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Betty Jean Abbott ('41-'42) has enlisted in the WAVES and is taking her indoctrination course at Hunter College in New York City.

Cpl. Joyce Abbott ('40-'41) of the WACS stationed at Luke Field, Arizona, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal and personally commended by Col. John K. Nissley, commanding officer of Luke Field, A.A.F. Training Command School. The Good Conduct Medal is awarded enlisted personnel upon completion of at least one year of service with outstanding record of department and efficiency in military duties. Cpl. Abbott is a clerk in Unit Personnel Section of Headquarters.

Francis Ageroler, GM 1/c, (fall '41), writes from a S. F. Fleet P. O. address that he has seen Bill McGleam GM 2/c (fall '41).

Lt. Tom Amen ('38-'40) recently ran across his younger brother, Cpl. Jack Amen, somewhere in the South Pacific. Tom is now pilot of a fighter plane on a carrier.

Thais Baldwin, SKT 2/c, ('41-'43), writes from Norfolk, Virginia, where she is in the same barracks with Dorothy Dillon, Y 3/c ('32-36). She has also seen Ensign Fred Hibler ('35-40) who is stationed at Camp Bradford.

T/3 Howard Barnes ('35-'37) sends a Christmas card from Paris. Says it's the gayest city in the world but he'd still rather be sleeping in the library under the gently reproving eye of Mr. or Mrs. Graves.

Cpl. Rod Belcher ('37-'42) is still doing Public Relations work at the Army Air Field at Kingman, Arizona. He has been playing on his Field's basketball team with two former All-American players. Says he still thinks that Humboldt's Billy Lee ranks second only to Stanford's legendary Hank Luisetti.

Wilson Belloni Y 1/c, (fall '33), who has been serving on a destroyer in the South Pacific the past two years, visited his father, Mr. John Belloni of Fortuna, during the holidays.

Wayne Biord, PhM 2/c, ('30-'34), had a furlough in December when he telephoned his father in Eureka from Duluth, Minnesota, where he was visiting relatives. Wayne is now out at sea.

Word comes from Capt. Darrel Bishop ('39-'40) through his mother that he is with Lt. General Patton's Army, that he is very busy, and that everything is a sea of mud where he is. By this time it is probably snow.

Capt. John C. Boggess ('35-'36, '39), now in the Philippines, has written an interesting letter to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lamb of Arcata which was published in the Arcata Union of Dec. 29. The letter was written the day before Thanksgiving and he stated that they expected to have turkey, even though they had to carry it through knee-deep mud. In front of his tent was a lake about 100 x 100 feet and from two to four feet deep which wasn't there the week before.

Ensign Darrel Brown ('41-'43) writes an interesting account of his initiation into the Court of Neptune. Judging from his description it must be a combination of all the most fiendish pranks known to all the college initiators of the country.

Cpl. Ernie Caro ('39-'42) writes from Fort Lewis, Washington, that he served as captain of his Post Championship football team which won the "G. I." Bowl, carrying it recognition as the Pacific Northwest champions. Ernie says that all the players ex-nies says that all the players ex-colleges; that none of them had

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ever heard of Humboldt but that now they know it all right. (Good work, Ernie! That makes up for the time you brought the snake into the library. C. E. G.)

Lt. Walter Carr (38-42) was a recent college visitor. He is back in this country after taking part in 35 bombing raids in the Central Pacific. He is credited with scoring direct hits on gun positions and block-houses in the Marshalls. He is now at the Marine Air Depot, Miramar, California, awaiting re-assignment.

Lt. (j.g.) Mike Chetkovich (37-39) is Chief Engineer on a ship in the Pacific area. Says they usually go two or three weeks without sighting land but that morale is high, due largely to movies and the ice-cream machine.

The latest Humboldt student to join the WAVES is Nancy Crane who was sworn in on Nov. 24 at the Humboldt Bay Naval Section Base. Nancy will take her initial training at Hunter College, New York City. She will be missed in college musical circles where she was very active.

Lt. Clarence Edsall (36-41), former football star, called at the college the other day, accompanied by his wife, the former Eleanor Shaw (38-42). "Snoopy" was wounded in France, being one of the first to go there after the invasion. He is now convalescing at the DeWitt General Hospital, Auburn, California. He and his wife have been spending the holidays at the home of her parents in Knessland. "Snoopy" looks fine and says that he gained ten pounds during his recent holiday visit.

Lt. Jack Ellis (35-39) was mentioned in Scoop Beals' column in the Humboldt Standard on Jan. 3 as being around town. He told Scoop that he never felt better physically and could play football without time out any time. There was no news reported of Jack's army activities.

Sgt. Bill Farber (35-41), who was here visiting friends last fall is now at Officers' Training School at Quantico, Virginia. Bill, who was in some of the toughest fighting in the Pacific area, says he much prefers Humboldt to East Coast weather.

Bill Fiedler (40-41) is now a First Lieutenant, according to word received from his mother. He is still flying missions from a base in England.

N/o Gene Flocchini (38-41) writes from northeastern France where he is in the Supply Service. He accompanied his unit all the way from southern France through the Vosges Mts.

Ensign Dean Galloway (41-42) writes from San Diego on a letterhead of the U. S. Pacific Fleet Air Force, Rescue Squadron Six. Says he doesn't know much about his future job but thinks he will be co-pilot on a plane equipped for rescuing men from the sea.

Lt. Earl Gossard (41-43) recently received his commission and gold bars at the AAF Training Command School at Yale University. After a Christmas visit with his parents in Eureka he left for Luke Field, Arizona. Later he expects to be stationed at a field in Southern California where he will be in charge of a crew of enlisted men who are specialists in aircraft maintenance.

Ensign Fred Hibler (35-40) is now training at Camp Bradford, Virginia, for duty on LST's. Recently in the railroad station at Memphis, Tennessee he ran across Qm 3/c Cap Torp (38-40). Cap has been in the Canal Zone with the Navy but at last account was in the U. S. awaiting re-assignment.

Sgt. Cliff Hutchins (37-39) writes from a Rotation Detachment Base in New Guinea where he is awaiting return to the U. S. He spent 26 months in Melbourne, Australia. His work is that of sign-writing and poster-making for Special Services.

Lt. Wilbur Jensen (41-42) is taking a Technical Observer's course in radar at Langley Field, Virginia. Says Lt. Jim Wheeler (41-42) is the only Humboldt man he has seen.

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SAN FRANCISCO REUNION

Jim Hall ('35-'40), who is now living in Berkeley, and President Gist arranged a Humboldt get-together dinner at Luccio's in San Francisco December 30, 1944. Thirty-three former students and faculty, some of whom are now in service, attended. Old times at Humboldt were talked over and some of its future plans were discussed. Suggestions were made to hold another get-together dinner in the near future. Jim Hall will be glad to hear from any Humboldt who is in the Bay region at any time. His address is 2422 Channing Way, Berkeley, telephone Ashbury 6360.

Following is a list of those present at the get-together: Ethel French Montgomery, junior cadet nurse; Jeanne Sweet; Joan Roth SK 3/c USNR; Patricia Black; Helen Newell Goodwin; Cpl. Howard Goodwin; Juanaitc Kennedy S 1/c; Gilberto Negro; Eva Clayston; Alice Wilkinson; Ensign Patricia McMillan; Anne McMillan SK 3/c; Charles E. Back; Phyllis N. Back; James N. Hall; Frances Petty Bryan; Bob Bryan; Verda German McAtee; Eva Mathiesen Bosley; Allen E. Bosley; Emmalena Winkler Thompson; Carl Thomson M 3/c; Ethyl Morris MqM 2/c; Midshipman Herbert W. Penzel; Wilma Wrigley MqM 3/c; Virginia Torp Harris; Jim Harris; William Jackson; Lt. Henry Trione and friend; Lt. and Mrs. James J. Hunter of the faculty, and President Gist.

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GM 2/c Bill McGee (fall '41) who was injured in action in December was recuperating in a South Pacific hospital. He has seen action in seven major engagements.

Sgt. Leonard Juell ('36-'42), now in Assam, India, has written a long letter about his life there which was published in the Lumberjack of January 10. It seems that at present he is living on an English tea plantation which has lawn tennis courts, volley-ball and Badminton courts and a private swimming pool. Looks pretty tough, Leonard!

Cpl. Jay Jones ('32-'38) sends greetings in Spanish from an AAF Airways Station somewhere south of New Orleans.

Lt. (j.g.) Billy Lee ('38-'42) and his wife, the former Frances Prather ('41-'42) send a card from Brooklyn announcing the arrival of Lani Frances on December 28.

PhM 1/c Willfred McCready ('35-'38) writes from the New Hebrides. Says it is cool with little rain and the scenery reminds him of Humboldt.

BM 1/c Bill Madsen ('38-'40) writes from the South Pacific that he is probably the only Humboldt man serving on a "Humboldt-made" product. He is doing duty on one of the dry-docks constructed in Eureka. Says it is consoling sometimes, when he gets lonely, to "stroll around, touch an electric cable, and think that my Dad helped install it or that Fred Hibler probably checked on the angle that the bill-board was to be placed."

Lt. Donald T. Malone ('37-'39), fighter plane pilot who was reported missing in action last spring, was awarded the Air Medal, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Bertha Malone of Bayside. He was attached to Fighter Squadron 17 and had participated in many missions against Jap shipping and installations.

Pfc. Merton Meng ('32-'33) sends a Christmas card with a picture of St.-Lo, France.

Bob Mostyn ('41-'42) received his silver wings at Marfa, Texas, Dec. 23, when he graduated as a Flight Officer from Marfa Army Air Field. Bob was a recent visitor at college. From here he was to report at Kingman, Arizona, Army Air Field for further training as pilot of a P-17.

Lt. Dayton Murray ('41-'42) writes from France that he likes his squadron very much and is enjoying himself. He is surprising himself (and perhaps Mademoiselle Johnson if she could hear him) with his French conversation.

Still another case of "brother meets brother" has been reported from the South Pacific. Ensign Clarke Nellist ('40-'43) and Lt. Bill Nellist ('37-'38) recently met in the Philippines area. They hadn't seen each other in three years and met twice last month on a Pacific island. Bill, who had been wounded at Leyte, is on detached service doing advanced reconnaissance. Clarke has seen action in several invasions in the Palau and Philippines area.

Sgt. Joe Rezzonico ('31-'32) gave his family an exceptional thrill on Christmas day by broadcasting a Merry Christmas to his friends and relatives of Arcata from Australia.

Capt. and Mr. Merwyn Riddle ('38-'41) send a Christmas card from Ypsilanti, Michigan. Mrs. Riddle is the former Frances Larsen ('38-'42) who was a teacher at the College Elementary School last year.

Lt. Nebby Roscoe ('39-'42) has been a recent college visitor. Nebby had finished his C-47 transition at Bergstrom Field, Austin, Texas, and was ready to ship out but he was transferred to C-46's, our biggest twin-engine plane. Now he is through with that and expects to be overseas soon.

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Lt. Eldrid Spinhas (‘41-‘42) telephoned his parents at Christmas time from somewhere in the South Pacific. He is a pilot of a fighter plane and has had several successful missions. He recently was named Assistant Flight Officer of his squadron.

Lt. Gene Thomas (fall ‘42) has been awarded the Air Medal with bronze Oak Leaf cluster. His group has flown more than 140 combat missions for the 15th AAF and has been twice cited by the War Department for outstanding performance against the enemy. Gene recently was reported missing in action but later sent his mother a telegram saying he was well and safe.

Lt. Jim Wheeler (fall ‘42) writes from a New York APO address that he has two Oak Leaf clusters on his Air Medal in addition to the Purple Heart. He was in a hospital and away from flying for two months.

Lt. George Winzler (fall ‘42) was one of twelve American fighting men killed on Christmas day in the crash of an Army transport plane in Southern California. George received his wings and commission at Frederick Army Airfield in Oklahoma, September 8 and had been home on furlough after that.

Ensign Don Hurst (‘41-‘43) and Ensign Fred Slack, Jr. (‘40-‘42) recently enjoyed a seven-hour galleys when their respective ships crossed each other’s path somewhere in the South Pacific. Their conversation was via blinker lights and Don reported that he could see Fred clearly through the glasses he had. Don writes that he enjoys meeting the native chiefs on the South Pacific islands, and that the swimming is good, provided you have a buddy standing watch with a trusty rifle to shoot the sharks.

Pfc. Bill McMillan, Jr. writes his folks from the Philippines on January 2nd: “As you can see, I am on the move again. This place is a lot warmer in more ways than one. I am ok—don’t worry. The people here are a lot friendlier than in the last place and a lot more intelligent. At least it is good to see some sort of civilization for a change. The people here are clean and as a whole most of them speak English fairly well; also Spanish. So I get along ok—thanks to Senorita Mathews” (Eureka High School teacher)!

Lt. Robert Frakes (‘39-‘40), Army Air Corps, was a recent college visitor. Bob is now on leave in this country after several weeks of service in England. He has been assigned to an instructional position at the Bomberader School, Carlsbad, New Mexico, and is leaving immediately for duty. He stated that some of the first mail that greeted him in England was the Humboldt News Letter.

George D. Kinsman, former faculty member, is in the army, stationed at Battle Creek, Michigan. Kinsman taught music courses and directed the Humboldt choir and the orchestra while Edmund Jeffers was on a two-years leave, completing work for his doctor’s degree at Columbia University. Kinsman is a lieutenant in the Medical Administration Corps and is the officer in charge of the Music School under what is known as the Convalescent faculty at the Percy Jones General Hospital at Battle Creek. He has been in service a little over a year, originally going into the engineers, from which he was later transferred. He is in service in California, in Washington, in Oregon, and in Texas before being sent to his present station. Mrs. Kinsman is now with him, and they still have their dog Topper.

A new book recently acquired by the college library is Captain Herbert L. Merillat’s “The Island, A History of the Marines on Guadalcanal.” Humboldt students should have a real interest in this book because it is an account of the Marine Division to which Sgt. Bill Farber (‘35-‘41), one of Humboldt’s most famous football players, belonged. In the appendix of the book is a list of medals awarded and the name of 2nd Lt. Amedeo Sandretto (‘35-‘41) is included among those who have received the Air Medal. Amedeo was reported missing after a voluntary air mission.

JEFFERS AND KARSHNER IN HAWAII

Two Humboldt faculty members on leave who are serving with the Seabees in Hawaii are Dr. Edmund Jeffers and Don Karshner. It is not possible to publish their addresses but we suggest that any Humboldt men wishing to get in touch with them should call at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Ackermann, 2329 East Manoa Road, Honolulu, parents of Margaret Ackermann (‘42-‘43) and Lawrence (Jack) Ackermann (fall ‘42). Margaret and Jack are both at home now and will be glad to see any Humboldters and to help put them in touch with "Jeff" or Don or anyone else in the service whose addresses they know.

S/Sr. Don Wilson (‘42-‘43), son of Prof. Bert Wilson, spent Christmas day with the Ackermans. Don has been specializing in fire control of five-inch guns.

Pvt. Gene Orlandi (fall ‘43) is now at Fort Sill, near Lawton, Oklahoma, where he is attending a field artillery school. He writes: “We have quite a lot of math to do, but it is very interesting just to know how to calculate and give a command to the guns.”

Sgt. Fred Smith (‘39-‘42) is with the United States Army in Germany. He writes: “I was in England for a while and saw quite a bit of London, but not enough to satisfy my appetite. I didn’t have time to go to Stratford-upon-Avon, something I missed. I have been through Versailles, Paris, Brussels and part of Holland. Although I can say I’ve been there, it was no vacation trip.” He adds that he hopes the Humboldt News Letters will catch up with him pretty soon, as he would like some news from Humboldt State.

JUST A REMINDER

for those of you who will be coming back soon! Don’t forget that many County Recorders will record and copy discharge papers for veterans free of charge. It is important for a number of reasons that this be attended to.