

HUMBOLDT NEWS LETTER

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GREETINGS FROM 'MURF' TO ALL HUMBOLDTERS

You Humboldters in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Atlantic and the Pacific know how glad I am to be home. You know how happy I am to change palms for redwoods, GI clothes for civies, and bedbugs for fleas. You know how hard it is to give up SOS, powdered eggs, dehydrated vegetables and K-rations. You know how I yearn for bugle calls, inspections and parades. Yes, you know why I'm glad.

No, Humboldt is not the same old Humboldt. You know it couldn't be. It has changed as you have changed. Humboldt couldn't and wouldn't — just as you couldn't and wouldn't — stay out of the World's most significant struggle. Humboldt, too, has had its Attu, Anzio, Tarawa and Midway. And just as Humboldt honors the changes those battles have made on you, so will you honor the changes the War has made on Humboldt.

But just as you are essentially YOU, so is Humboldt essentially HUMBOLDT. There is the same friendliness and the same relationship between faculty and students. There is the same zest for life. Everyone wants to know what you have heard about other Humboldters and everyone is planning for the time when this War is over and we can have the BIG HOMECOMING.

A few hours after I came here I was drafted to replace a teacher who had been called home. I had barely started the opening harangue to the class when Nebby Roscoe came in. Nebby's a lieutenant, but as sane and democratic about his rank as I found Jack Sutherland to be when I had two good visits with him in Hawaii. Nebby amazed and delighted my Elementary School youngsters by talking planes and playing baseball with them; Jack amazed my Hawaiian GI barracks-mates by putting up with GI barracks and GI food. Mighty fine people, these Humboldters.

I am writing this letter in the Dorm, and I find the writing hard. There are too many memories of that other time I stayed here. The memories are pleasant, yet they get me.

We hope that we can have that BIG REUNION soon, and we hope YOU will be there.

Best wishes from all of us,
Murf

For the information of older Humboldt men, "Murf" is Prof. George Murphy who served in Humboldt's English Department for two years before entering the service in November 1942. He enlisted as a private, was sent to Hawaii, became a sergeant and spent nearly two years there in the Classification and Assignment Section of the Army. Now he is back on the old job at Humboldt and his Army experience is expected to be of great value to returning Humboldt men in counseling and guidance work.
Editor

SCHOOLING FOR VETS

On June 22 President Roosevelt signed the G. I. bill, officially known as the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944. The Education Section of this bill provides that men who have served in this war on or after September 16, 1940, for a period of at least ninety days and who were not over twenty-five years of age at the time of entry into service shall be entitled to payments up to \$500 per year for tuition and supplies and \$50 per month for subsistence, if without dependents (or \$75 if with dependents) in a college of their own choosing. Applications for educational benefits under this bill may be made either to the Veterans' Bureau or to the college. Lack of space prevents listing the other provisions of the bill. Mrs. McKittrick will be very glad to answer inquiries from Humboldt men wishing to return. Why not bring a buddy back with you?

HERE ARE PERSONALS FROM MANY SECTORS

Sgt. Earl Meneweather ('35-'41) of Humboldt football fame sends a New York A P O address but no message. Cat got your tongue, Earl?

Franny Moore ('31-'36) is now Lieutenant (j.g.) at the Navy Training School at Camp Wallace, Texas. He writes that after his home leave he had a fine visit at Alameda with Helen Hartsook Villa, Jim Hall and Sherman Washburn.

Ethel French Montgomery ('41-'42) is doing nursing work at the Providence College of Nursing in Oakland. She writes that her husband, Loy ('39-'42) flies up there every chance he gets. Right now Ethel is taking care of forty-two babies.

Pfc. Reno Orlandi ('40-'41) is with the Third Air Support Control Sqdn. in Italy. Before receiving a definite assignment he had the good fortune to travel through many of the famous show places in North Africa and Italy.

Willard E. Smith ('36-'38) writes from the Midshipman's School at Notre Dame, Indiana, that he is nearly through his course. He sends a snapshot of himself and a very good-looking wife.

A O M 2/c Clark Taylor (fall '39) has been in 68 operational missions with Bombing Squadron 107. He writes from a New York Fleet P. O. address.

1st Lt. Hugh Wilson ('40-'42) is flying transports for the Marine Corps in the So. Pacific area. He has seen Jack Morton several times.

1st Sgt. H. W. Lester ('35-'36) writes from New Caledonia where he has been for sixteen months in automotive maintenance work. He says that they have an excellent camp with an up-to-date mess hall, day room and a hot-and-cold shower. The only person from Humboldt that he has seen is Bill Inskip.

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THANKS, MISS CRAIG

The editorial staff wishes to thank Miss Ann Craig, former faculty member, who is financing this issue of the Humboldt News Letter. Miss Craig was head of the Women's Physical Education Department at Humboldt from September, 1931, to June, 1938, when she resigned. She is also the donor of two annual Humboldt scholarships. Miss Craig is now at her home in Long Beach, where, among the many war activities in which she is engaged, the co-chairmanship of the American Women's Volunteer Services consumes most of her time.

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Capt. George Lowry ('34-'38) writes a long letter from India. He says that he is the only person in his Bomber Group who has been remembered by his Alma Mater with correspondence and News Letters. He has seen news of Stan Colwell's exploits in an Army paper of the China-Burma-India theater. One of these exploits was making a forced landing in a swamp full of reeds. The plane was not damaged and with the help of natives he built a small runway near-by, moved the plane over and took off for home.

Pfc. Don Parker ('33-'38) writes from England about the thrill that he had in locating in London some of his father's folks — the first time that he had seen them.

Lt. Stan Pedley ('39-'43) is doing photographic lab work with Sqdn. A, Muroc, Calif., Army Air Field and is also doing some flying in connection with the photography.

Capt. Harry E. Griffith, who is on leave from Humboldt's Physical Education Department, is now at Muroc Army Air Field. His address is Sq. A, 431st AAFBU, Muroc Army A. F., Muroc, Calif.

Lt. Kenneth Newell ('38-'41) after having flown 150 combat hours in the South Pacific war zones has been assigned as an instructor at Moses Lake Army Air Field, Wash.

Cpl. Dave Mitchell ('41-'42) has just gone to Langley Field, Va., for study in the Army Air Force radar section after spending a two weeks' furlough at his home in Field's Landing.

S/Sgt. Wally Scott (fall '41) has been awarded the air medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster for meritorious achievement in bombing attacks over Europe. He has participated in six combat missions.

Cpl. Leonard Juell ('36-'42) writes from India that his outfit received a citation for their efforts in shipping a large amount of material into China. It is the first one of its kind ever given to a non-combatant outfit. Leonard came to India in the same boat with Lt. Toy Arvola ('34-'36) but didn't know that he was on the boat. Toy went on to China.

Wilbur Jensen ('41-'42) is now Lt. Jensen and was retained on graduation as an instructor at Camp Angelo, Texas. Says he's looking forward to taking part in the battle of West Texas and that Congress has been petitioned to strike a campaign ribbon for it.

Lt. Rudy Kaski ('29-'31) was recently home on a three-weeks furlough. He is in the Submarine Service and was away from his home in Fortuna for seven years serving in the Far East.

Ensign Don Hurst ('41-'43) has recently been commissioned and was in the first class to graduate from the Navy's new Indoctrination School at Camp Macdonough, Plattsburg, N. Y.

Yeoman 2/c Helvi Johnson ('40-'42) is now on duty as a WAVE at Twelfth Naval District Hq. in San Francisco.

Ist Lt. Harold Moulton ('30-'33) and his brother, Capt. William Moulton (fall '35), recently had a family reunion in Italy after a two years' separation.

Pfc. Robert Bonner of the Marines (fall '41) was wounded for the second time at Saipan where he had been in the thick of the fighting since the initial landing on June 14. He had received the Purple Heart medal for wounds at Tarawa.

STAN COLWELL CITED

President Gist has received a letter from Captain Ned O. Epps, Jr., of the Air Corps, citing an order awarding the Air Medal to S/Sgt. Stanley Colwell ('35-'40) for two daring rescue feats in India. His letter concludes as follows: "Sgt. Colwell has consistently set a high example for his fellow soldiers by his exceptional ability and coolness on particularly hazardous missions. I am relating these facts because I am sure that you will be glad to hear that an alumnus of your school is doing such an excellent job on the Burma front."

Lt. Herbert Hudson ('40-'41) has just been promoted from second to first lieutenant. He has received the Air Medal for two hundred hours of transport flying, mostly in the South Central Pacific Area, "when enemy contacts were always a possibility."

S F 2/c Bruce Compton ('34-'35) writes that it has been 132 days since his feet have felt Mother Earth and that he is close on the heels of the enemy much of the time.

Ist Lt. Bob Duff ('39-'40) writes from North Africa that he hopes to return to Humboldt after the war with his new wife and continue his studies.

Sgt. Maurice Dungan ('40-'41) writes from the Quartermaster Replacement Training Center at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, where he had just been sent from San Francisco.

Philip Gilhousen ('40-'43) was commissioned lieutenant in the Air Corps at U. C. L. A. on June 5. He is in the field of meteorology. Philip was a Humboldt visitor recently.

Lt. Gerald Geiger ('35-'39) is in the Orientation-Education Section of the Special Services Dept at the 15th Air Force Headquarters somewhere in Italy.

Lt. Elmo Giulieri ('40-'43) received his commission at the Marine Corps School at Quantico, Va., on May 24. He writes that Joe Barkdull ('40-'43) was in the same class with him but had to be dropped temporarily because of an operation.

Lt. Robert Hoilien ('40-'42) now on active duty with the army in the South Pacific was recently married to Miss Ludie Coleman of San Jose.

LETTERS RECEIVED FROM MANY STUDENTS

Letters are acknowledged from the following: Sgt. Enrico Bongio ('39-'41) 321st Signal Co., somewhere in England; Pvt. George Baker (fall '42) Camp Howze, Texas; Pfc. Kay Cotter ('27-'32) who at latest report is in Normandy; Pvt. Donald Falk ('37-'39) doing administrative work at a Prisoner of War enclosure in England; Pvt. Wally Elliott ('42-'43) Camp Berkeley, Texas; Pfc. Wesley Graham ('41-'42) Camp Carson, Colorado; AOM 2/c Ralph Goddi ('40-'41) in San Francisco; Sgt. Bill Hutchinson ('41-'42) of the 4th General Hospital in New Guinea; Cpl. Warren Haughey ('39-'42) in England; Lt. Louis Hibser ('38-'40) of the 64th Field Hospital at Camp Ellis, Illinois; Sgt. Earl R. Lowry (spring '38) in New Guinea; Sgt. John Latham (fall '42) with the 8th Air Force in England; GM 2/c Bill McGlean (fall '41) writing from a Fleet P. O. address in San Francisco; Pvt. Ike Moxon ('41-'43) with an I and R training unit at Camp Robinson, Arkansas; Ph M 1/c Buford Shreeve ('31-'32) somewhere in the South Pacific; Pfc. Peter Schmitt ('39-'42) Army Air Field, Warrensburg, Mo.; S/Sgt. Adair Roberts ('35-'36) teaching fire control at Ordnance School, Jackson, Mississippi; CM 3/c Jack Craig (fall '40) Camp Parks, Calif.; Sgt. Harold Foltz ('39-'42) in Australia; Jack Bolger ('42-'43) c/o P. M., San Francisco; Pvt. Melvin Johnson (fall '42) Camp Cooke, Calif.; Russell Hodge (spring '41) c/o F. P.O. San Francisco; Francis Aggeler (fall '41) c/o Fleet P. O. San Francisco; Private Leigh Manley (fall '43) Radio Operators' School, Scott Field, Illinois; Sgt. Art McGrath ('37-'42) writing from a New York A. P. O. address; WAVE Anne McMillan ('40-'43) Milledgeville, Ga.; Ensign Gerald Moore ('38-'40) with the Landing Craft, Infantry, who has been on training cruises on Chesapeake Bay; Pfc. Bob Oliveira ('41-'43) who had a date with "Murf" in Hawaii; Pvt. Francis Nielsen ('31-'32) with an Engineers Bn. at Fort Lewis, Wash.; Ph M 2/c Bob Pinches ('39-'41) from a San Francisco Fleet P. O. address; Lt. (jg) Wayne Simpson ('29-'35) from a San Francisco

Fleet P. O. address; Pvt. Richard Tinkley ('38-'43) somewhere in England; Lt. John Vogel ('34-'36) in England who sent a picture of himself and newly-acquired wife; A R T 2/c Bill Tuohey ('25-'30) who is an instructor in radar at the Naval Air Station, Hutchinson, Kansas; Sgt. Woody Woodcock ('30-'34) who has just seen his first WAC! Pfc. Vic Lorenz ('38-'41) writing from New Britain; Pvt. Ronald Acheson ('39-'41) writing from the South Pacific jungles.

THESE VISITED HERE

Seen around college since the last News Letter: Pvt. George Baker (fall '42) Camp Howze, Texas; A/C Bill Blackford ('42-'43); Pfc. Bill McMillan ('41-'42); Lt. Jack Ellis ('35-'39) back from the Aleutians. Jack celebrated his leave by getting married. Lt. Dayton Murray ('41-'42) Williams Field, Chandler, Ariz.; Pvt. Tom Bartlett ('42-'43) 399th Infantry, Fort Bragg, N. C.; Lt. Brad Barnes ('41-'42) Marfa, Texas, Army Air Field; Ensign Fred Slack ('40-'42) now on active convoy duty in the South Pacific; CM 3/c Jack Craig (fall '40) Camp Parks, Calif.; Pfc. Jerry Falor ('41-'43) Camp Pendleton; Sgt. Fred Smith ('39-'42); Lt. Nebbie Roscoe ('39-'42) Fort Sumner, N. M.; First Lt. Charles Arnold ('37-'40), Camp Livingston, La.; Lt. Philip Gilhousen ('40-'43); Pvt. Gillis Courtwright ('39-'41) back from the Aleutians, now at Camp Haan; Lt. Ted Speier ('38-'41) here from Camp Haan with his wife; Merritt Neale, Charles Roscoe, Guy Keith and Elvin Jackson, all from the Navy Training Program at the University of Oklahoma; WAVE Anne McMillan ('40-'43) back from Milledgeville, Ga., on her way to her next assignment.

As we go to press, word comes that Lt. Jack Schmidt ('37-'38) has been killed in an airplane collision at the Army Air Base at Sioux City, Iowa. Jack was captain and pilot of a heavy bomber. His wife, the former Dorothy Fountain ('37-'41), was visiting him in Sioux City at the time of the accident. The Executive Officer at the Base has completely exonerated Jack from any blame for the accident.

ALUMNI PUBLICATION HAS SERVICE ITEMS

The following items are taken from the Alumni News of July 1, 1944:

Fred Iten, ('40-'42) former football and basketball star, has completed primary flight training at the Naval Air Station at Livermore. Fred has been transferred to another station for advanced training. During pre-flight training at St. Mary's College Fred played half-back on the football team.

Edward Traverse (fall '42) has recently been commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. He has been stationed at the B-25 School, Mather Field, Sacramento.

Lt. Eugene Thomas (fall '42) recently left for Texas to become a co-pilot on a Liberator bomber. His brother, Jerry Thomas ('39-'40) is in the Hawaiian Islands after taking part in the battle for the Marshall Islands.

Lt. Art Hammett ('36) has recently been awarded the Purple Heart for injuries received from a Jap bayonet. Hammett was among the first army troops to land in the Marshall Islands.

Clyde Curry ('27-'30), who taught in Redwood City, is in the Navy. Last heard of he was a full-fledged Lieutenant.

W. Ellis (Duke) MacMillan ('29-'33), petty officer 1/c in the Navy Reserve, and his bride, formerly Katherine J. Hill, were married on March 31st. Duke was employed at the P. L. Lumber Co. at Scotia. On active duty for two years, he has been in the Central Pacific area for 22 months. Mrs. MacMillan has been teaching at the Marshall School in Eureka.

Lt. Donald Malone ('37-'39), navy fighter on an aircraft carrier, has been reported missing, according to word received. Lt. Malone was commissioned in December 1942, at Corpus Christie, Texas. Although he has been missing since February 4th, hope is still held for his safety, as there is a possibility of his being held prisoner or being with the natives.

S/Sgt. Kenneth Atwood (spring '42) writes by V-mail from Italy. By May 19 he had eleven of his needed fifty missions.



An unusual college in unusual weather

100 IN SUMMER TERM

Summer Session this year has a registration of 100, slightly under last year's. As at that time, most of the activity is centered in the College Elementary School where a four weeks' Workshop is being held. A variety of courses is being given there with a large number of outside instructors and co-ordinators and advisers. As at last year's Workshop, the U. S. Forest Service is co-operating, sending several representatives to give nature study and conservation courses. On July 15 the Forest Service arranged an all-day trip to the Trinity forests.

Trips have also been run to the Naval Air Station at McKinleyville and to the Chicago Bridge and Iron Co. dry-dock works at Eureka. Marty Mathiesen has charge of the recreational program and has run off several very successful crab-feeds at Council Crest, noon lunches in the Inner Court and doughnut "feeds" in the Social Unit.

Croquet is the favorite game and players may be seen in the Inner Court almost any time of day.

Myron Schussman ('33-'39) has been promoted from the rank of Ensign to Lieutenant (j. g.).

Every Humboldt man and woman feels particularly saddened at the news that the tenth Gold Star on Humboldt's service flag honors the memory of Sgt. Channing Jenkins ('38-'41), son of Humboldt's "Pop" Jenkins. Channing was in a combat section of a Photographic Unit stationed in England, to which he had been transferred at his own request from ground duty. The only news available at present is that he was killed in action over Belgium. "Pop" and Mrs. Jenkins have just received a Purple Heart decoration awarded to Channing.

MoMM 2/c Alan Rimbey ('41-'42) writes that his crew took an active part on the opening day of the invasion of France and has been going steady ever since. Two other Humboldt men known to have participated in the invasion are T/Sgt. Haven Howatt ('30-'32, '38-'41) and Pvt. K. Cotter ('27-'32).

The college has just received its first bequest. Under the will of Mrs. Alicia Jackson of Arcata just filed a fund of five hundred dollars has been left to the college to be known as the Mrs. H. W. Jackson Fund. Let us hope that it is the beginning of a long line of similar bequests.

NEWS FROM MR. GIST

Looking forward to post-war demands upon education, Humboldt has secured additional land and is now preparing plans for new buildings. A new Industrial Arts building and a new Library-Science (combined library and science department) building have been approved by the State. Plans are now being drawn for these buildings. The Industrial Arts building will be on Pine Street east from the College Elementary School. The new Library-Science building will be located on the site of the old Commons where the temporary Industrial Arts Department is now situated. The three buildings will cost \$300,000.

Emmalena Winkler Thomson ('34-'36) who has been acting as President Gist's secretary during the absence of Claire Speier Gustafson ('33-'37) is now taking her turn at wartime visiting. She has gone to join her husband, Carl, at Camp Shoemaker near Livermore, Calif., and Claire is once more back at her old job. Her husband, Elvin Gustafson (spring '38) is now in England.

Mrs. Don Karshner and son are spending the summer with her husband of the College Drama-tics Department who is with the Sea Bees in Rhode Island.

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