow Delancan. . . Ensign Bill Grainger has his nose to the wind to pick up the scent of anyone from home in any port he enters. . . Navy Tom Hasper is a quartermaster on a submarine in Pacific duty. . . Ensign Gordon Jewett is a submarine engineering officer. Colonel Frank Hornkohl, who has just been given his discharge because of the pressing need for reopening his chem labs, spoke with pride of the records of his boys: Jewett, Gardner, et al. . . 1st Sgt. Dave Fanucchi is captain of his company's basketball team (Flash! Word has just come to this office that Dave is home on a thirty day furlough!)

The Atlantic

Ensign Dave Kofahl, engineering officer, is at an east coast base after service in the Mediterranean. . . Anyone else out there?

Still Statesiders

Army Air Corps

Lt. Art Johnson, assistant engineering officer to a squadron of P-40's at Dale Mabry Field, Florida, discovered the Operations Officer of the squadron to be Major Harrison Shipman who graduated from BJC the same night as Art and who played basketball here with Major Hank Ford (now back in the States) and Lt. Mike Audap (overseas). . . F/O Ernest Hofman won his wings in the Air Transport Command September 8. . . Pvt. Ed Saecker with the Service Group of an Engineering Squadron writes "I saw Capt. George Scott. His bars haven't changed him a bit, and his crew said he was one of the best officers they knew of and an excellent pilot too". . . Lt. Lewis Hull is at Kellogg Field, Mich. while brother Lt. Harry Hull is due home from bombing missions over Europe for the last several months. . . Leland Brown, assistant crew chief on a B-25, says Lt. Paul Boone had been in training in his squadron. Leland, by the way, was one of those sent on the searching mission for Lt. Bob Austin's plane when it crashed. . . Sgt. Cliff Hodel is in the post office at the Lincoln A.A.B. and Mrs. Hodel (our Viola Nikkel) is in the Air Field's Finance Department. . . Capt. Marion "Jack" Crum is, I hear, a pilot instructor at Sioux City. . . S/Sgt. Elbert Harrison is on the administrative staff at Lemoore. . . A/C Ancher Nielsen, our red-headed Air Corps baby writes, "You don't know what it means to me to have made aviation cadet!". . . Lt. Wayne Crabtree, who is up at Moses Lake under Major Ed Newbury made a forced landing recently in a potato field with a disabled P-38. . . S/Sgt. Norman McNamee is now at Reno's A.A.B. (Careful, Norm!). . . Lt. Herb Williamson weathered the east coast hurricane at Norfolk. . . Among our newest pilots are Lt. Art King (A-20), and Lt. Wandell Hunter.

Marines

Among those most recently commissioned at Quantico are Lt. Jack Trout and Lt. Bob Newman. . . Guy Wathen is now in O.C.S. It will take a Marine to keep up with his two end-running daughters!

Navy

At Midshipman Schools are Harold Roati, Johnny Schorr, and Jim Graham. . . Brand new flying Ensigns in operational training in Florida are Russ Kniffen (Ft. Lauderdale), Troy Burrage (Sanford), Douglas Stone (Jacksonville) and Bob Gunsolus. . . Lt. Jack Leddy is now based in San Diego and is the envy of all States-based Navy men. . . Minnie Lee Warnock has some claim on the Navy; for she is secretary to Lt. Sikes, football coach at St. Mary's Pre-Flight. . . Closer and closer to their wings are Andy Davidson, Roy Phillips, John Rossetto, and Jack Thomson (all at Corpus Christi) and Ted Carlton at Norman, Okla. . . S.2/c Gene Clausen is also at Norman, and S.2/c Merle Combs has reported to Jacksonville.

Faculty

Adelaide Schafer won her WASP wings at Sweetwater, Sept. 8. . . Navy Lt. Roy E. Anderson is an instructor in oxygen high altitude flying at Corpus Christi. . . Lt.(ig) Fred "Band" Robinson has just reported for his first sea duty. . . Mrs. Ewert writes that she and Navy Lt. Van Ewert are in New England "spending what we think is Van's last leave before sea duty". . . All of these plus all the others on military duty elsewhere plus all the Faculty Home Guard plus all those former friends who are no longer members of the staff (Florence McKinley, Bob Wright, et al) plus our Office Lovelies join

Grace Bird in wishing you all the good things you so surely deserve.

Bakersfield Junior College
Bakersfield, California
20 November 1944

Dear Beejaycee Men and Women in Service:

With the Thanksgiving Season here, we greet you in the name of all of us and in the names, as well, of all of you. Scarcely a letter comes from far afield that does not bid me give its message of affection to "everyone I know". So, then, although my name is subscribed as your correspondent, pretend you see beside it the names of all your old fellow students and the faculty. They share these thanks, this pride in you, and my quiet prayer for your safety and return.

"V" For Victorious Visitors

Our special Thanksgiving tribute is addressed to four home town visitors. There are four star admirals and four star generals, so four should be a good number to represent all the stars in the Bakersfield constellation. Star 1, T/Sgt. Dave Fanucchi (home from 33 months in the South Pacific)--Purple Heart, humor tart, judgment good, aged in the wood (euphemism for jungle!)--Star 2, Major Claude Ford--covered with medals which he gently soft pedals, but loudly adored by year-old Miss Ford--Star 3, Captain Rogan Harrell--Japanese jerks, Pacific southwest; "Fat" shoots the works, decorated chest--Star 4, Y l/c Fred Mulroy--Three years on the USS Indiana would make any cavalier rusticana, but nine major battles have only scarred Fred by chasing the hair to the crown of his head.

A quire of other visitors have made us proud, too. Lt. (ig) Bill and Olivette Miller (Bill has gone out and Olivette is catching up on the news via our P.B.X.); Sgt. Dick Golden home from the Pacific and enjoying June in November; Major Bill Holmquist en route to San Francisco for reassignment. Lt. Victor Brown sufficiently recovered from his wounds to be out but due for a medical discharge; Sgt. Tommy Wingate, a month in from New Guinea after 23 months of the South Pacific; and others mentioned elsewhere in this letter.

"F" For Fighting Faculty

Navy Lt. Van Ewert is on sea duty and no longer sailing that desk in Daytona Beach. Before departing he spent a leave in Washington and saw Wave Lt. Isabelle Hanawalt Wadsworth and the Estep twins, Navy Lts. Gerald and Harold Estep. Both of these men are being assigned to new and important posts. Former Dean of Men Lt. (sg) Bob Wright visited us in October. While in Berkeley he had dinner with the Spindt family during a surprise visit from Navy Lt. Herm Spindt, Jr. and AAF Lt. Allan Spindt and his wife. Lt. Nick Pananides also visited us on his leave between terms in the Navy program at the U. of Mich. While on duty there he earned his Master's degree in Engineering for experimental work on a supercharger. Major Perc Bliss is at Fort Smith, Arkansas. Since Commander John Clymer is on a carrier, your guess is doubtless the same as mine as to his whereabouts. Lt. Paul Freed (still at Minter) got his quota of deer this hunting season as I can prove by the marvelous venison steak I ate last night.

Gold Stars

Even though it is sad to tell you of our Gold Stars each month and sad for you to read of them I believe you will want to know their names and honor them in your hearts as we honor them in ours. Lt. Lee Karpe previously reported to be missing in action in a bombing attack over the continent, Aug. 16, has now been reported as killed in action. Lt. George Valencia was killed in a motor accident near Gardner Field, October 15. K.C.U.H.S.'s Lt. Nick Angeles died of wounds in a French hospital October 2. Lt. Tommy McManus, reported missing in action in our August letter, has been reported now as killed. E.B.H.S.'s S/Sgt. Ray Permenter has been killed in action in the Mediterranean area. Capt. Leland Griffith (BJC 1937-38) was killed in action in September in the ETO. Lt. Earl Edgar is reported to have died of wounds in a Nazi prison. Lt. Calvin Allen, previously reported as missing is now reported as killed in action.

Missing in Action

T/Sgt. Loyd Agee in a Liberator crash in the sea off the coast of France. Sgt. Chet Wuertley over Borneo. Sgt. Don Hasper with a B-17 crew over Germany.

Decorations

In one of the finest citations we have ever seen S/Sgt. Joe Angeles received the Bronze Medal for service in combat operations, April 1944 to August 1944, in an administrative radio station in one of our forward bases in China "working 16 and 20 hours per day and operating the station single handed during an enemy raid although exploding bombs damaged the building"... T/Sgt. Bill Perry with Patton's Tank Corps has the Bronze Medal for bravery in France in addition to the Silver Star for heroism in the Tunisian campaign. Several more of our men have been honored with the D.F.C. Lt. Bob Lynch "for extraordinary achievement" in aerial flights in northern Burma; 1st Lt. Earl Barker with thirty missions over Germany; Capt. Bruce Aceboda, a

squadron leader with the Eighth Air Force (Bruce came up through the ranks to his achievements and his captaincy); 1st Lt. Otto Kramer who has more than 30,000 miles of flying in bombing raids tucked under his ample belt; S/Sgt. Bill Wottring, a B-17 aerial gunner in Eighth Air Force); Capt. Bob Hannagan with 33 missions completed in the Pacific theater.

Medals and clusters have recently been awarded to T/Sgt. Kay Jue (r.o.g. with Eighth Air Force); F/O Marvin Spear, Lt. Herb Bayless (He will soon catch up with brother, Max.); Lt. Gordon Hudson, S/Sgt. Russ Hiatt (B-26 tail gunner); S/Sgt. Don Shore (r.o.g. in Mediterranean); Lt. Gordon Beecroft (P-47 "Vampire" fighter in Marianas, Guam, Tinian, Rota); 2nd Lt. Richard Griffin, F/O Ed Vassar (Colonel Elliott Roosevelt pinned on Ed's medal); Lt. Garry Lucas (B-17 co-pilot in Cologne raids)---And, unquestionably, many more of whom we have not yet heard the proud news.

Proud Paters

We give you as "Father of the Month" AAF Capt. Ray Daly! On November 3 he became the proud pater of twin girls, Beverly Ann and Betty Arlene. He says the thrill of a D.F.C. doesn't compare with this unless we take those letters to stand for Distinguished Fathers Corps. Runners up to Captain and Mrs. Daly are Navy Lt. Roy and Lois Gunsolus to whom was born, October 25, Roy M. Gunsolus III. Via Lt. Mike Audap we hear the service fathers who were ordered to foreign duty before their babies were born have founded an Association based on mutual admiration and sympathy.

Weddings

S/Sgt. Bob Bruce has married a Santa Monica surgical nurse, Lois Miller. Bob is still under treatment for his serious leg wounds incurred at Anzio. S/Sgt. Roger Stone and Margaret Graffius were married here during Roger's recent furlough. Home on three months leave after isolation duty at an Alaskan lighthouse Coast Guard SM 2/c Wally Schroeter married Connie Aldrich October 27. At Jacksonville, Florida, WAVE Shirliann Pentzer and Edward Swertfager were married while in Chicago Ensign Bob Mahin married Dorothee Crehm, and off in Brisbane, scuttlebut has it that Lt. Maurice Coombs has married an Australian lassie. Back home again just a month ago Dorothy Schmidt and Richard Schalwitz Petty Officer 1/c did it too...

Sledding Toward Weddings

Engagements announced: Marine Sgt. Ernie Calkins and Ila Pipkin; M/Sgt. Homer Hopkins and Rachel Morton. Hopkins has had 45 months of service in the South Pacific; Calkins, almost three years. Lt. Harlan Glenn and Iris Fowler will be married by the time this reaches you. Pfc. Bob Stewart writes that he expects to marry "a lovely little WAC in New Orleans" in November.

China, Burma, India

I am sure you will all know with what deep pleasure we received a recent letter from Lt. Dick Stutzman who went through a "missing in action" experience in China. He says "I am in the best of health. However I am not flying yet since my 'furlough'. My accident came about because I forgot to duck--or maybe I zigged when I should have zagged. The Chinese who helped me were wonderful. They treated me as if the whole outcome of the war depended upon my safe return"... Lt. Ed Davis is holding up very well on an occasional water buffalo steak and a job of flying for A.T.C. He spied the "curly red thatch of Lt. Bob Lynch in a basha" and gave him the Bakersfield grip. Ed also met Lt. Reno Zanotto of the Transportation Corps on his way over. T/Sgt. Grady Kearns has served some 32 months with the Flying Horse Fighter Group of the 14th Air Force---a section chief in communications, we hear. Lt. John "I-Get-Around" Besone reported to Jim Day that he had run across Major Jim Camp and Lt. Don Hart in Karachi. They are in Ferrying Groups of the A.T.C.

From Assam Province recent letters have reached us from T/Sgt. Mon K. Fong (Allan Choy, to us) and T/Sgt. Warren Lee. Choy reports seeing Lt. Caesar Jung when he had an opportunity to fly as a co-pilot to Jung's base. Lee is a mobile unit chief.

Pacific: Australia to Leyte

GUAM ought to serve as a Bakersfield reunion center now that Navy Lt. Theo Harder has become Director of Naval Recreation there. Two former Renegade stars who played football under him in the old days are available--Max Newton and Harvey Parris, and Lt. Robb Walt has arrived there for service. Moreover those seasoned Marines, Gus Pappas and Kennith Stoddard, are ready to start anything that will taste like home. So if your ship steams into Guam's neighboring waters, ask the captain to put the Signal Service at your disposal. Navy Lt. Charles Ross is with a Command Service Squadron after some months of service as a shipping division officer at Mare Island.

SoM 1/c James Watts has the kind of duty that means mail reaches him if-and-when. Our June 27 and August 22 letters reached him October 8.

Lt. Leo Meacher writes, "Bill Henry, Fat Curran, Ernie Culberson, and Dick Stambook are near me. And we are having excitement, too." These men, all Navy flying lieutenants are carrier based. Meacher says Dick Stambook has recently been awarded the Silver Star. Our salute, Dick...Sgt. Jax Smith (ex-Rip editor and husband of Denise Bresson Smith) has just been assigned as Combat Correspondent with the Marines in the Pacific. TM 2/c Jack Duncan is on a base force at present; for his PT boat, "the oldest in combat has gone the way of all old timers"... When Lt. Don Wachob crossed to New Guinea nearly two months ago, he said there were a score of Bakersfield men on the same ship--Mellas, Valos, and others. Friends of T/Sgt. Ervin Burroughs tell us he is still Bakersfield's No. 1 threat to Fred Astaire and that he is appearing in shows in Hawaii whenever his Army work lets him. Marine Tom Robesky has been promoted to Captain. Somewhere in the thickest of the thick of it on the sea and land road to Japan are Infantry's Mel Davis, Carrier Escort's Fred Wilkerson, and "Casualty Detached" Chuck Owens, Submarine technicians Ben Spencer (RT 2/c) and Harry Ferdinand (QM 3/c); AAF's lieutenants Frank Brown and Ray Stinson; WAC Sgt. Mary Rita Smith.

Up in the Aleutians and Down in the Caribbean

Lt. (jg) Fete Gardott is serving in Photo Interpretation in the frozen north and Capt. Hugh Ellsaesser is still flirting with tropical hurricanes in the torrid south. Another new arrival in Hdqs. Co. in the Alaskan department is Sgt. Elden McDanel--- While,

England

The newest BJC pilot arrival in England is Lt. Herb Williamson. He uses a bicycle to do his sightseeing while he awaits assignment to his permanent air group. Cpl. Graham Lovelace is putting the weather on the map and dreaming of the better kind of weather we serve in California. Lt. Bard Suverkrop writes "The crew I came over with as co-pilot hit what we think is a lucky break. We made a lead crew!" (Mrs. Bard-Sylvia Fanucchi, you remember--has gone to U.C. to work toward her degree while Bard serves overseas). Sgt. Jack Marble is at an Air Service Command somewhere in England. F/O Bob Broome is co-pilot in a Troup Carrier Command. Sgt. Robert Vaughn is a mechanic in the First Bombardment Division which recently received the Presidential Citation. So did the B-24 Bomber Group in which Lt. Lee Waldrop is a pilot. 1st Lt. Wayne Coleman has completed 30 combat missions over the continent. Lt. Gerald Lucas reports seeing Lt. Ed McLean "who is a neighbor of mine". Luke has also seen the chief historic spots of London and is making a few historic spots in Germany. W.O. "Bookie" Ed Baker who is known at his base as "Mr. Baker from Bakersfield" has sent a clipping from "Stars and Stripes" with a picture of WAC Cpl. Jessie Edwards Carrasco who is ATC's entry for "prettiest WAC in the United Kingdom. Cpl. (Mrs.) Carrasco is a Bakersfield native daughter, a niece of Miss Wiley of KCUHS's faculty. Lt. Jim Stutzman saw Lt. Bill Belluomini just before the latter left for the leave he is now enjoying at home.

Italy, Africa

Many of our men formerly based in Italy are now with the armies in France; but Lt. Richard Williamson was still flying out of Corsica when last I heard from him. Lt. James Ponton is now registrar of the Seventh Station Hospital in Italy and responsible for all its records of sick and wounded. T/Sgt. Ed Compton is serving his country in an Armored Division, and he is serving Civilization as an artist of distinction. Three of his paintings were exhibited here during American Art Week. I predict we shall all be saying some day, "I knew him when"... Lt. Bob Loudon has arrived in Italy to serve as a navigator with the Fifteenth Air Force.

France, Belgium, GERMANY

Chief W.O. Bob Zuercher keeps inchin' his way toward Berlin--from Africa to Sicily to Italy to Southern France and now at the gates. Sgt. Fred Jensen was in bivouac in a neglected apple orchard a month ago, but now we visualize him in the new big Western Front Offensive. Major Gregg McKee (Cavalry) has been occupying an ex-Nazi party headquarters in Luxembourg and writing his letters on stationery left behind by the "Boches" at a desk "as large as Hitler's". Lt. Don Sutton is flying a B-26 (his favorite plane). He reports having seen S/Sgt. Russ Hiatt in Paris not long ago. Cpl. Bertram Davis is a radio operator with an AA outfit in Belgium practicing the French he learned with Violet Franz Cox. Another Franz parlez-vous star, Lt. Mike Audap, is with an Armored Field Artillery battalion in Belgium, too. (Here is an aside to you, Mike: Toodie and Molly called today, and that three months old charmer is a carbon copy of her old man. She gave us a magnificent smile that

would top even yours!). Major Bill Colm participated in the first Allied airborne troop carrier flight over Belgium. Cpl. Ed Brittan is with the ground forces of one of our AAF units. Lt. "Long" Jim Wade is a communications officer with the squadron which operated the first American air strip in France. Capt. (Note the promotion!) Paul Woollomes writes, "We were only a couple of miles back of the front lines when we set up our first bivouac and started work. However, that was short lived as the front was moving so fast at that time. Now everything is going so smoothly, we're practically back to garrison life." Paul is in an Engineering Petroleum Distribution unit and is responsible for about 100 miles of line. Infantry Lt. Tony "Tovarich" Reid has been serving for four months in France as Supply Officer for his battalion. His regiments fought engagements at St. Lo, Mortain, Vire, Chateaudun, and points east. Tony has been wounded, but he says he hopes still to fulfill his aspirations in dramatic arts. After two years in England, Capt. Harry Hendry is controlling them statistically with the Ninth Air Force.

Enroute from U.S. to Destinations As Yet Unknown

T/Sgt. Hal Gerrish (Armored Infantry), F/O Stanley Schultz (Gliders), 1st Lt. Paul Fong (Signal), 2nd Lt. Don Spalinger, F/O Russ Deyland, and Lt. Claude Kennedy (Heavy Bombers), 2nd Lt. Tommy Cullen (Troop Carrier), 1st Lt. Myron McFarland (Artillery), Pfc. Domenico Scatena (Infantry).

Army and Army Air Corps Still "Stating" Their Case

S/Sgt. August Arley is at Camp Ritchie, Maryland. Pvt. Harry Rinker is a chair assistant at Dibble General Hospital near Palo Alto where he is getting the dental practice he hoped for. Army Engineer Lt. Chuck Wakefield visited home en route to Camp Howze, Texas. While in Washington D.C. Chuck saw Army Ordnance Lt. Bill Brubaker and wife, Helen Ingles Brubaker, looking very fit and handsome. S/Sgt. Roy Farrell, after months in our sunny south, is taking the frost out of his muscles as a physical training instructor at Sioux Falls. F/O Chuck Stinson is still flying 40's and hoping for 51's in Florida while F/O Paul Howard is still pushing the stick in 38's and 63's in Oregon. Scattered across the continent between these two geographic extremes are: Lt. Harry McBratney in B-24's at Kirtland Field; Cpl. Leland Brown almost a permanent citizen by now of Greenville, South Carolina; A/C Albert Moyes at Merced, A/C Bob Johnson at Minter; A/C Larry Smith flying twin engines in Oklahoma and sending his good wishes to S/Sgt. Guy Welch in the Pacific. A/C Siegel Grove now in training in Georgia has sent us a copy of his last letter from Lt. Alvin Pyeatt written just before Alvin's last mission. We shall keep it on permanent file, Sig.

Lt. Lewis Hull writes from Marana, Florida, that he sees Capt. Jack Lane and Clarence Reynolds occasionally. Lt. Larry Butterfield is now at Tyndall Field, Fla. Pvt. Ed Saecker writes that he is with an outfit that "is supposed to be hot" so hopes to see "some of the world". He is a mechanic in flight transportation. A/C Ancher Nielsen injured his shoulder and fractured his collar bone but now has better than a 50-50 chance to keep up with his class at Hobbs, New Mexico. Lt. Burton Cox is with the Fifth Bomb Sq. at McCook, Nebraska. Our last report from Don Leddy came from Cavalry School at Ft. Riley. He had seen Ed Bryant who is at Ft. Leonard Wood. Lt. Harlan Glenn is still running the treadmill of acceleration, this time in an intensified course of training at Hondo. He is also planning to marry "the sweetest girl in the world" within the fortnight. Lt. Gene Adkins, who completed with high distinction his tour of duty in the European Theater in heavy bombers, is now training with a fighter group at Foster Field, Texas, for another tour as a fighter pilot. Lt. Fred Diebel is assistant Supply Officer at Williams Field. Brother Don Diebel is in aviation mechanics and is still unassigned in Washington, D. C. Henry Solomon has just been assigned to special training in radio intelligence at Fort Meade. S/Sgt. Norman McNamee is with the A.T.C. in Reno. Pvt. Woonyoung Park has completed his Medical Corps Lab course. 1st Lt. Norman Dow is a flight engineer instructor and a member of the Standardization Board at Salina, Kansas. Cpl. Charles Allon is now in Medical Administration at Maguire General Hospital in Virginia after ASTP in New York and New Hampshire. Brother Lt. Lon Allen is in B-25's at Salinas. 2nd Lt. Leroy Dockstader is in training as first pilot for a B-17 at Gulfport, Miss. 2nd Lt. Harry McBratney is in B-24's at Albuquerque; Cpl. Joe Himovitz is a control tower operator at March Field. F/O Ernest Hofman (ATC) is based at Palm Springs, F/O Karl Thurber (ATC) is based at Long Beach. Lt. Wendell Hunter, at our last report, was training in C-47's at Sedalia, Missouri, and Lt. Ed. Chatfield is in C-47's, too. A/C Dick Jeffries is polishing off basic at Garden City AAB. The Californian reports Lt. Frank Loustalot and Lt. Karl Siaofer are in B-17 transition in Louisiana. Pfc. Nelson Peckham is with an Army Medical Unit at San Luis Obispo. 1st Lt. Bob Perry is home with the DFC from bombing missions in his B-24 in the E.T.O. Dewey Girard is in advanced navigation school at Ellington Field "proud of the achievements" of the Beejayeers and "hardly able to wait to do my share to get the job done".

Navy and Navy Air Corps Statesiders

After several months' service as a pharmacist mate, Ralph Shaw was selected by the Navy for medical training. He is now in the pre-medical curriculum at Gonzaga University in Washington. Bruce Landry has almost captured his M.D. under the auspices of U.C. He is getting the necessary medical experience at San Francisco General Hospital. Lt. (jg) Clark Clemens is flying in Jacksonville. Lt. (jg) Roo Pollok completed thirteen months of service in the Alaskan area and volunteered for carrier duty. He is in training at Quonset, Rhode Island. His wife, Mozelle, and son are living in Bakersfield again. S 1/c Paul Siemon, who called on us in October with his wife, Gene-Estelle Henry Siemon, is now in Radar School. S 1/c Rod Rehfeld is also in radar training at Treasure Island where RT 3/c Leonard Hyton is still teaching. AMM 1/c Bob Tobias is an instructor in the N.A.T.T.C. at Norman, Okla. Naval Aviation Cadets Downing McKee and Jim Gardiner are winding up their training at Norman in preparation for transfer to Corpus Christi. Ensign Johnny Rossetto (brand new bar) is to report next to Green Cove Springs (Is it a Corsair Johnny? If so, Capt. Joe Wagner may give you some advice there). Ensign Dave Kofahl is back in Philadelphia after an almost non-stop round trip to the Mediterranean in his first sea duty as an officer. Lt. (jg) Don Peaslee has reported to his station in Florida for reassignment (Where now, Don?). S 1/c(Y) Margaret Urner is on duty at the Naval Supply Depot in Oakland. PhM2/c Art Sawyer is in the U.S. Naval Hospital (Wd 46-A, Oakland, 14) recovering from wounds sustained in the Pacific, and he would "eat up" any letters his friends would write to him. Ensign Gerald Starrh is at Hollywood, Fla. He spends a week-end now and then with PAA Jim and Peggy Livers at Miami. PhM1/c Jean Bertollette is now with the Medical Dept. at Camp Parks, Calif., after 24 months in the South Pacific. Our last report on Ensign Stuart Lovelace placed him in New York. S 1/c(AMM) Edward Jue has gone to Corpus Christi from Norman.

Our Navy Young Fry Still Found Their Books

Our V-12'ers who were at Westminster College are now distributed as follows: Paul Graham is in Harvard Mid. School in Supplies; Bob King is also in Supplies and is in Pre-Mid. School at Lido Beach; Harry Morrison's fractured leg has mended, and he is back at Westminster completing his preparation for Mid. School; Beta's Battistoni is a Pre-Middy at Notre Dame in Supplies; Leon Watson (at Asbury Park), Donald Dye (at Ft. Schuyler), Jim Graham (at Columbia) are all to be deck officers.

Our former pre-medical V-12'ers at Notre Dame are on these jobs at present. Max Newman, Jim Brown, and Bernard Thompson are at Great Lakes awaiting assignment to medical school. All three qualified November first; Bev Stewart (at St. Louis Univ.) and Keith King (at U. of Illinois) are already studying medicine; Ensign Terry Wilbur transferred from medicine to Mid School and is now on duty in Fort Price, Fla. PhM2/c Neil Mulcahy is still at Great Lakes Naval Hospital where he is in charge of his ward. Mid. John Schorr is at Northwestern.

From the Univ. of Texas comes this news of our V-12 engineers: Stanley Coombs graduated on Navy Day; the others are on their way. A/S Jack Hislop is in V-6 pre-radio school at Great Lakes. S2/c Richard Kniffen and S2/c Jack Ray are training as radio gunners at the NATTC at Memphis. A/S Milt Kroyenhagen and Vic Champlin are in V-12 at Doane College, Neb.; A/S Ralph Rees at Minot State Teachers College, N. Dak.; A/S Ted Bennett, Clarence Cullimore, and Ray Murphy at State Teachers College in Flagstaff, Ariz. Ens. Bob Simpson is still in Harvard in the 12 months training course in Naval Supply. Jess Kliever is in V-12 at the U. of Virginia, and is properly impressed with the beauty of its campus which is thought by many to be the most beautiful in the whole country.

Marine Corps Statesiders

Lt. Walter Condley is in Officers' School at Camp Lejeune. V-12 John Burubeltz has finished his schooling at Occidental and been ordered to Parris Island from whence he, too, will go to New River. Lt. Ross Doll is en route to Camp Pendleton before going out. MAC Lt. Jack Gregg Harrington is moving from Beeville, Texas to Jacksonville. He is an instrument instructor. He strongly recommends married life. Pfc. Guy Wathen is as busy in OCS at Quantico and Mrs. Guy Wathen is busy trying to keep up with the antics of their two little girls. Lt. Jack Trout will be in amphibious tractors. SPARS: Marjorie Fagan enlisted in the SPARS in October.

College Credits for Military Service

More and more of our students who had only one year of work here are having their service training records sent to us for appraisal and accreditation toward junior college graduation. Let me remind you of the procedure. Credits completed in a military program in a traditional college (V-12, ASTP, AAC or V-5 flight prep) may come to us directly from the college concerned if you request it of that college. Training programs completed under Army or Navy T.T.C. or in O.C.S. or other programs given by the armed services directly should come to us through the Armed Forces Institute, Madison, Wis. If you want to submit your record to us, write to the A.F.I. in your theater of operations for an "application for accreditation". File it and the machinery will go to work for you.

Thanksgiving blessings,

Grace Bird

BAKERSFIELD JUNIOR COLLEGE
Christmas Letter 1944

" . . . that season comes
Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated,
The bird of dawning singeth all night long;
And then, they say, no spirit dare stir abroad,
The nights are wholesome, then no planets strike,
No fairy takes, nor witch hath power to charm,
So hallow'd and so gracious is the time."
—Hamlet

Dear Beejaycee Men and Woman in Service:

Accept the greetings and affection of your college at Christmas time.

From Dean Leonard McKaig: "This Christmas season I send you dual greetings from the office of Dean of Men. For many of you this office brings to mind Dean Taber and his ever friendly smile. I am sure that B.J.C. and hundreds of you men are very much in Lt. Taber's thoughts. But I join him, too, in those thoughts and in warmest wishes that whatever you may lack in physical comfort this Christmas may be repaid, in part, by the spiritual satisfaction you must be feeling at doing so thoroughly your hard and disagreeable task. My very special greetings go to that considerable number I knew so well in debating and Phi Rho Pi. May they never have to test their training by talking their way out of a bad spot!"

From Librarian Goldie Ingles: "Hello Everyone! We now have a complete file of Raconteurs in the Library so you can look up all our Bronze-Medalled, Silver-Starred, Oak Leaf Clustered Renegades of the good old days of Lawn Fifty. And we are making photo films of all the past years of the Renegade Rip so future junior collegians can look at Mammy and Pappy in their halcyon days. And now for a holiday wish. There is an old Christmas superstition that, if you eat an apple at midnight on Christmas Eve, you will enjoy good health throughout the next year. May you have one apple for health and another to bring you safely back to us before a year is gone."

From Coach Jack Frost: "Cap and Dal and Williamson and I talk about you often in our bull sessions here in the office. We like to remember you for the fine things you did in athletics and the fine things you are doing in the service. The Jay Cee athletics program has been curtailed since 1942. You can understand why. But JUST WAIT until you have won in Germany and won in Japan, AND THEN what a bunch of victories we'll score here in Sports! We all send sincere best wishes and regards for Christmas."

From the Social Science Faculty: "We are cut down to three musketeers—McKaig, Young, and Jaggard—but we are still waving the flag around the old diggings and still sure there are plenty of things American worth fighting for. We are proud of the part being taken in the battle of the Pacific by Navy Lt. Swert and Commander Clymer, our team-mates. You see, we just had to put some of our faculty on the battle line or else you would be always insisting you knew more about the war than the teachers! The few men students around here are taking scandalous advantage of your absence. They are carting girls around by the double armload, and the girls seem to like it. Imagine! The cheeriest of greetings from us all. We hope, and fondly believe, that next Christmas can be an old fashioned Merry Christmas for all of us."

From the Engineering Faculty: Hemmerling, Sagen, Chamberlain, Dennis, Noonshell, Cullimore, VanderEike: "Greetings to all Ex-Engineering students. Our thoughts are beamed to the four corners of the globe wherever you may be found. We are proud of you Renegades and of what you are doing. Here at E.J.C. we look forward to the time when you can return and give us an uncensored report of your exploits and reveal to us the scientific secrets which you have had at your disposal in the successful waging of the war. May this be the last Christmas you will have to spend away from your homes and those who love you well."

From the Business Education Faculty: "To balance our accounts for the Christmas season, we send you this check for a thousand good wishes. In our memories, we have carbon copies on file of the happy (or, sometimes, dizzy) days when you were here, and our dictaphones sing out your praises the moment they are set in action."

From Robbie "De Mills" Robinson: "The light of one star illumines the mountains of many regions" says an old Chinese proverb. Christmas greetings to all my stars, great and small, who are lighting far mountains. Your brightness still lingers here in memories of Yellow Jack, Berkeley Square, Ceiling Zero, Petticoat Fever, Brother Rat and a galaxy of others. When my wandering stars move back in their orbits, I dream of opening a new auditorium with a constellation that will fade out even Venus, Cygnus and Orion."

From Dean Margaret "Levy" Levinson: "To you out there--and 'out there' may be Luke Field or Lyle, Belvoir or Brest, Albuquerque or the Aleutians--comes my holiday wish. It's not done up in cellophane and tinsel: they're gone the way of Lucky Strike Green! But it's expressed in the California holly we gather, in the red candles we light, in the heart-warm carols we sing, in the stars that shine down on this valley. Thousands of years ago were said the loved, familiar words that I shall use for my Christmas wish, till you come home. 'The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another.'"

And So On, from the Host of Us. Ag. Dept., "Farebred Victory!"; Music Dept., "Successa Fortissimo!"; French Dept., "Joyeux Noël!"; Psych. Dept., "Adiabatic I.Q.!"; Technology Dept., "Supercharged Holiday!"; Journalism Dept., "Five Star Finals!"; Spanish Dept., "; Buena suerte, buena salud, buen éxito!" And so on ad infinitum.

Put them all together, and what they say
Is God Bless You on Christmas Day.

And always,

Joe Bird and
Scrivener: Lorraine Bayes,
Ortha Davison

BAKERSFIELD JUNIOR COLLEGE
Bakersfield, California
22 January 45

Dear Esjaycee Men and Women in Service:

Let me begin this January letter with the warmest sort of thanks for your Christmas cards and letters and notes. I wish the clock held enough hours on its dial to write each of you in person. I can think of nothing I should like to do half so well. But there are now more than six hundred of you to whom this letter goes, and multiple minutes would have to become multiple days to permit such a luxury. Please, then, accept these words as coming from me to you, personally. I feel that they are.

And let me speak a special word of gratitude to those grand G.I. Jills--your wives--who sent notes or cards to us from both of you--the Mesdames Glen Tanner, Francis Perry, Guy Wathen, Bob Zuercher, Roe Pollok, Ray Steidel, Hard Suverkrop, Bill Baldwin, Roger Nabers, Lewis Hull, Mel Ponton, Dwight Long, Jack Moore, Bill Miller, Don Hopper, Wimmer Cooper, and two dozen others, all as nice.

Although this letter will reach many of you just about the time we are hanging garlands of Valentine hearts around the halls in your names, the campus here today is groaning under final exams. Thurber's Battle of the Sexes has temporarily given way to the Battle of the Exes. Do you remember those open-book exams of Van Ewert? those tough "spot" questions of Peg Levinson? McKaig sitting in judgment on that last oral masterpiece you rolled off your vocal assembly line? the math mazes of Taber-Buckley-Hemmerling? Yes, colleges still operate their old Obstacle Course. And we wish the Course you are running now might be as safe!

Two pieces of intelligence about the campus I think you might like to have: (1) During the Sixth War Loan Drive the Jaycee students' bond teams brought in more than \$330,000 worth of bonds. (2) The coeds who are betrothed to men in service have organized as "Waiters' Club" with Lorraine Bayes as their adviser.

And now to that news report to you about you.

Gold Stars -- Pfc. William A. Kolb was killed in action in Holland October 25. Lt. Bill Howsmon was killed in a training plane crash at Palmdale. He had been serving as a tactical officer at Victorville.

Missing in Action -- 1st Lt. Lee Hare is reported missing over Germany since November 2. K.C.U.H.S.'s 2nd Lt. Morris Harrison is reported missing in action with the Ninth Army. 2nd Lt. Glyde Buzan, B-24 pilot, is missing over Germany since December 2. Colonel Frank Hornkohl telephoned me December 19 to report that Ensign Gordon Jewett is missing at sea.

Prisoners of War -- Lt. Frank Tomlinson, previously reported missing, is now reported safe, a prisoner of war in Germany. T/Sgt. Jeong Wing is reported a prisoner in Germany since September 29. He was flying his thirtieth mission when captured, we hear. Lt. Donald McDonald is a prisoner in Germany. His mother was recently presented with the Air Medal awarded to Don in ceremonies at Minter Field.

Fame, Faculty, and Femmes

We Nominate for the Hall of Fame -- Capt. Mervin Dyer for bringing his Fortress home to its Eighth Air Force base after flak had knocked out one engine, damaged two others, killed one of his crew, and set fire to his ship (Mervin is in the States at present) . . . Lt. Bill Henry for bringing down eight Japanese planes when he and three other Navy night fighters knocked down a total of 22 when the Japs came in to attack American vessels in Philippine waters. Bill brought down another plane Christmas week. . . 2nd Lt. Warren Kecker for completing thirty-two successful missions over Europe in fifty-two days. . . Marine Sgt. Ed Whitaker for two Presidential Unit citations for service in four of the Pacific's toughest battles, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian. . . 2nd Lt. Francis "Bud" Thompson, now hospitalized in New Guinea, for towing his raft, though wounded, for three hours of the eight he spent in the water. . . R.M.1/c Mel Ponton for completing seventeen unbroken months of successful submarine service against enemy shipping and for earning among other honors, the Silver Star. (Mel is now in New England seeing for the first time his little daughter.) . . . Marine Corps 1st Lt. "Merv" Porter for completing 14 months of dive bombing from the New Hebrides to Kavieng. . . Capt. J. J. Hayes for flying low altitude aerial reconnaissance to photograph German communications lines and troop movements and receiving the Presidential Unit citation. . . Cpl. Harry Zuercher for winning the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Italy where he is serving as a wireman with General Mark Clark's "Powder River" Division. . . T/Sgt. Kay Jug, who at nineteen years has won the D.F.C. as a radio operator and gunner on the Fortress named "Red Hot Riding Hood".

We Salute Our Famous Faculties -- Not even the sun could warm Bakersfield as much as did a New Years' Day visit from Commander John "Joe" Glymer, his first leave home in months. He looked thin--who wouldn't after the job a flat-top's flight officer has been doing in the Pacific?--but the full Japanese navy isn't strong enough to take away his smile or his quick verbal come-back. Wotta "Butch"! . . . Thanksgiving Day brought words of thanksgiving to our lips for a sight of Lt. Van Ewert enroute from Florida to the Aleutians where he is now serving as Asst. Communications Officer. Hall, Igloo Ewert. . . Lt. Comdr. Roy B. Anderson is administrative officer of a squadron of navy planes in the Aleutians. Flying Mrs. Anderson and the two children, "Wings" and "Mike", are back in this Valley. . . Lt. Theron Taber is now "boss" of the V-12 unit at the University of Colorado and doing a top job of deaning. . . Lt. (j.g.) Cal Mueller with a V.R. unit writes, "My present duty is everything I had hoped to get--except sleep" . . . Lt. Homer Beatty has moved from Santa Ana to San Antonio, Texas.

The Femmes, Here's To Them! -- Lt. (j.g.) Isabelle Hanawalt Tadsworth continues to make WAVE history. In November she was the first WAVE on duty to Bermuda. More recently she was sent to Canada. Now she is off to still other parts. . . S.2/c Billie Jo Heitzman is serving with the Coast Guard in Washington D.C. . . 1st Lt. Kathleen Davis, A.N.C., is serving with a medical air evacuation squadron flying the English Channel. She was recently featured on a battlefront broadcast by Ted Malone. . . Lt. Alice Jones, another of B.J.C.'s flight nurses, is awaiting overseas assignment from Mitchell Field while at Stockton Field flight nurse Lt. Patricia Hall awaits similar orders. . . T/5 Barbara Davis is serving with the Base Censorship Det. in New Guinea. . . Bakersfield is represented in the Red Cross by Barbara Smith (former speech teacher) in the Pacific and Josephine Jewett, newly arrived in France. . . Edna Cooter, who uses the professional name of Edna Eaton, is with a U.S.O. entertainment unit in the E.T.O. . . Marine Fairlee R. Stinson finished aerology school some time ago and is on active duty. . . A wonderful covey of Cadet Nurses will take wing before very long to bring their skill and charm to work magic in our hospitals. Ruby Baldwin, Loretta Holloway, Beverly Green, June Johnson will serve as samples.

One Plus One Equals One

When Cupid is arithmetician, two become one. 'Twas ever so. Recent members of the Deejayees family to earn the rating L.N.1/c (Love Natch, first class) are Ensign Andy Davidson and Betty Fyle Davidson with Jack Hood R.N.2/c as best man (Andy is now training in T.B.F.'s at Miami); S.K.3/c Mary Watts who became the bride of S.K.1/c R.R. Farrell at Milledgeville, Georgia; Navy Lt. Don Robesky and Margo (Modern Dance) Grain during Don's current leave from duty in the Pacific; Ch. Musician Lawrence McCardell and Vermont lovely, Mariam Burroughs (McCardell has the 26 piece band at the New London Submarine Base; Mariam is a concert violinist); Ph.K.2/c Art Sawyer and Fern Anderson Sawyer; Capt. George Scott and Marian Gohr Scott of Charles City, Iowa; Capt. Burton Cox and Phyllis Hayford Cox in Oberlin, Kansas; Navy's Clarence Cullimore, Jr. and Michasia Cullers Cullimore in Memphis; Jerry Herndon and Helen Lamb Herndon in Tonopah; S.2/c Jack Williams and Dorothy Jeanne Acres at Norman, Okla. . . Jim Watts tells us Lincoln Goddard is married. More details, please. . . Major "Big Ed" Newbury made one plus one equal one when he married a girl from Woodlake, California in December. Now he is hoping his new tour of duty overseas in the Pacific area will be the shortest tour on record.

Son Shine on the Home Front

Jim and Jean Hitchcock have a son, Stephen. Jim is still an instructor in transmitters at Truax Field. . . Lt. and Mrs. Dick Borton announces the birth of a son, John Richard, January 9 in Texas. . . I saw a camera print of Major Dick Taylor's son, Richie, before it was forwarded to Capt. Harry Hendry in France. Dick is still in Italy. . . Lt. (jg) Earl and Esther Sargent, now at Quonset, have a new baby girl. The Sargents see the Frank Voorhies rather often.

Felicitous Post War Planning

The Engagements have been announced of Lt. Tommy Cullen, C-47 pilot, and Peggy Erickson; Lt. Harry Scaroni, recently returned from combat duty in a B-29, and Margaret Miller; Bob Brans, V-12 engineering student, and Jean Lorraine Scott.

Northern Lights

Lt. Ewert reports seeing A.A.F.'s Lt. Wayne Crabtree outside a theater entrance in Seattle and Navy's Jim Leddy on the end of a swab at Anchorage. . . I am told Lt. Jim Logan is with a Ventura squadron somewhere in that northern chain. . . Navy Lt. Urcel Holloway is home on leave from nine month Aleutianning. . . So also is Louis E. Brown who has completed twenty months service there with an Army engineering corps. . . Lt. Tom Stillwell is reported across the continent on Baffin Island.

Southern Exposure

Capt. Hugh Ellsaesser and C.S.K. Frank McNaughton are doing all they can to promote Western Hemisphere solidarity.

England

Four of our men, wounded in the recent heavy fighting on the German front, are in hospitals in England, our own W.O. (Jg) Ed Bookie Baker, T/Sgt. Harold Garrish, Major Howard Rohman, and James Yura. "Bookie" was serving as an assistant ammunition officer in the infantry in Belgium. He was wounded Dec. 17, the very day we received from him a typically breezy and witty letter. Garrish was serving with an anti-tank outfit. Shortly after his arrival in France he did one of the nicest things I can imagine. He had a mass said for his little godchild, the daughter of Marine Lt. Guy and Georgia Wathen. Rohman was wounded by flak while on an air mission. Yura was serving in one of the Japanese-American combat teams.

Our men serving with the Eighth Air Force continue to make distinguished records. Lt. Wayne Coleman, P-47 pilot, has the D.F.C. . . Lt. Gerald Greer had the air medal and one of his clusters by Dec. 7. . . F/O Ed Vassar has been decorated by Colonel Roosevelt for his service as a photo pilot. . . 1st. Lt. Harry Anderson transferred from A.T.C. to a combat unit in November. . . F/O Charles Stinson is in a Mustang outfit stationed at the same base from which his brother-in-law, Lt. Bruce Campbell, served before coming home on leave. . . Lts. Herb Bayless, Ed McLean, and Tom Doll are all flying heavy bombers. . . Lt. Gerry Lucas has received another Presidential Unit citation, this time for the bombing of the Messerschmitt factory at Regensburg. . . S/Sgt. Greg Foulogianis has spent his third Christmas on duty with the medical corps in England. . . Lt. Larry Butterfield is one of our newest arrivals on the Little Island.

France, Belgium, and the German Border

Lt. Frank Hollarbush writes from Sunny France "where the sunshine comes down by the bucketfull and adheres especially to the feet" that his is "the best Armament Ordnance section in the world". Any takers? Frank's last letter was begun on December 17, but he paused to look up the spelling of mosquito, and what with the German army throwing its weight around, it was December 29 before he had time to pick up his pen again. . . Capt. Robert Lackey is working around the clock in an Evacuation Hospital unit with Patton's Army. . . Sgt. Elwyn Rude is with a field artillery battalion firing the big shells into Germany. . . 1st Lt. John B. Young, a recent graduate of the Judge Advocate's School, is serving in London and Paris. . . Chief W.O. Bob Zuercher is serving "somewhere between Patton and Patch" . . . Josephine Jewett is serving with the Red Cross in one of the General Hospitals in France. Perhaps she may meet some of our wounded men and bring them the flavor of this San Joaquin Valley--Pvt. Moran Cunningham, for instance, who is convalescing now or Pfc. Johnny Deans wounded with the paratroopers in Belgium December 29. . . Cpl. Bill Perry has been awarded the Bronze Star for exceptional service with an armored division. He drives a tank. . . Lt. Joe Benner is in a P-38 dive bombing group supporting our ground forces. . . Frank Stanton, a radio gunner on a B-26 in the Ninth Air Force, was recently promoted to Sgt. . . In the infantry are T/S Ed Bryant, serving as aid man in a machine gun platoon; 1st Lt. Toxy "Derkeley Square" Reid; Pvt. Roy Darke with a cml depot company. . . M/Sgt. Joe Hum has been designated to handle the "Information and Education" program for his headquarters in Belgium in addition to his other duties. He reports that his brother, Jason, is at Camp Wheeler, and his brother, Frank, is with a Prisoner of War processing unit after completing the A.S.T. program in oriental languages. . . Capt. Paul Woollozes is still keeping his sharp, hunter's eye on petroleum supply lines.

Egypt, Africa, Italy

Two of our men are helping to keep the air traffic service moving accurately and on time at a major airport in Egypt. Capt. Angus Crites is an A.T.C. operations officer and Cpl. Tom Boyd is a control tower operator.

A press release from General Ecker's headquarters announces that Lt. Paul Boone has been assigned as bombardier to a B-25 group famous for its "bridge-busting". . . F/O Milton Nikkel is flying with a Troop Carrier Group, Sgt. Bob Finch with the Mediterranean A.T.C. . . Capt. Bill Mitchell has won a second citation for his outstanding work as a photo officer with a bombardment group. . . Another Renegade to receive a recent decoration is pilot Lt. Al Meyer for smashing a pontoon bridge with his B-25. . . Capt. Charles Reeves is now a Group Armament Officer with the 15th Air Force. . . Don Shore has recently been promoted to T/Sgt. . . Sgt. Robert Subriar is serving as a gunner with a heavy bombardment group. . . With a tank battalion is Pfc. And- Burnett. . . With a chemical battalion is Pvt. Clarence Ehn, automatic riflemen. . . Lt. Barton Jones is now a P-38 squadron leader, and Jess reports he has more than 50 missions to his credit.

China, Burma, India

Arriving in India since my last newsletter, Lt. Jay Chapin is now serving with the famous 1st Commandos--"Terry and the Pirates" to you. . . T/Sgt. Tom Dickey is winding up his first year in India, we are told. . . A.T.C. Lt. John Basone was recently re-rated from Service Pilot to Military Pilot. He is still flying C-87s over the hump. As an extra curricular activity, he is technical advisor to an ice cream freezer. He reports that Leo Lawrence and Bob Marshall are in New Delhi. . . Lt. Ed Davis, who flies with a Combat Cargo Squadron, has a cousin stationed at his home base, Capt. Don Cadrea who flies for China National Airways, Dick Newmeyer's old unit. . . Pfc. Bob Tinsley reports talking with Bob Sollenberger over there. . . The Californian carried a full page spread of wonderful pictures sent home by Capt. George Gunes which brought his corner of the C.B.I. to Bakersfield. . . No recent news of Lts. Dick Stutzman, Bob Lynch, Caesar Jung, but the local paper carried the story of the awarding of the D.F.C. to 1st Lt. Clyde Perry of the A.T.C. upon his completion of 300 hours of operational flight on India-China routes.

With the Pacific Fleet

Since I assembled my news for the last report to you, letters have come from these Navy men serving in the various hot spots of the Pacific: Ensign Ray Snider, Ensign Bill Crainger who helped take in the 77th with an LCM, Lt.(jg) Tennant Brooks on a CVE. . . Charles Beckett, now an assistant in chemistry at U.C., reports that Ensign Jack Rademacher is out there someplace. . . S.I./c Del Brink is in the Marianas.

Pacific: Australia to the Philippines

Somewhere out in action again are Army Capt. "Tony" Maes and Marine Capt. Dwayne Hears. . . Lt. Wayne Morrison saw Navy fliers Ernie Culberson and Leo Meacher while at Kauai. Wayne, by the way, took a misstep into a heaving landing craft and lost everyone's address! . . . Gus Pappas is still on Guam packing around a little extra weight in his neck--shrapnel, to be precise. . . Capt. Glenn Tanner's Christmas card came from New Guinea as did Lt. Clifford Harding's, but your guess is better than mine as to their present whereabouts. . . Lt. Claude Kennedy is a pilot with the Jolly Rogers ("Best Damn Heavy Bomb Group in the World", his letterhead announces) somewhere in the Netherlands East Indies. . . F/O Stanley Schultz (pilot with a Glider Section) and F/C Russ Doyland (B-24 bombardier) are also in the Netherlands East Indies. . . Still in Australia at last reports were Lt. Maurice Coombs and Mailman 2/c Claude Holloway. Jeanne Bannister brought us a looking-as-if-he-could-speak-to-you camera print of Cpl. Dave in Buna. . . Ph.M.2/c Bert Cooter is home on a 30 day leave after seeing action in the New Hebrides. . . Sgt. Carleton "Trumpet" McBeath has organized a band in New Guinea, we hear. . . Lt. Ray Stinson was in charge of 8 amphibious ducks carrying ashore a wave of Marines at Peleliu. . . Lt. Don McIntire reports that Ken DeLaMar had written from the Dutch East Indies and that his young brother, Lt. James McIntire is now at Geiger Field, Washington. . . Lt.(jg) Romain Clerou (Medical Corps) is serving on Saipan. He missed visiting with Capt. Joe Clerou by half a day when Joe's plane left to bring him home on leave.

We are in the Philippines, too--many of us. 1st Lt. Ronald Dunn was one of the first officers to land there. He is a personnel officer. . . W.O. Lawrence Ramey, T/5 Les Champlin, Cpl. Bob Crossan, Cpl. Jack Clare (engineers), Cpl. Bill Anderson (Photo Tech Sqdn.), Pvt. Mel Davis all took part in the earliest landings.

Hawaii

Don Burum, former journalism instructor at East High and a Number One Good Fellow, writes from Hawaii where he is now Editor of Farm and Home, "Tell any Bakersfield boys who might be out this way that I'd be glad to see them at any time. Don's office is in the Alexander & Baldwin Co. building, Merchant and Bishop Streets, Honolulu.

Now, Au revoir.

And coming out to you next week will be Part II of this January letter with news of our recent Home Town visitors and our Men and Women in the States.

Because it comes in two parts the January Letter brings a double serving of affection and faith,

As ever,

Grove Bird

BAKERSFIELD JUNIOR COLLEGE
29 January 45

Dear Beejayses Men and Women in Service:

When Part I of this January Letter was posted out to you last week, you were promised a second part reporting some of the news on our military men and women in the States. Here it is. But, first, here is - - -

Still Another Paragraph on Post War Education for Veterans

The U.S.A.F.I. (United States Armed Forces Institute) has prepared an official form for "Application for Credit for Educational Achievement During Military Service." It is known as U.S.A.F.I. Form No. 47 (Revised, September 1944). It is recommended that servicemen and servicewomen who want credits for their educational achievements during their service obtain these forms NOW, fill them out, and send them on their way to pile up units for their college degrees. The Application for Credit forms can be obtained through your local education officers or from the U.S.A.F.I. branch offices in your theater of operations.

At the time of discharge, you will receive additional forms: Army G.O. Form 100, Navpers 553 or 338, Coast Guard 553, or U.S.M.C. Report of Separation. The data procured on these forms plus U.S.A.F.I. Form No. 47 (noted above) will be adequate to determine your educational status when added to your previous school record.

Home Town Visitors From Active War Theaters.

The NAVY has let several of our favorite Prune Pickers drop anchor temporarily at home. We told you about Commander Joe Glymer being here on New Year's Day to give our year a perfect beginning and about Lt. Don Robesky's marriage to Marge Grain during Christmas week to give his year a perfect beginning. And we told you, too, about Submarine R.M.1/c Mel Penton stopping by enroute to the east coast to see his wife and baby girl. But we haven't told you yet that Lt. Ben Stinson is here unable to satisfy his appetite for conversation with old friends. If ever anyone looked fit-as-a-fiddle-and-ready-for-amor-amor-amor, it's Ben. He reports that brother Bob Stinson is still in Africa, that brother Ray is still herding "ducks" in the Pacific, that brother Chuck had made a safe landing recently in France when his Mustang was shot down. He also reported having seen several of the Beefield Brood while on his 21 months of Pacific duty. . . T.M.3/c Paul Starke was lucky enough to have a three way reunion with R.T.3/c Leonard Hylton (from Treasure Island) and Ed Urner (now at U.S.C.) while he was home on his 32 day leave, and we were lucky enough to see them all. . . S.2/c Fred Wilkerson, in from Philippine waters, said he had seen Jimmie Hauga and Bill Russell. . . Ph.M.2/c Art Sawyer, after eleven months in Navy hospitals, is looking fine again. M.1/c Tommy Gallon has gone to Boston to serve as a gas welding instructor after ten months in Florida training men in amphibious landings. Navy Lt. Roy Hubbard, who swam to safety on that first December 7, is now back out again after a long interim service on our east coast. His wife, Jeanne Ellord Hubbard, and his two sons are "waiting out" his new tour of duty at home.

The MARINE CORPS gives 'em a rest once in a blue moon too. So we had close-ups of Tarawa and Saipan from Capt. Joe Clerou. Even Ernie Pyle couldn't do a better job of making us see the rough show with your eyes. No question about Joe's being a great young officer. We can be proud, too, of Marine Air Corps' 1st. Lt. Mervin Porter resting at El Toro base in California after his first allotment of missions in the Pacific.

The ARMY AIR CORPS and even the ARMY (though most of you may doubt it) give leaves and furloughs too. Three ex-Banegades have come home from the European theater this month, deposited their D.F.C.s and air medals with their families and gone on to service temporarily in the States: T/Sgt. Bill Wottring, P/O Leonard Hall, and 1st Lt. Otto Kramer (blooming!). Wottring completed 34 missions as a chin gunner in "The Old Fox". Kramer completed his 34 missions in 16 weeks. He reports that 2nd Lt. Hugh Clement was a co pilot in the same squadron with him. Hall has been given a special assignment in Topeka after 13 missions out of England. (B-29s, Leonard?). . . A.T.C. 1st Lt. Dick Hatfield, now based at Hamilton Field, is a regular Pacific commuter helping to maneuver the Japanese Empire behind the Fireball. . . Pvt. Harold Hoke is on a brief furlough from the Philippines. Honest! I saw him with my own eyes!

Other Statesider News from Letters, Calls, and Scuttlebut
"Know Your Navy"

Our first letter in a long time from Lt.(jg) Jim Vega tells us that he has finally moved on from his instructor's job at Corpus Christi. He thinks the Navy is as contrary as women are reputed to be. He says, "I first asked for fleet duty and received instructor duty. Then I asked for fighters and was given N.A.T.S. After this, like a fool, I asked for the Pacific and true to form, was given the Atlantic." Jim is at present at Roanoke, Virginia.

Lt.(jg) Dwight and Dodie Long are at the Naval Auxiliary Air Base at Fallon, Nevada where Dwight is Assistant Operations Officer; Dodie describes the place as "a pocket edition Reno with two cafes and twenty bars—Indians, Okies, and the Navy". Lt.(jg) Otis Mitchell is Torpedo Range Officer.

At Quonset Point Lt.(jg) Earl and Esther Sargent report seeing Lt. Comdr. Frank and Georgia Voorhies, Ensign Bob Wutter, Lt.(jg) Roe Pollok. . . We have finally caught up with news on that former Renegade quarterback Elmer Montgomery. He is an A.O.M. 3/c and an instructor at Norman where he has run across some of his old campus friends such as Bob Tobias, A.M.M.1/c, but the best news about him is that he has "a wonderful and lovely wife", Mary Duval of San Francisco. Two other of our men at Norman now are S.2/c Bill Pomerlin who is attending ordnance and gunnery school and Bob Varner who is in aviation metalsmith training.

From Dr. Bob Sheldon (Stanford Hospital) we learn that Lt. Max Shaffrath, M.D. has finished his basic medical training at Carlisle Barracks and is now stationed at Torre General Hospital at Palm Springs; that Naval Air Corps Lt. Clyde Grow is at Traverse City, Michigan; that Bob, himself, is due to report to the Navy as a Lt.(jg) in July. (Thanks, Bob, for the news, and give our best to Mrs. Bob and the heires). . . Another B.J.C. of that 1936 class, Lt.(jg) Tennant Brooks has recently reported to Washington D.C. for duty after visiting his very nice wife and two sons. . .

Lt.(jg) Jack Gist is still at Pensacola. He should be seeing some of our Small Fry around that station; for some of our naval aviation cadets are now there: Downing McKee, Ted Carlton (who celebrated New Year's with Jack), and Roy Pattison. BeeJayCees A/Cees Vic Cerro, Jack Thompson, Jim Gardiner, and Bill Love are still Corpus Chritters, but Roy Phillips and Bob Kelly left there last week with their commissions as ensigns earned. Lt. Paul Pick (BJC 1936) is in the Bureau of Ordnance at Corpus.

Speaking of new commissions, our most recent midshipmen to become ensigns include Johnny Schorr (Line), Harold Rosti (Engineer), Paul Graham (Supplies from Harvard and now temporarily at Camp Huene), Jim Graham (Line), and Richard Hayes (Line). Other midshipmen still in training are distributed as follows according to our latest reports: Milton Gardiner (Columbia), Dick Mahin and John Battistoni (Notre Dame), Donald Dye (Fort Schuyler), Bob King (Lido Beach Pre-Supply), Leon Watson (Asbury Park). The V-12'ers are at it too in Missouri, Texas, Arizona: Harry Morrison (Deck) and Engineers Bob Sutton, Bill Suman, Ted Bennett.

The Navy Medical students Jim Brown and Keith King are at the University of Illinois, Bev Stewart at the University of St. Louis, Glenn Siemon at Stanford, Bruce Landry at "Cal". Still awaiting assignment from Great Lakes to Med School are Max Newman and Bernard Thompson.

Miscellaneous Navy Intelligence - - S.1/c Richard Benson is in R.M. training in Los Angeles, S.1/c Jack Hislop in Radio Technician Engineering at Del Monte, S.1/c Earl Friesen in R.T. training at Great Lakes, S.1/c George Watkins in NATTC at Memphis, R.M.1/c Charles Morgen in pre-flight at Athens, Georgia, Ph.M.1/c Hert Cootar home from months of Pacific duty, R.T.3/c Rodney Rehfeld at Treasure Island with R.T.3/c Leonard Hylton.

"Tell It On the Marines"

Sgt. Ernest Calkins writes from Cleveland where he is now stationed that he and Ila Pipkin were married at Christmas time. He was also kind enough to send Cpl. Harold Estes' hospital address. Estes was wounded in the landings on the Palau islands. You can write to him c/o U.S. Fleet Hospital #110, Ward A3W, c/o F.P.O., San Francisco. Lt. Guy Wathen, who was commissioned at Quantico November 27, is training in amphibious tanks. Mrs. Wathen and the little girls recently moved to Oakland. . . T/Sgt. Bob Peterson, awarded a Presidential Unit citation for action with the First Marines in the Solomons, is serving at present as a postal clerk at El Toro Marine Corps Air Station at Santa Ana. . . Jimmie Webster has been assigned to flight training. He served aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise for three years. . . We hear that Col. Bill Doughty is home on furlough after 35 months overseas with a Marines' anti-aircraft outfit.

In the Army - And How!

The ratio of B.J.C. men in the Army Air Corps to those in any other service is about the same as the ratio of Wolfs to Campus Lovelies here at home. Listen to this roster of home town visitors during December and January as evidence: A/C Jim Gredler, en route to Texas, A/C Jack Stewart headed for Denver and turret gunnery school, A/C Rodney Owens marking time at Merced. Cpl. Joe Himovitz on one of those overnight furloughs from March Field, Cpl. Harold Russell, radar mechanic from Hammer Field, F/O Ernest Hofman en route to Nashville from C-46 training at Reno, 2nd Lt. Vernon Mears en route to B-24's at Fort Worth, Lt. Jimmie McIntire freshly commissioned and headed for Airways Communications at McClelland Field, Lt. Julien Jensen, just as fresh, ogling a B-25, Lt. Wimmer Cooper on his last home visit before B-17 overseas duty. And this roster is just a starter for the roll call we could make! Do you wonder we reached for our field glasses when a modest Coast Guardsman walked through the open office door? S.2/c Pat Coulter, U.S.C.G., called on his way to New Jersey.

Lt. "Red" Middaugh came by with F/O Bud Davis. "Red" is in Hdqs. Office in San Francisco. Bud is in transition training in B-17. He tells us his brother Capt. Bill Davis has completed 43 missions in the Pacific with his B-25. He was a squadron commander in New Guinea. Bud has completed One Major Mission on the home front. He tells me he and Josephine Giminiani are engaged. . . While A/C Siegel Grove was on leave, he and Ensign Russ Kniffen went duck hunting together and did a little stalking of prettier game on the campus. Grove is in primary at Valcosta; Kniffen has completed training in T.B.F.s and reported to San Diego.

F/O Jack Ferdinand has reported for A.T.C. duty at Great Falls. Jack was in Pilot Class 44-8. In Pilot Class 44-7 was F/O Bill Tivnon who was in C.P.T. with Jack at B.J.C. . . Lt. "Dink" Sheehan has been assigned to Bergstrom Field with the First Troop Carrier Command. . . F/O Larry Smith is flying B-24s as first pilot. On his way to his base, he met Major Claud Ford. Big news! Major Ford is at the Command School at Fort Leavenworth!

And speaking of Claud Ford, F/O Paul Howard writes that his C.O. at Redmond, Oregon is Major Jack Gary ("a really nice guy" according to Paul) who was with Ford in Italy. Paul and his wife are living at Bend, Oregon.

At the Alexandria A.A.F. 2nd Lt. Karl Schaefer and 2nd Lt. Frank Loustalot are serving as pilot and co-pilot on the same B-17. . . 2nd Lt. Leroy Dockstader is at Gulfport in a B-17 also. . . 2nd Lt. Elmer Suarez is scheduled for overseas soon in a B-24.

Cpl. Bob Stewart (AAA) writes that he and his wife (Violet Heiking--also a corporal) met Lt. and Mrs. Charles Hay in New Orleans. Bob says both wives are "lovely". . . S/Sgt. Charles Anderson is now at Langley Field, Virginia after his months in the Caribbean. . . Pvt. George Norikane and Pvt. Tom Yura are in paratroop training at Camp Wheeler. George's brother with the Seventh Army in France has been cited three times for heroism in the Italian campaign under General Clark. . . 1st Lt. Richard Williamson is home after 18 months with an Anti-Aircraft unit in Africa, Sicily, and Sardinia.

Here is news of five of our Captains. Capt. Ed Adkins is still at San Bernardino. Capt. Jack Rowe is an assistant in the personnel division at Fort Worth. Capt. Georgs Baumgardt has completed duty in Signal Corps in South Carolina and Florida and is now going overseas. Rosalyn Cuneo Baumgardt will wait for him back home here. Capt. Ernie Smith is with the Sixth Ferrying Group in Long Beach. Capt. Harry Abell is a tactical inspector at Grand Island, Nebraska. I am told he has a charming wife, the former Leone Reese of Washington.

Back at West Point Don Kohler is still a lowly cadet--not so lowly in simoleons, however, since he won a bet from Annapolis Middy Don Houck on the Army-Navy game, and not as lowly in spirit since he gave a miniature of his class ring to Gladys Barksdale in December.

S/Sgt. Norman McNamee writes, "I now have an assignment I have wanted for some time--radio operator on a Ferry Command duty-roster. In the very near future I shall be ferrying planes to the remote sections of the Pacific theater and loving every minute of it." (You see Norm's long experience in the C.B.I. lets him know how much has been needed out there.) He also tells us Lt. Jack Durrett, who was in C.B.I. when he was, is now at Harding Field, Louisiana. Norman is based in Long Beach where "even the reek of Signal Hill's oil wells is delightful."

One afternoon not so long ago, three men in uniform came into the office arm in arm. One was Navy P.R.3/c Lawrence Taylor. One was Army Air Corps A/C Albert Moyes. The third was a detached Seagoing Marine, Dwayne Johnson. Their friendship for one another, their confidence in one another, and their faith in you were better than a rainbow. Because they are so typical of all the young people I have known in our college halls, "Tomorrow" will be safe and sane and sunny.

Bob Moon, our 1935 Student President, has just been named rector of the Park Presidio Church in San Francisco. He and Mrs. Moon would welcome any of you old friends who happen to put into that beautiful and well loved city. 4319 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 18 is their address.

And Adelaide Schafer, back home on the faculty again, says to tell you she has gone from WASFS to WISFS (Women's Inactivated Service Pilots). She joins all of us in the B.J.C. Office in sending this greeting of affection to you and you and you.

As ever,

Grace Biss

Bakersfield Junior College
28 February 45

Dear Beejayece Men and Women in Service,

Two nights ago our H.S.--J.C. Orchestra presented its annual concert. Under Harold Burt's firm and coaxing baton, the 1945 crop of musicians carried on your high tradition. Bob Haag, a fourteen year old pianist, played the first movement of Grieg's A Minor Piano Concerto with the orchestra. All of you musicians of a few years back will remember having played with him in your day. Well, the concert made us especially homesick for the old Burt crowd, bands and orchestras alike: for Bob Lee down in Brisbane running a Service band; trombonist 1st Lt. Frank Tomlinson now a prisoner in Germany after his plane was shot down over Roumania; xylophonist, percussionist, and miscellaneous musical gadgater Paul Landry still fighting the war at Minter Field; Lt. Bard "Bass" Suverkrop now on detached service with the 8th Air Force for experimental work; French "corne" player Cpl. Leland Brown with the First Air Force but not yet out from under a Carolina moon; Sgt. Floyd Stancliff, now Muroc's musicologist; ex-drum major Lt. Jim Ponton now in medical administration in Italy; 1st Lt. Don McIntire with an AAA Gun Battalion in the Pacific theater; Pfc. Bob Tinsley at an A.T.C. base in India; recently commissioned pilot 2nd Lt. Leroy Dockstader and, home from a tour of European duty, 1st Lt. Bill Bellurmini now undergoing a refresher course for navigators at Ellington Field and enjoying his wife (Avis) 's cooking once again; M.2/c Jim Bradford in the band at his Florida station; Herndon, Stahlecker, and Loran Grant jiving at Minter as of yore while Guitarist Walter Brown is in Coast Artillery somewhere, but who knows where?

Still in the C.B.I. is Pilot Lt. Dick Stutzman, trumpeter with our famous Swing Band. Out in the Netherlands East Indies is Cpl. King Solomon (clerk in a Quartermaster unit) who helped "blow" the Renegades to touchdowns on Griffith Field. Pvt. Curt Neideffer was at an Army Experimental Station in New York when last heard from and Ensign Gordon Bradford is tuning up his larynx with a C.A.S.U. in the Pacific.

Well, this could go on for paragraphs and paragraphs, but we shall have to reserve our encores for another time.

Honors

Renegade of the Month. There are always scores of you deserving the title "Renegade of the Month". For February a special nomination should go to Lt. Paul Freed. The Minter Field Ground School of which he is Director has just been given the only Superior (Over-all Superior) rating in this Air Force Command. Moreover, it has earned this rating each of Freed's years as Director. Yes, sir, he's my baby!

Special recognition goes to Navy Lt. Bill Henry (who is always in the honor column for one good reason or another) for whom Navy officials claim the record score for carrier-based night fighters. With his Hellcat, Bill has made nine "kills". On one occasion, flying through a rainstorm, he shot down two Jap Bettys in a single flight. On another, he stalked and caught a four-engined Jap Emily. He has the Navy Cross and the Gold Star and, in my opinion, an absolute honey of a wife!

A ten gun salute, too, to Capt. Warren W. Stockton, a P-51 Squadron Engineering officer, for winning the Bronze Star for his work in maintenance and repair; to T/Sgt. Russ Hiatt for releasing a bomb which had stuck in the bomb bay at 10,000 ft. altitude (Russ already has the air medal and four clusters); to M/Sgt. Mart Bowen to whom the Bronze Star was awarded for his ingenuity in constructing an oxygen refilling cart while serving as a ground flight chief with the 15th Air Force; to Lt.(jg) Kenneth Hastin for proving to be a gunnery officer worthy of his magnificent heavy cruiser, the USS Louisville, which has taken part in every major Pacific engagement and thrown a record of fire at the enemy.

Gold Stars

Sgt. Carl H. Allen, tail gunner, first reported missing over northern Belgium, has now been confirmed as killed in action. . . Sgt. Don Hasper was killed in action in Germany. . . Clarence Fore (BJC 1933-35) was killed in action in a Tank Destroyer outfit in France November 28. . . Lt. Walter Clyde Buass was killed December 2 in a raid over Bingen, Germany when his B-24 was shot down. . . Ensign Gordon Jewett's submarine "The Growler" is now reported by the Navy as "presumably lost".

Missing in Action

Pvt. Ray Pesante, Jr. was reported missing in action with the Seventh Army in France February 21. . . Lt.(jg) Gregory Roberson is missing in action according to a Navy Department announcement January 23. . . Lt. Lee Hare, previously reported missing, and S/Sgt. Frank Stanton are now listed as German prisoners.

Distinguished Home Visitors

Many of our visitors are Stateside trainees, of course; but each month brings us a few of you on leave home from foreign service. It is for you that we use the descriptive adjective "distinguished" in the title to this paragraph. The Ace-of-the-Month was Lt. Bill Henry, already accounted for in this Letter. The Most-Talked-About was S/Sgt. Joe Angeles. Joe's 32 months in China as a radio operator with the 14th Air Force made him also the Longest-Missed-Visitor. Between his gladness to be home and ours to have him here, you can pay your money and take your choice. The Most-Casual were Maritime Service's Bob Higley and Paul Castelfranco. Higley will soon be in Maritime O.C.S. at Alameda, and Castelfranco is shipping out on a new trip. The Most-Air-Houred was P.A.A.'s Marvin Hort home after incessant paddling the puddle between San Francisco and the Islands. The Most-Fire-Powered was Lt.(jg) Ken Hastin already recommended as a Renegade of the Month. The Most-Latinized was Capt. Hugh Ellsaesser whose long service in the Caribbean is rapidly qualifying him for the Americas' Good Neighbor No. 1 Award. The Most-Class, U.S.N., were S.M.3/c Wayno Kite (Armed Guard Center), S.K.2/c Bill Hunter (26 months with a Navy sub chaser) and S.1/c Eddie Bilsborough (gunner on a troop ship). . . The Most-Satisfied-with-Current-Assignment was S/Sgt. Sam Rifkin who (after Africa and Italy) is now at the Oakland Municipal Airport.

"By Request"

Major Dick Adams, executive and intelligence officer with an amphibious tank group in the Pacific, asks, "What has happened to all these great fellows who helped a great deal to make BJC and KCUHS so famous to their rivals and followers: Bill Bray, Del Apperson, Bob Willmott, Jack Porter, Simon Santiago, Ed Powell, Ed Loeb, Manuel Cabrera, and the Valdez?" The Navy has claimed most of them. The latest reports I have (not very recent, however) indicate that Apperson, Machinist Santiago, Jim Valdez, Manuel Valdez, and Jack Porter are all with our fleets in the Pacific. S/Sgt. Bill Bray is with the 587th Signal Depot. He has made a name for himself and the depot's softball team by pitching 26 wins in 27 games. Bob Willmott is with an Air Corps Medical unit and Ed Powell is an Infantry Warrent Officer, I understand. . . Infantry 1st Lt. Tony Reid (on the western front) asks about two of the charming co-eds of his time here--Josephine Fanucchi and Patty Allen. Josephine is Mrs. Michael Audap, and she is teaching little Miss Holly Audap to be bilingual so when the Old Man comes home from France, she can say, "Hi, Pops, mon vieux, comment ca va?" Patty Allen Gear and her baby girl, Carol Lynn, are able to see S/Sgt. Gene Gear frequently for Gene is still stationed in California.

As for those two popular first women student presidents--Gladys Russell is entering U.C. Med. School (Quite a brain, eh?), and Ruby Baldwin is half way through the nursing curriculum in the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps.

The European Theater

France, England, Belgium, Germany

Lt. Joe Bonmar has knocked down his first M.E.109 with his P-38 and doubtless his second, too. . . Capt. Bill Baldwin and brother Lt. Burr Baldwin met fortuitously walking down a road in France. . . Lt. Clinton Douglass is flying a C-46 out of England. . . Major Grogs McKee is pushing through Belgium to the Rhine.

Artillery Lt. Mike Audap writes from Belgium, "When we chase the Germans--as now--we leave our A.P.O. behind and miss the mail". . . Pfc. Harry Francisco was wounded "somewhere in Germany" January 14. . . Lt. Elton Rodgers is with the Seventh Army in the Voges Mts. His chief curricular job is with an A.A.A. Bty. His extra-curricular job is teaching "news review and orientation to current problems". He says there are plenty of questions being asked by every sad Sack about ME, MYSELF, and AFTER THE WAR. 1st Lt. Charley Hamilton is somewhere in Alsace, too, Elton. . . Lt. Bob Broome, in England, saw F/O Charles Stinson when Chuck was weathered at Bob's base. . . Vernon Fugit, in northern Belgium, has sent home for a Randy German Grammar. . . Capt. Gordon Hudson and Lt. Gerald Lucas, on bombing duty out of England, are due for leaves home soon. They have completed their tours of duty. . . A new BJC arrival in France is 1st Lt. Jack Atkins with Hdqs. Co. of an Armed Engineering Battalion. . . Harold Pauly has had a card from Lt. Don Hylton, a prisoner in Germany. He signed himself "Your clipped-wing wire-bound pilot" but he said, "Though I am down, I am not out!" He have had a card, too, from "Kriegie" Frank Tomlinson who says he has recovered from the injuries he suffered when he bailed out over Roumania. . . Sgt. Bill Sinons is with an Ordnance Maintenance unit with the Twelfth Armored Division. . . S/Sgt. August Arey has access to a mimeograph machine, and he gets out his own personal news sheet to friends back in the States. He is somewhere in Luxembourg. Sgt. Robert Kahler is a medical specialist serving at a Ninth Air Force Bomber Base. . . 2nd Lt. Harold Harney is serving with the air support control section of Seventh Army Hdqs. . . Capt. Harry Hendry is operations officer for a Marauder group now based in France. . . T/Sgt. Jimmie Jackson has left Ireland at last for service with the Signal Corps in France. . . From Dean Gay I have learned that Capt. Dave Gay has seen many rough days with his A.A.A. Btry. One of our favorite days this month was the one which brought our first letter from T/Sgt. Hal Gerrish since he was wounded on the western front. He declares he is fully

recovered and feeling like a million. One of his amazing earlier experiences was to be cut off in a little village with three of his men for four days with Germans all around them but, luckily, ignorant of their presence.

The Ninth Air Force Public Relations Office sent us a prize reunion story this week. Pfc. Joe Brooks, engine specialist in a service squadron, was at a camp show when a featured performer was our own Edna Cocter (Stage name, Edna Eaton). Joe has been in France since the first month of the invasion. Edna has been in the E.T.O. for six months. The revue in which she appears is "Bubbling Over".

Italy, Africa

Cpl. Ernest Bresson and Lt. Jim Ponton staged a reunion, too, when they found themselves seated together at a showing of "Blithe Spirit". Ernie is with a Machine Records unit. Ponton, as already noted, is with a hospital. By the way, he sent us copies of the program to "Blithe Spirit" and "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" and they are now part of our Drama Dept. archives. . . Lt. Paul Boone writes from Corsica that he had a chance to sample Neopolitan night life on a brief leave. . . Lt. Ralph Esteb Mullen was recently awarded the Air Medal. He is a B-24 navigator with the 15th Air Force. . . Pvt. Don Leddy says that he feels as if he were playing a perpetual game of Monopoly with all that paper money he gets in Italy. . . Sgt. Ed Compton is now in Florence, that most beautiful of treasure cities. Two weeks ago the Eakersfield Art Association featured some of Ed's paintings at its exhibition. This is the second Compton showing in recent months. . . Capt. Whitney Biggar is at Accra, Africa. He has completed a tour of inspection with a group of Army Engineers. "Bud" Biggar is in an office of strategic services somewhere in the E.T.O. . . Harry Zuercher recently received the Combat Infantryman Badge for combat service with the Fifth Army. . .

The Pacific Theater

Alaska with its Adak, Attu, Anchorage, and Aleuts

1st Lt. Harry Kelly (BJC '36-'38) is in the Ferry Command based in Anchorage. He has already served 14 months in that area. . . 1st Lt. Lincoln Goddard sends the customary weather report from the Polar Front "the snow snows, the rain falls in the corners, the wind is a windin'". Lincoln's wife, since Sept. 1944, is Donna Gorsching Goddard, that nice pre-nursing Jayceess from Shafter. . . Barbara Ewert showed us some Navy photographs released from the Aleutians and sent her by our Lt. Van Ewert. They give us some notion of your riller hutsut lives up there. . . We've had a wonderful letter from 1st Lt. Walter Hicks from the Aleutians. He reports having had a great bull session with Morris Himovitz, the night before Morrie left for the States after 27 months in the Arctic. He also reported that he corresponds quite regularly with brother Harry Hicks in the Philippines and "Chops" Lawrence in New Guinea. . . Lt. Grace Nichols of the Army Nurse Corps has arrived in the Aleutians. . .

Australia to the Philippines

S.M.3/c Wayne Kite, when home on furlough, reported that he saw A.A.F. Lt. Frank Brown in Hollandia. . . Capt. Rollin Laird is in his fifteen month of medium bomber service with the Seventh Air Force. He has the D.F.C. and at least one cluster toward his second. Navy Lt. Wesley York is a photographic interpreter on sea duty. . . Capt. Glen Tanner has been transferred to Brisbane to serve as a Signal Intelligence Officer on General Aiken's staff. . . Lt.(jg) Jim Smith saw Bob Mulvana and Lt.(jg) "Doc" Romain Clerou on Saipan. Capt. Joe Clerou also had a reunion with Romain (his first in a long time) when he returned recently to duty with his Marine division. . . In New Guinea are 1st Lt. Doug Rappley serving as an engineering officer with a Night Fighter group; S/Sgt. Gene Jason who used to pull the curtain and run the switchboard for E.J.C. student body plays; M/Sgt. Jack Wells serving as sergeant major of an Air Service Command. . . Lt. Tommy Cullen writes that he has just returned to his base in the Dutch East Indies after 11 days at Clark Field. Sgt. Bill Foley is trying to brush up on his basketball on his little island.

Not long ago Cpl. Ken Turner looked up from his work (Radio Op) in the Marianas to see the first and only BJC'er he has seen since going overseas, Pfc. Chuck Owens. He reported plenty of tick talk over the "old days" especially on the Jastro tennis courts. They finally dug out some battered equipment from somewhere and resumed their old deuce matches. Ken, by the way, qualifies for the Gold Brick Fathers Association. His little daughter, Pamela Jean, was born on Christmas Eve after Ken had left for overseas duty. . . From Pfc. Warkentin Schroeter, in the Marianas, comes this news: "Our barge was rolling up on shore just at the time our beloved Christmas formal was being danced in the Palm Room. I felt as if one of the numbers was being played for us". . . Speaking of the Palm Room, Cpl. Jim Tomerlin is somewhere in the Marianas with the 21st Air Force. . . Lt.(jg) Barrett Baldwin is with a Naval Ammunition Depot.

Among those roaming on or under the Pacific are Ed Holz recently promoted to full lieutenant; So.M.1/c Jim Watts who had "a ringside seat at Layte" or, more

properly speaking, a ring-inside seat; Ensign Bill Grainger wishing he could share his coil-sprunged bunk with an Iwo Marine; Ensign Richard Hayes who stopped at the Admissions office of the University of California before his departure to make arrangements for an evaluation of his college and Navy credits. . . R.M.2/c Jack Vilas is reported wounded. . . Navy Lt. Truett Bunch is serving as a navigator. Many of you already know of the plan he is fostering for an international organization of United Nations Veterans after the war. . . S.1/c R.M. Richard Bensch has completed the first lap of his first trip out of the United States. . .

In the air over the Pacific are B-24 pilot Capt. Bob Hannagan who has smashed targets all the way from Guadalcanal to the Philippines in his eleven months of service. He should be due for a leave soon to visit his wife Betty Richardson Hannagan here (Remember her?); Major Harrison Shipman who is with a Fighter group in the Pacific theater after completing his first tour in the E.T.O.; 1st Lt. Franklin Rhodes who was recently commended by General Kenney for action in raids against Davao; Marine Corps T/Sgt. Jerome Rehfeld, gunner on a B-25; Navy Lt. Dick Stambok who came through as a survivor from the Princeton and who reports that Lt. Leo Meacher is "a sore spot with the Jappies". (Reports are pretty nice about you also, Dick!); Navy Lt. Bruce Ponton who stopped here on his way out and who brought us the news that Lt. Howard Shively is in San Diego and Lt. "Cy" Jim Chambers has gone out to the Islands for replacement duty. Last month Bruce and his submarine brother R.M.1/c Mel Ponton saw one another for the first time in nearly four years.

From the Philippines Cpl. Bill Anderson has sent us a sample of the Japanese invasion money to add to the samples we have from off their printing presses for theoretical use in Australia and all points north. . . F.A. 1st Lt. Myron McFarland calls the enemy "very unorthodox". "They seem to have read different textbooks than we have", says Mac. . . Sgt. Dan O'Neill finds the Philippines a "dream" compared to the slimy terrain of New Guinea and the Netherlands East Indies. . . Jim Day quoted in "Pipefuls" a fine tribute written about our men in the Philippines written by Dr. L. L. Davis and he quoted, too, the marvelous letter General Kenney wrote to Lt. Max Bayless's wife citing Max for heroism. Max is now teaching at Columbia, S.C.'s A.A.F. . . Some of the other Beejayceers in the Philippines are Duncan McLean, Mel Davis, Bob Crossan.

Those Twin Navy Lieutenants Gerald and Harold Estep are in precisely the same kind of training assignments and have the same kind of an address except that Gerald's "Forward Area" is Central Pacific and Harold's is Southern Pacific. . . Since the Third Marine Division joined the Fourth and Fifth on Iwo, Cpl. Gus Pappas and Cpl. Kennith Stoddard are in their fourth major invasion. For the first time in more than a year, relatives have heard from Cpl. Norman Bussell now in the Osaka Prison Camp (No.171) and Cpl. Don Sollenberger now in Tokyo.

The latest known departure for Pacific duty is Lt.(jg) Don Peaslee, pilot of a Coronado. Before going out Don saw Q.M.3/c Bob Mosely and Marine Newell Brown in San Diego.

China, Burma, India

Sgt. Walter Stambaugh has completed some 200 combat hours over the Hump and flown 8 Superfortress missions against Japan as a B-29 gunner. . . T/Sgt. Allan (Choy) Fong who always managed to have a pretty "date" at home seems to be in his usual form in China: "The gals here either speak Mandarin or the dialect of this province. Very few speak Cantonese. I have had a tough time trying to make them understand my Mandarin. However, the Cantonese girls I have met are very good dancers". . . Lt. Don Hart is with an Air Transport Command unit in India. . . 1st Lt. Clyde Perry has recently been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his D.F.C. for service in his A.T.C. in India. . . No recent news from Besone, Jung, Davis or others in that theater.

Two of our newer arrivals in this area are Lt. Louis Homfeld who was "building up time in a P-40 before going up to the 14th Air Force" and Cpl. Harry Hofman who is working in supplies in a Weather unit in India. . .

Recently at Minter Field T/Sgt. John Simos's mother received in his name the D.F.C. for service as an aerial radio operator. He has been missing in action for several months.

Maiden in Uniform

Our "First" Lady is Helen Knight (BJC grad, 1933) home on a thirty day leave from Red Cross hospital work. She was the first A.R.C. worker on New Caledonia and the first woman passenger ever to ride on the merchant ship which brought her home. She saw Navy Lts. Glen Bultman and Ben Stinson and Army Sgt. Harlan Summers. . . WAC Lt. Mary Dixon who entered the service as a private is now on duty in San Francisco. . . Lt. Patricia Hall, A.N.C., was one of only two nurses to be rated "superior" at the Station Hospital at Stockton A.A.F. . . Kay Mattly is now on Angel Island in San Francisco Bay. . . S/Sgt. Wilma Lavers is in Italy. . . Marine Cpl.

Ruth Gilbert Munn is a clerk with the Post Exchange at Camp Pendleton. . . Marine Pvt. Eudora Jones has finished Boot Camp and is now in the Women's Reserve battalion at Camp Lejeune. . . WAVES Bernice McCann, R.M.2/c, and S.1/c Alfrieta Moyes see one another occasionally in San Diego. . . Cadet Nurses Marion Vandaveer and Grace Rossetto called on us this month. . . Y.3/c Virginia Tarver is now in an educational office in San Francisco where a mimeograph machine is her artillery.

Roomin' Through Romance

Before Lt. Jay Chapin went out to the Orient with Cochran's flying Commandos, he married Dolores Franklin from Baton Rouge "five feet of charm and beauty--diminutive and irresistible". . . The marriage has been announced of R.M.2/c Scott Bradford and Cpl. Evelyn Padey of the Australian Women's Army Service. . . Q.M.2/c Harry Ferdinand and his East High sweetheart, Wilma Western, have just announced their secret marriage of last July. . . Marine Cpl. Bill Doughty, after 35 months overseas decided to waste no more time in marrying Faye Robertson. . . Navy student medic Bruce Landry was married to Nancy Jane McClure in Los Angeles last Sunday. . . Lt. Richard Hitchcock and Wilma Tiesch made it double when they were married last Saturday (Pfc. Jim Hitchcock and Jeanne Tiesch have been married for some time). Lonnie Pathe was best man for Dick and two of Wilma's bridesmaids were Rena Russell and Jane Bartlett. . . On March 10 Lt. Jack Allen will marry Patricia Ann Palmer in Santa Ana.

New Bairns: the Lt. Larry Butterfields, Lt. Pat and Mary K. O'Hare Franey, and the Morton Blocks--daughters; to Lt. Leon and Velda Lee Moynier and Jack and Beth Wharton Hanneman--sons. . . P.A.A. Henry Evans and Betty Lucas Evans, now stationed at Miami, have a six months old son, too.

Statesiders

Veterans Now on Duty in the States. Marine 1st Lt. Mervin Porter was awarded the Air Medal in recent ceremonies at El Toro where he was praised for his 30 missions and his high score of direct hits on gun emplacements. Mory tells us Marine Capt. Joe Wagner is in his same El Toro squadron. . . Cpl. Bill Fly has completed two years in the transportation division in Alaska and reported to Camp Lee, Virginia. . . Cpl. Bob Stewart is still operating on the West Texas sand lot with an occasional welcome week-end in El Paso. He reports that Lt. Harold Williamson is at the same field after 1 1/2 years in A.A. in Italy and Sardinia. . . 1st Sgt. "Skinny" Blair is in the outfit next door, an automatic weapons battalion. . . Lt. Warren Kecker is instructing French officers in Ground School at Big Springs, Texas. "But interesting", says Kecker. . . Lt. Ed McLean reported this month to Santa Ana for classification after 30 missions with his B-24 over such targets as Munich and Hamburg. He flew in the 2000 plane attack on the Reich on Christmas Day. . . Capt. Ernie Smith is with the A.T.C. in Long Beach after more than eighteen months of C.B. Eyeing. . . 1st Lt. William Bates has completed 30 missions over Europe as chief pilot on a B-17. . . Lt. Roy Murray is now instructing in bombardiering at Tucson. P/O Leonard Hall is at the same field. . . Lt. Bill Belluomini says that Lt. Jack Hilton is athletic director at Ellington Field where he, too, is stationed. . . United Press's Darrell Berrigan is in the main offices in New York as Expert on Far Eastern Affairs.

Marines. Lt. Guy Nathan and Georgia called here during Guy's recent leave from New River. Guy expects to go out soon. When it is all over, he plans to go on with his professional Police School training at San Jose. . . At the Oceanside Marine Base are Lts. Bob Newman and Jack Trout awaiting overseas assignment. . . Sgt. John Leer has been training as a radar technician at Vero Beach. . . Sgt. Ernie Galkins writes from Cleveland, "I don't know what that South Pacific does to a person but three out of four of us who came back together are already married and the fourth is engaged". . . Sgt. Bruce Hanna is just home from a tour of duty in Adak, and Sgt. Leonard Lundquist is home from duty with a fighter squadron in the Fourth Marine Air Wing.

Navy. Rev Stewart writes that all five of our Navy Med students in the middle west expect to hang out their shingles in this home town when the war ends. . . Ensigns Roy Phillips and Bob Kelly are now in multi-engine schools in Florida at Banana River and Lake City, respectively. . . Ensign Kenny Robesky is stationed at Charleston, S.C. and has his wife, Audrey, and his six months old son, Tommy, with him. . . Gerald Starrh is now in the pre-commission school at Newport, R.I. . . Ensign Thurman Stephens is stationed in Washington D.C. and, I understand, Genevieve Amundsen Stephens is with him. . . S.1/c Earl Friesen is quarantined with scarlet fever at the Naval Hospital at Great Lakes. . . Ensign John Schorr is at Fort Emory "learning all about running small landing craft the hard way". . . A/C Vic Cerro is at Corpus. He reports seeing Bill Love who was commissioned last week and Burko West training for Marine flying. . . Carl Van Wy is in the Communications Office at the Frontier Base in San Diego. Carl is married to Fay Klawitter Van Wy. . . Ensign Roger Nabers and Pat Winham Nabers are still reminiscing at New London over their wonderful Christmas holiday at home--Roger's first Christmas home in three years. He reports that brother Bill Nabers is a Ph.M.1/c in charge of the

X-ray dept. of U.S.S. Okanagon. . . Back at New London also are bride and groom .
Ch.M. Lawrence McArdeU and Marian Burrough McArdeU in a "studio cottage" in
Niantic. . . S.1/c George Setzen writes from the Naval Air Gunners' School in Miami
that he has met at least one old B.J.C. student on each of the eleven N.A.S.'s at
which he has been in training. . . R.T.3/c Rod Rehfeld has reported to San Diego
for assignment to the fleet. . . S.1/c A.R.M. Howard Lewis (Spring 1944 Student
Prexy) was home on leave before reporting back to Memphis, Tenn., for further
training.

Army and Army Air Corps. February graduates are 2nd Lt. Homer Campbell
commissioned as pilot at Foster Field; 2nd Lt. Bob Johnson commissioned as pilot at
La Junta, 2nd Lt. Milo Lisenbee commissioned at Hondo as navigator. . . Lt. Art
Johnson, probably permanently based at Tallahassee, says Lt. Gena Adkins is at the
same field training for P-51's after his tour in the E.T.O. in heavy bombers. . .
Cpl. Leland Brown's brother-in-law, Ira Benbow is an engineering instructor at the
same base at Greenville. . . Pfc. Woonyoung Park is in O.C.S. at the Fort Sill
Artillery School. . . Cpl. Marion Cobb has been at Charleston, S.C. since Oct. 1944
where his work is in the division of administration and personnel. . . Ray Baker
is a chaplain's assistant at Montgomery, Ala. . . . One of your and my favorite
scribes, Cpl. Jimmy Radounis is at Smoky Hill A.A.F., Kansas undergoing "preparation
overseas movement" and stoking anthracite coal. . . Lt. Harlan Glenn is training as
a navigator for B-29's at Murco.

It is late, good friends. Good night. Our hearts are with you,

Gene Bird

BAKERSFIELD JUNIOR COLLEGE
12 April 45

Dear Beejaycee Men and Women in Service:

President Franklin Roosevelt's death today places in the hearts of all of us a personal and universal Gold Star. He was a man of high intelligence, broad understanding, deep compassion. He was a great Commander.

Our Gold Stars

Commander-in-Chief Franklin D. Roosevelt

Cpl. Gus Pappas, wounded in action on Guam, killed in action on Iwo Jima, February 26. . . Capt. Dwayne Mears died of wounds February 20 received in action on Iwo Jima. . . Cpl. Francis Franey killed in the crash of a B-29 on Tinian February 27. . . Pfc. Bill Lahey killed in action in Europe where he was serving as a mortar gunner. . . A.O.M.I/c Bill Lovitt killed in action in the Pacific. . . Lt. Herb Williamson, reported by his adjutant, Capt. Ray McCormack, to have been killed in action while serving with a fighter group.

Honors

Our April nominees for our Hall of Fame are these: Capt. Barton Jones for protecting a fellow pilot's crippled fighter plane home 300 miles to its base even though his own P-38 was badly damaged by flak and had one engine out. . . Pfc. William Johnson for such outstanding action with a corps of engineers in Germany that he was awarded the Silver Star. . . 1st Lt. H.N. (Jack) Durratt for 22 months service overseas in England, Tunisia, Algeria, Sicily, Italy, India, and China with the D.F.C. and four major battle stars. . . Marine 1st Lt. Merv Porter who received the Air Medal in recent ceremonies at El Toro for his 30 missions in the Pacific. . . 2nd Lt. Morris Harrison, previously reported missing in action, now known to be a prisoner of war in Germany. . . Capt. Jim Stutzman for directing repair and overhaul for more than 4000 planes in the Air Service Command in England. . . Capt. Burton Cox for piloting a B-29 on raids from Saipan after flying a B-24 on 53 missions in ten months of service in the Aleutians. . . Pfc. Harry Francisse (back in action in Germany after hospitalization for shrapnel wounds) for bringing in 12 German prisoners with his Adelaide Schafer German and a threatening sack of T.N.T. . . Pvt. Harold G. Jager whose Medical Bn. Major wrote to say "His devotion to duty and good humor have proved an inspiration to all the men". . . Lt.(jg) Dwight Long who recently was awarded the Air Medal and a citation for service as a torpedo plane pilot in the Pacific. . . Capt. Mervin Dyer for getting a new nose out of one of his old ribs in one of these marvelous jobs of plastic surgery being done at O'Reilly General Hospital (Of course Adam got a wife out of his rib). . . Major P.M. Bliss, Regimental S-3 officer at Camp Gruber, who says that the only thing wrong with the training program is that it is not being conducted in California. . . Capt. Max Foteeste who has the Air Medal, nine clusters, and the D.F.C. for service as a B-25 bomber in the Mediterranean theater. . .

In recent Retreat ceremonies held at Minter, Lt. Don Hylton's mother received his Air Medal until he shall be released as a German prisoner of war; Mrs. Bainer Permenter received the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster earned by Sgt. Ray Permenter before his death in action; Oma Louise McManus accepted the Air Medal awarded to Lt. Tom McManus before his death in action.

Distinguished Veteran Visitors

Home from nine months service in the C.B.I. and with over 700 flying hours, the air medal, 3 clusters, the D.F.C. and two more clusters is Lt. Bob Lynch. The lucky lad is now assigned to Minter. The Lynch family had a great reunion last week when Lt. Jack (with as many decorations) and Lt. Bob were home together for the first time in a long time. Jack, by the way, has 2300 flying hours. Bob flew with a Combat Cargo Group, Jack with A.T.C. . . Navy Lt. Glen Bultman, BJC Student President in 1933, practicing Bakersfield lawyer, called during his first leave in many months with naval intelligence in the Pacific. . . Two top notch Marines were here, too--Capt. Ed Simonsen and Lt. Ed McAleer who flew home side by side in a C-54 after serving in separate spots in the central Pacific with the Marine Air Corps. Simonsen is now at El Centro, and McAleer is at Cherry Point. McAleer said that T/Sgt. Stanford Jackson was stationed with him during part of his tour of duty. . . Capt. Gorden Hudson, B-17 pilot and a former squadron leader with the Eighth Air Force, is home from a tour of duty with the very happy record of never having lost a crew member or even a squadron member in his 30 missions. He wears medals, clusters, and stars, of course. . . Lt. Bill Heffernan is home after nearly two years in Persia. In all his service there he met only one Beejaycee, Major Herbert Rose who was in Weather at Teheran. . . Paul Royell, Metalsmith 2/c brought a

censored report on his 8 months in the Pacific and the Philippines and his 11 earlier months of teaching in a metalsmith school. . . Navy Lt. Leo Meacher is at present attached to the Admiral's Staff at San Diego after a brief respite following his second tour with his T.B.F. During his holiday he and Thalia went horseback riding at Wofford's ranch near Kernville "to see the old hills and to sample their crisp weather and sports". Before leaving Hawaii Leo talked with Lt. Jim Chambers by telephone. He reports Jim is now flying a Corsair. . . Capt. Walter Stiern has had a short leave from overseas special service with the Air Corps. He is in Vet. Med. Service. . . While I was away from the office at meetings, I missed calls from A.C.M.M. Vernon Gularde, Lt. (jg) Nate Himcivitz, Setir Fotis --all home from Pacific duty--and Sgt. Ernie and Ila Galkins on their first furlough since their marriage at Cleveland this winter. . . Lt. Gerald Lucas is home from heavy bomber duty over the Reich and ready to take on whatever new task is assigned to him to deliver more of the same.

Wedding Bells, Belles, and Babies

Hearts and Flowers for Marie Briggs, R.N., who has married Dr. John Schweifler, U.S.N.R.; Lt. (jg) William B. Nutter and Mary Wilcox Nutter now at home in Klamath Falls, Oregon; Ensign Stanley Coombs and Margaret Clow Coombs (freshly commissioned, happily married March 16); Barbara Warren who became the wife of Capt. Edgar Henry Haber at Carmel; Sgt. Homer Hopkins (45 months overseas with Coast Artillery A.A.) and Rachel Morton Hopkins; Lt. Comdr. (Doc) Francois Gundry and Johnne Jean Turner married on Lincoln's birthday; Marion Shortman Sp.3/c and Glenn McKibben, Shipfitter 1/c, married at Miami in February; Marilynn Hickman and Lt. N.A. Ambrose to be married April 21; Barbara Lee Kaiser and S.1/c Ed Miner married March 21; Ensign John Schorr and Marijune Eakin, married too. Hip, hip, happy!

Late Recruits in the B.J.C. Baby Brigade: Jerry Mcynier, son of Lt. Leon and Velda Mcynier; Eric Livers, son of P.A.A.'s Jim and Peg Livers; Susan Deane Hopper, daughter of Lt. Don and Deane Hopper; James Michael Baumgardt, son of Capt. George and Roselyn Baumgardt; Cynthia Adams, daughter of Lt. Richard and Bessie Adams.

Our favorite Dutch East Indies WAC Barbara Davis has announced her engagement to Steve Allen of Sydney, Australia.

Germany, France, Belgium, Holland

1st Lt. Jack Atkins is now seeing action with his armored engineering battalion in Holland after moving north from service near Metz. While along the front in Germany, he saw the reinforced concrete garages, basements, etc. from which the Nazis made their house to house defense in the campaign around Metz. Ch.W.O. Beb Zuercher met S/Sgt. Bill Bray just as Beb emerged from the orderly room on his way to assign some German prisoners to a job. Bray is a radic repair man with a Signal Depot company. . . Pfc. Harold Grainger is with a medical battalion with the Seventh Army. His outfit has received the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for superior performance of duty. A camera shot we have of Grainger shows him "free, white, and twenty-one" on the snowy soil of Germany. . . Cpl. Norman Cady, another Beejaysceer with General Patch, is a field artillery forward observer in the front infantry lines. . . Serving with one of the Seventh's Chemical Warfare companies is 1st Lt. Charley Hamilton who recently had a three day leave to Paris (Yes, he liked it!). . . S/Sgt. Nike Ogata is one of the members of the "O'Connor Task Force" of the famous 442nd to receive the Distinguished Unit Citation. . . Lt. Bill Thornton is with the 83rd Medical Bn. Armored. . . Two recent arrivals in France are Sgt. Joe Mosconi and Cpl. Jack Dowell, who is with an Engineer. Combat Bn. . . Celebrating his first six months across the pond is Pvt. Ted Bailey. Ted is back on active duty with his Ordnance outfit after two months hospitalization in Marseilles where there was "lots of California weather, lots of girls, lots of wine, but very little food". On his way back to his outfit, he met John Penfield in a PX line. . . S/Sgt. Guy Welch writes from Belgium where he is with an A.A.A. Gun. Bn.: "I saw Lt. Luther Johnson and talked an hour or so with him in a little town in southern England. While in Paris, I met Murphy Prubtt, but there wasn't much chance to talk over old times". . . Cpl. Jack Garner is with General Hodge's First Army and planning to go back to UCLA under the "G.I. Bill". . . Capt. Paul Woollomes has built himself his own staff car--a hybrid Renault made out of scattered parts of eight wrecked Renaults, one wrecked Jeep, and a cast-off Chrysler pumping unit. Besides keeping his Renault running, Woollomes also keeps the oil supply flowing to the Fronts. . . Capt. Harry Hendry is entering his 30th month of service in the E.T.O. and his 7th month in France. . . Capt. Dave Gay is somewhere with Patton's Third. . . Lt. Tony Reid has seen incredibly yellow jonquils in fields which are still untorn by shelling over the border in Germany. . . M/Sgt. Henry Dupes is with the Quartermaster Corps "putting in his bit against Schickel-gruber!". . . Capt. Jack Roberts is with the 377th Engineer. Regt. . . Pfc. Al Heitzman has the Infantry Combat Badge for service with the Seventh Army. . . Dizzy with bizness with an Engineer. Regt. spanning German rivers is Lt. Jim McDonald, one of Beejaysceer's loyalest Renegades.

England

Our communique from England grow fewer as more and more of our men move on- to the continent. S/Sgt Greg Poulouglanis continues to hold our record for longest service on the Little Island. He probably also holds the Army record for refractions. For him the "eyes" have it. He is still with the Third Station Hospital. Our British based Air Force continues to pound the Reich with Beejayceers like the following helping to deliver the bombs: 2nd Lt. Adolph Bernacchi, co-pilot of a B-17 with the Third Air Division; 2nd Lt. Kenny Allen, another B-17 co-pilot who has recently received the Air Medal; S/Sgt. Richard Leong, ball turret gunner, on a B-17; Lt. Jerry Lake with plenty of service in the 47th Bomb. Gp.; 1st Lt. Lee Waldrop, co-pilot of a B-24 which recently assaulted Magdeburg; 1st Lt. Wimmer Cooper now a squadron leader with his B-17 unit; Lt. Leroy Docketader, a B-17 first pilot with an Air Medal and one Cluster already to his credit and with a Presidential Unit Citation besides!

S/Sgt. Jack Marble has constructed a device to help improve target-marking smoke bombs. He is at an Air Service Command depot. . . Charles Nugent was recently promoted to first lieutenant.

We have no further news of W.O. Bookie Baker who was seriously wounded in France. . . Sgt. Hal Gerrish is up and at 'em again. . . Lt. Paul Cayori, who was reported missing in action, is now reported to be a prisoner of war in Germany.

Italy

Press releases received in our Office from the Mediterranean Theater report that Al Meyer who is flying a B-25 with the Twelfth A.A.F. has just been promoted to first lieutenant after six months flying over enemy-held territory in Italy and the Balkans; that T/Sgt. Donald Shore has completed 25 combat missions as a radio operator-gunner on the 15th A.A.F.'s B-24 Liberator, "My Gal"; that Captain Max Poteete, flying as a flight leader, took part recently in his group's 750th mission. His group is a part of Major General Cannon's Twelfth Air Force.

Bob and Jerry Herndon recently had a joyous reunion in Italy. Lt. Jerry is co-pilot of a B-24, and Sgt. Bob is a gunner on a B-24. Bob reports that, although they didn't know it at the time, they flew on a mission to Vienna in adjacent formations. Sgt. Carleton Samuelson (K.C.U.H.S.'s Dean of Boys) has also had a get-together with Jerry Herndon. "Sam" is a cryptographer attached to the headquarters of a bombardment group. . .

Pfc. Marvin Powers is serving somewhere in this theater, and we hear he has at least one battle star thus far. . . S/Sgt. Leo Skeets Paine has about completed a tour of duty on a B-24. . .

Middle East Theatre: Africa, Arabia, et al

T/Sgt. Joseph Andre is assigned as Sergeant Major at a base command headquarters located on the French West African Coast. . . F/O Ernie Hofman is way down on the tip of Arabia at Aden with our A.T.C. . . Cpl. Tom Boyd has taken literally hundreds of camera shots of Egypt during his long period of service there. We've seen them, and we can testify to their interest. . . Capt. Charles Bussay is piloting a P-51 in North Africa.

The Unpacific Pacific

It will take us years and years and years to discharge our debt to the Marines --if ever we do. A man who can tell us just how great that debt is for the job on Iwo Jima is our own Jax Smith, a combat correspondent for the Marines. . . Sgt. Kennith Stoddard was in its fierce fighting and Navy Lt. Howard Whalen (former Military Science teacher here) landed the first wave of fighters. . . Marine Lt. Walter Condley is with the Second Marine Division. He reports having seen Capt. Joe Clerou and Lt.(jg) Reinain Clerou, Harold Urner, and Bob Bray.

In the Philippines. Lt. Wayne Crabtree is now reported to be a member of the famous Satan's Angels Squadron, a P-38 fighter. . . 1st Lt. Ronald Dunn (ex-B.J.C. journalist) is in the 1st Cavalry Division. . . Sgt. Vernal Cozby, assistant to a flight surgeon in a medical unit, is one of the Army Halcyon Singers. . . 1st Lt. Myron McFarland, serving as a forward observer for his artillery outfit, has unlimited admiration for the infantrymen whose foxholes he has shared. . . Cpl. Bill Anderson is with the Fifth Photo Tech. Sqdn. and keeping a lense open for Lt. Tommy Cullen who flies a G-47 around that neighborhood. . . Lt. Claude Kennedy has moved into the Philippines with the "Jolly Rogers" heavy bomber group. . . Sgt. Jack Mawson is with the Army engineers. He has already seen two years of foreign duty. . . Lts. Jack and Larry O'Brien are reported to be in the Philippines

unless Larry has already gone to Okinawa. . . Lt. Alice Jones, A.N.C., is a flight nurse carrying out the wounded to hospitals and special care.

In the Marianas and Other Pacific Islands. Ensign Gordon Bradford, who went out to the Marianas as a test pilot, has lately been flying co-pilot on a P.B.Y. in addition to his desk work. He saw Lt.(jg) Bob Nutter (carrier based dive bomber) and Lt.(jg) Nate Himovitz (LCT) on Guam before Nate's return to the States . . . I am told that Lt. Tommy Marshall, recently at Langley Field, is now on Pacific assignment. . . Sgt. Henry Yoon is attached to a command which services and maintains the B-29's. . . Cpl. Charles Owens wrote us shortly after our last letter went out that he had uncovered a couple of "beautiful pearls" from Beefield: Ken Turner and Bert McCarty. Turner is an operator for A.A.C.S. and McCarty "flies in and out". . . 1st Sgt. Lloyd Deuel is with Army Airways Communications . . . Sgt. King Solomon is entering his fifteenth month overseas. He hears regularly from Lt. Charles Lawrence who is with a cannon company of infantry. . . A new pilot arrival in the Pacific is 2nd Lt. Charles Nourse. . . Capt. George Baumgardt has landed somewhere across the International Date Line since our last letter from him. He has also become the father of a son! . . . T/5 Walter Riley is with a malaria survey unit on Oahu. . . Navy Lt. Bruce Ponton, now based on an island in the Hawaiian group, recently saw a fellow navy pilot, Lt.(jg) Pat Curran. . .

Roamin' the Sea. Navy Lt. Hern Spindt Jr. whose early war service was in Africa is now on Pacific duty in an L.C.M. . . Lt.(jg) Jim Smith (C.V.'er) saw both Romain Clerou and Capt. Bob Mulvana on Saipan. . . Chief John Twaddell, the best one man morale booster I know, has seen Commander Butch Clymer. Twaddell also reports how worried he was when Lt.(jg) Rowen Hall (now in Bakersfield on leave) failed to make it back to his carrier in a Pacific battle and had to land on another carrier for safety. . . Lt. Ken Little (Wasco) is serving as flight deck officer aboard a baby flat top. . . S.2/c Jack Dean Baker is aboard a transport ship. . . Paul Castelfranco is a junior engineer aboard a combination transport and hospital ship. . . S.1/c Walt Herndon is with an F.R.R.U. . . On anti-submarine patrol is Coast Guard radioman Harry Eberle. He gave us the news on Leo Paine reported earlier in this letter, and he also let us know that he heard from Ensign G. J. Sanders who is piloting a P.B.M. somewhere in the Pacific. . . Ensign Hugh Williams, Landing Craftsman. . .

C.Ph.M. Roy Weaver watches in vain for the sight of an old fellow Renegade. . . So.M.1/c Jim Watts has an American ensign given him by the mayor of a Philippine town who had treasured it all through the Japanese occupation. . . Ensign Bill Grainger has run across Loren Estabrook (Merle Armstrong's husband) and, when we last heard from him, he was dickering for a bull session with T/5 Les Champlin. . . T.M.2/c Jack Duncan hasn't seen this home town since February 1943. He is holding his fingers crossed for an early return. So are we. . . A.T.C.'s Lt. Dick Hatfield usually manages to make a record for seeing old friends while on duty. In February he ran into Major Ed Newbury at Hickam Field. Ed is with a pursuit squadron. Later he met pilot Capt. Burton Cox on his way west with a B-29 for bombing duty. And a couple of weeks ago he ran into Major Carl Cramer riding A.T.C. west to a B-24 outfit. Then, as if these three were not enough of a treat, he met Pete Bartell who is with the Priorities and Traffic Office at Hickam and Capt. Glen Roberts, check pilot. In the event Dick can ever take on a civilian passenger, I am standing in line. (Not much addition to your wing load, lieutenant) . . . P.A.A. Morton Block runs Hatfield a close second. On St. Patrick's day he reported from the Bismarck archipelago that "Yesterday NATS Navigator Col Mueller was dispatched from our flight control office, and it was a pleasure to shoot the breeze with the reformed music instructor". Block also sees NATS Navigator Tom Eddy from time to time. Seaman Darrell Jenkins is in the NATS office with him. . . Q.M.3/c Chester Miller is serving in a Submarine Division and marvelling over how much physics he remembers from Sagen's classes. . . C.C.S. Don Shultz is looking for a lawyer to help him figure out how much education he has coming to him via the G.I. Bill of Rights. Lots, Don!. . . Ensign Russ Kniffen has taken off with a V.T. group. . . Ross Thornton is serving as an S.F.1/c. . . Don Burum's welcome mat is still out at Room 318, Alexander and Baldwin Bldg., Honolulu 2.

China, Burma, India

F/O Milton Nikkel, once of the Troop Carrier Command of the Twelfth Air Force is now in the C.B.I. . . Pfc. Ed Sacker has arrived in Assam Province where he is in a transportation maintenance section keeping the trucks rolling. . . Cpl. Harry Hofman is with the Tenth Weather Sqdn. . . 1st Lt. John Besone has received the Air Medal for the completion of 150 hours of operational flight over India China air routes. . . Pfc. Bob Tinsley has stacked up more than 100 over the "glamorized Hump" as a flight radio operator. . . 1st Lt. Ed Davis is giving us

a little correspondence course in Hindustani. So far we have mastered Tikki, Mallum, Tiknay (which sounds like hog Latin) and Jao ("Scram", to you). . . 2nd Lt. Leonard Ratekin has received the D.F.C. at an A.T.C. base in Assam. . . Capt. George Cuneo is still photographing native scenery and teeth. . . Our three C.B.I. returnees T/Sgt. Joe Angeles (now at Muroc), Lt. Bob Lynch (now at Minter), and Lt. Jack Lynch (now visiting in Bakersfield) send their best regards to those of you who are carrying on there. . . Capt. Tom Robesky is back at his Central Pacific base after "the hell of Iwo".

Alaska

Although based at Long Beach, F/O Karl Thurber occasionally flies into the far north with the 6th Ferry Group. . . What's new up there, Van? Roy? Jim? Walter? Lincoln?

Stateside

S.1/c A.O.M. Gene Clausen is at Lake City, Florida where he sees Ensign Bob Kelly who is flying PV's. He visited with Ensign Bill Love over Easter. Bill is at Deland, Florida. . . Marine Sgt. Bruce Hanna is home on furlough from a tour of duty of Adak, Alaska. . . Marine Sgt. Leonard Lundquist is on furlough from duty with a fighter squadron of the Fourth Marine Air Wing. . . Capt. George (and Mrs.) Scott write from Pratt, Kansas where he is an instructor in B-29's that brother Hugh Scott is "riding as flight engineer for Conairways from Sacramento to the south Pacific--still a "feather merchant". . . Cpl. Bob Stewart is in training for an instruction team for a new radar. . . R.T.3/c Rod Rehfeld is with the Naval Repair Base at San Diego.

After 23 months in the southwest Pacific Q.M.3/c Dale Mawson is home. . . Lt. Norman Dow writes about his B-29 with as much feeling as you new fathers speak of your offspring. Norman is the Flight Engineer on a B-29 Combat Crew Inspection Team. He celebrated his first year of married life April 14. . . Girvis Ledbetter is special assistant to the head of the Aerodynamics Department in Curtiss Wright's Buffalo Research Lab. . . A.A.F.'s Lt. Bob Johnson has about completed his heavy bomber snodgrass training, Lt. Dick Jeffries was commissioned at Waco March 11, A/C Jack Snodgrass has almost all the feathers he now needs for a pair of wings. . . S/Sgt. Norman McNamee writes from Fairfield (Calif.) A.A.B. that he "expects to be flying a Pacific run in C-54's very soon." He brought us up to date on Lt. "Jack" Durrett's address at Pueblo, Colorado and R.M.2/c Jack Viles address at Terminal Island, San Pedro. . . Ensign Jim Voll is home between his commission and assignment to Deland, Florida. . . Lt. Vernon Mears is at Fort Worth A.A.F.

Lt. Leon Moynier is flying with Crescent Air Lines taking cargo and passengers to Paris and bringing back wounded men. While ferrying in the States recently he met F/O Jack Ferdinand in Cheyenne and shot a little Kern County breeze.

A/S Harry Morris (Navy Supply School) sends a Report to the Nation on that old V-12 unit at Westminster. Taking in a Boston Follies show with fellow Ensign Bob Simpson and Bob King, he spotted Ensigns Dan O'Reilly and Jim Graham from Harvard's Navy Communications School in the front row. It didn't surprise him to see the Bakersfield Clan all assembled since it was a girl show. . . Lt. Fred Diebel practically owns one corner of Williams Field by now. Brother Dcn is at Bolling Field in Washington D.C.

We are happy to report that Ensign Francis Perry who has been in Fitzsimons General Hospital at Denver for 13 months is better. Lt. Chuck Durant, at the same hospital, is also improving.

Wounded on Iwo, Pfc. Tony Liguore, is recovering in a hospital in San Francisco. . . T/Sgt. Bill Madill, radio operator, is now at Santa Ana redistribution center after serving in the southwest Pacific since January 1942. . . Sp.3/c John Miller is an athletic instructor at Los Alamitos. . . Our Y.1/c Fred Mulroy is "deep in the throes of shorthand at San Diego M.T.S. and trying to cram as much liberty in between times as possible". . . Remember Bob Pio Rita? He is working on superchargers (Secret Stuff!) with the engineering division of General Electric. He and his very nice wife, Betty, live at Lynn, Massachusetts. . . S.2/c Bill Tomerlin has just completed training in Aviation Ordnance at Norman. . . Marion Cobb is now Sgt. Cobb. . . Tom Lindquist has just been commissioned 2nd Lt. for service as an administrative officer in the A.A.F. . . Lt. Dewey Girard and Dorothy Burke Girard called on us between his commission and his assignment to Ellington Field. He reported seeing Helen Baldwin Rurup at Rcswell and Virginia Gibson Dalbeck, too. . . I met Lt. Kenny Shelton in the Santa Fe depot returning to his field after a visit with his wife here at home. . .

Lt. Roy Wathen is still at Hobbs in heavy bombers. . . Marine Cadet Burke West is about to be "winged"! Lt. Bob Neill, Army Medical Corps, is on the staff of

Lawson General at Atlanta. . . Pvt. Henry Solomon (radio) is serving with an Air Force Hdqs. about to go over. . . Pvt. Ed Andrews writes magnificent nothings to us from Camp Swift. . . Naval Gunner Gene Clausen says that Ensign Bill Love at Deland is a fighter pilot the boys in service will rejoice to see in action. . . Ensign Andy Davidson is winding up his T.B.F. training in San Diego. . . Cadet Downing McKee respects his PRY at Pensacola. . . Ensign Milton Gardiner, recently commissioned as a deck officer, is back in V-5 along with Ensign Dick Mahin (at Ottumwa) and others. . . Ensign John Battistoni is on leave before reporting to Pearl Harbor for special training for gunnery liaison officer. He brought news that Ensign Donald Dye is now in training for Advanced Line Officer. . . Sgt. Paul Bradford is with an Engineer Trk. Company in Louisiana, we hear. . . Marine Lt. Jack Harrington is in overseas training in Corsairs at Jacksonville. . . Lt. (jg) Rue Pollok and Mozelle are together at Virginia Beach, Virginia, while Master Michael Pollok visits his grandparents in Bakersfield. They have met a number of the people who knew Navy Lt. Roy Hubbard and Jeanne while they were at Bradford. From Fallon, Nevada, Dorothy Shafer Long reports on the welfare of Lt. (jg) Dwight Long and sends us a high appraisal of Duane Hylton who with a Paratroop Unit is in the hottest spot in the E.T.O. . . Our newest WAC, Bessie McClure, is stationed at Tuscaloosa, Alabama General Hospital. . . Our newest Army nurse is Lt. Abbie Jane Scott. . .

Thanks, Thanks, Thanks

Thanks to those nice Renegade Wives who, sharing these letters, have called on us or written us news of their men and of their friends: Winifred Dockstader, Mozelle Pollok, Ellen Zuercher, Georgia Wathen, Dodie Long, Betty Cooper, Betty Baldwin, Patricia Nabers, Patricia Gear, Virginia Mosconi.

Thanks to You for more than much.

Always,

Grace Bird

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Bakersfield, California

8 May 45

Dear Beejaycee Men and Women in Service:

This is Victory-in-Europe Day. I should like to celebrate it by writing this salute to all those of you who, serving in the European theater, helped to achieve that victory. There are many willing hands here to see that our message goes into the mails to greet you. And there will be hundreds of your friends in the Pacific theater joining us at home in our praise of you and in our thanksgiving.

"Not gold, but only men, can make
A people great and strong--
Men, who, for truth and honor's sake
Stand fast and suffer long.
.....
They build a nation's pillars deep
And lift them to the sky."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

WE SALUTE THE INFANTRY, THE ARTILLERY, THE ENGINEERS, THE A.A. BATTERIES, THE TANKS,
THE MEDICS.

Sgt. Joe Andre, with the Service of Supplies in Africa, S/Sgt. August Arley with G-2, 1st Lt. Jack Atkins with an Armored Engr. Bn. with the Second Army; Lt. Calvin Allen (Gold Star); Pvt. Ted Bailey with an Ord. Mn. Bn.; Capt. Bill Baldwin with a Field Artillery Bn.; W.O. Ed Bookie Baker wounded in action with an Infantry Service Co., S/Sgt. Bob Bruce wounded in Italy, recuperating in California; T/5 Ed Bryant, medical aid man with the infantry; Pfc. Andy Burnett with the First Tank Battalion; Cpl. Norman Gady, Field Artillery forward observer with the Seventh Army; Sgt. Ed Compton, Africa and now Italy with an Armored Division; Edna Cooter with U.S.O. Shows, France; Pvt. Norman Cunningham, wounded in France serving with the infantry; Pvt. Roy Darke with Chem. Depot Co.; T/5 Bertram Davis (AAA with second Army), Sgt. Bill Dobrenen with Med. Det. of an Ordn. Bn.; Cpl. Jack Dowell with an Engr. Co. Bn.; Pvt. Clarence Fore (Gold Star, Field Artillery, France), Pfc. Harry Francisco with 376th Infantry; 1st Lt. John Franey (infantry); Sgt. Charles Fussell (infantry); Pvt. Yoshio Fujii (442nd Combat Infantry Team); Pvt. Vernon Fugit (Q.M. Co.). . .

Cpl. Jack Garner, infantryman with Hodges' First Army; Capt. Dave Gay, AAA Btry. with Patton's Third; S/Sgt. Hal Gerlish, recuperating from wounds received in France with an Armored Infantry Bn.; Pvt. Harold Grainger with a Med. Bn. in Germany; Lt. Charley Hamilton in Chem. Warfare Unit with the Seventh Army; T/Sgt. Frank Hancock with the 12th Weather Sqdn.; Lt. Morris Harrison, infantryman recently freed from Nazi prison camp and now at home; T/Sgt. Bill Hayes with an AAA Btry. in England; Jim Heady, paratrooper, France; Lt. Bill Heffernan, Water Supply Engineer in Iran; Pfc. Al Heitzman, with infantry in Seventh Army; Duane Hylton, paratrooper; M/Sgt. Joe Hyun with 18th Replacement Sqdn.; T/Sgt. Jimmie Jackson with a Signal Bn. (Ireland); Josephine Jewett, American Red Cross with 228th General Hospital in France; T/Sgt. Fred Jensen with a Med. Det., Infantry; Pvt. Bill Johnson, Engineer Corps, Germany.

Pvt. William Kolb (Gold Star, Holland); Capt. Bob Lackey (Doctor with 35th Evacuation Hospital); Pvt. Don Leddy with a Cavalry troop, France; Pfc. Harry Makoff with a Mobile Unit, R.R.; Pvt. Glenn Martin, Signal Service; S/Sgt. Pete Martinez with 980th Field Artillery Bn.; S/Sgt. Harold Matlock with a Q.M. supply unit, France; Sgt. Joe Mosconi with an A.D.G. unit in France; Lt. Jim McDonald with 354th Engr. Rgt. in Germany; Major Gregg McKee with Hdqs. CCR, France, Belgium, Germany; S/Sgt. Albert Neville, paratrooper, France; 1st Lt. Jess Ott with a Field Artillery Bn. in France; John Penfield with an Engr. Regt. in France; T/Sgt. Bill Perry with an Armored Tank unit (Italy and France); Pfc. Ray Pesante (Missing, Seventh Army); Lt. Jim Ponton in Medical Adm., Africa and Italy; S/Sgt. Gregg Poulagianis with Third Station Hospital in England; Lt. Tony Reid with an infantry outfit, France and Germany; Sgt. Tommy Rigg with an Engr. Regt. in France; Capt. Jack Roberts with an Engr. Rgt. in France; Lt. Elton Rodgers with an AAA Btry. with the Seventh Army; Pfc. Dominico Scatena with an infantry unit in France; Sgt. Russell Segersten with a Q.M. Co. (Avn.); Lt. Ralph Shaw with a Tank outfit with General Mark Clark; Pfc. Tommy Snider, missing in action with an infantry regiment in Germany.

Major Richard Taylor with the 28th S.C.U. in Italy; Lt. William Thornton with a Med. Bn. Armored in the Second Army; M/Sgt. Neil Waite, Gold Star, serving in infantry with Seventh Army; S/Sgt. Guy Welch with an AAA Btry. in France;

Lt. Richard Williamson with an AAA Btry. in Corsica; Capt. Paul Woollomes with Petr. Dist. Engineers in France; Pfc. Duane Worden, Air warning in France; Lt. John Young, Judge Advocate, General's staff in France; Cpl. Harry Zuercher with an infantry unit in Italy; and W.O. Bob Zuercher with a Signal Depot in France.

WE SALUTE THE ARMY AIR CORPS: THE FIGHTERS, THE BOMBERS, THE TROOP CARRIERS, THE TRANSPORT COMMANDS, THE DEPOS AND SERVICE COMMANDS.

Capt. Harry Abell (Africa and Italy), Capt. Bruce Aceboda (England), 1st Lt. Gene Adkins (England), Sgt. Carl Allen (Gold Star, Belgium), Lt. Kenny Allen (England), Lt. Lloyd Anderson (Missing, Italy), Lt. Bob Anderson (Gold Star, Africa), Lt. Harry Anderson (Missing, England); Lt. Bob Austin (Gold Star, Europe), Lt. Earl Barker (England); Sgt. Claude Barnes (France), S/Sgt. Dick Barnes (prisoner of war since August 1944), Lt. Herb Bayless (Missing, Germany), 1st Lt. John Beauchamp (Gold Star, Wales), F/O Marion Beeking (Gold Star, Italy), 1st Lt. Bill Belluomini (Italy), Lt. Adolph Bernacchi (Missing, Germany), Sgt. Elton Bethell (England), Lt. Joe Bonnar (France), Lt. Paul Boone (Italy), Cpl. Tommy Boyd (Egypt), M/Sgt. Mart Dud Bowen (Italy), Lt. Bob Broome (T.C. England), Cpl. Ernie Bresson (Italy), Cpl. Lewis Brown (England), Lt. Clyde Buas (Gold Star), 1st Lt. Larry Butterfield (E.D.A.T.C.), Cpl. Alvin Buller (England).

Lt. Paul Cayori (prisoner since February 1945 in Germany), Lt. Ed Chatfield (C-47, England), Capt. Stuart Chenoweth (England), Lt. Hewitt Clement (England), Lt. Wayne Coleman (England), Major Bill Colm (England), Lt. Wimmer Cooper (England), Lt. Frank Cowan (England), Lt. Harold Cox (Gold Star, Sicily), Capt. Angus Crites (Egypt), Lt. Bill Curran (France), Lt. Leroy Dockstader (England), Lt. John Dowd (England), Lt. Charles Durant (England, now recuperating at Fitzsimons Gen. Hosp., Denver), Capt. Mervin Dyer (England); S/Sgt. Cliff Easley (prisoner since Aug. 1944), Lt. Earl Edgar (Gold Star, Nazi prison), Lt. Loren Echols (Italy), Cpl. Don Everitts (Signal Co. Depot, Avn.), Lt. Owen Filkel (Gold Star, England).

Sgt. Bob Finch (MATS, Italy), Major Claud Ford (Africa, Italy), Lt. Archie Frick (Italy), Lt. David Gardiner (England), Capt. Don Garrard (missing over Germany since April 1944), Fred Giminiani (England), Lt. Gerald Greer (England), Capt. Leland Griffith (Gold Star, over Germany); F/O Leonard Hall (England), Lt. Lee Hare (missing since November 1944), Capt. Tom Harper (Africa, Italy), Sgt. Don Happer (Gold Star, over Germany), F/O John Hatcher (Troop Carrier, England), Lt. Dick Hatfield (A.T.C. to E.T.O. now to Pacific), Lt. Walter Hauptman (prisoner of war since January 1944), Capt. James J. Hayes (photometric officer in England), Capt. Harry Hendry (Hdqs. Sqdn., England and France), Lt. Jerry Herndon and S/Sgt. Bob Herndon (both in Italy), T/Sgt. Russ Hiatt (France), F/O Ernest Hofman (ATC in Africa); Lt. Frank Hollarbush (France), Capt. Monroe Homer (Africa, Italy), Capt. Oliver Hopkin (England), Lt. George Hottle (England), Major "Bill" Holmquist (Africa, Italy), Capt. Gordon Hudson (England), Capt. Charles Hudson (England), Lt. Harry Hull (England), Lt. Wandell Hunter (England), Lt. Donald Hylton (prisoner of war since May 1944), T/Sgt. Kay Jus (England), Capt. Barton Jones (Italy).

Lt. Lee Karpe (Gold Star, England), Lt. Warren Kecker (England), Capt. Carroll Knott (Africa, Italy), Lt. Otto Kramer (England), S/Sgt. Roy Kirchner (France), Lt. Jerry Lake (England), Lt. Bill Landsborough (France), 1st Lt. John Lindley (England), P.A.A. Jim Livers (Atlantic), Lt. Bob Loudon (Italy), Lt. Frank Loustalot (Italy), Cpl. Graham Lovelace (18th Weather Sqdn.), Lt. Gerald Lucas (England), T/Sgt. Bob Maddox (England), Lt. Clarence Marble (England), S/Sgt. Jack Marble (England), 1st Lt. Bob Martin (England), 1st Lt. Jack Middaugh (Africa, Sicily), Lt. Al Meyer (Italy), Capt. W. B. Mitchell (Italy), F/O Ralph Esteb Mullen (Italy), Lt. Ed McLean (England), Lt. Ernest McMahan (Gold Star, England), Lt. Tom McManus (Gold Star, France).

Major Ed Newbury (Africa, Italy), F/O Milton Nikkel (TC, England), Lt. Walter Osborn; Sgt. Clarence Paine (France), S/Sgt. Leo Paine (Italy), Lt. Bob Perry (England), Sgt. Delton Phillips (Gold Star, Italy), Lt. Max Poteete (Italy), Lt. Ed Preston (England), Lt. Murphy Pruett (England), Lt. Alvin Pysatt (Gold Star, England), Capt. Charles Reeves (Italy), Lt. Ivan Richardson (Gold Star, Italy), F/O Bob Ridgway (France), S/Sgt. Sam Rifkin (Africa), Major Howard Rohman (England, Russia, France), Sgt. Rocco Rusconi (England), Sgt. Carleton Samuelson (Italy), F/O Mike Seely (France); Lt. Karl Schaefer (Italy); T/Sgt. James Shields (England); Major Harrison Shipman (Africa, Italy), S/Sgt. Donald Shore (Italy); Lt. Gordon Slater (Africa, Italy); Lt. Carl Smith (England); Lt. Jack W. Smith (France), T/Sgt. Vernon Smith (missing, England); Lt. Don Spalinger (missing, England); F/O Marvin Spears (England, France), Sgt. Frank Stanton (prisoner of war); Cpl. Louis Starrh (England); Lt. Irwin Starrh (England); S/Sgt. Tom Stillwell (8th Weather Sqdn.); Lt. Floyd Stevens (Gold Star, Italy); Cpl. Bob Stinson (Egypt, Africa

F/O Charles Stinson (England), T/Sgt. John Stockton (England), Capt. Warren Stockton (England), Capt. Jim Stutzman (England), Lt. Elmer Suarez (England), Lt. Don Sutton (England), Lockheed's Charles Sutton (Ireland), Lt. Bard Suverkrop (England).

S/Sgt. King Taylor (England), Lt. Frank Tomlinson (prisoner of war in Rumania), Capt. Leonard Turoski (Italy), F/O Ed Vasser (England), F/O Lee Waldrop (England), F/O Langford Warren (England); Capt. Homer Wentz (England); T/Sgt. Bill Whitaker (Africa); FAA's Clark Wiedmann (Atlantic); Capt. H.H. Wilkerson (England), Cpl. Jack Williams (Italy), Lt. Herbert Williamson (Gold Star, France); Lt. Wade Wilson (Italy), Lt. Gayne Wimer (Italy), T/Sgt. Jeong Wing (France), Lt. Delbert Wong (England), S/Sgt. Bill Wottring (England), and S/Sgt. Bernard Yancey (England).

AND WE SALUTE THE UNNAMED MEN OF THE NAVY AND COAST GUARD WHO CARRIED YOU TO THE THEATER OF YOUR SERVICE.

The war is half won. You will soon all join together to win the full victory in the Pacific.

To our gratitude is joined our affection.

Ever,

Grace Bird

BAKERSFIELD JUNIOR COLLEGE
5 June 1945

Dear Beejaycee Men and Women in Service:

Last Friday evening the Junior College Class of 1945 received the Associate of Arts degrees in one of those beautiful services held on Griffith Field. As the graduates came across the Field in the path marked by the charming flower girls, I saw again, in my mind, so many of you. And suddenly I wished it were you--all of you. I wished we were having another ceremony, another kind of commencement. Yes, you know what I mean--a commencement of life again at home, in peace. You would march across the lighted field once more between flower girls and the bleachers would be crowded with your families and friends (a special sound-proof section for the babies!)

The students on campus during the past month only minored in final examinations. They majored in the Seventh War Loan Drive. They set as their goal a War Bond in the name of each BJC Service Star. They made a large, handsome Bond Roll Board on which to enter the names of our men and women in service as rapidly as bonds were purchased in their names. In no time at all, they had brought in the names of all our "official" service stars and more besides. As of today, my records show \$1,534,191.00 of bonds and 699 names on the Board. And more are coming in. I wish it were possible to tell you some of the personal notes that have accompanied your nominations, but that would take a whole letter of its own. A few examples will give you the taste: Miss Robbie buying bonds in the name of her old dramatics stars like Reid, Wattron, et al; Mr. Robertson sending a check for 6 five hundred dollar bonds for his old S.C.A. leaders like Peaslee, Choy, etc.; the Legion Post here taking bonds for many of our Gold Stars; current coeds taking bonds for the 1944-45 men going into uniform; and so on.

Now to the news of you.

Liberated!!!

It is wonderful to be able to write this paragraph. Among those liberated from German Prisoner of War camps are these: Lt. Paul Cayori, Lt. Walter Hauptman, S/Sgt. Frank Stanton, Lt. Don Hylton, Lt. Frank Tomlinson, Lt. Gerald Greer, Pvt. Alfred Bussell, T/Sgt. Bob Maddox, Lt. Morris Harrison (already home in Bakersfield), Lt. Lee Hare, S/Sgt. Dick Barnes (already home), Pvt. Ray Pesante, and, although they only belong to us by marriage Lt. Bill Moses (Lucille Farnsworth's husband), and Lt. James Weisel (Eleanor Porter's husband).

Gold Stars

Pfc. Ted Chase, formerly reported missing, is now known to have died in a prisoner of war camp in the Philippines on June 19, 1942. . . Cpl. Robert Arnold was killed May 4, 1945 in a plane crash in combat training.

Still Missing in Action in European Theater

1st Lt. Harry Anderson; Lt. Donald Spalinger; Lt. Adolph Barnacchi--all of the Air Corps. . . W.O. Ed "Beekie" Baker, previously reported as wounded in action December 17, 1944, is now reported missing; Pfc. Tommy Snider.

Honors

If we ever had a chance to put on display all of the honors earned by our men in service, we should have to build our own Louvre. The list alone, if laid end to end, would reach from the Clock Tower to you 'n' you 'n' you 'n' you. Here are a few more salvos, this month, just to keep the guns warmed up. We nominate as Honors Man of the Month Major Gregg McKee. He has served with the First, Third, and Ninth Armies in Normandy, France, and Germany. He has been awarded the Bronze Star and Oak Leaf Cluster by Uncle Sam and the French Croix de Guerre by General Koeltz. A Sixty-Four Dollar Salvo to Lt.(jg) Bob Mutter for winning the Navy Cross and Air Medal in recent ceremonies at Klamath Falls; to Capt. Kenneth Frick for completing 73 missions with the Thirteenth Air Force out of New Guinea and earning Seven Clusters to his Air Medal; to Navy Lt. Jim Chambers who recently flew his Navy plane on the tail of the damaged plane of a fellow pilot, temporarily blinded by blood from flak wounds, and guided him to a safe crash landing; to Lt. Charles E. Moore, who has completed 40 combat missions in the southwest Pacific and has the D.F.C. and the Purple Heart; to Lt.-Colonel Rex Hunter, who did his first flying in our old CPT group, for completing 33 months in the African and Italian campaigns and for earning the important command of an Air Service Center in Southern Italy; Lt. Ed Davis for gathering in the D.F.C. for his service with a Combat Cargo Sqdn. in the C.B.I. . .

At a recent retreat ceremony at Hinter Field, posthumous military awards were presented to Lt. Tom McManus' wife, Oma Louise, and to Lt. Owen Filkel's mother, both killed in action in the E.T.O.

News from The V-E.T.O.

Since VETOing the Nazis' proposals for their new order, many of our men and women are already on the move in and out of Europe. This news may be obsolete before it reaches you, but it is not so much the news as the men and women themselves that you care about. So here they are in quick camera flashes: Sgt. Thea Shultz serving as a B-17 engineer gunner and liking England but not volunteering for any army of occupation stuff. . . Lt. Joe Bonnar, with several tough Fighter plane scraps on the squadron record and dreams of studying medicine soaring around in his head. . . Infantry Lt. Tony Reid, made nostalgic by the sight of late spring in Europe, longing for "one of those long warm summer evenings at home". . . Lt. Larry Butterfield, visiting the handsome campus of Cambridge University and sighing for old California Avenue (That is blind loyalty). . . Cpl. Hal Grainger, a Company clerk in a Clearing Hospital, finding that the AEF contains the "biggest bunch of souvenir collectors in the world". . . Mrs. Stanley Schultz, flight nurse on the Azores-New York hop. . . Lt. Wimmer Cooper, going off the gold standard for a new silver bar; Lt. George Hottle, ditto. Both are B-17 pilots with the Eighth Air Force; . . Cpl. Alvin Fuller, celebrating the all time record set by his Service Command Depot of sending more than 7000 aircraft in action in 18 months. . . 1st Lt. John Framex, joining the "Doughs" in their dash for a bath, shave, and clothes washing after raising the armor through Germany. . . T/5 Ed Bryant "reading and then re-reading every letter from home" after hard days of infantrying.

Four more Renegades, modestly satisfied with new air medals and clusters-- Lt. Leroy Becketader (his third cluster with 25 combat missions in his B-17 since January 23, 1945); Lt. Gayne Wimer (the air medal for combat operations as a B-17 co-pilot); S/Sgt. Tom Doll (the air medal for combat operations as a B-17 waist gunner); Lt. Kenneth Allen (his second cluster as a B-17 co-pilot). . . Lt. Hard Suverkron keeping up his night flying requirements while he "sweats out" his leave home. . .

Capt. Bob Lockey, one of our Medical Corps officers who has visited such POW camps as Buchenwald, says even photographs cannot convey the depths of German efforts to degrade humanity. Doc Bob has been doing a tireless, magnificent job with the 35th Evacuation Hospital. . . Lt. Elton Rodgers has completed 27 months of service in Africa, Sardinia, Italy, France, and Germany. . . Cpl. Norman Gady is winding up his job as a forward observer for a Field Artillery unit with the Seventh. . . Cpl. Hertrar Davis writes from a German garrison at Kitzingen. He has five battle stars and the invasion arrowhead. . . Lt. Jim McDonald, the People's Friend, is now in Germany where his duties among others include Administrative Officer, Mess Officer, Motor Officer, Supply Officer, Information and Education, Recreation. He reports that when the Company clerk brought news on point values for shipment home, everyone rushed for a pencil and added up everything in sight including his temperature. He figures he will miss the boat by two points. Well, that will give him a little more time to refurbish his old college French and German.

From Italy: Don Laddy writes that in the Po Valley the population welcomed the boys with flowers and cognac. "Our armored car looked like a Tournament of Roses float". His outfit spent Liberation Night in quarters at the University of Bologna ("Dante's Alma Mater"). . . Two of our former footballers have come through the experience of being shot down over Rumania: Lt. Frank Loustalot and T/Sgt. Bob Herndon. Both were safe. Herndon, who called at my office yesterday, says his pilot brought the big bomber to a crash landing. I understand Loustalot bailed out. . . F/O Milton Nikkel whose C-47 took paratroopers to the front before VE day is now taking wounded and other personnel out of Italy. . . Lt. Charles Adams won a battlefield appointment to his grade of 2nd Lt. He is now serving as a Group Administrative Inspector for the 455th Bomb Group. . . Lt. Paul Boone finished his 42nd mission just about the time we were posting our April letter. He is now a 1st Lt. and due for a leave. While on vacation at Cannes he discovered that a foreign tongue is no handicap when you meet a pretty girl who dances well.

The Army in the Pacific Theater

One of the bits of intelligence sent us by Jim McDonald was that Sgt. Bill Ward is somewhere in the Marianas with the Air Corps. . . Also in the Marianas is Pfc. John Taylor in the Finance Office of a Hdqs. Co. He writes, "I won't bore you with an account of the beauty of this Pacific garden spot, nor the monotonous life we lead. What I really want to do is find some way to get in touch with some of my old classmates". . . Sgt. Floyd Standliff has looked up Wayne and Leona Brewster Bennet in Honolulu and visited the Honolulu Academy of Art with them. S/Sgt. Brian Hilly has had the same pleasures. . . Among the Air Corps veterans now in the

Philippines after service in other Pacific areas are: Lt. Wayne Crabtree, flying the now P-38 with the famous squadron of Satan's Angels; Lt. Frank Brown, bomber pilot, who had a reunion with Lawrence Ramey not long ago; Lt. Vic Beckett, another P-38 fighter pilot (same APO as yours, Wayne) who reports that Lt. Elmer Kirby is now in his Squadron and that our old Nose-for-News Sgt. Danny O'Neill is in another Squadron of the same Group. Much Bakerstown gossip and hangar-flying between them . . . Still another Bfield bomber pilot with the same APO is Lt. Charles Nourse. . . 1st Lt. Frank Nutt, veteran of New Guinea and another of HJC's Gold Brick Fathers, is in an anti-aircraft unit in the Philippines. Frank ran across Lt. Doug Rappley at his last stop before the Philippines. . . Lt. John Schroeter, first of the famous Driller yell-leading Schroeters, was commissioned at our O.C.S. at Brisbane, and has since served at Leyte and more recent hot spots. . . Cpl. Bob Crossan in the hottest of them all, Okinawa. . . Sgt. Jay Isaacs in a F.A. Observ. Bn. . . 1st Lt. DeLosse Poe, home for 21 days after serving as a test pilot for an Air Depot out there for two years, reported seeing Bill Foley at a Dutch New Guinea Air Depot and Capt. Bill Mickey of the Coast Artillery. . . Lt. Art King. . . Sp.1/c Mort Block writes from his Navy Rock in the Marianas: "One of the war's minor miracles: Goldbrick Dave Goldberg surging forward at the head of an infantry company in the Philippines. That we'll have to see!". . . Another thing we'd like to see is Lt. Myron McFarland in rest camp "working like anything to get under cover before the rains come". . . Capt. Burton Cox takes off from the Marianas for regular bombing of the Japanese with his B-29.

The Navy in the Pacific Theater

"Arcticwards". Serving as an aeronautical engineer in the Aleutians is Ensign Roger Bartenstein. . . Jim Leddy is with Navy Weather Control at Kodiak (As if the weather up there could ever be controlled!). . . Lt. Van Ewert succumbing more 'n more to the Navy's charm.

"Amphibiously Yours". Lt. Howard Whalen landed the first wave of fighters at Iwo. On a small boat equipped with a compass he led the way for a group of amphibious tanks. He prefers a nice quiet morning in bed. . . Ensign Bill Grainger took in a load of men at a more recent landing on the wave behind the rockets. His pride in the perfect masterly timing planned by the Command is as moving as a sermon. . . Ensign Richard Hayes is a taker-in too. . .

Lt. Herm Spindt, Jr. carries the Commodore in his LCM, so besides being ship captain and division leader, he's a flagship, too. . . S.F.1/c Ross Thornton, aboard an APA, reports seeing A.A.F. Capt. Bob Mulvana early in May, whom he also ran across in the days of Eniwetok. . . Coast Guard radioman Bert Fuller has the Navy-Marine Corps Medal.

Navy Flight Life. A flight deck officer aboard a baby flattop is Lt. Kenneth Little (The rest of those Wasco Littles are distributed as follows: Malcolm in the Coast Guard, Keith in the Army, Alister in the Marines). . . Ray Cross, now a City Councilman as well as aviation teacher, tells me Lt. Bill Miller was in on the recent carrier based strikes at Tokyo. . . So was Lt. Les DeGaw. . . "Practicing, practicing, practicing" is Lt. Bruce Ponton's description of his April schedule. One of the first persons he saw at the Beach Club was Lt. Pat Curran. He reported that Lt. (jg) Tom Eddy is flying for NATS out of Alameda now. . . Commander John Clymer has had reunions with Dr. Romain Glerou, Lt. Vance Middaugh, and with Lt. Norman Harris. . .

Submariners. Q.M.3/c Tom Hesper is in a Relief Crew refitting submarines. . . Mel Ponton R.M.1/c is still out of active service with his fractured arm, but he is enjoying having his family with him.

Navy Miscellany. Y.1/c John Watson, who is working at a port director's office, is Quonset Hut-sitting in the Philippines. . . When last heard from Ensign Stanley Coombs was waiting for his ship to find him; he couldn't seem to find it. . . C.M.1/c Jim Moor was proud to have his reliable USS Boise serve as MacArthur's flagship at the Lingayen Gulf landings. . . Ensign Ray Snider, a pay clerk, disbursing officer and ship store officer on an Attack Transport, saw Lt. Ed Gholz on Ulithi before Ed's departure for his new base. . . Ensign Bill Bennett was recently moved from Atlantic to Pacific duty. . . When Lt. Roy Hubbard called at this office last week the number of old Jayseers, now Navy lieutenants, whom he had seen over there sounded like roll call. Here they are: Lt. Charles Ross in the Officers pool of Comserpac; Lt. Warren Cox, ex-tennis star and now a Navy flier; Lt. Glenn Bultman, a good lawyer now turned into a good intelligence officer; Lt. Theo Spud Hardon, a good football coach now turned into a good Flag Secretary; Lts. Harold and Gerald Eaton, the incomparable twins in twin assignments—Staff Rep. Com. Des. Pac. (Exception; Gerald has a brand new daughter). . . He also saw Chod Sill en route to fleet training in the Islands. . . R.T.2/c Bob Lane has made a May call on us, too, and he brought greetings from S/Sgt. Glen Rodgers from New Caledonia,

T.M.3/c Paul Starke from the Pacific, and R.F.1/c Leonard Hylton from Treasure Island. Bob did a nice thing when he took time to visit Leon Barr's grave in a Pacific American cemetery.

The Marines - and How!

That good Navy doctor, Lt.(jg) Romain Clerou, is now with a Marine Air Group, and his letter brought news of Joe's promotion to major. He has seen Lt. Walt Condley and Lt. Hal Urner, both of whom are with infantry divisions of the Second Marines, and 1st Lt. Jim Stramler, an artillery officer with the same Second Division. . . We are indebted to Paul Starke for this story on Lt. Ross Doll who arrived in the Pacific in time to join the Third Marines on Iwo. It seems Ross's mail had been held up, so that when it finally did reach him there were some fifty letters. Ross put them carefully in his tent for long awaited reading while he completed an assignment elsewhere. Scarcely had he gone away from his tent than it caught an enemy shell and was blown to bits along with the fifty letters! Here is an Oak Leaf Cluster for Ross's Guardian Angel. . . Over the East China Sea, Marine flyer 1st Lt. Jimmie Webster shot down the first enemy plane he sighted. It was making a suicide run on an American ship west of Okinawa. After Jimmie's well directed fire, it nosed over and crashed in flames. . . Capt. Walter Kessler is an administrative officer at a Marine Station on Oahu where 1st Lt. Mike Janzen is an assistant engineering officer.

China-Burma-India Theater

1st Lt. Richard Stutzman is now an operations officer who has participated in many a rescue mission with his E-5 after his own experience of being missing in action. . . S/Sgt. Allan (Choy) Fong ran across Billy Jung just before Easter. . . T/Sgt. Warren Lee reports seeing Allan whenever he gets back to the Squadron. Warren is on detached service at present with a mobile unit. For recreation he promotes volley ball games with a unit of Chinese engineers. . . Lt. Louis Homfeld is in China with a P-51 outfit. He had several months in India with the Chinese Air Force training Chinese cadets. . . A Jap gunner slipped a 40 mm Ack Ack shell into Lt. Jay Chapin's plane's engine and Jay had some bad moments until he could get the fighter down on a small strip the British had captured only a few hours before. The newsreel grinders were there so we're looking for Jay at the Fox any day. . . At last reports, bomber pilot, Lt. Jack Smith was due to move into action from a base near Calcutta. . . Our most versatile correspondent, one J.J. Besone (Lt.) has sent two marvelous reports from Assam: one, an account of an 85 MPH hurricane during which golf ball sized hail stones fell horizontally (That's what the man said; that's what he said!); the other, extolling the merits of some California champagne he had with his Argentine beef and of some of his own bottled raisin wine which goes well with anything.

Cupid Theater of Operations

Ribbons for this Theater have gone to Lt. Joe Davis (Field Artillery) and Mary Pavetto of Halifax, Queensland, married June 1; Lt.(jg) Truett Bunch and Marilyn Wise of Butler, Penn., married May 22; Cpl. Cyril McCaffrey and Elva Morris whose marriage was announced last week; Dorothy Crane and Bob Sybrandt married April 28; Ensign John Schorr and Mary June Eakin; Ensign Ted Carlton and Dorothy Lytle.

Lt.(jg) Jack Gist married Betty Sorenson of Iowa, "the most wonderful girl". Jack has lost his heart but won his wings. He is now at Hutchinson in B-24's.

Capt. Rollin Harlow and Lt. Donna Marie Ensign of the U.S. Army Medical Corps have announced their betrothal. So have Pfc. Bill Hamilton and Mary Jane Berstle.

Two of the marriages scheduled for June are those of Lt. Don Kohler and Gladys Barksdale and of Major George "Bill" Holmquist and Virginia Cullers.

Navy Lt. Theron and Edna Taber have a son, Theron S. Taber III. He is now Dean of the Second Baby Battalion with plenty of Renegades in his company: Kesslers, Hubbards, etc. etc. etc. etc.

Stateside Theater of Operations

Marines

Capt. Joe Wagner flew up to call on us in mid May from his El Toro Station. He parked his Corsair at Kern Air Port next to two F6Fs and was I impressed by the look of the triol Joe's now a regular, no longer a reserve. . . Lt. Burke West was commissioned at Corpus May 8 and is now in Green Cove Springs in Corsairs. . . Lt. Jack Harrington is reported to be winding up his training in an O.T.U. at

Jacksonville for Fighter service overseas. . . Lt. Jack Trout is in town for his last visit before a Pacific assignment. . . Sgt. Kenneth Stoddard is winding up his 30 day leave from service extending from Guadalcanal to Iwo. . . Pvt. Bob Wheeler, one of this year's younger crop of enlistees, is now at Camp Pendleton training with a tank corps. . .

Navy

I ran into Ch.R.T. Eugene Cassady in Brack's while he was home on a brief furlough from Chicago. . . Lt.(jg) Jess Jones, in Post Grad School at Annapolis, met Quentin Reynolds when they were week-end guests in the same home. . . We learn from Jim McDonald (reported on earlier in this letter) that Dave Pollok is a Lt. Comdr. in aero engineering and that he qualifies for membership in Taber's Two Publics Squadron. . . A brand new Navy recruit is Vitold Adam who enlisted the day after graduating from the Los Angeles College of Optometry. . . With the European Theater curtain down, Ensign Roger Nabers and other Atlantic based sailors are guessing they'll see this coast soon. . . Our Senior Wave, Lt. Isabelle Wadsworth, flew over Dakersfield in May en route from San Francisco to Washington. She is one of Admiral King's prize packages. Lt. Ben Stinson is another kind of package (just as prize) at the Alameda Naval Base (Rumors of Romance are rustling.)

RJC Navy young fry include S.1/c Bill Neal now stationed at Moffett Field, S.1/c Harold Kavern at the Hugh Hanley School in Chicago, S.2/c Leroy Hatfield in radio school at Atlantic City, S.2/c Howard Lewis at Memphis, S.2/c Engene Tubbesing in radar school in Los Angeles, A/S Milt Kroyenhagen, still V-twelving at Dome College, Kansas. The newest enlistee of all is Mary Holman (our handsome Efield policewoman) who left for Hunter College May 26.

Navy Air Corps

Here are some of the new strikers who will provide relief for our men and regret for the Japanese: Ensign Jack Thomson, commissioned auspiciously on United Nations Day; Ensign Roy Phillips now in B-24's at Hutchinson; Ensign Ted Carlton now in PBMs at Corpus; Ensign Jim Gardiner (PV's, Jim?). Coming up just around the corner are A/Cs Roy "Pat" Pattison at St. Mary's Praflight, Milt Gardiner in Iowa, Dwain McKee at Banana River, Fla.

Coast Guard

Mid. S/c Harry Eberle, now based at Government Island, Alameda, saw S/Sgt. Leo Kaine who had just returned from 2 months in Italy and Moreland Thompson who is an instructor at the Radio Material School in Treasure Island.

Army Air Corps Coming Up

If the bugler at Keesler Field ever sounded off with "My Little Gray Home in the West" enough for all those who had had training there, enough Beejayceers would answer the call to constitute a quorum. Among those there at the moment are Pfc. Bill Hamilton, Pvt. Dick Henderson, Pvt. Doug Stockton, Pvt. Bob Fowler. Several other 1945 Service Stars also chose the Air Corps. Dudley Steele is at Amarillo, Leslie Kell at Scott Field; Bill McMullin, at Merced. Ancher Nielsen and Rodney Voigt are at Sheppard Field.

There are more newly commissioned flight lieutenants since my last letter: Lt. Gage Pifer, now in advanced single engine school at Luke Field (his father, Lt. Comdr. Phil Pifer, USCG, saw him receive his wings); Lt. Don Engel, aerial navigator; Lt. "Duck" Robinson, Lt. Clayton Vines, and Lt. Edwin Towars--all in advanced two-engine school at Blackland Field; Lt. Dewey Girard, now at Lincoln in B-24s (Dorothy Burke Girard is with him, by the way. She tells us that Don Smiley is on the last lap of his theological training at Duke University.) Also at Lincoln AAB is Sgt. Philip Carre.

Cpl. Val Terres who won his gunner's wings at Las Vegas is stationed at Rapid City AAB in C.C.T. Lt. Jimmie McIntire is a Crypt. Security Officer. Sgt. Leland Brown, B-25 Crew Chief, is still flying as test engineer in a Maintenance Sqdn. P/O Fred Miller recently graduated from Douglas AAB.

The two Johnsons, Freres, Lt. Art and Lt. Bob, have both been assigned to B-29, Bob as a co-pilot and Art as a flight engineer. They hope they can fly together. Art says that Lt. Fred Harding is at Amarillo, too, in flight engineering training.

Army Air Corps Home from Tours

1st Lt. Dewey Horton has completed 35 missions overseas and is at present attending transition school in the Fourth Operation Training Unit of A.T.C.'s Forrying Division. . . S/Sgt. Roger Stone, after 6 months in England as an armorer gunner, is at Moore Field. . . P/O Russ Deyland is at Letterman Hospital in San Francisco recovering from shattering arm wounds in the South Pacific. . . Lt. Bob Hackett, with a tour of duty in a B-26 in New Guinea, is at Barksdale Field and married to a stunning wife.

I-Knew-His-When

T/Sgt. Georg Keyers (New York Office, Yank) made the Saturday Evening Post with an article on Arctic Oil. . . Capt. Dixon Scoble of the air force signal corps

is home in Los Angeles after a year in Pacific campaigns. . . Major Norton Smith called late in May after too long in the Pacific. He actually counts the time in years, not months. He is an engineer now doing a major job with supplies. He reported seeing Major Jack MacQuiddy in the Adjutant General's headquarters. . . Lt. Carl Smith, who survived being shot down twice over Europe before our armies ever landed there, is now at Lowry Field. . . T/Sgt. Joe Angeles, three years in China with the Fourteenth, is now on the desert at Murco, but, at least, he's near home. . . T/Sgt. Norman McNamee, who used to see Joe in those earlier, blacker days when his plane topped the hump, is now flying for A.T.C. out of Fairfield, near Sacramento. . . The two dentist Fletchers, Major Erwin and Capt. Delmer, are still based in the south, the former at Barksdale and the latter at Robbins Field. . . Lt. Herschel Champlin is chief classification officer of the Army Service Forces Training Center at Indiantown Gap. . . Lt. Richard Williamson, with two years in the Mediterranean, is at Fort Meade. . . Garvase Broome (LJG twenty years ago) keeps in touch with us from his Merchant Seaman's unit. He is now on his third Pacific trip.

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1st Lt. Mary Dixon is at headquarters at the San Francisco port of embarkation. . . 1st Lt. Helen Boyd heads the Office of Air Intelligence at Ellington Field. . . 2nd Lt. Jean Wurd (A/C) is at Madigan General Hospital, Fort Lewis, and 2nd Lt. Betty Vestry (A/C) will soon be in the northwest, too, at Baxter Hospital in Spokane. . . Patricia Hall, A/C at Stockton Field, has just been promoted to 1st lieutenant. . . Pat Abell is in the Cadet Nurse Corps at St. Mary's Hospital, San Francisco. . . Ensign Phyllis Champion is in the Communications Office of San Pedro's Terminal Island.

Spring Visitors at Home

The trek from Europe to Pacific or Stateside duty via thirty-day-home-leaves has begun. I have already told you Kerris Harrison and Dick Barnes and Bob Herndon are home. Friday Capt. Bill Mitchell arrived. He was an aerial photographer with a bomber squadron in Italy. His entire outfit is being re-assigned, intact, to the Pacific--the first to receive such orders.

From the Pacific we've seen a dozen mahogany-tanned veterans with experiences to fill a dozen best sellers. There's Jack Duncan T.M.2/c with 27 months of PT boat duty completed. And there are MM.1/c Johnny Martin with 32 months and Marine Sgt. Kenneth Stoddard with 27 months in some of the roughest shens of the war.

Lt. Tommy Marshall, B-29 pilot, has participated in a dozen bombings of the Japanese homeland--Osaka, Tokyo, Honshu. . . Bob Lane R.T.2/c "chased electrons" in Nouna for 19 months. . . Ensign Ray Spider had an unpredicted leave home while his ship was in for overhaul. . . Lt. Dolores Pog, a sort of Air Corps Man Mountain Dean, is at Santa Ana now "waiting to see what gives". . . Capt. Don McDonald served his long Pacific tour in the field artillery; Cpl. Glenn McDonald served his in airwarning service. . . Navy Lt. Roy Hubbard stopped off en route to Phctc Interpretation School in Washington. . .

Greens and pretty Brides who called were Ch. Musician Lawrence and Mrs. Moardell from New London and Lt.(jg) Truett and Mrs. Burch. Truett wears several battle stars, and he recognizes the contours of most of the Pacific islands. As soon as he reached the states he flew to Pennsylvania to be married, spent a perfect week's honeymoon in New York, and then brought his bride home.

One Near-Green called. F/O Eud Davis and Josephine Giminiani are to be married Thursday at Hobbs. The Hobbs neighborhood is full of Bakersfield beauties to wish them well according to Eud: Tot Ware Custard, Leigh McFarland Bowen, Jeanne Haupt Hamilton, Kathy Strong Gonsales, Barbara Pauly Leitch.

Paul Snyder R.T.3/c had nine days before reporting to Shoemaker. . . Ensign John Battistoni has his orders. . . Ensign Roger Nabors and Patricia included us in his short leave between Earlehead and Earlehead again. . . Former A.C.M.M. John D. Kennedy, now Citizen J.D., brought Mrs. Kennedy to meet us before going to Los Angeles to enter business.

Here is to The Day when the only column it will be possible to have in this letter is headed "Home for Good".

Our best wishes and affection,

Grace Bird