

CLOUD BUSTER

Prelude To Invasion

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That the Anglo-American armed forces stand ready to deliver the blow that promises to topple the Germans seems to be the easiest military prophecy that can be made for the year 1944. The invasion of the continent has been well advertised by the remarks of our generals and statesmen. No attempt has been made to conceal the extent of our armaments in Great Britain, or the thoroughness with which our troops have been trained. This alarming frankness may be disturbing to some persons who expect the utmost secrecy wherever military events are concerned. Yet in view of the vast scale of the armies poised for the attack absolute secrecy would be impossible. The very scale of the operations, the incredible numbers of tanks, guns, ships, barges, and so on, cannot be hidden completely from the prying eyes of the enemy's air force. It is reasonable to believe that the recurrence of air raids on Britain is intended mainly as an air "reconnaissance in force" in order to obtain valuable data on the extent of the allied preparations.

These comments illustrate the generally accepted belief that strategic surprise is impossible at the beginning of a campaign. Not only are modern armies too big to conceal but the vast numbers of men and machines impose logistical problems that determine the plan. Since the enemy also understands and is limited by the same logistical problems he can calculate the other side's intentions. The situation is not quite so simple as it was in 1870 when General Moltke, Chief of the Prussian General Staff, determined the entire French war plan by study of a cheap railroad map, but there are

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Two Swimming Records Broken

Cadets John Lilley, 45-E-1, and Robert Howard, 42-L-1, set new records in the indoor swimming pool during the past two weeks.

Lilley, who hails from New York City by way of Exeter Academy and Yale University, broke the 50 meter backstroke record with a new mark of :38.4. Cadet Fallon of the Mariners was the previous record holder with the time of :39.7.

Howard, who last week broke the cross chest carry record with a new time of :24.8, broke his own record Monday afternoon. The new time was :23.2. Cadet Laub of the Buccaneers was the previous champion in this event.

Breaking records is nothing new for either Lilley or Howard. Three

weeks ago Lilley broke the 50-meter free style swim record (See *CLOUDBUSTER*, Feb. 26, '44) when he swam the distance in :26.3 to better the old mark of :27.1 set jointly by Lutz of the Buffaloes and Kelly of the Kingfishers.

Lilley won six varsity letters at Exeter, and seven at Yale.

Howard attended Hamilton College where he won letters in swimming.

On their personal data questionnaires both selected Lou Gehrig as the athlete who they thought had contributed most to sports in the past decade. Both want to stay in aviation after the war.

Howard's home is in Binghamton, New York.



BREAKS OWN RECORD: Cadet Robert Howard, 42-L-1, above, broke the cross chest carry record last week with a new time of :24.8. Monday afternoon he tried it again, and broke his own mark with a new time of :23.2.

Personnel Changes

One officer was attached and another detached during the past week.

Reporting aboard was Lieut. Francis L. Boyle, USNR, from the Norfolk Naval Hospital. He will serve here as assistant Medical Officer.

Leaving Chapel Hill and ordered to report to LanCraftScol, PHIBTRABASE, Coronado, Calif., was Lieut. John E. Hollis, USNR, officer in charge of Military Arts Instruction here.

Dance Scheduled For March 25

A dance for 43rd Battalion cadets will be held in the Pine Room of Lenoir Hall on Saturday, March 25, from 2100 to 2400. Liberty for the Senior Battalion that night will be extended to 0030, with taps coming at 0045.

Uniform for the cadets will be service dress blue, able.

Refreshments will be served and music will be furnished by the Pre-Flight band.

Buster Bits . . .

Cadet Fred McIntosh, 44-D-2, is no newcomer to the Navy. Only 24 years old, he has been in the service of Uncle Sam for the past five years.

Before becoming a V-5'er, Cadet McIntosh served on the USS Wasp and USS Ranger. As a crew member, he already has about 300 hours in the air.

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An aerial photographer in the Marine Corps for one and a half years, Cadet Joseph Maschek, 45-F-2, is anxious to get his wings in the same branch of service. He hails from Chicago, Illinois.

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Cadet Walt Fulp, 45-F-3, was a Navy mechanic previous to the start of his V-5 training. He has two and a half years of regular Navy air service to his credit.

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For the past four and a half years Cadet Ben Crytser, 45-F-3, has been wearing the Navy blue. As a RM3c, he was in Naval communications. Followed two years of sea duty, and a year at the U. S. Naval Academy. He plans to make the Navy a career, and is looking forward to duty in China, if possible, after he gets his wings.

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Patrol duty in the Atlantic from the Arctic Circle to the equator kept Cadet Joe Baszak, 45-E-2, busy for three years.

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Cadet Algernon Miller, 45-F-2, enlisted in the Navy in April of

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Outstanding Cadet

Cadet Robert Whitney, Jr., has been selected by the Commanding Officer as the outstanding cadet of the 41st Battalion and his name will be inscribed upon the Commanding Officer's Trophy which hangs in Navy Hall.