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The Enemy . . .

(The following article was written for the CLOUDBUSTER by a member of the 14th Battalion. All cadets are urged to contribute features, editorials, and news material of all sorts for use in the station newspaper. As a matter of policy contributed articles carry the by-line of the writer.—The Editors.)

By CADET A. WEINTRAUB

If there is any American of whom it can be said, he knows the Japanese, he is Joseph C. Grew, former United States Ambassador to Japan. Last Monday, on the first anniversary of "the day that will long live in infamy," Mr. Grew brought out *Report From Tokyo*, a book based on speeches delivered by him since his return to this country after the outbreak of war. In the light of Mr. Grew's excellent record in the service of his country and his 10 years spent in Japan, the advice he passes on to Americans might well be heeded by those both in and out of the armed services.

The Japanese, he says, are united, trained, frugal, and fanatical. "At this moment," he points out, "the Japanese feel themselves, man for man, superior to you and to me and to any of our peoples . . . their leaders do think that they can and will win. They are counting on our underestimates, on our apparent disunity . . . on our unwillingness to sacrifice, to endure and to fight."

This, most of us already know and for those of us at Chapel Hill there is nothing here from which we can learn. We, too, are united, solidly and completely for victory. There can not be any question about this, for were this not so, we would certainly not be in naval aviation, a branch of the armed services based at present entirely upon voluntary enlistment. And we are now being trained, by an organization that boasts the world's greatest aviators. From this efficient and all-covering training, there can not possibly result a feeling of inferiority on our part. In endurance, sacrifice, and fight, Naval Aviators will not be found lacking.

Ambassador Grew's statements, however, go further. As a warning of what may come, he says: "The Japanese may not intend to take New Orleans or San Francisco or Vancouver or Toronto—in this war. They do intend and expect, in dead seriousness, to conquer Asia, to drive us out, to make a peace which will weaken us, and cause us to grow weaker with time. And then later, in five years, or 10 years, or 50 years, they would use the billion men of an enslaved Asia, and all the resources of the East, to strike again."

From this, we have much to learn. After a period of fighting, an offer of peace from our enemies may well seem like a gift from the heavens. But such a peace, if it is the kind Mr. Grew speaks of, would not be a peace, but rather an armistice, a short interlude between wars, during which time we would grow weaker and our enemies stronger.

For America, there can be no cessation of fighting when our shores seem no longer under threat, when Japan "obligingly" negotiates for peace. Our fight does not end here. It does not end until the last Japanese flag is blown from the shores of Asia and perhaps the face of the earth. We did not ask for war, but now that we are fighting, we shall not stop until we are sure another act of "infamy" will never again be committed against us.



COMDR. JESSE G. WRIGHT, (MC) USN, senior medical officer of the Pre-Flight School, has received orders transferring him to sea duty and will leave the station sometime next week to take up his new assignment. He will be succeeded here by Comdr. Dean Vance, USN (Ret.), who has been in naval service for some 25 years.

Comdr. Wright has been on the staff of the school here from the beginning last spring. His has been the responsible task of assembling men and materials needed to keep station personnel in top physical condition and to treat those injured or taken ill. He has played an important part in construction of the new infirmary now nearing completion, and had hoped to see it finished before going to sea.

No stranger to the sea, Comdr. Wright during his 15 years in the Navy has seen service aboard the *USS Oglala*, flagship of a mine squadron, the *USS Ranger*, first ship built as a carrier, and the *USS Chicago*, while attached to the staff of a cruiser scouting force.

Mrs. Wright and daughter, Marilyn, will remain in Chapel Hill for the present.

Well Balanced Medical Staff Looks After Health of Station

By C. RALPH SYKES, Phm.2/c, USN

While other departments are more frequently publicized, the medical department is entrusted with the all-important responsibility of maintaining the physical fitness of, and guarding against illness and injury to, all personnel of the Pre-Flight School.

For this essential duty has been chosen a select group of medical officers and pharmacist's mates, under the supervision of Comdr. Jesse G. Wright, (MC) USN. Comdr. Wright—who has just been ordered to sea duty—is a flight surgeon with more than 900 hours in the air, and a physician with a varied experience gained by serving the Medical Corps of the U. S. Navy in all parts of the world; though his hours are full, he is never too busy to discuss problems of any nature with officers, cadets or enlisted personnel.

To assist him in the vital task of keeping 225 officers, 1780 cadets and 125 enlisted personnel healthy are seven medical officers, three dental officers, a psychologist, two nurses and a number of hospital corpsmen.

The work of the medical department is distributed among all physical activities of the Pre-Flight School.

The training room at Woollen Gymnasium is under the supervision of

Lieut. Comdr. Angus M. McDonald (MC), USNR, who directs the treatment of all athletic injuries. With the increasing interest in the safety of those participating in sports, the training room at Woollen Gym is equipped for the prevention, treatment and care of athletic injuries. In the training room are men well trained in their art of "the trainer's duty." Their duties comprise the prevention of injury, superficial first aid, protective bandaging and taping. Here, the major and minor injuries are differentiated and the degree of severity considered, keeping in mind the complications which may arise from neglect.

The treatment rooms are composed of two rooms in Alexander Hall, which are used to hold "sick call" each day at 0700 and 1900, except Sunday when the hours are 0800 and 1900. There are an average of 250 cadets seen at this sick call daily except Saturday and Sunday when cadets are permitted liberty. Hospital corpsmen unfortunate enough to have the Saturday and Sunday duty are rewarded with enough extra time to catch up on correspondence while cadets shrug off minor ailments to keep their appointments at Sutton's Drug Store.

Through the doors of the treatment
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Station Personnel Pledge \$38,811 In War Bond Drive

Officers, Cadets, Crew, Civilian Employees Join in Purchases for Pearl Harbor Day

Lending their support to the nationwide drive to remember Pearl Harbor by converting a portion of income into fighting dollars, Pre-Flight personnel last Monday, Dec. 7, pledged a total of \$38,811 in War Bonds and Stamps, with the pledges to be made good next payday. Sixty-three per cent of the station's officers, V-5 instructors, cadets, crew and civilian employees pledged themselves to buy the

Cadet Christmas Dance Will be Held In Gym Tonight

The Christmas dance for the regiment of cadets and their guests will be held this evening from 2030 to 2315 in Woollen Gymnasium, Lieut. Frank Gillespie, assistant welfare and recreation officer has announced. Music will be provided by the Navy Pre-Flight band.

Mrs. Peggy Jergenson, office secretary of the YMCA, and Miss Ditzzi Buice, student leader, are cooperating in arrangements for Carolina coeds to attend, Lieut. Gillespie stated, in expressing appreciation for their aid.

Refreshments will be served as usual, and taps for all cadets will be at 2400.

Pre-Flight Personnel Invited to Annual Xmas Community Sing

The entire personnel of the Pre-Flight School has been invited to take part in the annual Christmas community sing which will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock in Memorial Hall. The Navy Pre-Flight Glee Club and Band will appear on the program which will also include the glee clubs of the Junior high school, Chapel Hill high school, the University of North Carolina, and Carrboro Negro center, not to mention choirs and choruses from all local churches.

Paul Green, playwright and author, is writing the program in which all of this music will be combined.

Coming Events

Dec. 12—Free movie at Village Theatre, "The Major and the Minor" with Ginger Rogers and Ray Milland. Feature starts at 1300, 1520, 1920 and 2110.

Dec. 12—Cadet dance at Woollen Gymnasium, 2030 to 2315. Taps will be at 2400.

Dec. 13—Free movie at Village Theatre, "Road to Morocco" with Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour. Feature starts at 1300 and 1433.

Dec. 13—Annual Christmas community sing in Memorial Hall at 1930.

Other Movies

Dec. 12—At Carolina Theatre, "A Yank at Eton" with Mickey Rooney.

Dec. 12—At Pick Theatre, "Phantom Killer" with Joan Woodbury and Warren Hymer.

Dec. 13—At Carolina Theatre, "For Me and My Gal" with Judy Garland and George Murphy.

Dec. 13—At Pick Theatre, "The Undying Monster" with James Ellison, Heather Angel and John Howard.

extra War Bonds in marking Pearl Harbor day, according to Lt. (jg) E. E. Mack, disbursing officer in charge of the local drive.

In expressing his gratification with the results here, Comdr. John P. Graff, commanding officer, declared:

"I wish to commend the officers, crew, cadets, V-5 instructors, and civilian employees of this station for the fine manner in which they responded to the appeal to buy War Bonds on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor last Monday. The nearly \$40,000 pledged for bonds on that day was an excellent showing for a station of this size.

"However, we should not rest content with having pledged these fighting dollars for the war against the enemy, and I urge all hands to consider the systematic purchase of bonds through the payroll savings plan. This is no time for either men or money to be idle."

The V-5 instructors who are undergoing their naval indoctrination at the Pre-Flight School led the various groups of the station with 95% of their members pledging to buy bonds. Credit for this near perfect showing is due Lieut. William C. Clark, officer-in-charge of the V-5 instructor course, who handled the bond drive among members of his group.

The best showing among the cadets was turned in by the 14th Battalion, with 88% of their members pledging bond purchases. The 12th Battalion placed third with 85%, the Pre-Flight officers fourth with 71%, and the 13th Battalion fifth with 68%.

Bond pledges of the 12th Battalion, which is the largest in the regiment, totaled \$10,530 to rank first in this respect. The total pledged by the officers of the station amounted to \$8,850, while the 13th Battalion's total of \$7,594 was the third largest sum of the various groups.

Disbursing officer, Lt. Mack, indicated that special facilities will be provided in Alexander Hall on payday next week so that officers, crew, and civilian employees can purchase the bonds as pledged. Cadets will receive their pay on Dec. 16, instead of on the 20th, so that they can send the bonds, if they so desire, as Christmas gifts, and also have money in time to purchase other Christmas presents.

222 New Cadets Arrive, 210 Leave During Week

An almost even exchange occurred at the Pre-Flight School this week as 222 new cadets arrived as the 15th Battalion and some 210 left for various Naval Reserve Aviation Bases.

Thirty-six were transferred to Peru, Ind.; nine to Olathe, Kan.; 40 to Squantum, Mass.; 37 to Memphis, 24 to Norman, Okla.; seven to Lakehurst, N. J.; 44 to Hutchinson, Kansas; and 15 to Glenview, Ill.

Those coming in include 20 from the fleet and 10 from the Marines.