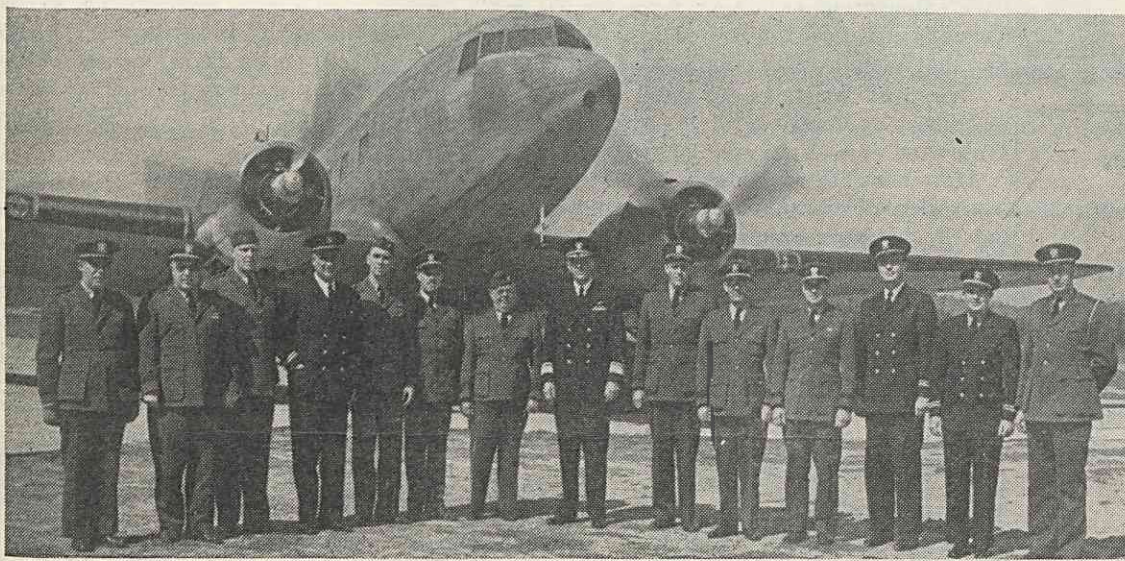


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## Admiral Hardison and Staff Inspect Pre-Flight School



REAR ADMIRAL OSBORNE B. HARDISON, USN, Chief of Naval Air Primary Training, is shown above with members of his staff just before the inspection party departed by plane early Friday afternoon.

## Purple Heart Award Given Lt. Graham

The Purple Heart was posthumously awarded recently to First Lieutenant Charles M. Graham, Jr., AAF, son of Mr. Charles



Graham, civilian manager of Ship's Service on this station. Lieut. Graham was pilot of the Flying Fortress, "Ramblin' Wreck," which was shot down in the July 5, 1943, raid on Gerbini airport in Sicily.

He was previously awarded the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf clusters, and has been recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Mr. Graham has two other sons serving in the Army Air Forces,

It was a return to familiar scenes for Rear Admiral Osborne B. Hardison, USN, Chief of Naval Air Primary Training, when he visited Chapel Hill to inspect the Pre-Flight School a week ago yesterday. The inspection trip brought Admiral Hardison back to the campus of the University of North Carolina which he attended before entering the Naval Academy in 1912.

While Admiral Hardison toured the station accompanied by Comdr. John P. Graff, USN (Ret.), Commanding Officer, members of his staff inspected the various station departments.

The Admiral and his party came aboard Friday morning, completed the inspection by noon, and departed by plane early in the afternoon.

Staff Sergeant Joe Graham, stationed at Augusta, Ga., and Aviation Cadet Bobby Graham at Miami, Fla.

## Nine Pre-Flight Officers Promoted On March 1

Nine Pre-Flight officers were given temporary promotion to the next higher rank by an order approved by the President on March 1. The order advanced more than 11,000 junior officers of the line and staff corps of the Regular Navy and Naval Reserve—approximately 1,900 lieutenants (junior grade) and approximately 9,700 ensigns.

Promoted here were three lieutenants (junior grade) and six ensigns whose dates of rank as such were Feb. 1, 1943, or earlier.

The new two-strippers are Lieut. Donald G. Edgar, USNR, navigation instructor; Lieut. Carson G. Mathews, USNR, gunnery instructor; and Lieut. Elswood S. Hill, USNR, navigation instructor.

Those adding half a stripe are  
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## Lt. Comdr. Sauer Detached; Replaced By Lt. Comdr. Gilday

Lt. Comdr. Lloyd R. Sauer, USNR, Officer-in-Charge, Cadet Regiment, since November, 1942, was detached during the past week for transfer to Acorn Assembly, Naval Base, Port Huene, Cal.

He was succeeded by Lt. Comdr. John F. Gilday, USNR, who turned over his former duties as head of the N & R course to Lieut. H. B. Atwood, USNR.

Lt. Comdr. Gilday, who has been in the Academic Department since May, 1942, is a graduate of the Naval Academy (1927).

Other detachments during the



Lt. Comdr. Sauer Lt. Comdr. Gilday

past week included Lieut. H. J. Beauvais, USNR, dental officer, transferred to Fleet Marine Force, San Diego, Cal.; Lt. (jg) Robert F. Williams, USNR, battalion officer, to Naval Flight Preparatory School, Hamilton, N. Y.; Lt. (jg) Robert W. Primmer, USNR, platoon officer, to NAS, Atlanta, Ga.; Ens. Robert L. A. Clark, USNR, assistant coach, hand-to-hand, to NATTC, Chicago, Ill.; and Ens. Watson Ramsay, Jr., USNR, platoon officer, to NAS, Ottumwa, Ia.

Two officers reported here for duty, Lieut. Bernard A. Delaney, USNR, dental officer, and Lt. (jg) George F. Fusco, USNR, who has been assigned to the Military Department.

Enlisted personnel changes included three detachments and six  
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