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Cadets to Dance Tonight in Woollen

Although rationing difficulties have made it necessary to cancel the picnic scheduled for the regiment of cadets this afternoon, the evening dance will go on as originally planned in Woollen gymnasium.

Music for the affair will be furnished by the popular swing section of the Pre-Flight band.

Starting time for the dance will be 2030, with the last hop ending at 2315. Taps will come at 2400.

Uniform for the 30th Battalion will be service blue, baker, and khaki for the remainder of the regiment.

Defense

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The battles that are now opening for Smolensk and Kiev are the first serious test of strength between the defensive might of the Wehrmacht and the offensive drive of the Red Army.

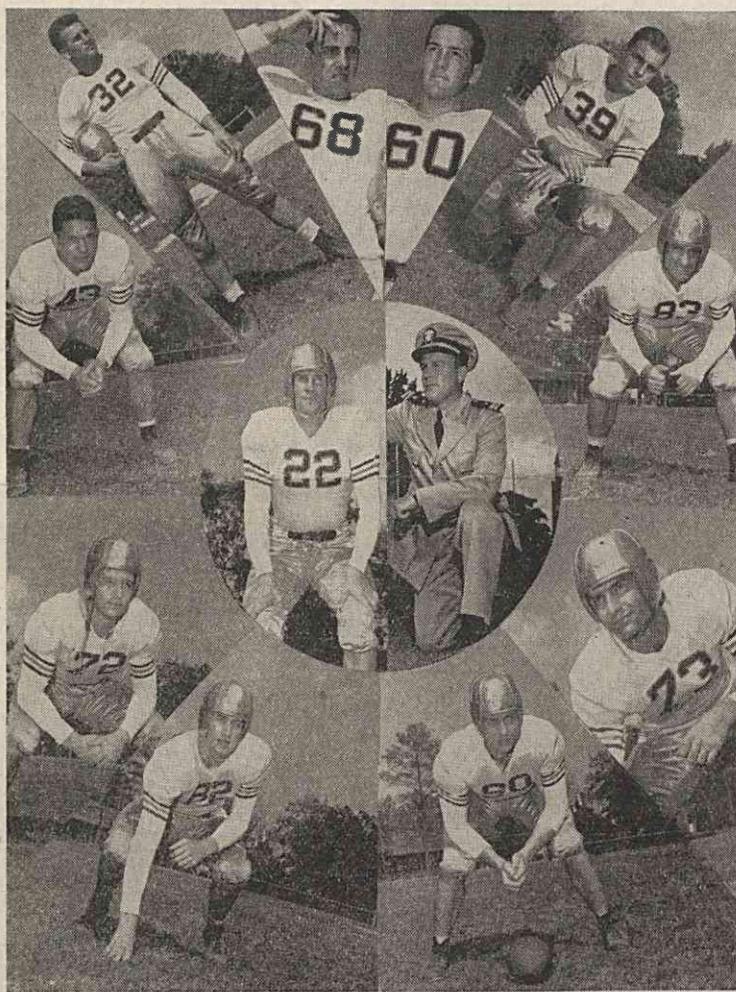
Although the German withdrawal from Orel, Bryansk, Kharkov, and other fortified places occurred under pressure, none of these cities lay along what German military spokesmen refer to as their "line of natural defenses."

This phrase may be only an illusion created for home-consumption in Germany, yet the rivers of western Russia, particularly the Dnieper, the Dvina, and the Niemen, certainly afford some foothold for a stubborn army. There is in addition another natural barrier, the great marshes of the Pripet along the old Polish-Russian frontier. Until the hard winter freeze sets in, this marshy region, extending over a thousand square miles, can be relied upon to stop mechanized forces.

Smolensk and Kiev, both lying along the Dnieper river, are therefore bastions of more than ordi-

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Cloudbusters Open Grid Season Today



READY TO SEE ACTION this afternoon against the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis are the cadets in the above photo. Starting with number 60, who is Willard Learned, and going clockwise: Number 39 is Webster Moriarta, 83 John Gattuso, 73 Vincent Calo, 50 R. W. Stehlin, 82 A. G. Kleiber, 72 William Suydam, 43 Vernon Bennett, 32 Albert Norris, and 68 William Long. In the center circle Lieut. Frank Kimbrough, USNR, head football coach, is on the right, and Bill Krywicki, who will captain the team this afternoon, is on the left.

To Broadcast Game

Three major networks will broadcast the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight-Naval Academy football game this afternoon. Ted Husing, nationally famous announcer, will broadcast over the Columbia Broadcasting System. The NBC Blue Network and the Mutual Broadcasting System will also be on hand to cover the game. All three are expected to start broadcasting around 1400.

Game To Be Played At Naval Academy

This afternoon at 1430 at Annapolis, Maryland the 1943 edition of the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight Cloudbusters will open their season when an all-cadet eleven takes to the field against the U. S. Naval Academy.

The Cloudbusters will be the decided underdogs, but after five weeks of drills Lieut. Frank Kimbrough, USNR, head football coach, had nothing but praise for his men.

"We certainly do not have a world beater," stated Coach Kimbrough just before the busses pulled out yesterday morning for Annapolis. "However, I am really proud to be coaching this group of men. Their attitude and spirit has certainly made up for their lack of football experience."

Coach Kimbrough has had a tough job on his hands getting the Cloudbusters ready for the season opener. Only three of the cadets in the starting lineup have had any college experience.

Reports from Annapolis rate the Naval Academy eleven one of the better teams in the country this year.

A letter from Midshipman R. B. Baldwin, sports editor of the Annapolis Log, had this to say about the Cloudbusters' opponent for Saturday:

"We have a fast light bunch this year with a lot of good material but little experience. Thirteen letter winners are back, most important of which are Captain Al Channell, end, Ben Martin, wing-back, Hilly Hume, three or four back, and little Meatball Hamberg, our top triple-threat man.

"Bob Crawley will give Hamberg a run for his varsity spot this year, and Joe Sullivan will put the drive in our backfield. We have

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