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\$50,000 Bond Goal for Pearl Harbor Drive

Home Nursing Courses For Navy Wives

Members of the Pre-Flight Woman's Club are urged to enroll now for home nursing courses to be started in the near future.

With the present great scarcity of trained and practical nurses, and with emergencies apt to arise at any time, it would be to the benefit of all naval officers' wives to attend these home nursing courses at one time or another.

Enrollments for the courses should be made with Mrs. Jesse G. Wright, phone 6756, or Mrs. Gordon Clark, phone 4476. Additional information may be obtained from the same sources.

Del Monte Pre-Flight School to Close Soon

The U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School at Del Monte, Cal., last of the Pre-Flight units to be placed in operation, will be decommissioned on or about next Feb. 15, it was announced in a recent issue of *The Navyator*, station newspaper there. The last group of cadets are scheduled to depart with graduation of the 19th Battalion on Jan. 8.

The school was commissioned on Feb. 13, 1943.

2nd Edition of Picture Booklet Being Distributed

The second edition of the 32-page pictorial booklet on Pre-Flight activities here, published by Merin-Baliban Studios of Philadelphia, is now available for distribution. Officers and enlisted men may obtain a free copy of the booklet at the Public Relations Office in Navy Hall.

Entire Regiment of Cadets Hear Address By America's Number Two Flying Ace

First Lieut. Kenneth A. Walsh, America's No. 2 flying ace of this war, spoke before the regiment of cadets last Thursday night in Memorial Hall.

Second only to Major Joe Foss, Marine ace credited with 26 Japanese planes in the Pacific war zone, Lieut. Walsh shot down 20 Jap planes between February and September of this year, including 16 Zeros, one float plane and three dive bombers. His probables run to half a dozen more, and his record also includes a Japanese supply ship which he strafed and sank in enemy waters. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and has been recommended for other awards.

Twice his own plane has been virtually shot to pieces. A third time he was forced to crash his ship in the sea, far from his home base, but was rescued to continue his aerial assaults.

Speaking to the Cadets, Lieut. Walsh told of his experiences in the Pacific war zone.

Lieut. Walsh happened to run into Major Foss when the latter was returning home after shooting



First Lieut. Kenneth A. Walsh

down 26 Jap planes in the early dogfights over the Solomon Islands. "I asked Joe how to go about getting some Zeros," casually commented Walsh. "He told me, 'You won't get any unless you go after them.' So those are the tactics I have used ever since."

Wednesday Evening Show

The four films scheduled for showing in Memorial Hall next Wednesday evening for cadets, officers and enlisted men are *Invasion of North Africa* (March of Time), *People of Russia*, *Coal Black and Seven Dwarfs* (Merrie Melody), and a *Community Sing*. As usual, the program will open with music by the swing section of the Pre-Flight band starting at 1920.

Movie Schedule

Nov. 13—Free movie at Village Theatre, "Hers to Hold" with Deanna Durbin and Joseph Cotten. Feature starts at 1930 and 2114. Complete show one hour, 44 minutes.

Nov. 14—Free movie at Village Theatre, "Reveille with Beverly" with Ann Miller and Frank Sinatra. Feature starts at 1320 and 1450. Complete show one hour, 28 minutes.

All Hands Urged To Make Extra Cash Purchase

A goal of \$50,000 has been set for this Command, as part of the Navy Department's second annual Pearl Harbor Day Cash War Bond sale.

The Navy's objective is \$15,000,000, compared with last year's sales of approximately \$7,500,000, and concerted effort will be made at all naval activities to put the drive over the top.

Secretary of Navy Frank Knox has established an individual goal for the occasion of "at least one bond purchase by every person (uniformed and civilian) on duty with the Navy."

In announcing this station's plans for a special cash War Bond sale with a goal of \$50,000, Comdr. John P. Graff, USN (Ret.), Commanding Officer, urged all hands—officers, cadets, enlisted personnel and Civil Service employees—to so administer their personal affairs that they may be in a position to do their part in the station's drive.

"By purchasing War Bonds," Comdr. Graff said, "Americans are buying shares in Liberty and Freedom, and it is the SACRED DUTY of all hands to cooperate with this Command, the Naval Air Primary Training Command, the Navy Department, and the United States of America, in making Pearl Harbor Day a date that OUR ENEMIES WILL NEVER FORGET."

The campaign at this station, which will be directed by Lieut. William C. Clark, USNR, aide to the executive officer, will be conducted as follows:

Dec. 1 for all officers, enlisted
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