

CHRISTMAS, 1943

Wherever you are, we send our warm Greetings to you. May the Day bring you many happy recollections and may your next Christmas be spent at home!

ROLL OF FORMER STAFF MEMBERS, STUDENTS AND ASSOCIATES NOW SERVING IN ARMED FORCES  
We salute you with pride and appreciation

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WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS

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Ronald W. Smith\*

GOLD STAR LIST

Lt. Kenneth Kretsinger, U. S. Army, killed in action on Attu, May, 1943  
Lt. James Moffitt, USNR, killed in airplane crash, Dutch Harbor, July 2, 1943



Greetings also to friends associated at MVZ in other capacities and who are now serving in the armed forces: Pvt. Gordon Bolander, 1st Lt. Morgan Boyers, Sgt. Robert Failing, Pfc. Carol Ferrel, Lt. L. G. Ingles, Pvt. Aaron Krieger, Pvt. Leonard R. Leoni, Robert L. Rudd, Pvt. C. D. Sedgwick, Pvt. Milton Seibert.



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\*Due to early mailing dates for foreign mail, this compilation was made Oct. 31. We regret our inability to learn rank in each case. Doubtless there are inaccuracies and omissions of names, but we trust it will serve to bring you some news.

## THE YEAR AT MVZ

**FIELD WORK.** Due to reduction in staff, and to gasoline, tire, and ammunition restrictions, activities have been sharply reduced. However, some trips have been made. (1) Dr. Miller and Harvey Fisher visited Lassen County in early January to check on the presence of birds in winter. (2) Dr. Hall and Ray Alcorn spent Feb. 2 to May 2 collecting mammals in Estado Michoacan, Mexico, and studying at universities in Morelia and Mexico City. During their stay, Mt. Paracutin, America's newest volcano, erupted from a cornfield on the plain to a height of about 1,000 ft. It is now reported to have built up a 3,000 ft. cone. The surrounding area is devastated, wildlife wiped out, and villages abandoned. A towering column of ashes was a spectacular sight, and the dust of the eruption spread more than 100 miles. (3) T. L. Rodgers accompanied by Chandler North (on leave) and S. F. Cook, Jr., spent April 12-16 collecting on the floor of the San Joaquin Valley, in continuance of a study of skink populations surrounding the Valley. (4) Dr. and Mrs. Benson and Viola Memmler collected mammals in Salinas Valley and Carrizo Plains, May 22 to June 8. They also obtained data on development of young pocket mice and procured a stock of living mice, now serving as a basis of molt studies. (5) Dr. Miller and Frank Pitelka visited Tehama and Trinity counties, June 10-27, collecting vertebrates and making notes in continuance of the study of the Trinity-Humboldt transect. Owls were substituted for rationed meats.

**HASTINGS RESERVATION.** Absence of observers has been striking, but has been relieved by extra help from John Chattin, Harvey Fisher, Mrs. Grinnell and Mr. E. L. Sumner, Sr. With the aid of Mrs. T. Eric Reynolds, a Kodachrome motion picture depicting activities at the Reservation has been completed. Mrs. Hastings has recently added to the Reservation the land and buildings formerly known as "The School." In May, members of the Zoology Department, accompanied by Profs. Bonar, Essig and Sewall Wright, visited the Reservation. Also among visitors during the year were Mrs. H. G. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Follett, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Goethe, Dr. A. W. Herre of Stanford, Dr. John T. Howell of California Academy of Sciences, and Mrs. G. Earle Kelly of University Extension Division. In September, President and Mrs. Sproul visited the Reservation and expressed interest and pride in its activities. Mrs. Hastings' activities in connection with Civilian Defense and as President of the Board, International Institute, San Francisco, combined with travel restrictions, have not permitted her to spend as much time at the Reservation as formerly but she has made several visits.

**PUBLICATIONS.** The first Museum publication for 1943, and also first in interest and value is "Joseph Grinnell's Philosophy of Nature: Selected Writings of a Western Naturalist." This volume contains 28 of Dr. Grinnell's writings dating from 1903 to 1936. They were selected as illustrative of Dr. Grinnell's extraordinarily keen insight and his very great gift of interpreting his observations in a stimulating way. The arrangement is chronological and shows not only the growth and development of his philosophy but also demonstrates the permanent value of his writings. The subjects include behavior, ecological relationships, adaptations, geography and evolution, museum functions and methods, and conservation. During the year Dr. Linsdale published a paper describing the Reservation and work there. To the end of October 21 other short papers were published by Bartholomew, Boulware, Dalquest, Fisher, Hall, Leopold, Linsdale, Marshall, A. H. Miller, Miller and Twining, C. M. Miller, and Reed. Among other papers, either docketed for publication, or now in press, are Dr. Hall's "Mammals of Nevada," Mrs. Grinnell's Bibliography of Clinton Hart Merriam, and David Johnson's "Systematic Review of the Chipmunks of California." Dr. Miller and Mrs. Grinnell are doing the final work on "A Distributional List of the Birds of California," left unfinished by Dr. Grinnell.

**GRADUATE STUDENTS.** Donald Hoffmeister, Robert Holdenried, Malcolm Jollie, Garth Murphy, Frank Pitelka, Jean Russick, Charles A. Reed.