

CLOUD BUSTER

Captain O. O. Kessing Awarded Navy and Marine Corps Medal

Former "Skipper" at This Station Gets Citation

Captain O. O. Kessing, USN, first commanding officer at this Pre-Flight School, was recently awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal "for heroism following an attack by Japanese bombing planes on Halavo, Solomon Islands, February 20, 1943."

Captain Kessing was detached from this station last November, and ordered to duty in the South Pacific Area.

Rear Admiral T. S. Wilkinson, deputy commander of the South Pacific Area, read the following citation at the ceremony of presentation:

"For heroism following an attack by Japanese bombing planes on Halavo, Solomon Islands. On February 20, 1943, a Japanese bomb set afire a supply and ammunition dump at Halavo, four miles distant from Tulagi. Captain Kessing, then on duty at Tulagi, observing the fire, voluntarily organized a fire-fighting party, which proceeded by boat to Halavo. Immediately and without regard for his personal safety, he directed the fighting of the fire amid exploding ammunition and pyrotechnics. Due to the voluntary leadership of Captain Kessing and another Naval officer, the fire was finally extinguished, thereby preventing further loss of vital supplies, pos-

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High Scoring Games Mark Softball Play

The second half of the Pre-Flight softball season opened last Wednesday with a flurry of 78 runs being scored.

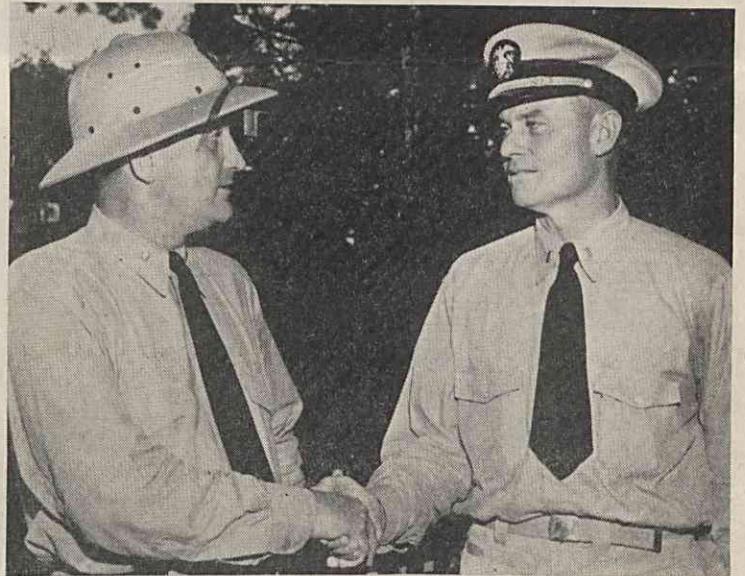
Most runs of the day were scored by the Lexington officers' team, champion of the first half of the split season, which overwhelmed the Saratoga, 22-5.

The Essex chalked up the next highest score in defeating the Hospital Corps, 20-3.

In other games played, the Enterprise turned back Cowpens, 12-1, and the Ranger pushed over eight runs in the final frame to beat the Satellites, 12-3.

Games scheduled for next Wednesday are: Lexington vs. Essex; Ranger vs. Enterprise; Saratoga vs. Satellites, and Cowpens vs. Hospital Corps.

Lt. Comdr. Carruthers Detached



DOUBLE CONGRATULATIONS were in order in the above picture which shows Lt. Comdr. T. M. Carruthers, USNR, left, shaking hands with Lt. (jg) P. H. Hooser, USNR. Lt. Comdr. Carruthers, who was First Lieutenant here, was detached from this station on Monday and ordered to report to ComTwelve, San Francisco, California. Lt. Hooser, who was assistant coach here in Military and Varsity Track, has been named to succeed Mr. Carruthers as First Lieutenant.

Lt. Comdr. Carruthers was stationed in Chapel Hill over a year. Before being made First Lieutenant early this year, he served as Business Manager of Athletics. Lt. Hooser, who was assistant football coach and varsity track coach at the University of Tennessee before being commissioned in the Navy, has been stationed here since last December.

Cloudbusters to Play in Yankee Stadium

Selected on the basis of their season record of 21 victories in 25 starts, the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight Cloudbusters will participate in a novel double-header at Yankee Stadium on Wednesday afternoon.

The New York Yankees and Cleveland Indians will play the first game, then the two American League clubs will combine their baseball talent to play the Cloudbusters.

Last year the Yankees raised \$70,000 at a similar benefit when 75,568 saw Babe Ruth, Walter Johnson and Umpire Billy Evans give an exhibition of their skill.

Present plans call for the Cloudbusters to leave here Tuesday night and arrive in New York on Wednesday morning, the day of the game. They will return on Thursday.

All proceeds from the game, which is expected to draw another banner crowd, will be turned over to the Red Cross, War Relief, and Service Fund.

New Cadet Regimental Officers Named

New cadet regimental officers selected from members of the senior 25th Battalion are Charles L. Curry, Shellman, Ga., regimental commander; Lucius M. Willis, Jr., Columbia, S. C., regimental sub-commander; William A. Turner, Brooklyn, N. Y., regimental adjutant; and Mack P. Efland, Jr., Efland, N. C., regimental petty officer.

Movie Schedule

July 24—Free movie at the Village Theatre, "The Desperadoes" (technicolor) with Randolph Scott and Glenn Ford. Show starts at 1545, 1930, and 2105. Complete show, 1 hour and 35 minutes.

July 25—Free movie at the Village Theatre, "The More the Merrier" with Jean Arthur and Joel McCrea. Show starts at 1310 and 1502. Complete show, 1 hour and 52 minutes.

Next Station Smoker to Be Minstrel Show

The next station Smoker, scheduled for Friday, July 30, on Emerson Field, will be a minstrel show featuring the cadet glee club.