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CLOUD BUSTER

Distinguished Visitors at Pre-Flight School



VICE ADMIRAL RANDALL JACOBS, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, (shown on extreme right, front row), and Rear Admiral W. H. Allen, USN, Director of Naval Officer Procurement for the Sixth and Seventh Naval Districts, (shown on Admiral Jacobs' right), are pictured above with other visiting and local officers.

Central Pacific Offensive

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Spectacular victories such as the Navy's assault on Truk are invariably interpreted by the American public as signs of an imminent armistice. While the importance of this latest blow cannot be questioned, nevertheless, it should be brought into proper focus. By this attack and the rapid conquest of the Gilberts and Marshalls the United States Navy has plunged through the outer defenses of Japan's empire. It is not a question of the Japanese "withdrawal" to stronger defenses: the enemy would prefer to keep the fighting at great distances from his homeland.

This has become impossible for a number of reasons. First because the Japanese are unable to
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Personnel Changes

Eight officers were detached during the past week, including four platoon officers transferred to NTS, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., as follows: Ens. Clifford D. Conrad, USNR, Ens. Stanley A. Hino, USNR, Ens. Norman Pettingill, USNR, and Ens. Harold F. Pollock, USNR.

Lt. Comdr. Angus M. McDonald, USNR, medical officer, and Lieut. See PERSONNEL, page 3

Movie Schedule

Sat., Feb. 26—Free movie at Village Theatre, "Dr. Gillespie's Criminal Case" with Lionel Barrymore and Van Johnson. Feature starts at 1400, 1539, 1930 and 2109. Complete show one hour, 39 minutes.

Sun., Feb. 27—Free movie at Village Theatre, "Young Ideas" with Mary Astor and Herbert Marshall. Feature starts at 1336 and 1500. Complete show one hour, 43 minutes.

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COMMANDING OFFICER'S MEMORANDUM

Subj: Commanding Officer's Trophy

1. The Commanding Officer has selected Cadet C. J. HEFELE, Jr., as the outstanding cadet of the 39th Battalion and Cadet R. J. MYERS as the outstanding cadet of the 40th Battalion.
2. The names of these two cadets will be inscribed upon the Commanding Officer's Trophy.

JOHN P. GRAFF
Commander, USN (Ret.)

Senior Battalion To Dance Tonight In Pine Room

There will be dancing and refreshments for members of the 41st Battalion at the Senior Battalion Dance to be held in the Pine Room of Lenoir Hall from 2100 to 2400 tonight.

Liberty for the 41st has been extended to 0030, with taps coming at 0045. Uniform will be service blue, able.

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

A cadet committee consisting of Richard Rutkowski, Jervis Johnson, Jr., Palmer Carson, and Morton Lyle is in charge of arrangements for the dance.

E. B. Weathers Tops The 40th Battalion In Academics

The highest academic average in the 40th Battalion was made by Cadet E. B. Weathers, 40-G-3, with a 3.77 mark. He made 3.92 in Navigation, and 3.81 in ENS. Weathers attended Deerfield Academy, and Amherst College for three and a half years.

Second highest average was made by J. S. Palmer, 40-G-1, with 3.73. Palmer, who attended Phillips Exeter Academy and who was graduated from Princeton, was high scorer on the Cloudbuster basketball team during the season just ended. High points of his Pre-Flight grades were 4.0 in both Blinker and Code, 3.82 in Navigation, and 3.75 in ENS.

Cadet D. W. Slingerland, 40-G-1, also a former Phillips Exeter student and a graduate of Harvard, averaged 3.67 in academic subjects. Slingerland made a perfect score in Navigation, including both finals and all weekly averages, except for one grade of 3.96. His Navigation average of 3.995 is the highest ever made here.