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MANY RECEIVE CITATIONS

Ensign Lyle Alkire ('41-'43) received his wings at Corpus Christi, Texas, on May 23 and was commissioned in the Naval Reserve. He is now receiving advanced training as a Naval fighter plane pilot at Deland, Florida.

Sgt. Frank Allen (Fall '39) is out there where the fighting is still on and he's eager to get back to his wife and baby . . . and maybe some more college education. He has seen **Captains James Usher** ('30-'33) and **Ernest Reed** ('38-'39).

S/Sgt Kenny Allison ('41-'42) has 90 points and hopes to be released very soon. His present address is 141 West First Ave., Denver, Colo. (See NL 11-6-44 re: Allison, tail gunner on B-17.)

Lt. Bill Amen ('38-'40) spent a four-day leave in Scotia recently. He's been on a battle tour of the Pacific where he piloted a carrier based Navy fighter. **Bill** and his mates drove their scrappy Wildcats over Leyte, Mindoro, Luzon and Iwo Jima. **Amen** was commissioned nearly four years ago. His wife, **Gladys Grove Amen** ('38-'42) and young son, live in Virginia.

Lt. Charles Arnold ('37-'40) looked natty in his tropical worsted uniform when he was here last week. He's an instructor, department of motor training, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. **A/S Homer Arnold** ('42-'43), brother, was seen here the same week. **Homer** is knee-deep in medical training. His address is Phi Chi, 710 Lakeshore Drive, Chicago.

Lt. Bill Baker (Fall '34) is in Bayreuth, Germany, with the 89th Cavalry Rcn., Sqdn., APO 259.

Lt. Brad Barnes ('41-'42), co-pilot on a B-17, is at home on leave, wearing the Air Medal and several stars. His division was cited by the President for the now historic England-Africa shuttle mission bombing of Messerschmitt factories in Germany. **Brad's combat** missions were considered to be the toughest theater of aerial warfare . . . But better than citations — he has **Patricia** with him now!

S/Sgt Francis Berta ('34-'36) was married to Miss **Frances Burcher** recently. The couple is living in Pomona where **Francis** is stationed at a prisoner-of-War camp.

T/4 Dick Blackburn ('35-'38) likes his outfit . . . he's in a medical battalion in some rugged terrain of the Pacific. He suggest "Humboldt State before '48" as a good paraphrase!

Ensign Bill Blackford ('42-'43) graduated in May from the Naval Air Training base at Corpus Christi. He's now at Banana River, Florida.

Cpl. Chet Bosch ('41-'42) writes us from somewhere in Germany on "liberated stationery with liberated ink out of a liberated ink bottle!"

Major Beryl Boyce ('33-'33) has a record of 31 months in Europe. His division—the Third Infantry—has the most number of combat days of any division, with seven stars on the campaign ribbon. Members of the

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HUMBOLDT'S PRISONERS OF WAR LIBERATED!

Lt. Thomas Baker ('42), a prisoner in a German camp at Barth since last July, was liberated shortly after V-E Day and is again "under U. S. military control" according to word from the War Department.

T/Sgt Bob Brennan (Fall '41), a prisoner of the Nazis for 9 months, is one of the lucky ones to be out and home again. **Bob** was a radio operator and gunner on a B-24 which was shot down over Holland.

Lt. Kenneth Geiger ('41-'42), pilot of a P-51 Mustang fighter, brought joy to his family and friends in Arcata when he arrived home two weeks ago following more than 7 months in a German prison camp.

Pvt. Melvin Johnson (Fall '42), who was reported missing in Belgium on January 1, 1945, was found and brought to Letterman's Hospital in San Francisco where he is recovering from wounds received. **Melvin** is in the Dante Annex of the hospital.

"DARLING DEANIE" IS QUINN'S NEW LONE FIGHTER PLANE

Lt. Clare Quinn '36-'37) has one narrow escape after another. Now in the Philippines, he flies missions to China and Borneo. "Darling Deanie," his new P-38, gets him through many a tight spot, he says . . . But before he ever piloted her, he had an experience in Jap territory in which just one man in a thousand would come through alive. Clare was scheduled to hit a certain target that required minimum altitude. Upon clearing the treetops after "rendering the target unserviceable," his plane had its engine smacked loose from its mounting . . . The edge of the wing was ripped open, exposing gas to the hot engine. Fire blazed. Managing to get some altitude, he put out the fire, but the airfoil was distorted. So, barely clearing the coast line, Clare had to ditch into the sea where he sank into the water about 15 feet. Apparently he had his oxygen tank, but with a gash in his head he had to get himself out. After that he was really stuck (on a raft) for six and a half hours! There was no attempted Jap attack—and later he was picked up by one of our seaplanes and flown to an island hospital. "Darling Deanie" is the new lone fighter plane!

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THINK IT OVER

By Homer P. Balabanis

"Oh, I don't think I can attend college when I'm out of the Service. I shall be too old then."

Well, let's see. You were, say, 18 when you joined the Army. You may be 23 when you are released. Your working span with retirement at 65 is about 42 years.

Now suppose you took out four years to complete your college education, reducing your working span to 38 years. What do you think would be best for you: to have 38 working years **with** a college education ahead of you, or 42 years without it? Have you given thought to the increase in your earning power through additional training? Have you also considered that an educated man's chances for being productive past 60 are greater? In the end would you not be ahead by taking time out for college work?

And if you are one of those who will be older than 23 when you are discharged, but you have had two years of college, don't you see in all this even more reason for completing your education?

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same group have won 22 Congressional Medals of Honor, or over 30 per cent of the total for armed services to date. **Beryl** commanded a battalion of 155 mm. howitzers. The only Humboldter he has seen is **Capt. Herbert Moore** ('32-'33).

Ensign Darrel Brown ('41-'43) is in the Pacific where on rare occasions he gets ashore for a little softball or basketball.

Pfc. Rod Bryan ('40-'42) and **Mrs. Bryan,** the former **Queen Mary Acheson** ('40-'42) are the parents of a son born in Eureka in May. **Rod** managed to leave San Antonio and come home for a 10-day furlough.

Pfc. Zutie "Buzzi" Businello ('39-'40) is still in Italy—having landed at Sicily (the hard way) two years ago under General Patton. **Buzzi** re-read "The Valley of the Giants" recently so he could smell a Redwood again.

Capt. Al Canepa ('36-'40), back from his six campaigns in Europe and Africa, was married to **Betty Baldwin** of Eureka ('38-'42) on May 1. Their temporary address is Benecia, California, where **Betty** has been teaching school.

Lt. Michael Chetkovich ('37-'39) is in Eureka on a ten-day leave visiting his parents. **Chet** is a chief engineer on a destroyer escort and has participated in several major naval engagements, including the Okinawa invasion.

Pfc. Don Cunningham (Spring '43) says the heat in the Philippines slows down his letter-writing. Possibly it's the swimming at the beach 200 yards distant . . . or the movies 40 yards from his tent! His APO is 719.

T/Sgt Charles H. Davis ('38-'39), now serving in China, has received commendations for outstanding assistance rendered the Fourteenth Air Force as a member of the P-51 Training Unit.

Pfc. Richie Davis ('39-'41) tells of the natives of Okinawa who are neither Japanese nor Chinese. Of particular interest is their weird custom of the family burial tomb made of coral rock and cement and built on a side hill.

Lt. Bill Du Mond ('39-'42), Flying Tiger, was a recent campus visitor. While on his furlough, **Bill** was married to **WAVE Alice Roose, PhM3/c** ('41-'42). Both have reported back to duty . . . **Alice** to Camp Shoemaker, **Bill** to Santa Ana.

Lt. Donald Falk, ('37-'39) recently received a promotion while "herding" Hun prisoners in the Oise section in France. **Don's** brother, **Cpl. Harry Falk** ('34-'36) was among the June graduates at the School for Personnel Services, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.

S/Sgt Grant Ferguson ('39-'43) is a member of a regiment of which each was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge. The outfit was in the Ruhr pocket and it had fought through a part of Czechoslovakia when V-E Day was declared. 'Twas no sewing circle . . . One bright spot was that of capturing Gestapo Headquarters in Dusseldorf without firing a shot.

Ensign Robert Filgas ('42-'43) received his commission in the Navy in a ceremony at the Cathdral of St. John the Divine in

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CAMPUS NEWS

First man to graduate under the G.I. Bill of Rights is **LaVerne (Pedro) Elmore.** At Humboldt's commmencement on the evening of June 8, **Pedro** received his A.B. Degree in Speech. He intends to do graduate work this summer in Los Angeles. Another of our 32 June graduates to be commended is **Mrs. Hazel McCord,** mother of an Arcata High School sophomore. **Hazel** didn't think she could do it!

Dr. Balabanis, who spent two years in the State Department in Washington, was recently invited to membership in the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

Charles Fulkerson and **John Van Duzer** are attending summer session at USC. Their joint address and telephone number: 919 West Adams, L. A. 7, Prospect 6874.

Mrs. Monica Hadley, Dean of Women, has resigned her position after 14 years of service. Her successor for physical education will be announced later. **Mrs. Gayle Karshner** has been appointed Dean of Women. Tribute to **Monica** from one of the boys in service: **"Monica** was the morale girl of the feminine coterie of HSC and its environs."

Mr. George (Murf) Murphy was welcomed back to Humboldt with flowers, confetti, and a band!

HSC WOMEN SERVE WHERE TRADE WINDS BLOW

Ensign Evelyn Lehrman ('37-'39) has had more than 18 months in a Navy Hospital in Hawaii where she serves in admitting casualities from Tarawa, Saipan, Guam, Iwo and Okinawa. A recent assignment is an eye ward where there are many totally blind casualities . . . "The morale of these boys continues to be of the highest," **Evelyn** says.

WAVES Anne McMillan, SK 3/c ('40-'43) and **Wilma Wrigley Aubuchon, MaM 3/c** (Fall '41) have both reported for duty in Hawaii. **Wilma** is fortunate enough to have her husband serving at the same place — a post office there!

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New York City last month. While here on leave, **Bob** gave us a surprise visit.

RM 1/c Glenn Goble ('38-'40) has served on so many ships recently that he finds himself reading mail that is six months old. His duty's a military secret.

Sgt. Howard Goodwin ('39-'42) seems to be getting his fill of bananas and coconut milk in the Mariannas. He's at a B-29 base there: APO 246.

Lt. Bill Hale ('34-'35) of Humboldt's good old "raise and hail" days, has duty as vocational training officer at the NAS, Pensacola, Fla.

CM 2/c "Dobe" Harrison ('25-'35) is on the road to Tokyo with the Seabees, having fought at Iwo and seen the first B-29 to land there. (See story re: Allen Hill, NL 4-20-45). **"Dobe"** doesn't think much of the tropics.

S/Sgt Allen Hill ('41-'43), crew member of a B-29 bomber, has been missing in action since April 6 following a night raid over the Japanese mainland. **Allan** was member of the crew which made the first emergency landing in Iwo Jima before the airfields were completely ready for use. In his latest letter to the staff, **Allen** requested the address of **Wilbur Jensen.**

WAVE Faith Hope, PhM 3/c ('42-'43) was married to **T/Sgt William Wothe** in Santa Barbara on May 26. The couple plans to live in Fargo, N. D. after the war.

Cm 3/c Don Karshner (HSC faculty), in Hawaii, seems not satisfied with the usual pin-up gals . . . He has the beauties drawn on his V-Mail stationery! Laying all jokes aside, he does have a new and exquisite photograph of **Gayle,** his wife.

Cpl. Jack Kellog ('41-'42) is still in Teheran, Iran, where it is a mere 140 degrees in the shade. **Jack's** Commanding General had a fine dinner prepared on V-E Day for the men. They had chicken and steak, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, creamed peas, cranberry sauce, ice cream, cake, iced tea, fruit juices, coffee and wine!

Lt. (jg) Gulbrand Kramer ('38-'40) had a happy surprise recently. While his ship was moored to a pier in the Pacific, awaiting the return of a liberty party, **Martin Kramer** (Spring '41) came aboard with some army chums. Two brothers who hadn't seen each other for three years met unexpectedly!

Cpl. Vernon Lewis ('39-'42) is near Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. **Vernon** was much impressed to see the Czechs in their greeting of men from a fellow Democracy, ignore German snipers who were still firing after peace was declared. **Vernon** spends much of his time on guard, directing displaced persons, and preventing Germans from running away from Russian-occupied areas.

Capt. Dan McClure ('38-'41) is instructing in B-29s at Roswell, New Mexico.

RM 2/c Bill Madsen ('38-'40) and **Ann May** (Fall '40) of Coalinga, were married in June. They have since gone east to Hamilton, N. Y., where **Bill** is in a V-12 Unit at Colgate University.

Cpl. Keith Marek (Spring '41), stationed at John Payne Field, ATC Base, Cario, Egypt, is making the headliners as a flight radio operator on a transport plane. When bad weather tosses the plane off its course, **Marek** is Johnny-on-the-spot to make contact with ground stations.

REUNION IN BIAK!

Reunions are spreading! Humboldt Staters have united in San Francisco, in Hawaii, in France . . . and in Biak. **Sgt. Bill McAllister** (Fall '37), **Lt. Nebbie Roscoe** ('39-'42), **Sgt. Frank Kane** ('40-'41), and **Cpl. Des Shanahan** ('42-'43) somehow found one another for a session at the ATC Operations Office, APO 920, in Biak . . . We're still consulting our maps for this dot in the universe . . . possibly it's in the New Guinea area.

Lt. Richard Meade ('35-'38) USNR, has recently received a citation from Admiral W. F. Halsey, USN, "For meritorious conduct in connection with operations against the enemy as Air Combat Officer of a carrier-based fighting squadron . . ." (The complete citation is on file with NL Staff, H. S. C.)

Sgt. Earl Meneweather ('35-'41) found Hitler's garden just another place in a foreign country . . . **Earl** says he'd gladly settle for one small piece of land under that north goal post on Humboldt's old practice field. His present address: 3112th QM Serv. Co., APO 403, c/o PM, N.Y.

Lt. Harold "Sweet Pea" Narron (Fall '42), while on a 30-day furlough, visited HSC. He's been a bombardier with the 15th Air Force in Italy for several months . . . He wears the Air Medal and two bronze battle stars.

T/5 Francis Nielsen ('31-'32) was in Marseilles, France, on May 24 and was hoping for the signal which would send him homeward.

C. Sp. Mike O'Donnell ('38-'40) said goodbye to the Golden Gate early in June.

T/5 Bob Oliveira ('41-'42), now in the Mariannas, saw Mosse Hart and troup in "The Man Who Came to Dinner". He says this is an example of the fine work the USO is doing out there.

Pvt. Gene Orlandi (Fall '43) liked England with its green grass and small rolling hills . . . and when he landed in Belgium in April he decided that the

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STATISTICS FROM OUR FILES

Humboldt men in Service.....590
Gold Star Men.....17
Missing in Action.....4

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Belgians are the friendliest people he has ever met.

Lt. Henry Ott ('32-'34) is in India with a bombing group. He's been fortunate enough to see Calcutta, Agra, Karachi, the Himalyan Mountains, some of which he pronounces grand and beautiful . . . But over all India remains the same sordidness, dirtiness, and smell. Bill will have many a tale to tell when this affair is over, and he says, "Let us pray that the time is in the not-too-distant future." His APO is 215, N. Y.

Ensign Louise Parker ('32-'34) USN Hospital, Farragut, Idaho, was frightened when as Officer-in-Charge she had to take 70 patients into Coeur d'Alene as a part of duty in the rehabilitation program. But she says, "The boys soon dispelled all such fears for they were, and always are, swell."

Cpl. Bob Parris ('41-'42) looked good the day he called to see **President Gist** on May 25. **Bob** was wounded in action on Saipan. He's now on his way to Quantico, Virginia, for officer's training.

Ensign Jack Piersall ('41-'43) is on Tinian in the Mariannas. He sees a myriad of B-29s, hears the hum of the motors. Although not a B-29 man, he knows more about it than we can tell you. **Jack** saw the Jap-hunter, **Charley Erb** (Humboldt's coach of the Wonder Team) . . . Scuttlebutt has it that **Erb** is making quite a reputation for himself routing the enemy out of the caves! **Seabee Jack Craig, Jr.** (Fall '40) is in the same area.

Lt. Joseph Rasella ('38-'40) is in the Infantry where he runs onto Japs—but not Humboldters. His APO is 86.

Cpl. Charles Reid ('39-'41) is at Warren, Arizona, P. O. Box 426. His brother, **Cpl. John Reid** ('42) was married on April 14 to **Ruth Ann Armstrong** of Alhambra, California, and is stationed at the AAF Overseas Replacement Depot, Kearns, Utah.

Chaplain Rudy Renfer ('32-'33) was flown from a hospital in Wales over the great circle route to Santa Barbara. He's now recovering at McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas.

Sgt. Rylanded (Fall'39) says France was no picnic for him, and things aren't so bad with "no more sweating out of Perries."

Pfc. Ernest Sarina ('36-'39) is in Hof, Germany. He sends beautiful postal cards to the Staff . . . We believe the last one received was done by **Ernie** himself . . . a drawing of a little girl with blue dress, yellow apron, red kerchief — and she's holding some canterbury bells.

Lt John Sivert ('40-'41) claims he hit the jackpot when he was assigned to a station just 15 miles from Long Beach, his home. He is now in the Ferry Command and says he misses the old fire and spirit of a combat outfit. (Editor's note: Scuttlebutt in AIRFORCE for April refers to an experience **John** had in France where he flew a B-26 called "Booger Red". Due to engine trouble his plane had fallen behind the others, but later it came upon the target which was a certain bridge not yet destroyed. With no bombsight, the gunner took a deep sigh, guessed, and toggled. He hit the bridge with "precision guessing". Sivert flew the wounded Marauder back to base. People later accused the gunner of bombing off his big toe (used as a bombsight)!

S/C (SK) Walter Sweet ('43-'44) is in Camp Peary, Virginia, in the Advance Base Training Command.

Lt. Ed Traverse (Fall '42) is a "Black Widow"- P-61 night-fighter in the Philippines. It is claimed that **Ed's** squadron has destroyed more Jap planes and shipping than the rest of the night-fighter squadrons in his area combined.

Major Herbert Stuart ('31-'33) according to rumor is somewhere in China. His address: Hq. SOS, APO 627, N. Y.

Lt. Harold Walton ('36 - '42), veteran of 65 missions over Europe as a pilot of a B-26, is now an instructor in the A-26 at Lake Charles, La.

F.C. 3/c Don Wilson ('42-'43) has been home on a 30-day leave. His wedding to **Dorothy Rezzonico** of Arcata was a recent Arcata event.

Lt. Hugh Wilson ('40-'42), USMCR, had an interesting surprise just the other day. **Lt. Harry Manning** ('39-'42) popped into his room at the B.O.Q., Cherry Point N. C., to visit **Hugh's** roommate! **Harry** is now in Norfolk for re-assignment following the return of his sub patrol squadron from the European theater.

Cpl. Jack Williams ('42-'43) has seen lots of action in the Philippines. The heat, the Japs, the high prices, are none too good there, says **Jack.** His APO is 70.

Cpl. Thurston Womack ('41-'42) is now at his home in Dinuba, California, on leave from Pacific duty. (More later . . .)

ON A NOTE OF TRIUMPH*

*These words, written several months ago, are the opening lines of **Norman Corwin's** instant best-seller, "ON A NOTE OF TRIUMPH".

So they've given up,

They're finally done in, and the rat
is dead in an alley back of
the Wilhelmstrasse.

Take a bow, G. I.,

Take a bow, little guy.

The superman of tomorrow lies at
the feet of you common men
of this afternoon.

This is It, kid, this is The Day, all
the way from Newburyport to
to Vladivostok.

You had what it took and
you gave it,
and each of you has a hunk
of rainbow round your helmet.

Seems like free men have
done it again.

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