

Navy Hymn Chosen As Station Favorite

Nearly half of the cadets casting ballots in the recent poll named the *Navy Hymn* as their favorite hymn.

Accordingly the Public Relations Office has forwarded the information of this hymn's selection as the station's favorite to the producers of "The Hour of Charm" radio program, so that the hymn may be considered for use on that program some Sunday evening in the future. "The Hour of Charm" weekly program for some time has been concluded with playing of the favorite hymn of personnel of one of the armed camps throughout the country.

The *Old Rugged Cross* placed second in the Pre-Flight poll, and *Fairest Lord Jesus* third.

Personnel Advised to Limit Exchange of Xmas Cards

Pre-Flight School personnel are urged by the Commanding Officer to keep their exchange of Christmas cards to a minimum this year.

"During the past several years," an executive memorandum states, "very few Christmas cards have been exchanged among naval personnel and this year, more than ever before, it

'Buster Bits'

Perhaps no cadet has more personal reason for wanting a crack at Nazi U-boats than JAMES L. WARE, 12th Battalion member from Athens, Pa., who received an icy bath—and a close shave with death—in the North Atlantic last February.

Serving as third mate aboard a U. S. freighter which sailed in one of the early American convoys to Soviet Russia, Ware had a very real taste of enemy action when his ship was torpedoed and sunk by an undersea raider. Luckily, Ware and most of his shipmates were picked up from the lifeboats into which they managed to



WARE

scramble by a nearby British freighter . . . to live and fight another day.

will be inadvisable to burden even local mails with non-essential mailings."

Ware, now 20, went to sea in 1939 at the age of 17. After six months of sea service, he enrolled in the Pennsylvania Maritime Academy, Philadelphia, Pa. He completed the 18-month course there in September, 1941, earning the designation of third mate in the Maritime Commission, equivalent to ensign in the Navy.

A native of Philadelphia, Ware took the CPT primary course at Williamsport, Pa., last summer, and is itching to get back into the fight against the Nazis—this time in a sleek Navy fighter plane.

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A Carnegie Hero Medal winner at the age of 17 is the mark set by CADET JOHN W. VAUGHN (12th Battalion), from Hammonton, N. J.

It was back on Dec. 31, 1939, that young Vaughn demonstrated cool courage that should carry him far in naval aviation. Risking his own life to save that of two others, Vaughn that day rescued a boy, 10, and a girl, 12, who had plunged into the frigid water while skating and sledding on the thin iced surface of Hammonton Lake.

For this deed Vaughn won acclaim in the nation's press, was cited in the Youth of the Month magazine, lauded in a resolution passed during the first 1940 state legislative session in New Jersey, and was awarded the Carnegie Medal, carrying with it a reward of \$250.

Vaughn attended the University of Richmond for two years before enlisting in the Navy, and lettered in football while playing guard and center on the varsity team during his sophomore year. He attributes part of his success in high school chemistry to the fact that the boy whom he rescued from the waters of Hammonton Lake was the son of his chemistry teacher.



VAUGHN

CADET RAYMOND H. PORTER (11th Battalion), of Rochester, N. Y., lettered in four sports—soccer, track, boxing and baseball—while attending Buffalo State Teachers College. However, soccer was his main forte. He lettered four years in that sport, was captain of the team in 1939, and was chosen by Spalding as one of the outstanding soccer players of the year.

CADET CHARLES F. LESLIE, JR., (13th Battalion), of Philadelphia, Pa., once sang with the Savoy Opera Co. . . . Rated as radioman, third class, when he transferred from the Regular



"He's been on the tree ever since he arrived here."

Navy to naval aviation, CADET LEVY C. GREMILLION (12th Battalion), of Monroe, La., spent a year and four months in the Panama Canal Zone on special radio detail. He attended the radio school at Norfolk, Va. . . . CADET GEORGE T. BUTCHER (13th Battalion), of Waltham, Mass., was city ping pong champion of Waltham for three years. . . .

should be no great mystery to CADET JEAN MAYERS (10th Battalion), of Boston, Mass. Besides holding a pilot's license, Mayers has a bachelor of aeronautical engineering degree which he received from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn last spring. . . . CADET FRANCIS J. BUCKLEY (13th Battalion), of Dorchester, Mass., has a brother serving in the Navy, one in the Army and another in the Coast Guard.

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