NELLIST WINS HONORS

Lt. Bill Nellist ('37-'38) has been winning fame by several daring exploits in the Philippines. In the Humboldt Standard of February 6 is an account of a rescue of a group of Dutch and Javanese prisoners from the Japs in which Bill participated as the leader of one of the rescue parties. For this he was awarded the Bronze Star by Lt. General Walter Kruger, Commanding General of the Sixth Army.

In the Humboldt Times of February 7 is an Associated Press dispatch describing Bill's part in rescuing the Allied war-prisoners from Cabanatuan. It is so interesting that we quote it in full:

"WITH 6th ARMY, LUZON, Feb. 6 — By Richard Bergholz, A.P. There are only 13 of them — the Alamo Scouts who played such a vital part in a rescue of the Allied war-prisoners from Cabanatuan. Sixth Army officers say the rescue might have failed without them. They provided last minute information on the location of Japanese guards and guns, conditions of the prison gate, barracks and other vital intelligence.

"They worked in two six-man teams while the thirteenth, Lt. John M. Duce, Hollywood, Calif., traveled with the main force of U.S. Rangers.

"One team was headed by Lt. Tom Rousanville, Atoka, Oklahoma.

"Eurekan in Lead

"The other team was headed by Lt. William E. Nellist of Eureka, Calif.

"The two teams previously had won bronze star awards for daring rescues of Dutch and Javanese prisoners in Dutch New Guinea.

"This is how the Alamo Scouts took part in the rescue:

"The two teams started from their base at midafternoon on January 27. They skirted a good-sized battle between Yank infantrymen and Japanese, swung south and crossed big rivers to reach Balincarin in the hills by 2 a.m. the next day — a 30-mile march.

"By 10 a.m., January 30, the Alamo Scouts were within 500 yards of the prison camp. Rousanville and another scout crawled up to a deserted Filipino hut directly across the road from the camp. Nellist and Vaquilar moved up on the camp from the other side from which they could accurately locate the positions of the Japanese guards and pinpoint Japanese defenses.

Runners Busy

"From 11:30 a.m. to dark the Scouts kept sending runners back to the Rangers with detailed information on the camp.

"When the Rangers arrived and took over the assault on the camp it was the Scouts job to reach the prisoners and guide them out of the camp along the escape route. Nellist from his commanding position, directed Ranger fire on Japanese mortars.

"On the escape trip homeward it was the Scouts' job to bring up the rear and keep an eye peeled for any stragglers.

"They were the first to go out and the last to come in."

FOUR HUMBOLDTERS COMMISSIONED

Ensigns Merritt Neale ('41-'43), Guy Keith ('41-'43), Jimmy Roscoe ('41-'43) and Jack Piersall ('41-'43) received their commissions on January 6 at Camp Endicott, Rhode Island. Following a 4-day "basket" leave which most of them spent sight-seeing on the eastern coast, they are now engaged in a six-weeks period of officers' training. They are being prepared primarily for duty with construction battalions in the Pacific. Special congratulations are due Guy Keith for being number one man in the midshipman class of 360 men!

KEEPING US POSTED

Lt. Richard Albert ('34-'35) wrote his last letter from the East Indies on Japanese rice paper. Richard is assigned to general hospital work there and is learning a good deal about the effect of tropical weather on the white man's skin. Ring-worm and tropical ulcers are common in these climates.

Lt. William Arvola ('38-'39) has decided to keep up with his older brother, become a meteorologist and go overseas. Lt. Tovio Arvola ('34-'36) is with the 10th Weather Squadron, APO 210, New York, N.Y.

Pfc. George Baker (Fall '42) writes a very interesting letter from France. He enjoyed a fine holiday with two good turkey dinners in one week plus good local entertainment and good "eats" on Christmas night. George's visit to the Maginot Line sounds a bit like a Cook's Tour, and we were thrilled to hear of his sighting our own silver-winged planes in that area.

Lt. Brad Barnes ('41-'42) doesn't mind too much having to sleep in a warm, dry "sack" in one of the huts specially built for American army men. Brad says the weather seems wetter and colder than Humboldt County and his buddies tell him "the sun never sets on the British Empire and never rises on England."

Bill Blackford, A/C ('42-'43) is at the U.S. Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi. Says he's in a VB-2 squadron and is getting his multi-engine start in SNB's—quite a jump he says from the single-engined Vultee which he has been flying. Bill expresses his interest in basketball at Humboldt, so Humboldt hopes he'll be back soon to carry on against Chico.

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HUMBOLDT NEWS LETTER

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APPRECIATION
The News Letter Staff wishes to thank the college faculty, ad-
ministrative, and maintenance staffs for their generous contribu-
tions which made possible this issue.

MR. GRAVES RESIGNS
The staff of the News Letter announces with deep regret the
resignation of Mr. Graves from the editorial staff. Mr. Graves is
retiring voluntarily from the college and hence feels that he will
soon leave Arcata and be unable to serve.
Mr. Graves has done excellent work. His news items have had
a “punch” seldom used by amateur journalists. He has kept a
file of all names mentioned and helped with the policies of pub-
llication.
We shall carry on but will miss him and his fine work.

Arthur S. Gist

KEEPING US POSTED (Cont.)

Sgt. Milton Carlson (’38-’42) sends us a one-page letter from
the Marianas where he says he is working on a booby trap to
keep his associates alert. The Staff suggests Milt’s next trans-
fer be back to the cool, cool Redwoods.

Wilton Carlson (’40-’41) completed his nurse’s training in No-
vember at Portland, Oregon. On the first of March she expects to
be sent to Ft. George Meade in Maryland for four week’s basic
training for her commission.

Sgt. Raymond Carroll (’35-’36) after head-hunting in the Pacific
for more than three years, has hopes of coming home soon.

Capt. Ray Carlson (’31-’34) and Ensign Pete Domsyen (’38-’41)
are both serving as dentists in foreign service somewhere in the
Pacific.

Donald Christiansen (Fall ’44) was a visitor at the College in
January. Don is based at San Diego and considers Navy life a
wonderful experience in spite of crowded USO centers.

Pvt. 1/c Wiley A. Cousins (41-42) arrived at the Marine Base,
Quantico, Virginia, on January 17 where he will have 16 weeks of
training in the Marine Infantry.

Pfc. Frank Cerny (’41-’43) is also at Quantico.

Capt. Harold Del Ponte (’34-’36) writes from Grand Island,
Nebraska, where he is with a bombing squadron of B-29’s. He
spends half of his time beneath tropical palms and half among
the snows of wind-swept prairies. Harold enjoys his work in the
flying business.

Cpl. Harry Falk (’34-’36) is an advanced infantry instructor in
the Louisiana maneuver country with headquarters at Camp Liv-
ingston. Quoting Harry: “It is most interesting to hear about
my friends from Humboldt. Of course, you are all too casual!
You mention things like advance reconnaissance work in the Phi-
ippines as if you would mention the time of day. The phrase im-
plies going with a group of three or four men (perhaps even
alone), behind Jap lines, living there for at least several hours
(perhaps days), and spying on the enemy at as close a range
as possible. A rather unhealthy occupation!”

MEDAL FOR WALSH

Capt. Joe Walsh (’33-’35) has received the bronze star for ex-
traordinary achievement in the performance of outstanding ser-
vice as flight surgeon in a squadron of B-24 Liberators in heavy
bombardment aircraft. Joe has served as squadron physician for
over a year in the European theatre of operations. He has
gone beyond the expected duties to design equipment for the pre-
vention of casualties. When his group first became operational
in the winter of 1943, gunners suffered from frequent and se-
vere frostbite of the face as a result of exposure to temperatures
ranging up to fifty degrees below zero. After many hours of
flying and experimentation Capt. Walsh designed a hood to be
attached permanently to the flying helmet and so made that it
covered completely every part of a man’s face that was not pro-
tected by his helmet or his goggles. Cases of frostbite were
cut to a mere fraction of their former frequency.

The bronze star citation reads in part: “Capt. Walsh’s skill as a
flight surgeon, his ingenuity and his constant devotion to duty reflect
great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the U. S.”

Capt. Gerald Geiger (’35-’39) is with the 15th AAF in Italy and is
now wearing the Air Medal and the Purple Heart. He arrived
overseas nearly a year ago after receiving his pilot wings at Moody Field, Georgia in June 1943. Gerald is in charge of the liberal
arts and education program in the special service section at headquart-
ers. His wife lives in Richmond, California.

Sgt. Wesley C. Graham (41-42) was wounded on December 14, and after hospitalization he is back serving with the Ninth
Army somewhere in Germany. Wesley has been overseas since the last September, according to
word received from his mother, Mrs. W. C. Graham.

Pfc. Clifford Hansen (’42-’43) is working in the Reception Center
and Reception Station Dispensary at Camp Beale, California.
MOULTON AND MCGRATH MEET IN ITALY

The Staff received permission to publish the following interesting letter recently received by Gordon Hadley, Editor of the Arcata Union, from Captain Bill Moulton (Fall '35) now in Italy. Hi Gordon:

A line from somewhere in Italy with the Fifth Army. Everything is fine here, even to the snow. We have more here than we used to get on Grouse Mountain. But I'd much rather be there, and who wouldn't!

I met Art McGrath today. What a time we had, talking over old times and about good old college days in Humboldt. He is now serving on an Infantry Division Special Service office here in Italy. He is the same old Art that played many a good game of ball for Humboldt State. He has a handle-bar mustache that rivals Jerry Colona's.

There are more fellows near here from Humboldt but it is a problem to find them. We don't know when we will meet next and at the present are a little too busy to just go looking.

One thing Art and I both agree on is that the Arcata Union does a lot to bring fellows in this part of the world together. We sure appreciate it very much.

Good luck.

Bill.

Cpl. Warren Haughey (39-42) and Sgt. Erle L. Hill (38-40) seem to be playing a game of tag! They met in "merry olde England" several months ago. Both were inducted on June 4, 1942 at the Presidio in San Francisco, spent several days at the Presidio in Monterey and later both went to Sheppard Field, Texas. Sgt. Haughey is working in Communications in the 74th Troop Carrier Squadron. In December he went to Edinburgh and Glasgow on his furlough.

Cpl. Allen Hill (41-43) says that roughing it in the Marianas has its compensations...there's no time for uniform regulations and inspections! Hill is in a bombing squadron which recently went overseas.

REUNION IN HAWAII

A reunion of Humboldtians in Honolulu Friday, January 26, followed a month behind the one held in San Francisco at Lucan's on December 31. Plc. Bob Oliveira ('41-42), Lt. Loy (Monty) Montgomery ('39-42), Don Wilson ('42-43) and Don Karshner of the college faculty were present. They spent the day chatting about old times and of their friends scattered all over the globe. No mention was made of food, but we are imagining their dining at Yau Lee Chai's or at P. Y. Chong's.

Lt. Paul E. Hunter ('34-37) recently wrote to President Gist from Khorrumshahr, Iran. Paul had a leave in January during which time he spent three days in Jerusalem seeing historic and sacred shrines. Several days were spent in Baghdad, three days in Tel Aviv. He tells of the attractive YMCA building in Jerusalem which serves as the center for American tourists, and of the King David Hotel with its period furnishings. Humboldtians will be eager to see the color movies which Paul has of this trip.

Sgt. "Hutch" Hutchinson ('41), after much sweating in Australia and New Guinea, finds himself assigned near home — near enough so that he can spend week-ends there. He's in Hq. Co., SCU 1916, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Lt. Wilbur Jensen ('41-42) recently asked the College to prepare the latticed calf, deck the halls and have Mr. Van Duzer nail down Nelson Hall for he was taking leave from Langley Field, Virginia and coming west to give Humboldt a thrill. Incidentally Wilbur wonders to see a redwood forest again. And to and behold — before this was hot out of the typewriter he walked into the office, minus the cow-boy hat!

Plc. Jack Kellogg ('41-42) writes that life in Iran is dull these days...and HOT. The G. I. Bill sounds like a good means of making him a commercial artist, says Jack, who is remembered especially for his ability in the art line.

T/Sgt. Earl Lowry (Spring '38) has recently recovered from an illness while in the Philippines. Earl was in one of the first air corps units to land there after MacArthur's "return." The Philippines, Earl says, are far different from New Guinea. The country is very scenic; the people friendly.

Plc. Alan Lufkin (Fall '40) is now in the Moluccas group of the Dutch East Indies, has been in the South and Southwest Pacific for more than a year and a half. "Waving palms and gentle breezes from the sea." Lufkin says sounds good only in story books.

T/c Norman C. Moore ('38-41) is now with the 7th Army in France as a French interpreter, according to word received from his mother.

Pvt. Leonard Moseley ('39-40) was killed in action on Leyte Island on December 11, 1944. He was in Company I, 184th Infantry. While at Humboldt Leonard played football under Coach Hart. He was a man of fine sportsmanship — well liked by the members of his squad.

Lt. Kendall Naye ('35-36) and his bride were recent guests in Arcata. "Nip" has reported to Camp Lockett near San Diego for re-assignment and Mrs. Naye is staying in the bay area until she can join her husband.

Pvt. Nick Nickerson (Fall '41), the writer of Lumberjack fame, writes no grapes these days. He's found an English bride...and life is rosy!

Mike O'Donnell, C. Sp ('38-40) had his picture in the Farragut News recently. The title of the column was captioned "What is the most unusual request you have listened to by men asking for liberty or special leave?" Mike: "Once a scout came to me and said he had to get home right away to chop some wood as his wife was freezing. I let him go but suggested that in the future he use a little more foresight!"

Don Gould, TM 3/c ('31-'33) writes to his friends in Arcata from a camp in the South Seas, where his back-yard is the jungle.

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Ensign Louise Parker ('32-'34) received her commission in November, following which she reported to the Bureau of Personnel in Washington where she was assigned to educational service work which fosters adult education in the Navy — a very vital phase of off-duty, voluntary aid to rehabilitation. Louise is located now at the Nurses' Quarters, Naval Hospital, Farragut, Idaho.

Thomas Paul A/C ('41-'43) is knocking on wood in hopes of receiving a commission soon. He is in an advanced squadron at Corpus Christi, starting his twin-engine training.

Pfc. James Peets (Fall '35) is now stationed on Guadalcanal with the Army Air Forces.

T/S Brian J. Sanders, Jr. ('40-'42) is with the 27th General Hospital somewhere in the Pacific. His father informs us that his APO is 585.

Lt. Ted Speier ('36-'41), somewhere in France, has recently graduated from an infantry school and has been re-commissioned in the Infantry. His instructors were all "vets" back from the front on limited assignment, and Ted says "They really know what to teach us!" Since war, Ted mentions wild boar hunting as becoming a real sport in France.

Lt. Elrid Spinak, U.S.M.C. ('41-'42) somewhere on an island in the South Pacific, is receiving the News Letter often enough to remind him of the smell of the zoology lab, of President Gist's stories, the barn dances, a certain gal in Murf's English class, as well as the mad dash he used to make every morning from Trinidad in a '29 Chevy full of "knowledge-seekers."

Capt. Curt Sundquist ('36-'41) and Cpl. Bill Moschetto ('39-'39) had a surprise meeting and tea party following a major skirmish in the South Pacific.

Ensign Jack Sutherland ('40-'42) has so far been unsuccessful in his attempts to catch up with Doc Womack. "War's a sickening thing," he writes. "If a nation could devote the energy and expense...even a fraction of it...to peace-time education against war, we would never have such things."

Lt. Jack Walsh ('36-'38) is doing minor surgery at the 125th Army Station Hospital somewhere in Alaska. Jack says he finds the glaciers and fiords excellent subjects for photography, one of his favorite hobbies. Also, he has found a little time to ski.

Rose Ivancich Walsh ('37-'41), his wife, is back at Humboldt for the spring semester.

Pvt. Sunter Walsh ('43-'44) is in Company H of the Marine Officers' Candidate Battalion at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Sunter seems to be burning the midnight oil, something he wished he had done at college.

Pvt. Dave Williams ('39-'42) is stationed at Pecos Army Air Field in Texas, waiting to commence his cadet training.

Cpl. John Williams ('42-'43) drives an ambulance somewhere in the South Pacific where he says the roads are really slippery. He also mentions belonging to a basketball league in his battalion.

Pfc. Kenneth Williams (Fall '42) has hung on the battlefront in Belgium for more than two months, according to word received from his father. Kenneth is in the Third Army under General Patton.

Lt. Garth Wilson, formerly of Humboldt's faculty, sent greeting on a French post card from his pupil tent in France. The Staff would like to hear more from Garth but we understand he's mighty busy on the front lines.

Lt. Hugh Wilson, USMC ('40-'42) has been flying transports for 16 months in the South Pacific and was recently seen as a visitor at the College. He was stationed at New Caledonia and at Bougainville Island. While in that area, Hugh ran into Capt. Jack Morton ('39-'41) and Lt. Robert Hoilien ('40-'42). On March 10 he expects to report to MCAS, El Centro, California, for duty.

Sgt. Doc Womack ('41-'42) writes that both of his Philippine D-Days' clinched the resolution that it would be Humboldt for him when the time for cashing in on the G. I. Bill comes.

Pfc. Glenn Swanback ('41-'42) has received his discharge from the Army and is now in the Army Hospital at Oteen, North Carolina.

**WAR TROPHIES**

The brilliant Nazi flag flaunted in the show case at Humboldt State College does not mean that there are any pro-Nazis taking refuge here in the redwoods. Quite the contrary, it is a defiant war trophy, captured from the Germans and sent to President Gist as a souvenir by Cpl. Charles Waters ('40-'41) who is now serving in the third infantry fighting on German soil. Along with the flag are two Nazi arm bands, and a handsome dagger bearing the legend "Alles für Deutschland."

These articles were apparently captured from the Germans when they retreated from France, but they are unused and bear a PX sales tag. Evidently Chuck did not take them red-handed from a fleeing Hun, but just the same, they are most interesting mementoes of a tottering regime.

**WAC WEDDING**

Cpl. Joyce Abbott ('40-'41), station at Luke Field, Arizona, was married on February 3 to Sgt. Edward Baker of Anaheim, California, at the Luke Field Chapel. Cpl. Abbott is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Abbott of Mount Shasta, formerly of科尔

Sgt. Gene Sutton ('40-'42) deals in high finance at Fort Ben Harrison, Indiana. One of his Colonels gave him a fine push and send-off to Advance Finance School, and Gene is now in a Disbursing Section... still training and making a name for himself.

Russel Hodge, S C M 1/c (Spring '41) is now attending classes 19 and 12 hours a day at the West Coast Sound School in San Diego. Says his new assignment isn't bad compared to duty out in the Pacific.

Midshipman Charles Sweet ('40-'43) is another lucky man. He expects to get a leave soon, as his class at Notre Dame graduates early in March. Charles plans to visit the College on the hill and get a glimpse of the present "Econ" sufferers to see if they compare favorably with former ones.