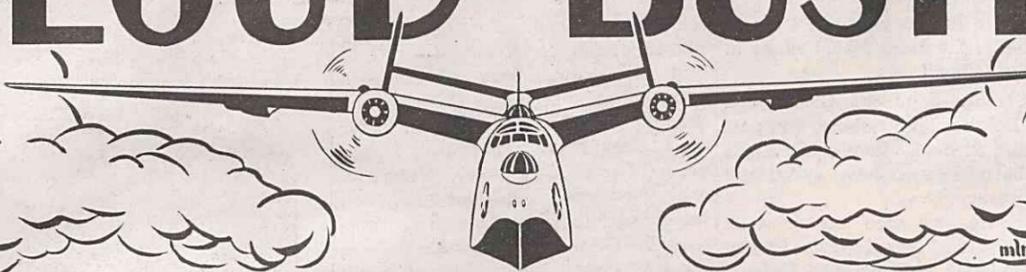


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Kessing Goes to Sea; Graff Is New C. O.



COMDR. O. O. KESSING, Pre-Flight School commanding officer who has been transferred to sea duty in the Pacific war area, is pictured on the left showing his orders to Lt. Comdr. John P. Graff, who served as executive officer under Comdr. Kessing and who has taken over as new commanding officer of the station.

Lieut. Raugh Becomes New Executive Officer

With the departure of Comdr. O. O. Kessing for sea duty, Lt. Comdr. John P. Graff, who has served as executive officer of the Pre-Flight School here since its beginning early last spring, was designated by the Navy Department as the new commanding officer.

Lieut. James P. Raugh, the regimental commander, was elevated to the position of executive officer, and Lieut. Lloyd R. Sauer, the senior watch and security officer, was selected to assume the duties of regimental commander.

Commenting on his appointment as the new commanding officer, Lt. Comdr. Graff declared: "The policies of this station have been set down by Comdr. O. O. Kessing, and the sound selection of these policies has been exemplified by the program already achieved at this Pre-Flight School. The change in command will in no way change the operation. Comdr. Kessing has set the course, and the best I can hope to do is follow his pattern and example."

The new commanding officer is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy, class of 1920, which finished the prescribed course in June 1919 when the World War caused the Academy program to be shortened to three years.

After graduation he served successively on the transport *USS Kaiserin Augusta Victoria*, the *USS Nevada*, and the *USS Reuben James*. In October, 1923, Lt. Comdr. Graff was taken ill and left the *Reuben James* for the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia and was retired from active duty in 1924 as a lieutenant (junior grade), USN.

In civilian life he distinguished himself as a business executive until in March of this year, he returned to active service as executive officer of the Pre-Flight School here. He was one of the first officers on the scene and has figured importantly in the growth of the school to its present magnitude.

The new executive officer, Lieut. Raugh, was graduated from the Naval Academy with the class of 1926, and then spent several years aboard the *USS Raleigh*.

He returned to civilian life in 1928 and during the next 13 years worked out a successful career in the iron and steel industry. In March, 1942, he volunteered his services to the Navy, was accepted and attached to the Bureau of Aeronautics. He assisted Comdr. Tom Hamilton until the latter part of May when he was transferred to the Chapel Hill Pre-Flight School.

268 Cadets Leave Station

During the past week 262 cadets left the Pre-Flight School for primary flight training at Naval Reserve Aviation Bases. In addition, six were selected from the 8th and 9th Battalions and transferred for navigation training at Coral Gables, Fla.

All Hands Join In Ceremony Honoring 'Scrappy'

Honoring Comdr. O. O. Kessing, commanding officer who left the station this week to join Vice Admiral William Halsey in the Pacific, a special regimental review was held Thursday afternoon in Kenan stadium before 5,000 persons.

Included among the speakers were Capt. William S. Popham, head of the NROTC unit on the campus and a classmate of Comdr. Kessing's at Annapolis; Comdr. Tom Hamilton, who is in charge of the naval aviation physical fitness program; R. B. House and Billy Carmichael, dean and comptroller respectively of the University, and Lt. Comdr. John P. Graff, who replaces Comdr. Kessing as commanding officer here. Lieut. Howard Hamilton, head of the local academic department, introduced the speakers.

After the Pre-Flight cadets marched onto the field, along with the CVTC and NROTC unit of the University, Chaplain Eric Arendt delivered the invocation.

Then Lieut. Hamilton read a telegram received from Dr. Frank Graham, president of the University.

"Personally and on behalf of the University of North Carolina I wish to join the 'goodbye' to Commander Kessing," said Dr. Graham, who is in Washington on war work. "We were fortunate in having a man of such strong character, high ability and distinguished service in charge of the inauguration and administration of the Pre-Flight School at Chapel Hill. His leadership is mainly responsible for the rank of the North Carolina Pre-Flight School as the No. 1 in the nation.

"This achievement is in line with the career of a man who was a recognized leader among the midshipmen at Annapolis, at the Naval front in the World War I and on a China station command during the evacuations at the outbreak of World War II.

"As a scrub football player, as a champion boxer in his weight at the Naval Academy, as a kite balloon pilot in submarine infested seas, as the first graduate manager of athletics at Annapolis, as navigator on the *USS Holland*, as director of the fleet football team, as executive officer of the *USS Augusta* which held first rank in gunnery and engineering of all the heavy cruisers, as commanding officer of the *USS Chaumont* in Asiatic waters, and as commanding officer of the fine group of flying, fighting men he will now lead the way for them to beat back the axis powers and make the world at last free.

"God speed and God bless you, Scrappy."

Dean House stated that Comdr. Kessing was sent here to do a job, and (Continued on next page)



Lieut. Raugh

V-5 Instructor Course Begins Here Monday

The second V-5 instructor training course to be conducted at Chapel Hill will begin Monday, Nov. 30.

Lieut. William C. Clark, who served as officer-in-charge of the first such course given here last September, will serve in a similar capacity again and direct the Naval indoctrination of the 125 V-5 instructors expected to report for the course.

The course which will continue through Dec. 26 is designed to acquaint the new officers with Naval customs and traditions, train them in the elements of military drill, and work them into top physical condition for their jobs ahead.

Several more indoctrination courses for V-5 instructors will follow this one at Chapel Hill, since the expansion of the physical training program for Naval aviators makes it necessary to obtain additional personnel to man new stations and to increase the number of officers at stations which are being enlarged.

Lieut. Norman Loader will be in charge of the academic phase of the indoctrination course, Lt. (jg) Edward R. Hodgkins will head the military instruction, and Lt. (jg) Edward S. Masavage will be in charge of the athletic activities. Lieut. Robert D. Robinson will serve as drill master, and the platoon officers will be Lt. (jg) Joseph B. McCabe, Ens. Richard P. Cassiano, Ens. William S. Krywicki, and Ens. Louis A. Young.

Comdr. Kessing Gets Diploma at Smoker



LT. COMDR. JAMES CROWLEY, Cloudbuster head football coach (on the right), congratulates Comdr. O. O. Kessing after presenting the departing commanding officer with a "graduation" diploma at the station Smoker last Wednesday evening.

Presentation to Comdr. O. O. Kessing of a diploma, Magna Cum Laude, some chewing tobacco and a wash tub spittoon, highlighted the fortnightly Pre-Flight Smoker held Wednesday evening in Memorial Hall.

Presented by Lt. Comdr. Jim Crowley, the diploma stated that, "Comdr. O. O. Kessing has completed Pre-Flight training at the United States Navy Pre-Flight School, Chapel Hill, North Carolina as a post graduate holdover from the First Battalion. He stood number one in his class with a general average of 2.50 which is a 'damned good mark.' He is an honorary mem-

ber of all battalions and a charter member of the following athletic squadrons: Helldivers, Coronados, Mariners, Buccaneers, Buffalos, Skyrockets, Catalinas, Devastators, Wildcats, Kingfishers, Vindicators, and Mustangs." The diploma was dated Nov. 30, 1942, and signed by the heads of all departments.

The entire smoker provided an hour and a half of good entertainment to the group of cadets, officers, enlisted men and station personnel present.

Participants included the Cloudbuster

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