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Pvt. James W. Morrow (fall ’42) of the Marine Corps has been assigned to the University of California for a study course. He has no idea how long he will be there.

Gaylord Moxon (39-42) is now an Ensign, having graduated from Corpus Christi on November 1st. He is now stationed at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Banana River, Florida.

Ensign June Muir (38-42) of the Spars was the subject of a press release from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn., on the occasion of her commissioning on November 1st. She is now studying communications at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Merritt Neale, A/S, (41-43) is now at Midshipman’s Training Training Course at the University of Oklahoma on October 27. He reports that Jack Pierall (41-43) is at the same school. With him are Jimmy Rouch and Guy Keith of the same class. All three graduated from the Navy School at Camp Endicott, R. I.

Pvt. Glenn Saunders (42-43) writes from a South Pacific point that things are going well with him. He recently met Richard Coffey (42-43) who was in a naval hospital recovering from wounds received on Peleliu. A later letter from Cpl. Des Shahan (42-43) states that Richard received a sizable gash in his ankle while acting as a Medical Corpsman.

Ph M 1/c Merle Shuster (39-41) who has seen fourteen months’ service in the Southwest Pacific, is home visiting his wife, the former Grace Renner (39-43) and his parents. After his leave he goes to San Diego for reassignment.

Lt. Ted Speier (38-42) writes from France that the hunting is pretty fair but that the “game” has been known to shoot back on occasions. Ted recently ran across Dorothy Chandler who was assistant librarian at Humboldt in the spring of 1939. She is director of the Red Cross Club in the town where he is stationed.

Serge Shastak, Cox. (39-42) is now interpreter of the Russian language at the Customs House in San Francisco. Serge had hoped for overseas duty but he was needed more badly at home. His Coast Guard father has just received an overseas assignment.

Ensign Jack Sutherland (40-42) writes from the Pacific area that “sea life is not bad, merely a little confining on one’s social activities. Says hunting is no good at present.

In a recent issue of the Humboldt Times extracts from several letters of Capt. James G. Usher (30-33) were published. Capt. Usher’s division has seen much action in the Pacific area and he has recently been awarded the bronze star medal.

C Sp (A) Harry Wineroth (35-37) is in the Armed Guard at Treasure Island as a Physical Instructor. He is the proud father of an 8 lb. 6 oz. boy born September 10. He recently met Franny Moore (31-39) when he came to Treasure Island to stand by for his commission. He has also seen Ensign Bob Lawrence (37-41).

T M 3/c Don Gould (31-35) writes from the U.S. Naval Torpedo Station at Keyport, Washington. He came there after four months at the torpedo school in San Diego and expects to be sent either to Boston for training on P T boats or to San Francisco for destroyer training. He hopes to be back in Eureka soon.

Lt. (jg) Wayne Simpson (29-35) has written a V-mail letter to Art Bryant, president of the Humboldt College Alumni Ass’n, in which he conveys the information that he is commander of his ship and that D day was a working day for him. He was on the coast of France in the initial stages, but as yet has no claim to the Purple Heart.

REGISTRATION NEWS

College registration this fall stands at 187 at the time of going to press. This is somewhat higher than a year ago at this time and considerably higher than the low point of last spring. All Humboldt is rejoicing at the upturn in registration figures. Further evidence of growth is to be had in the wearing or removal of a number of buildings near the campus on land recently bought by the State for the future expansion of the campus. Some five or six of these buildings are now in the process of removal and the rest will soon share their fate. Plans for a new Industrial Arts Building are now complete and work will start as soon as the war is over. Plans for the new Library and for the new Science Building are now being considered and it is hoped to have these ready, too, before the war is over.
BACK TO HUMBOLDT
By Myrtle McKittrick

With the war news taking such an optimistic turn all of us think more and more about the day when you will all be coming back to throng the halls and decorate the front steps of old Humboldt as you used to do. Your benevolent uncle has guaranteed to pay your expenses — so why not start planning right now what courses to take, what books to read, what activities to enter?

The G. I. Bill of Rights is probably familiar to most of you but just in case you have not heard the details, we outline below the provisions of the educational section of the bill:

Eligibility: All who serve 90 days or more (not counting the time in the Army Specialized Training Program or Navy College Training or as a Cadet or Midshipman in a Service Academy) are eligible if honorably discharged or if discharged in less than 90 days because of a service-incurred disability. For those who enlisted before the age of 25 the law assumes that your educational program has been interrupted, but if over 25 at the time of enlistment you must prove that your education was interrupted or that you need a refresher or re-training program. ("Murf" — Prof. George Murphy — qualified under this latter provision and is now at Stanford being "refreshed." He hopes to blossom out with a Ph. D. at the end of his year there.)

Length and type of training: You may stay with us for a year and if you do as well in your classes as you have been doing in uniform, your uncle will consent to further training but he draws the line at four year. There is another string attached: the period of education beyond the first year may not exceed the time you spent in active service after Sept. 16, 1940 up to the end of the present war (not counting ASTP or Navy College Program). You may take the type of course that you wish and the Veterans’ Administration agrees with us that Humboldt would be a good place for you to resume your education.

The Pay-off: We save the best until the last. Uncle Sam will pay your tuition fees, laboratory fees, cost of books, etc., plus $50 a month if you are single or $75 if you have a wife. Considering income exemptions a wife is really a financial asset these days. We have a charming new teacher of Home Economics whose courses might prove helpful to young wives! And WAVES, WACS and SPARS, remember that you are veterans too — veterans don’t have to be old and grey. The Veterans’ Administration will henceforth act as your godfather, answer all your questions and secure for you all the benefits the law allows. In the meantime if we can serve you in any way, please feel free to write us for any possible assistance.

It might be of interest to know that Humboldt’s first student to qualify under the G. I. Bill of Rights has just been granted an allowance of $75 a month. He is a married man with a child.

AMBASSADORS FOR HSC

Pvt. Leigh Manley (fall ’43) writes from Scott Field, Ill., that he has almost persuaded a friend to enroll at Humboldt after the war. We hope that many other ambassadors for H S C are hard at work. We suggest that the Redwood Empire Ass’n, 85 Post St., San Francisco, would be very glad to send descriptive literature of this part of the country to anyone interested in coming here. Some of these alluring pictures might help influence decisions. Of course the Registrar’s Office at the college will cooperate in any way possible.

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Texas. She was accompanied by her son, Jimmy. "Mac" recently returned the visit. On the way up here he met President Gist on the streets of Los Angeles. What a small state California is!

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Don Karshner. Carpenter’s Mate 3/c, formerly head of the Drama Department at Humboldt, has returned to the Embarkation Center at Camp Rousseau near Oxnard, California, after spending a ten-day leave with his wife, Gayle, and son, Gary. For the past fourteen months he has been stationed with the Seabees at Camp Endicott, R.I. His work has consisted of providing educational services for his battalion, work which he has always wanted to do. Through his own system he has organized classes, selecting teachers within the battalion and has set up a system whereby all the men of the battalion could attend any desirable class.

ERB NOW A MAJOR

President Gist has recently received a long letter from Major Charles Erb, Jr., who is in combat intelligence work with the Army Air Corps in the South Pacific area. He will be remembered as the coach of Humboldt’s football teams during the late thirties. In his letter he mentions having met Dud DeGroot, who was at that time coach at San Jose. He says that DeGroot has never gotten over the 20-0 defeat that Humboldt handed San Jose at that first season.

Major Erb went through officers’ training school and through a combat intelligence course at Harrisburg, Penn., in the early days of the war. He was sent to the South Pacific when the going was tough, spent six months at Port Moresby, and since then has been on every base in the South Pacific, which involved 74,000 miles of flying. He says he is still “breathing the fresh air.” His address is APO No. 953, Postmaster, San Francisco.
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Wreathed with holly and cedar and pine
With tinsel bright
In candle light
Sealing the packet with Santa's design.

But, as you know, these are only the wrappings
Truly Christmas is deep inside.
Where hearts of men Grow young again
Watching the pageant of Christmastide.

Christmas is friendliness, radiant and warm.
A cheery reminder of memories ago.
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A carol, too,
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