

# HUMBOLDT NEWS LETTER

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## HUMBOLDT WOMEN ARE ALSO IN U. S. SERVICE

By Monica Hadley

Three of our service women have visited the campus recently. Faith Hope, H. A. 1/c ('42-'43) is stationed at Corona, California, at the U. S. N. Hospital. Georgie Williams, Ph M 2/c ('41-'43) told us much of interest about her work in physiotherapy at the Naval Hospital in Newport, Rhode Island. Georgie was majoring in physical education at Humboldt previous to enlistment. Our most recent visitor was June Muir ('38-'42) of the Coast Guard, who arrived in time to attend the faculty Work Day show. June entered the service in November, 1943, attended boot camp at Palm Beach. From there she went to Seattle, Washington, where she expects to remain three months more while training to become an aerographer's mate. Lakehurst, New Jersey, will be her next destination.

Lt. Clarice Johnson ('36-'37), one of Humboldt's women who is overseas, has been in the service two years with 19 months overseas duty. She landed in England in October, 1942, and she was with the first corps of army nurses who entered Africa behind the invasion forces. Clarice is now in Italy with the 21st General Hospital. She spent two months on the Anzio beach-head. Here not only the soldiers but also the army nurses slept in foxholes. In a letter to her mother Clarice said that when the bombing started a foxhole was appreciated more than a room in the Palace Hotel.

From Pvt. Rae Bengston ('41-'43) comes word that she has "released a man from duty" by doing office work in a dental clinic at Camp Croft, South Carolina.

Betty Hess Carter, Y 2/c ('39-'41) is stationed at Mare Island and was chosen to be the yard chaplain's yeoman. Betty gave us the bit of news that Marilyn

Cloney is taking her preliminary training at Hunter College.

Dorothy Dillon ('32-'36) has completed basic training in the Waves at Hunter College and is now enrolled at Iowa State Teachers College, a navy training school for yeomen.

## WANT MORE SCHOOLING

In a recent issue of "Education for Victory," the official bi-weekly of the U. S. Office of Education, appears the result of a questionnaire sent out by the Research Bureau of the Morale Services Division, Army Service Forces, on the attitudes of soldiers toward post-war education. Although these attitudes may change as the war progresses, Humboldt men may be interested to know that eighty percent of all the men think that they will go back to school or college if no good jobs are available and if they can get government aid in paying their expenses. If good jobs are available, the percentage drops to thirty, still supposing that government aid is to be had; but if government aid is not available, the percentage then drops to seven. This lowest figure is approximately two-fifths of the total 1940 enrollment in all the universities of the country.

There are various other conditions and contingencies reported in the survey but all the results tend to show that Humboldt in its post-war aspects will follow the pattern of other colleges in welcoming back large numbers of ex-service men. Perhaps the traditional enthusiasm of Humboldt men for their Alma Mater will result in their bringing back many friends with them.

Three new gold stars have been added to Humboldt's service flag, two for "Bunt" Lee ('39-'41) and Tony Armstrong (spring '41) who lost their lives in airplane crashes in this country, and one for Robert Smith ('29-'31) who died in North Africa.

## HERE ARE MANY ITEMS ABOUT HUMBOLDT MEN

Pvt. K. Cotter ('27-'32) sends a V-mail letter from a New York A P O address.

Sgt. Raymond Carroll ('35-'36) has a San Francisco A P O address. He has been very busy in recent months and hopes to be back home around Christmas time.

Dick Derby ('28-'32) received his commission as Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers on March 22 and was assigned as Instructor in Explosives and Demolition Section of the Engineers School at Fort Belvoir, Va. He hopes to visit Dr. Balabanis and family soon.

Lt. Sam Eastburn ('33-'34) writes from Fort Mason, California, where he is a ship repair officer for the Army Ships' Maintenance and Repair Division. His wife, Alfa Gastman ('35-'37) and their two daughters are with him.

Lt. Bill Fiedler ('40-'41) received his wings and commission at La Junta, Colorado, on December 5 last, and at last account was piloting a Flying Fortress at Pyote Army Air Base in Texas.

A/S Grant Ferguson ('39-'43) writes from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, where he is an aviation student that Des Moines is a soldiers' paradise. Grant says that the H. S. C. Commando course really gave him a head start on getting into shape.

Cpl. Harold Foltz ('39-'42) writes from the South Pacific that his standard of living is rising, that he now has electric lights, a phone, private shower and desk and a padded chair.

Gene German ('38-'42) of the Monterey Presidio, together with Bob Bryan ('38-'42) and Pete Domeyer ('38-'41) managed to get in a day or two of skiing at Horse Mt. during the latter part of the winter.

A/C Dean Galloway ('41-'42) writes from Naval Air Station at

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## HERE ARE MORE ITEMS

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Corpus Christi, Texas, that his training period is nearing its end. He has been flying the S N V (Army BT-13).

Wally Johnston ('42-'43) writes a long and interesting letter about his life at the University of Oklahoma College of Engineering.

Lt. (j.g.) Julius Hooven ('32-'36) is at last account at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, awaiting assignment as Squadron Commander of crash boats.

Sgt. Bill Inskip ('35-'40) writes from somewhere in the South Pacific that he recently ran across Gino Casagrande ('39-'40) and expects to see quite a bit of him from now on.

So M2/C Russell Hodge (spring '41) writes that he is out where there is nothing in sight but the clouds on the horizon. He hopes to come back to Humboldt after it is all over and live on the campus.

Sgt. Robert Linton ('40-'42) writes that his stay in England has been one of the pleasantest experiences of his life, thanks to the background of ability to appreciate that he acquired at Humboldt.

Warren Polsley ('39 - '41) writes from Camp Crowder, Missouri, where he has been having Signal Corps training. He has applied for officers' candidate school.

Cpl. Curtis Ruzic ('33-'36) is Chief File Clerk at District Recruiting Headquarters in San Francisco. He is the proud father of a bouncing baby girl, Anne Veronica.

Lt. (j.g.) Jimmie Spiering ('28-'32) writes from San Diego in March that he expected to go to Treasure Island for assignment to duty afloat in about six weeks.

Ensign Jock Sutherland ('40-'42) writes from Miami, Florida,

that he has seen Julius Hooven and that Herb Gomes is now instructing in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

A R T 2/C Bill Tuohy ('25-'30) is an instructor in Radar at the Naval Air Navigation School in Hollywood, Florida.

Charles Taylor ('36-'37) writes from England where he is encamped on a large private estate. As nearly as we can make out from his V-mail letter he is in a Medical Company.

Capt. Don Turner ('38-'41) was married in March to Elizabeth Jane Edgerton at Palm Springs, California.

Capt. James Usher ('30-'33) writes from the Hawaiian Islands where he went after having been in the Kwajalein action in the Marshalls. He says he has a number of Humboldt boys in his company.

Lt. Jack Lawyer ('38-'40) writes from Traverse City, Michigan, where he is commanding officer of a nine-plane Vega Ventura squadron.

A/C Dayton Murray ('41-'42) was a member of the graduating class of the Army Advanced Flying School at Chandler, Arizona, on April 15.

Cpl. Keith Marek (spring '41) writes from Reno, Nevada, of his approaching marriage to a Los Angeles girl.

A/C John McGrath ('35-'40) is in training at Miami Beach. He writes: "Today was Humboldt Day at the Beach. This morning a dead whale was washed ashore — then at mail call I received the Humboldt News Letter."

Ensign Clarke Nellist ('40-'43) writes from New York but doesn't mention his approaching marriage to Betty Gayhart which was announced in the Eureka papers on April 29.

Pfc Bob Oliveira ('41-'43) writes from Hawaii that he went to Honolulu for Easter dinner and spent the day at Waikiki. He saw Muri (Professor George Murphy) for a couple of hours and is on the trail of Jeff (Dr. Edmund Jeffers) who is in the Sea Bees.

C. Sp. Mike O'Donnell ('38-'40) is at the Naval Training Station at Farragut, Idaho, and has just spent a leave on a trip to the South to visit relatives.

## POST-WAR CURRICULUM

By Mrs. Myrtle McKittrick

It seems to be an accepted conclusion that the colleges in the post-war world will have no dearth of students but there is no accepted decision as to what the colleges will be doing with these students. Many new courses are recommended as an outgrowth of our new "global" experiences, such as international collaboration, defense, armaments, health, utilization of world resources and world rather than national economy. Which are of greater importance to retain — vocational and professional courses or the so-called liberal arts or background courses? A possible test might be this: which courses will contribute most effectively to the development of world citizenship?

Here at home we are weighing these questions, but since we hope that many of you will be sharing with us the new type of post-war education, we welcome your thoughts, suggestions and criticisms. When you write, tell us what you want when you come back again.

Lt. Richard Albert ('34-'35) has been doing dentistry work with prisoners at the Turlock, California, Rehabilitation Center.

A/C Brad Barnes ('41-'42) has been finishing his training at Marfa, Texas, Army Air Field. He says that his class asked for B25s but the last class to ask for them was assigned to B17s mostly as co-pilots. You never can tell.

Pvt. Rod Bryan ('40-'42) writes from Buckley Field, Colorado, where he has been in the hospital for five months. He says that the people of Colorado really put themselves out for the service men but the climate doesn't agree with Californians.

Cpl. Rod Belcher ('37-'42) has been transferred to March Field, California, from Paine Field, Washington, with most of his best buddies. He recently ran into Harvey Del Fatti who had just been transferred in as a pilot.

Lt. George Lowry ('34-'38) is reported to be on his way to China in charge of a bomber crew.



Co-op Scene, 1940-41: Herb Gomes behind the counter; Clarke Nellist standing up, looking on; seated at counter from the reader's left are: Brian Sanders, Milton Villa, Vivian Larsen Ziegler, Zane Nichols, Barbara Metcalf, Susan Wilson, Phyllis Larsen

## TAKES TO RAFT, SAVED

Arlo Murray ('40-'42) sends us a clipping from aboard a Coast Guard cutter in the North Pacific about the rescue of Capt. Clyde Eaton ('39-'41) off Bougainville Island. According to the newspaper story, Capt. Eaton, who is married to the former Betty McWhorter ('35-'39) now teaching school at Fortuna, was participating in a strike against Japanese shipping in Rabaul Harbor when his main fuel tank was punctured by enemy anti-aircraft fire. He was able to fly 125 miles on a reserve supply but eventually had to come down on the water off the northern tip of Bougainville. He and his gunner inflated their life raft and in less than an hour were picked up by a Catalina P B Y. Clyde has participated in over twenty strikes against enemy shipping and ground installations.

Capt. Herb Moore ('32-'34) writes from the Anzio beachhead that his greatest physical blow was when the Italian washwomen were evacuated elsewhere.

Lt. Frank Crichton ('39-'41) writes from a place in the South Pacific where there is lots of milk and ice cream and beautiful farm country and golf courses and the natives speak English. Guess where!

Lt. Wayne Cochran ('35-'36) announces his marriage to Mildred Eloise Epperson, Second Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps. He was wounded in action last fall and will be stationed at Deshon General Hospital, Butler, Pa.

Sgt. Erle Hill ('38-'40) has been seeing some of Scotland and quite a bit of England.

Gerald Harbers ('37-'38) is waiting for orders to report to a pre-flight training school. Since November 1942 he has been a radio and radar operator on a large sea-plane used for transport by Admiral Halsey and his staff on long over-water hops.

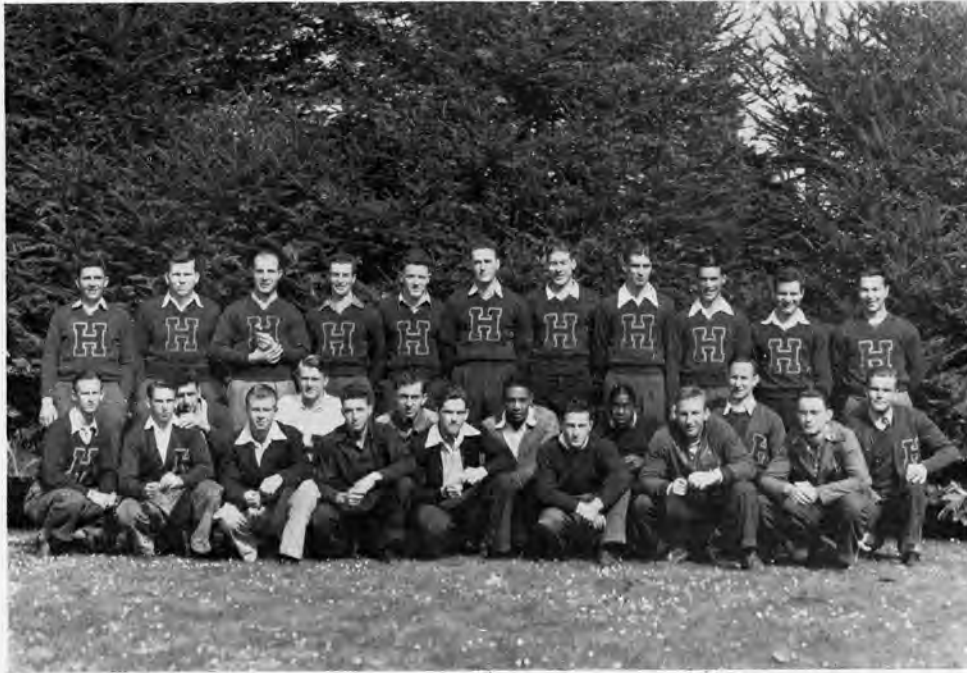
Cpl. Wallie Look ('38-'42) is now at Fort Warren, Wyoming. He is making use of his language study at Washington University, St. Louis, by teaching a course in the operation of a mobile laundry unit to a group of

## VISITORS AT COLLEGE

Seen around college since the last News Letter have been C.Sp. Franny Moore ('31-'36) and RM 3/c Curt Wilson ('37-'41) on their way from the South Pacific to an indoctrination school; Lt. Richard Jarboe ('35-'41); S 1/c Don Wilson ('42-'43), son of Prof. Bert Wilson; Cliff and Sid Hansen ('42-'43), Pfc. Des Shanahan ('42-'43); Lyle Alkire ('41-'43) who has just finished his studies at St. Mary's and is to take Air Force training in Illinois. Lyle celebrated his leave by donning work clothes and joining the Humboldt Work Day doings. Lt. (jg) Henry Trione ('38-'40) is the latest visitor. Henry has been in the Aleutians and is now awaiting transfer elsewhere.

Italian prisoners in their own language.

T/Sgt. Haven Howatt ('30-'34, '40-'41) is much impressed with the neat trimmed appearance of the English countryside with no trash or billboard advertising. Haven recently ran across 2nd Lt. Tom Hansen ('39-'41) a former classmate.



Block H. Society, 1938-9. From the reader's left they are, Front Row: C. Wilson, C. Edscall, L. Elmore, A. Biondini, L. Seidell, F. Saunderson, K. Henderson, B. Sherf; Second Row: M. Rousseau, F. Hibler, W. Lozensky, V. Thornton, E. Meneweather, B. Farber, R. Madsen; Third Row: M. Chetkovich, B. Foster, N. Barbieri, A. McGrath, F. Givins, C. Torp, H. Langdon, J. McGrath, J. Cady, H. Gomes, J. Ellis

### OPPOSE THREE TERMS

Here are the answers to the questionnaire in the News Letter of April 10 that a former student, now in a Bombardier School, has collected from some of his fellow cadets:

1. "An accelerated tri-semester is what they want least. The first reason is because all potential jobs will be snapped up within the first year after demobilization. The second is that they want leisure; they've been rushed for quite a while, and want naturally to forget the Army and what it means. The third is financial in the present sense of the word; we must all work during the summer in order to carry through the two semesters."

As for questions 2 and 3 (about the value of extra-curricular activities) he writes: "I, of course, have always believed that the academic accomplishments should rank second to social benefits. College is primarily an institution where a person prepares himself to meet people, mix with people, be people. He should learn how to live and **then** learn how to provide himself with a livelihood."

Mrs. McKittrick would be interested in knowing whether this is typical of what other students are thinking.

Life at Nelson Hall seems to have won the commendation of most Humboldt ex-students as an experience in social living, if excerpts from letters to President Gist are any criterion. Following are some of these remarks: "Nelson Hall is one of the best and most successful 'extra-curricular' activities I've ever seen or heard of." "Living in the Dorm was the best thing I've ever done and its memories will always be clear." "If I come back to Humboldt after the war, I certainly want to live on the Campus."

The Humboldt campus is getting wilder and wilder. Two deer were recently seen on the trails behind the college. The only college campus in the United States with a redwood forest on it is gradually becoming a game preserve.

Sgt. Woody Woodcock ('30-'34) is on detached duty somewhere "down under" and writes that he would almost be willing to spend his duration plus six months right where he is. He reports having seen George Lowry.

Pvt. Joseph Womack ('42-'43) writes from Camp Crowder, Missouri, where he is carrying on studies in Signal Corps work, particularly in cable splicing.

### LETTERS ARE RECEIVED

Space requirements permit only an acknowledgement of letters received from the following men: Pfc. Vic Lorenz ('38-'41) in Hawaii; Pfc. Ledo Matteoli ('39-'42) in China; Cpl. Bob Madsen ('35-'39) in Oakland; Sgt. Earl Lowry (spring '38) in the South Pacific; Pfc. Bill MacMillan ('41-'42) at Drew Field, Tampa, Florida; Pvt. Glenn Moore (spring '43) in the South Pacific; Lt. John W. Davitt ('31-'33) who sent an autographed copy of "Guinea Gold;" Pvt. George Baker (fall '42) who sent an autographed copy of "Camp Howze Howitzer," Texas; Cpl. Frances Damgaard ('42-'43) from Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho; Cpl. Rico Bongio ('39-'41) in England; T/Sgt. Albert Gilman ('37-'39) in the United Kingdom; Cpl. Warren Haughey ('39-'42) in England; Lt. Richard Jarboe ('35-'41) in Illinois; Lt. Nebby Roscoe ('39-'42) at Fort Sumner, New Mexico; Pfc. Peter Schmitt ('39-'42) at Sedalia, Missouri, Army Air Field; Pvt. Richard Tinkey ('38-'43) in England; Pvt. Don Terbush ('41-'42) at Army Air Base in Salt Lake City; S/2c Ben Vonch ('39-'41) in the Pacific area; Sgt. Maurice Dungan ('40-'41) in San Francisco awaiting orders.