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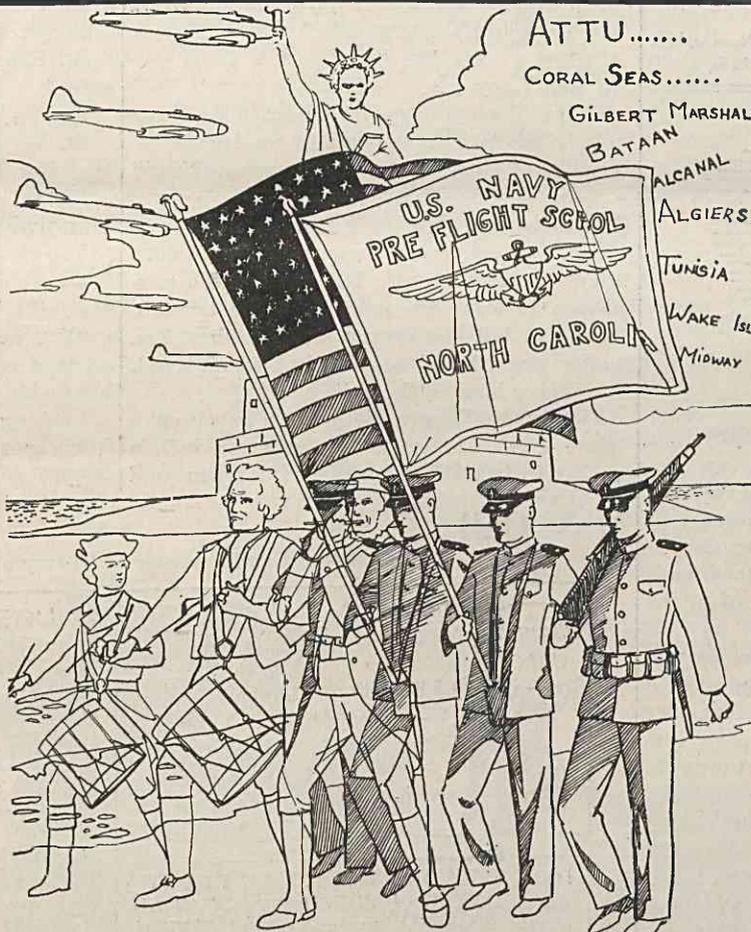
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Dramatic proof of the power of air armadas striking from the "edge of the circle" has been given by the crumbling of Axis positions in Africa beneath Allied air blows. It is once again apparent that air power, like sea power, can develop its greatest strength only when it holds a position on the circumference of a great circle drawn around the enemy. In land warfare it is precisely the other way around. A nation such as Germany lying in the central position has internal lines of communication. German armies are free to move along the radii of action, but their opponents must detour their forces, slowly and tediously, around the far longer portions of the circumference. During the first year of the war the Germans were able to strike out at Poland, Norway, France, Yugoslavia, and Greece from the center of the European continent.

The weary British had to run a foot race around the edge of the European arena to counter the German moves. Britain's effort to meet the enemy everywhere on the circumference, from Narvik to the Middle East, led to a dangerous thinning of the Imperial forces and they were beaten in detail by powerful thrusts made from the center of the German lair. For land conquest the Germans had every advantage, yet the shortcomings of their geographical position became apparent after the failure of the air *Blitz* over England.

This hapless land, so the Germans thought, lay in an arc of air bases stretching from Norway to southern France. Bombers from these bases should reduce English resistance in short order. But the Nazis did not realize that there was only an arc and not a circle around the British Isles. Britain was not blockaded and British

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By Cadet Harold E. Raveche, Jr.

"Though Times Have Changed The Spirit Will Always Remain."

Station Personnel Participates In Special War Bond Campaign

"For future Independence Days celebrate the Fourth with War Bonds."

With this as their theme, Naval stations throughout the country are conducting special Independence Day *cash* War Bond drives, similar to that held last Pearl Harbor Day.

The Independence Day War Bond drive which has been underway among officers, cadets, enlisted men, and civilian employees at this station since last Wednesday will come to a close today. While results are not available at CLOUDBUSTER deadline, it is hoped that the total volume of purchases

will surpass the station's high mark of \$38,811 pledged on Pearl Harbor Day last year.

There is no time better than now to invest available cash in War Bonds as a concrete demonstration against the enemy on Independence Day. The special 4th of July War Bond campaign gives uniformed and civilian personnel, alike, another opportunity to let their dollars fight with them and for them. Remember, "A country worth fighting for is worth investing in!"

Independence Day War Bonds may be purchased today at the Pre-Flight post office in Navy Hall.

Victory Garden Begins Producing For Cadets Here

Cadets during the past week began reaping the results of toil in the Pre-Flight Victory Garden which has been under cultivation by labor engineering crews for several months.

At this writing cadet-grown vegetables amounting to more than \$200 and including 30 bushels of beets, 15 bushels of cucumbers, 400 pounds of kale and 350 pounds of Swiss chard have been sold to Lenoir Dining Hall and fed back to the cadets with their regular meals.

Among the variety of other crops on the way, according to Lieut. (jg) Warren H. Chivers, USNR, officer in charge of labor engineering, are tomatoes, potatoes, both Irish and sweets, carrots, lettuce, watermelon, cantaloupe, peanuts, egg plant, peppers, brussel sprouts, cabbage and squash.

Regimental Review Tomorrow in Kenan

Independence Day will be observed here tomorrow with a Regimental Review in Kenan Stadium starting at 1400, it was announced during the past week by Comdr. John P. Graff, USN (Ret.), Commanding Officer.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Pre-Flight band. The public is invited to attend.

Movie Schedule

July 3—Free movie at Village Theatre, "Air Force" with John Garfield. Feature starts at 1553, 1930, and 2142*. Complete show 2 hours, 12 minutes.

*The last show will end at 2348. No movies are scheduled for Sunday; Regimental Parade.