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HUMBOLDT SERVICEMAN IN SOUTH PACIFIC EXPRESSES OPINION RELATIVE TO NISEI

Families of loyal Japanese-American soldiers were shot at and had their buildings dynamited in Placer County. In Oakland similar families received threatening messages. In many California towns Japanese-American soldiers are served cokes full of cigarette ashes and are refused hair cuts . . . All this in a country dedicated by the founders to the ideal that **all** men are free and equal.

In his attempt to determine how the Italian-American, Irish-American, Portuguese-American soldiers felt about this treatment of their Japanese-American brothers, **President Gist** included in his letter to a former Humboldt, the question: "What should be done in this country for the loyal Nisei?"

The answer came back from the South Pacific, July 2, 1945: "Your question on what to do with the loyal Nisei interested me in that once before I expressed my views to the **Fort Bragg Advocate** in no Milquetoastish manner. I believe that they should have equal chances in our economy without prejudice. We have never raised the same question about peoples of Germanic or Italian descent, why differentiate due to pigmentation? Is the way of the 'inscrutable Oriental' so different that he must be put in a class by himself? Is the Japanese treachery and savagery any worse than German prison camps and planned wholesale slaughter of entire nations or religious groups?

"We admit that the Germans, a so-called civilized people, have attained much in science, culture and economics, and that the Japanese have always been barbarous. So we forgive the former and condemn the latter . . . even unto the children's children.

"Even though the dates coincide, this is no oration, but didn't we originally found this country on equal rights, and didn't we establish this country as a haven for people who had to suffer from intolerance? And when we persecute the American-Japanese, the Nisei, aren't we doing just what our enemy, the Germans, did when they persecuted the Poles and the Jews?

"A shell or bullet kills or wounds just the same in Europe as it does here. I may seem tangled in logic here on paper, but it's all clear in my mind. I don't advocate, 'Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do', for I do believe that many of the Japanese leaders really **do** know what they do. But the American-Japanese is no more like those leaders than American-Germans are like Hitler. And I believe that the American-Japanese should be allowed to go back and pick up the threads of their lives—threads that we so ruthlessly cut . . . But enough of that . . . I say let's stop persecuting our American brothers."

GUAM HAS REUNION POSSIBILITIES

Cpl. Rod Belcher ('37 - '42) wanted in the worst way to go to Guam since he had to go Pacific-ward anyway. He just knew he wouldn't get there . . . but to Guam he went. And he's just 15 miles from his best friend. Address: Hq. & Hq. Sq., 314th Bomb. Wing, APO 334, S. F.

Lt. Bill Farber ('35 - '41) sends his Guam address: 5th Field Depot, Service Command, Fleet Marine Force, Pac. C/o FPO, San Francisco.

Lt. Frank Cerny, USMCR ('41 - '43) finds the island infested with Marine officers! He's in the Trans. Center Replacement Bn.,

WELCOME, G. I.'S, TO HUMBOLDT STATE

Welcome to the school
That sent 585 men
To fight for our way of life.
Welcome to the school
For which 18 men died
And 5 were lost
That we might welcome
YOU, this fall,
To the friendly college
In the redwoods by the sea,
Heartily, we welcome
You men who have returned:

Robert Baird, Brad Barnes, Ed Beard, Gene Blackburn, Lowell Dale, Harold Johnson, Ernest Le Kay, Bob Newcomb, Don Phister, Bert Sanard, Leonard Smith, Chuck and Francis Waters, David Wingo, Kenneth Atwood, and Dick Roche.

WELCOME!

FROM THE FOUR CORNERS

David Bean ('32 - '34), remembered for his stage ability under the direction of Garff Wilson, was discovered in a chow line in Oakland recently by **Lt. Richie Jarboe** ('35 - '41). Dave, a graduate in Architecture from U. C., has not actually been in the armed forces, but he has had a great deal of responsibility in the building of such places as Camp Roberts, Fort Ord, Mather Field, and a large depot in Utah. Recently he did some overseas construction work.

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Area F. M. F.

Guam is the largest of the Marianna group (210 square miles), and was the first U. S. outpost in the Pacific to fall under Japan's control. It is mostly Chamorro-populated. Among the native animals are rats, flying foxes, and bats!

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HI HUMBOLDTERS!

By Chuck Waters ('40 - '41)

Greetings from the land of the free — and I do mean the free! Made my way thru the 295 miles of sharp turns and beautiful Redwood forest into the heart of the world — HUMBOLDT STATE. Sure a great thrill to be once again among the people you really know. The old place hasn't changed a bit. All it needs is you! We are all looking forward to seeing you here again. The Humboldt spirit is still here and the younger students are looking forward to the meeting of some of the legends of the campus. You're still in the hearts of the old-timers and your history is very much a part of the new-comers. Come home soon—come home to Humboldt . . .

Time to stop now. Pop Jenkins has just given last call for the bean feed.

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Cpl. Leonard Benaski ('37 - '38) is near Mayen, Germany. His address: Hq. Btr. 589th F. A. B., APO 443 C/o PM, New York.

Sgt. Rae Bengston ('41 - '43), now at Fort Myer, Va., occasionally runs into Humboldters. She and Bob Parris ('41 - '42), Marine, found themselves both jay-walking on the same street corner one Sunday morning in Quantico.

Ensign Darrel Brown ('41 - '43, on the USS Mink, writes from the Philippines that he buys ice cream for 75 cents a dish and film for \$4.00 a roll! He expects 3 months' duty there and possibly a later assignment with

WITH PERSUASIVE SPEECH ON TINIAN ISLAND FORMER HUMBOLDT COACH TOOK 417 JAPANESE

The story below is one written by Correspondent Lisle Shoemaker, Honolulu, and is a reprint from **The Seattle Times**, under date of August 19, 1945:

Armed only with logic, Maj. Charlie Erb of L. A., one of California's greatest football players, risked his life a hundred times to capture 417 Japanese holdouts on Tinian Island, it has been disclosed.

Charlie played Pied Piper to a collection of Hirohito's marooned fighting men. Assisted by a ferocious-looking Japanese nicknamed "Toughie," he used reasonable arguments to pluck bedraggled enemies from their hillside hideouts.

Major Erb's experiences started March 8 of this year when three souvenir-hunting Seabees were fired upon by Japanese. The marines and Army men then surrounded the mouth of a cave in rugged terrain and attempted to get them out by an interpreter on a loudspeaker—but failed.

Finally, five cases of dynamite were set off near the mouth of the cave. Next morning ten bruised Japanese came out, led by the most cold-hearted looking enemy soldier ever taken prisoner on that island. Erb sent the other away and took personal charge of the leader, whom he nicknamed "Toughie."

"I don't know whether I should tell you, but I know where there are eight more Japanese," the prisoner told Erb. Charlie halted the questioning right there, took "Toughie" to his own quarters and gave him a luxury shower and a shave. Then he took him to a doctor for medical treatment, gave him a bottle of beer and a hearty, hot meal. That turned the trick.

The next morning the Jap volunteered to go back and tell of the fine treatment he had received—and to bring back the others. So Charlie sent him back unarmed, accompanied by an interpreter.

Soon Toughie reappeared with eight Japanese whom he had convinced. Another try brought five. All told, there were 109 prisoners brought in.

Meanwhile Erb "sold" himself to other prisoners of war and pretty soon he had many other "missionaries" out spreading the word that the Americans would do them no harm; that if they would surrender they would be doing their country a favor.

It was a nerve-racking task for Erb. There never was any assurance that the enemy was not going to open fire. A couple of times Charley was forced to duck hand grenades.

This procedure went on until 417 Jap prisoners of war were credited to Erb and his "missionaries."

the occupational forces in China or Japan. Darrel sends his best to "everyone on the hill!"

Sgt. Ray Carroll ('35 - '36) has at last become a civilian after three and a half years on duty in the Pacific. It was mighty good to see this old football star on the campus last week! He plans to remain in Humboldt County.

T/Sgt. Bill Crowley ('37 - '38, Spring '39) is in the 306th Depot Repair Squadron, 59th Air Depot Group, Kelly Field, Texas.

A/C Darrel Ditty (Spring '43) is in the NROTC Unit, University of Washington, Seattle.

Lt. (jg) Leland Domever ('38 - '41), now in the Philippines, sent a very generous contribution to the **News Letter**. He saw a little excitement last spring which caused a mild case of the jitters, but nothing really serious happened. The natives in his area, he says, are very quaint little people who live in groups of about 8 families together in one room. The house is made of

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MISSING HUMBOLDTER FOUND ON LUZON

Lt. Harvey Del Fatti ('40 - '42), reported missing in action over China last July, has now been reported as safe at Luzon, according to word received in Eureka from the war department by the B-24 pilot's parents, who live in Eureka. Accompanying the report was a notation stating that he had been awarded the Air Medal.

Harvey's wife, Mary, and young son, Gregory, are living in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

HUMBOLDT'S SHIP'S LIST

This list is only a partial one. We should be glad to further information which would be more nearly complete our Ships' List.

Aggeler, BM 1/c, F. L. (Fall '41) U. S. S. Saugatuck.

Blakeley, Ensign, Bill, Jr. ('32 - '33) U. S. S. Lesuth (enroute to P. I.)

Brown, Ensign Darrel ('41 - '43) U. S. S. Mink.

Brown, Bill ('39 - '40) U. S. S. Pyro.

Cady, Lt. James ('37 - '41) U. S. S. Sangamon (carrier).

Davis, Sam (Purser) ('33 - '35) U. S. S. Alfred Victory.

Gould, Don, TM 3/c ('31 - '33) U. S. S. Stevens.

Hibler, Ensign Fred ('35 - '40) U. S. S. LST 1070 (in Tokyo Bay).

Hurst, Ensign Don ('41 - '43) U. S. S. LCI 455.

MacPherson, Ensign Wylie ('42 - '43) U. S. S. LST 827.

O'Donnell, Mike, CSPA ('38 - '40) U. S. S. Cleveland.

Canclini, Leno, AMM 2/c ('40 - '41) U. S. S. Lexington.

Pozzo, Lt. (jg) Don ('35 - '38) U. S. S. Maryville Victory.

Schmeder, Lt. Charles ('32 - '34) U. S. S. Ticonderoga (carrier).

Smith, Ensign Willard ('36 - '38) Com. LSC (L) Flotilla One.

Wilson, Ensign Curt ('37 - '41) U. S. S. Stormes (destroyer).

THE CAMPUS WELCOMES YOU VISITORS FROM THE WORLD OVER!

It is good to see you! **Pfc. George Baker** (Fall '42) and **Lt. Dayton Murray** ('41 - '42), back from Germany; **A/S Homer Arnold** ('42 - '43), on furlough from medical training in Chicago; **Lt. Richie Jarboe** ('35 - '41), accompanied by **Jim Hall** of Berkeley; **Bob Pinches**, PhM 2/c ('39 - '41) from San Diego; **Pfc. Kenneth Williams** (Fall '42) and **Lt. Frank Crichton** ('39 - '41), both on convalescent leave from DeWitte General Hospital, Auburn; **Capt. Rudy Renfer** ('32 - '33) on convalescent leave from McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas; **Robert Morrison**, Mach, ('35 - '36 with his wife, the former **Marjorie Barnes** ('38 - '39), **Pvt. Bob Marsh** ('44 - '45), **Pfc. Clyde McCutcheon** ('41 - '42), **Jack Bolger** of the Merchant Marines; and **T/Sgt. Eugene Kempe** (Fall '42). **Jack** and **Gene** plan to enroll this term at Humboldt.

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palm leaves and sticks; it has no beds, no chairs, no tables! **Leland** has never quite gotten over the jungle and coral he saw in every direction on the day his outfit landed there. But in a very short time there sprang up the quansut hunts, tents, recreation areas — a complete naval base with the American flag flying above it.

Capt. Arthur Edson ('33 - '34), when last heard from, was in the Tank Destroyers School, Camp Hood, Texas.

Pvt. Wally Elliott ('42 - '43) wrote to President Gist from Luzon last week. He has been assigned to the 54th Evacuation Hospital where he works in a surgical ward. He says he wants to get into medical lab work, so is keeping his fingers crossed. Wally sends hello to Mac, Murf, and all the others!

S/Sgt. Grant Ferguson ('40 - '41), back from Germany, attended Humboldt's summer session banquet at the Big 4, where he told us of the bombed German cities and some of his experiences. Grant joined us in the schottische, and left shortly

SUMMER WELDINGS

Ensign Lyle Alkire ('41 - '43) to **Donna Ware**, June, in Florida.

Cpl. Harold H. Brogan ('30 - '34) to **Doris Leta Adams**, July 16, in San Francisco.

Lowell E. Dale (Fall '45 to **Dorothy Mackins** ('39 - '40), May 6.

Pfc. Bill Farber ('35 - '41) to **Dorothy Herman**, LeJeune, No. Carolina.

Sgt. "Hutch" Hutchinson ('41) to **THE Girl**, Sept. 8, in L. A.

Sgt. Mark Melendy ('43 - '44) to **Sylvia Sanders** ('44 - '45), June 22.

F. O. Robert Mostyn ('41 - '42) to **Lt. Melita Hoff**, WAC, March 10, Phoenix, Arizona.

Ensign Fred Slack ('40 - '42) to **Janice Peers** ('41 - '43), July 29, Eureka, California.

for Seattle to sail for Pacific duty.

Sgt. Harold Foltz ('39 - '42), in his 24 months overseas, has spent most of his time in Darwin and Brisbane, Australia. Brisbane, he said, went wild on V-J Day, but the crowds were orderly as they received the best news in five years. It was a time when Harold wanted most to be with Americans in the States. He sent greetings to "Pop," Mr. Wilson, Dr. Balabanis and the rest!

Lt. Henry Frank ('41 - '42) is at Chatham Field, Georgia, doing B-29 O. T. W. work. His address there is Squadron "S".

Ensign Dean Galloway ('41 - '42) writes from the Philippines where he says he spends one-third of his time thinking of his family and home; another third is dedicated to his plans for future education; and the last third he gives to the Navy! He's been co-piloting on a Navy transport plane which has given him more education and enjoyment than risk, he says. He has liked meeting and talking with many people of other nationalities. Dean's address: Flag Utility Unit, C/o CNAB, Navy 3149, C/o FPO, San Francisco.

Channing Hadley ('32 - '33), through the help of the **News Letter**, found **George Inskip** ('32 - '35) in the Philippines. Chan is with the Counter Intelligence

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Corps. His address: Hq. USAFFE Sec 2C, APO 500, C/o Postmaster, San Francisco.

Frank Heuschkel ('40) has the managership of the Garberville Super Service Garage since his discharge from the Navy last January. With shrapnel wounds and a break in four places in the left leg, Frank had to spend two months in a New Zealand hospital and later two years at Oak Knoll. He was wounded on the destroyer **Cushing** in the Saro Islands battle back in 1942.

Ensign Fred Hibler ('35 - '40) was on watch on the date of September 12 when he wrote in ship's log: "... proceeding at various courses and speeds to enter Tokyo Harbor." He says the people there were treated to a colossal display of naval power!

T/Sgt. Haven Howatt ('38 - '41) is now in France for final processing, and he expects to be home in Humboldt about October 10. His last letter, typed on a Jerry's typewriter, was written at a PW Camp of 15,000 Germans in New Ulm, a bombed city on the Danube. Haven and two of his friends climbed to the top of the city's cathedral, which has one of the highest church spires in the world. He mentions, also in detail, the amazing educational program being carried on there by the American Army.

S/Sgt. Jerry Hudson (Fall '40) writes from Panagar, India, where he has been doing aircraft work for the Air Service Command. While overseas he has seen the Pyramids, the Sphinx, and the Holy Land. And on his next trip he plans to see Agra in India, and visit the Taj Mahal. Jerry hints in his letter of a forthcoming marriage to an English girl!

Ensign Don Hurst ('41 - '43), on the USS LCI 455, uses most suggestive stationery in his correspondence with our Staff—a plain white with brown hula dancer in lower left-hand corner!

Capt. Herb Inskip ('38 - '43) says he could always manage a snifter of Humboldt fog in Cairo! He wrote to Pres. Gist in June

when that city was at its best ... "the streets in the residential districts are lined with scarlet-blossomed, flamboyant trees that are magnificent to see!"

Ensign Christine Jacobsen ('39 - '40) may be reached by writing to Bellevue, Washington, P. O. Box 434. We have no recent word regarding Christine's status in the WAVES.

Lt. Wilbur Jensen ('41 - '42), now at the Radar Pool, HAAF, Herington, Kansas, expects to bring a lad back to HSC who will probably lower the co-eds' academic level a notch or two. But **Wilbur** broke the news gently that he won't be back right away!

Lt. Glenn Lissner ('39 - '41), in the icy wastes of the Aleutians, one day was giving the "old one, two, three" to a man on the beauties of California and the Redwoods, whereupon the man said, "Do you know President Gist?" Come to find out, the man had once been a kid ... and he'd been paddled by Mr. Gist, who had once been a school teacher!

Pfc. Bill McMillan ('41 - '42) wrote from the Philippines just before V-J Day that he had survived being shot at and was then in a rear area and didn't like it much ... There were too many M. P.'s around!

Sgt. Art McGrath ('37 - '42), writes from Desenzano, Italy, of a fine group of Japanese-American boys who took honors in the 5th Army Swimming Meet!

Lt. John McGrath ('35 - '40) and his wife, the former Beryl Unsoeld ('34 - '39), now living at Santa Maria, California, announced the birth of John Patrick McGrath on June 25, 1945.

T/5 Ledo Matteoli ('39 - '42) says he's made some fine Chinese friends even though he moves around a good deal. He hopes to be home at Christmas-time! His address: 1066 QM, 12th Service Gp., APO 271, C/o PM, San Francisco.

S/Sgt. George Monroe ('30 - '33 and '36), at the time he wrote to Pres. Gist in July, had participated in 5 amphibious operations—at Hollandia, Biak, Leyte, Luzon and Mindanao. His regiment completely eliminated the Jap 16th Division, famed for con-

ducting the Death March on Bataan.

Lt. Charles Moore ('40 - '42), with his wife, the former Edra Emerson ('40 - '43) and 9-months-old daughter, is living at 1913 West Colorado St., Colorado Springs, Colo. Charlie is instructing in radar and is at the moment standing by, awaiting orders for another assignment.

Lt. Bill E. Nellist ('37 - '38) was decorated with his Second Order of the Purple Heart, and is now in a hospital in the Pacific. Bill has among his medals the Bronze Star, the Silver Star for advance reconnaissance work in Mindanao before the Invasion of the Philippines, the Silver Star Cluster for his participation in the release of American internees from the Cabanatuan prison camp. (This story was written up in the **Saturday Evening Post**, under date of April 7, 1945.) Bill said to "tell the old gang hello."

Pvt. Gene Orlandi (Fall '43) was among the first whose company was shipped direct from Germany to the Pacific via the Panama. Now on Luzon, his address is 11th Replacement Depot, APO 352, S. F. Gene is trying to locate his home-town buddy, Pfc. Darold Schorlig ('37 - '38).

Lt. Clare Quinn ('36 - '37) did it again! For the third time Clare was forced down in unfriendly territory — this time around the coast of Borneo. He now has to his credit two bail-outs and one crash landing in the ocean!

Ensign Willard Smith ('36 - '38) has had some unforgettable experiences on board medical ships. He says it isn't 4-months-old chicken that the boys enjoy most, but letters and snapshots from friends at home! Willard's wife and son live in Hollywood with his family.

Lt. Jim Spiering ('28 - '32) had his ship sunk under him on the invasion of Okinawa by a suicide plane. At the time of V-J Day, he was teaching anti-aircraft and surface fire control to officers in the Armed Guard School, Norfolk, Va. Now "an old man" of the Navy, Jim will soon retire to the teaching profession.