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Local Man On Cali Train

Jerry Aspland, a Pacifica High School graduate, was one of 87 Merchant Marine cadets aboard a passenger train in Cali, Columbia, which collided with a locomotive, killing 29 and injuring 46 yesterday.

Aspland escaped injury, although five of the injured were cadets from the California Merchant Marine Academy, he indicated in a telegram to his parents. All of the dead were Colombians.

Two of the Californians, Dennis Allison, 22, Placerville, and Paul Murphy, 22, San Pedro, were reported in satisfactory condition at a hospital in Cali. The other three suffered minor injuries.

The cadets were members of an 87-man liberty party from the training ship Golden Bear enroute to Cali on a sight-seeing trip. The Golden Bear docked in the Pacific port of Buenaventura earlier this month from its home base in Vallejo.

The local man is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Aspland, 124 Cleveland Ave.