

When Johnny Comes Marching Home

*When Johnny comes marching home again, hurrah, hurrah,
We'll all have a jolly welcome then, hurrah, hurrah,
The men will cheer and the boys will shout, The ladies they will all turn out
And we'll all be gay when Johnny comes marching home*

— TRADITIONAL FOLKSONG

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Through the years, when the call came to serve our country on foreign ground, Tualatin has always sent its share of young manhood. When the Great War ended in 1918, some Tualatin kids tied baling wire together and fastened the end to the bell rope in the old Tualatin Grade and High School. Then, hiding out behind some bushes, they yanked on the wire and the bell rang out again and again. It was a great way to celebrate the occasion.

Slowly the soldier boys came home. Some, like Claude Nyberg and Walter Cimino told of their brave experiences, others like Clarence Stevens who suffered from shell shock or the the effects of mustard gas lived out their lived haunted by the horrors of war.

Dick Walgraeve, who lived off Herman Road, found an American bugle in a battle field in France after the bloody battle was over. He knew the bugler had died in the fray, as a

bugler never left his instrument. Although the Great War was supposed to be the one that ended all war, peace was not to be, and again American boys were called upon to leave their homeland and serve their country.

Don Sunde: "On the morning of December 7, 1941, Myron Buswell and I were in a hangar at Beaverton Airport working on a plane. We had a small radio on a shelf above the workbench when all of a sudden the music stopped and they announced that Pearl Harbor was under attack by the Japanese and many sailors were killed, and some navy ships were sunk. We looked at each other and Myron said at this moment our life is going to drastically change-and he was right".

Don joined the 344th Air Service Squadron and served in the South Pacific, enduring malaria, Dengue fever and dysentery, encountering poisonous scorpions and snakes, and nearly dying from eating spoiled Thanksgiving turkey.

Don could hardly believe his eyes when he met his old pal Myron Buswell, who had joined the 13th Air Force. Don studied mechanics at Oregon Technical Institute on the G. I. Bill and until his retirement, worked as a lead mechanic at Boeing in Seattle.

Hifumi Okazaki: "The darkest day of my life was December 8, 1941. That morning at school there was a buzz about Hawaii being attacked by Japanese and I felt like they thought I was one of them. It was



Dick Walgraeve found this bugle in a field after a battle in France. Stamping on the side of the horn says it was manufactured in Grand Rapids Michigan with the date 7-11-17. Dick gave the bugle to Walter John Eames who donated it to the Tualatin Historical Society.

the middle of my senior year at Tigard High School". Unable to finish his high school education, Hifumi was sent with his family to the Minidoka Relocation Center in Idaho. Hifumi was later inducted into the 442nd Infantry Combat Team and sent to Tokyo to decipher battle maps of the Japanese army. The Sasaki family, who operated a successful farm south of Tualatin were also taken to Minidoka. Their farm was intact when they returned.



The Sunde House where brothers Don, Lawrence, Carrol and Gordon lived; now the site of Sunde Meadows and the Tualatin Presbyterian Church.

Many of Tualatin's young men served in the military: Herb Lafky, Bill McLaughlin, Wilber Nyberg, Walter John Eames, Gordon Sunde, and many others served in World War II. Dolores McLaughlin and Dorothy Ramsey joined the Wacs. Lloyd Koch was stationed in Germany after the war. John "Bob" George, Harold Brink and Ed Wager were some of the boys who served in the Korean conflict. Many returning veterans took advantage of the G.I. Bill of Rights, making up for the education

they missed when they joined the service. Tualatin also sent volunteers to the Indian Wars, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, and currently Afghanistan and Iraq.

*Last night I had the strangest dream
I ever dreamed before
I dreamed the world had all agreed
to put an end to war*

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Most of the men returned to their homes relatively unscathed, but in 1944 Keith Gates, a Marine paratrooper on Okinawa, was shot and killed, and Brian Bushnell was lost during the Vietnam war and

is now considered Missing in Action. Lieutenant Matthew Lembke was killed in Afghanistan. The community grieves.



Asa Mack, Leonard Pohl and John Ladd in front of the Mack House (now the Bertleson Animal Clinic) after a successful raccoon hunt. Leonard Pohl was in the Civilian Conservation Corp and John Ladd in the U.S Army during the World War II.