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## Offensive in The Central Pacific

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Conclusions drawn in the middle of a campaign, especially when they are not based upon first-hand material, must always be tentative. However, some broad generalizations about the conduct of the war in the Pacific may be based upon one of our greatest offensive victories: the conquest of the Marshalls.

It is now perfectly clear that the successful prosecution of the war in the Pacific does not wait upon the collapse of the Third Reich. Enough war material is

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## Lt. Cmdr. Crockford Head of Navigation Course, Is Detached

Among the four officers detached during the past week was Lt. Comdr. Horace D. Crockford, USNR, head of the academic department's navigation course, who was transferred to NTS, Plattsburg Barracks, Plattsburg, N. Y. Lieut. Stanton H. Miller, USNR, has been named to succeed him as head of navigation.

Three other officers detached were Lieut. Charles H. Speidel, USNR, head coach of wrestling, and Lieut. Michael A. Cielusak, USNR, platoon officer, both transferred to Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, San Francisco, Cal., and Lieut. Dallas L. Alford, USNR, instructor, N & R, transferred to NAS, Pensacola, Fla.

New arrivals here include Lieut. Willis H. Miller, USNR, instructor, ENS, and Lieut. Howard F. Haak, USNR, athletic department, both from the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School, Del Monte, Cal., and Lieut. George M. Joyce, USNR, recognition instructor, from NAGS, Purcell, Okla.

## Capt. Hendren Honored by British Govt.

Friends of Captain Paul Hendren, USN, will be interested and pleased to learn that he has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order by the British Government for "daring and inspiring leadership in command of the USS PHILADELPHIA in operations which led to the capture of Sicily by Allied Forces."

## Tops in N & R

Tops in recognition of ships and planes is Cadet W. O. Manry, 40-H-3, who chalked up the perfect mark of 4.0 in the final exams and finished the N & R

course with the high average of 3.95. Manry came through other academic courses unusually well, also, registering final course averages of 3.5 in ENS, 3.46 in aerology and 3.34 in navigation.

## Breaks Indoor Swim Record



CADET R. G. HOWARD, 42-L-1, of Buccaneers, established a new indoor swimming pool record for cross chest carry on Feb. 10 with the speedy time of :24.8. The previous best mark of :26.3 was established by W. E. Farr, 43-A-2, of the Kingfishers.

## Classification Survey Made Of Crew Here

The Navy Department's classification survey of all enlisted men on shore stations reached the Pre-Flight School last Monday and Tuesday when a group of six classification experts rapidly but systematically interviewed members of the crew here.

Aim of the survey, according to BuPers' Enlisted Classification Section, is to put "the right man in the right billet." To accomplish this, every enlisted man's background, hobbies, physical characteristics, educational and vocational experiences are recorded through personal interviews, and the information becomes a permanent part of the individual's file.

The survey is intended to benefit both the Navy and the men themselves. Based on results obtained, the men, within the limits of wartime necessity, are channeled into assignments for which they are best fitted and therefore are able to advance the farthest. On the other hand, the objective is to

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## 41st Battalion Dance Planned for Feb. 26

A graduation dance for members of the 41st Battalion will be held in the Pine Room of Lenoir Dining Hall on Saturday, February 26. There is no charge involved and free refreshments will be served.

The swing section of the Pre-Flight band will furnish the music, and special entertainment by members of the battalion is being planned by a committee composed of Cadets Palmer Carson, Morton Lyle, J. F. Johnson, and R. S. Rutkowski.

Dancing will start at 2030, and end at 2315, with taps for the 41st coming at 2400.