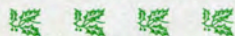


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CHRISTMAS 1945 MEANS HUMBOLDT

Christmas, 1945, finds 29 ex-servicemen back at Humboldt. Christmas, 1944, found them scattered all over the globe: at home and abroad, from Yugoslavia to the Philippines, from New Guinea to Leyte, on and in the water, on land, and in the sky.



In Europe, Humboldters were scattered from Yugoslavia to England. In Yugoslavia, **Eugene Thomas** made a forced landing sometime before Christmas Day. Christmas became a holiday for Gene when a plane dropped some very welcome supplies.

Bert Sanard was one of Humboldt's Ambassadors to the Mainland of Italy back there, Christmas Time, 1944. Though the weather was bad and though he was busy getting the wounded to hospitals, he remembers he had turkey—and turkey, after months of Army rations made Christmas, 1944, a red-letter day for Bert. **Dave Mitchell**, also in Italy, with the 465th Army, had a good American dinner—but Christmas was a lonely affair and it was cold in Pantinella.

Harold Johnson filled the soft berth of Humboldt's ambassador to Italy's Isle of Capri. The food wasn't so hot, Harold reports, but there was a whale of a ball in the evening and buckets of champagne, and Harold was near the Romans!

In France—at Colmar, Alsace—**Chuck Waters** spent his third successive overseas Christmas. While he shivered and froze, he dreamed of that warm California sunshine, and even French cognac and German schnapps could not substitute adequately.

Jack Sivert, after THAT number of missions plus, left France Christmas morning on the first lap of his flight home to Los Angeles. Jack began to lose the old Christmas spirit when he got lost in a fog that could have been sliced. As the day passed, Jack pictured himself vacationing on, or in, the cold water of the North Atlantic, but finally, at 8 p.m., he landed on England's West Coast and celebrated on "dead chicken and a coupla bottles of French champagne we smuggled across".

In England, at Rattlesden, Suffolk, **Brad Barnes** was briefed for a mission; the mission blew up, so the Squadron celebrated by repairing the barracks' stove and eating turkey. At Horsam, St. Faith, **Dick Roche** tried to get something of the spirit of the Day from his can of cold corned beef, but he didn't get much except a big hunk of loneliness.

In the South Pacific on Christmas Day, 1944, **Jack Bolger**, of the Merchant Marine, passed out pin-up pictures to the bobby-soxers of Hollandia, New Guinea, and went native on turkey and two cans of beer.

North, in the Philippines, a trio of Humboldters were on Leyte. Although **Gene Blackburn** spent most of the day in a Jap air raid on the Tanaway Air Strip, he reports the Big Event came in the form of ice cream—the first in a long, long time. **Bill Madsen** was in an air raid, too, only he was on one of the floating dry docks made in Eureka—consequently safe, and consequently ate turkey. The day was quiet for **Les Vaughn** at Telegrafo. His outfit arranged a party for the Natives. They came, picturesquely clad in G.I. mattress

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MELE KALIKIMAKA!

By Don Karshner

Hi out there, wherever you are. Merry Christmas to you all. We know just how the song "I'll be home for Christmas" must hit you these days because just a short time ago we felt sure we wouldn't make it ourselves. But here we are once again back at dear old Humboldt.

It's great to chat with eleven more of the old gang over cups of coffee in the Co-op. **Bill Madsen**, **Len Longholm**, **Wally MacMillan**, "Sweet Pea" **Narron**, **Doc Womack**, **Lenny Conry**, **Les Vaughn**, **Gene Kempe**, **Jack Sivert**, **Dave Mitchell**, and **Sam Merryman** have all checked in since we last reported in a **News Letter** the names of returned G. I.'s.

So check your points and check your gear to be sure you'll catch that first ship back to the good old U. S. A. and to all of us here at school when your number comes up.

However, in the meantime, have the swellest possible Christmas wherever you are!!!

FROM 'ROUND THE GLOBE

Lt. Tom Baker ('42), liberated by the Russians from a German prison camp last May, returned to Eureka in July. Since then he was in a very serious automobile accident at Big Springs, Texas. Tom had five ribs broken, a fractured skull and other injuries. He's now at McCloskey General Hospital, Ward 120, Temple, Texas. The Staff wishes him a speedy recovery.

Sgt. Tom Bartlett ('42-'43) writes Prexy from Pforzheim, Germany that his hopes for getting home

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"SHORT SNORTER" SIVERT WRITES

Fellas, it's great to be a civilian—but the best part of all is being back in college. I've been here a couple of months now, and I'm liking it better all the time.

When you're sitting around in the mud of some far-off God-forsaken place, college seems a bit trivial and sort of hazy in your memory. Then you get back here, and you are still a bit hesitant because you think you'll feel a little out of place around a campus. That's the way I felt at first—that it would be rough going—felt like I'd be a decrepit, old man among a bunch of kids. But it's not like that at all. Every time I turn around, an old familiar face pops up. There are veterans all over the place—returning all the time.

Everyone treats us swell. The administration appreciates us, and it makes us, in turn, feel like really putting out for them. That makes it easy to get into the swing of things... It's something worthwhile getting home for.

So hurry home—you guys—Humboldt is getting to look more and more like the old college it used to be, and if we keep it up, we'll soon be in the majority!



FROM 'ROUND THE GLOBE (Continued)

Christmas have been smashed—and he'll be lucky to arrive here in June. His address: Cannon Co., 299th Inf., APO 447, c/o PM, N. Y.

Cpl. Rod Belcher ('37-'42) gives his telephone number in Guam as ERIE 200. Rod believes he'll be out of service in April, after which he plans to visit Humboldt,

CHRISTMAS 1945 MEANS HUMBOLDT (Continued)

covers. They knocked themselves out on the G.I. entertainment, but the Japs came a-raiding and spoiled the party.

Doc Womack was on Mindoro—at San Jose. The genial Doc enjoyed a dinner of chicken and rice with a Filipino family, followed by an after-dinner air raid for entertainment.

"Things were tough all over that year," philosophized **Len Conry**, remembering his second Christmas on Tarawa: wind, dust, rain, torpedo-juice cocktails and turkey.

In Honolulu, Merchant Mariner, **Edgar Beard**, was put up at the Seamen's Club. "There were hulu dancers," he drooled, as sailors drool at such memories. Despite his luxurious berth in Honolulu's Alexander Young Hotel, **Lowell Dale** says Christmas 1944 was "stinko". **Len Longholm** says it was "just another day" at the Marine Transient Center near Honolulu. Len recalls that there was a special dinner—though he can't recall what made it special, but he remembers wishing he were at home. **Gene Kempe** was on a ship in Pearl Harbor waiting to go to Guam. "There definitely was turkey," Gene recalled, "but not much else."



On the Mainland—in the United States—at HOME—right here in HUMBOLDT COUNTY—**Bob Baird** was honeymooning, and **Francis Waters** had become a CIVILIAN and was eating his turkey dinner with his family.

In Southern California **Dave Wingo** and **Don Pfister**, lucky stiff, had leaves from duty to be at their homes for the day, while up north, in Seattle, **Ernie Lekay** and his wife celebrated their second wedding anniversary. **Bob Newcomb** had dinner in San Francisco with his wife and young daughter.

Less fortunate were **Harold Narron**, who was ploughing around in snow 6 feet deep at the Army Air Field near Casper, Wyoming; **Leonard Smith**, who had just been discharged, spent the day at Highlands, North Carolina; **Sam Merryman**, a patient at the Great Lakes U.S. Naval Hospital, who recalls midnight mass and the five-dollar bill he got from the **Chicago Herald-American**; **Wallace Mac-Millan**, who had a chicken dinner and loneliness in his Iowa City pre-flight days; and **Kenneth Atwood** at Scott Field near St. Louis. "No flight that day," exulted Kenny, "only 'wine, women, and song,—hot diggity!'"

That was Christmas, 1944. Christmas, 1945, finds these men at Humboldt—at home. Faculty and fellow students are proud and happy to have them here. Faculty and fellow students also hope Christmas 1945 more than compensates for those other Christmases.

then head for Missoula, Montana, to resume his radio work.

Sgt. Ernie Caro ('39-'42) experienced a disastrous typhoon in Okinawa, October 8. His company's shelter was completely destroyed—but all the men survived without physical injury. Ernie was scheduled soon to leave for Osaka, Japan, to help open a hospital for the Sixth Army.

Cpl. Wiley Cousins ('41-'42) strongly plans on returning to HSC next fall—and possibly to the football field! A former buddy of **Frank Cerny** ('41-'43), now in the Pacific, Wiley is now at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside,

Calif. (Service Co., Hq. Bn. MT & RC).

Nancy Crane, WAVE ('41-'44), looked slick while seen on Humboldt's campus last month.

Lt. Don Falk ('37-'39), with the Provost Marshall at Reims, France, wrote (Sept. 24): "On Saturday I went to a football game attended by 50,000 homesick soldiers. It turned out to be a huge success. The 75th Division played the Oise All-Stars and the former won, ably abetted by one **Del Goodyear** ('41-'42) of Humboldt State."

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A special Humboldt Message

Christmas 1945

Once again at Christmas time,
Our star is shining down
Upon the town
And men are free to think again of peace,

"Peace on Earth", that man may sow
With hope of harvest--
Know the pleasure of fulfillment--
The ecstasy of liberty.

But Peace without Good Will
Is but a war-lords' truce--
A bitter answer to the boys of earth
Who fought a ghastly war
To win a gallant peace!

"Peace on Earth
Good Will to men"
Of every creed and class and color,
If all who rule and all who serve
Could hear the angel chorus--

Then our star
Shining down
Upon our town
Could joyfully proclaim
Victory for all mankind--

"Glory to God in the highest!
On earth, Peace!
Good Will to men!"

By permission of our Registrar
--Myrtle M. McKittrick

FROM 'ROUND THE GLOBE (Continued)

Lt. Garff Wilson (former Faculty) has seen the world west from France through the Panama to Manila, and finally as far as Yokahama. He doesn't relish a long stay in the Orient.

Lt. Earl Gossard ('41-'43), engineering officer in the Air Corps, is now helping to fly a part of the Chinese Army to the China Coast. His headquarters are in Shanghai, APO 285. **Lt. Waldo Gossard** ('37-'39) is still in Meteorology at Red Bank, N. J. Waldo was a visitor at HSC this fall.

Capt. Harry Griffith (Faculty) sailed in November on the USS GENERAL ERNST to Tokyo. His address: APO 22193, 79th M. G., Hq. 7 Hq. Co., c/o PM, San Francisco.

Russell Hodge So M 1/c (Spring '41), Electronics Maintenance, Pearl Harbor, recently spent time in Tokyo where he had some strange experiences with people whom he hopes "some day will see the light."

Lt. Bob Hoilien ('40-'42) just returned from big-ship flying in the Pacific. He and his wife had tea with us one November afternoon.

Lt. Virgil Hollis ('34-'39) is an Educational Service Officer, U.-S. N. Hospital, Quantico, Va. Counseling men and women who wish to attend college when they are released from the armed forces is one of the main services offered.

Sgt. Jack Kellog ('41-'42) sees a discharge in the offing. He's still in the Persian Gulf Command, Teheran, where "it's dead (?) and the people always take a year to think things over before making a decision!"

Helen Neale McClure, WAC (Fall '42) looked both pretty and efficient when she called here last month. She has now returned to Camp Chaffey, Ark.

Pvt. George Taylor ('44-'45) gave the co-eds a thrill by visiting on campus last week. George expects a brief stay at Camp Cooke, Neb., and then may be shipped to Germany to learn a foreign language the right way!

MANY HUMBOLDTERS ARE RECEIVING DISCHARGES

Aside from those men returned to college, the men listed here have notified the college of the good news of their discharges as follows:

Bongio, Rico ('39-'42) Back from the land of Nazidom. Now in Shively. Plans to return to HSC in January.

Brogan, Harold ('30-'34) Now teaching at Horace Mann Jr. HS., San Diego.

Bryan, Bob ('38-'42) Just passed State Board Dental Exams. To go to Bay Area Clinic.

Businello, Zuti ('39-'40) 1115 E. Thomas St., Seattle, Wash. Plans to return to HSC!

Cady, James ('37-'41) Plans to enroll at HSC in January—with his wife.

Carlson, Milton ('39-'42) Now a student at USC., Los Angeles.

Carroll, Ray ('35-'36) Working at Feuerwerker's Furniture Co., Arcata. Plans to be married to Miss Milly Stemach of Eureka, December 30.

Chamberlain, E. Byard ('36-'38) Back in Arcata. We haven't seen him!

Cochran, Wayne ('35-'36) Now a student, Dept. of Agriculture, UC., Berkeley.

Colwell, Stan ('35-'40) Teaching at Grant Union High School, Rt. 7, Sacramento, California.

Eisner, Stan ('41-'43) Aat home, Fortuna. Plans to go to UC.

Fielder, Bill ('40-'41) Recently visited in Arcata with his wife and baby. Now at home—3279 Dakato St., Oakland.

Frakes, Bob ('39-'40) Working at Arcata P. O. Probably will return to HSC next semester.

Gallop, John ('33-'37) Teaching in the Dept. of German, UC., Berkeley.

Galloway, Dean ('41-'42) Now looking for a home in Arcata for family. Will enroll at HSC in January.

Gastman, Joy ('38-'39) Visiting parents in Menlo Park. Plans to return to Arcata to look for position.

Geiger, Gerald ('35-'39) Teaching at Durham, Calif.

Geiger, Kenneth ('41-'42) Working for Shell Oil Co., Arcata. (Quite a contrast to Nazi prison camp!)

Gustafson, Guffy (Spring '38) Working for Shell Oil Depot, Eureka.

Haughey, Warren ('39-'42) Plans to get Elementary and Junior High Credential. Now at Route #1, Sandy, Utah.

Hosier, Kenneth ('40-'42) To become a student in Dept. of Electrical Engineering, UC., Berkeley, after Christmas.

Howatt, Haven ('38-'41) Now in Arcata. Will likely re-enter Education.

Hudson, Herb ('40-'41) Considering commercial flying. Now at home, 904 G St., Eureka.

Inskip, Bill ('35-'40) At home from his voyage to Tokyo—planning to continue Speech and Drama at HSC next semester.

Jackson, Fred ('36-'40) At home in Eureka with his wife. Preparing to teach in County Schools.

Johnson, Arthur E. ('38-'39) Now in Eureka, at 2451 Spring St.

Johnston, Howard ('28-'33) 512 Hilton Ave., Vallejo. Teaching!

Johnsen, Melvin (Fall '42) Discharge in the offing. Expects to go to UC., Berkeley.

Jones, Herman ('37-'41) At UC., Berkeley. Studying Russian with hopes of going to Russia!

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OUR VETS

Here are
the H S C
Vets - Fall
1945. How
many do
you know?

MANY HUMBOLDTERS ARE RECEIVING DISCHARGES (Continued)

- Juell, Leonard** ('36-'41) Returned from the English tea plantation, Leonard has no plans at the moment.
- Kemper, Marjory** ('42-'43) Student at UC., Berkeley.
- Kincaid, Arthur** ('42-'43) Living at 115 El Verano St., Vallejo, Calif. Will likely teach.
- Kramer, Martin** (Spring '41) Back home, 2424 J St., Eureka. Position not known.
- Manfreda, Angelo** ('39-'42) Back from Europe with four bronze stars and good conduct ribbon. Plans not known.
- Manning, Harry** ('39-'42) Home address: 2120 Crescent Ave., Montrose, Calif. Hopes to return to his wildlife interest!
- Meneweather, Earl** ('35-'41) About to put on the herringbone tweeds! 1420 Chestnut St., Oakland. May be at HSC next semester.
- Meade, Richard** ('33-'38) Arcata, Calif. Plans unannounced!
- Moore, Franny** ('31-'39) Teaching athletics, Arcata H. S.
- Morton, Jack** ('39-'41) in business, Buster Brown Co., Eureka. Address: 2237 E St.
- Moschetti, Bill** ('38-'39) In refrigeration business with brother in San Francisco.
- Moulton, Bill** ('30-'33) Discharge in the offing. Expects to make his home in Arcata.
- Moxon, Gaylord** ('39-'42) At KIEM Broadcasting Station, Eureka.
- Mostyn, Bob** ('41-'42) Will probably live in Berkeley and attend Armstrongs'.
- Murray, Dayton** ('41-'42) 2025 G St., Eureka. Expects to enroll at HSC next semester—and take French!
- Nellist, Bill** ('37-'38) C/o W. E. Nellist, Cutten. Has not revealed position.
- Paaso, Dr. Sulo** ('34-'35) Practising dentistry, Palo Alto.
- Riddle, Merwyn** ('38-'41) Out of Navy flying. January will see him at HSC!
- Samuelson, Kenneth** ('33-'40) Loleta, Calif. Plans not known.
- Saunderson, Frank** ('36-'40) 2815 N St., Eureka. Plans to go into plumbing business.
- Smith, Gene** ('29-'30) 1266 Eye St., Eureka.
- Stover, A. M.** ('38-'41) Ranching, Hooker Ranch, Blue Lake.
- Swanback, Glenn** ('41-'42) 2237 B St., Eureka.
- Tinkey, Ritchie** ('38-'43) Not heard from recently, but we believe he's about to be home!
- Travis, Carleton** (Spring '28) Rejoining Prudential Life Ins. Co. Will probably live in Corvallis, Ore.
- Walsh, Joe** ('33-'35) 2031 H St., Eureka. Plans to return to medical school for special work in surgery.
- Walton, Harold** ('36-'42) Arcata, Calif.

FACULTY AND CAMPUS SCUTTLEBUTT

Miss Jackson and **Mr. Hicklin** of the faculty have both made treks to the Trinity Hospital Surgery this fall. Both are now carrying on classes as usual.

A **Redwood City Alumni Reunion** took the form of a dinner at Ada's Tavern, Burlingame, December 3. **Prexy Gist** represented the campus.

ICEBOUND, play directed by **Gayle Karshner**, had a county-wide success on a three-night run, December 6, 7, 8, at the College Jack Silver (Mr. Brink of "On Borrowed Time") had a lead; "Funny Peculiar and Funny Ha-Ha" Peugh was also in the play!

Humboldt's **a cappella choir**, now under **Charlie Fulkerson's** direction, will sing at the lighting of the world's tallest tree, at Dyerville, December 21, from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. This spectacular broadcast originates with Station KSBO, San Francisco, and will be carried over 350 stations in 3 nations. Listen in, men! (Julie Fulkerson says one song will be Three Blind Mice!)



FALL MERGERS

S/Sgt. Jerry Hudson (Fall '40) to **THE English girl**, October, in India.

S 2/c Bob Pritchard (Fall '43) to **Corrine Lindauer**, November 11, San Francisco.

Lt. Sherm Washburn ('36-'40) to **Ensign Evelyn Lehrman** ('37-'39), October, in Southern California.