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Lieut. John Gaddy Reports Pre-Flight Cadets Rate High

To those of you who wonder about amphibious duty, Lieut. John R. Gaddy, USNR, brings a word of cheer. The chow's fine, anyway.

Lieut. Gaddy, now a platoon officer attached to this station, has just returned from a year and week with a CASU unit in the South Pacific. His knowledge of amphibious duty is confined mainly to his trip back to the States.

Most of the year and a week was spent on Munda Island, where he landed the day after the Marines had taken over the Jap air strip on that New Georgian island. There were dead Japs everywhere, but live Japs also returned every night for three months, bombing the installations that the Navy, Seabees and Marines, were constructing.

A number of pilots who had gone through Pre-Flight training at St. Mary's, where Lieut. Gaddy was formerly connected with the sports program, were also out in Munda. Lieut. Gaddy went out with several of them on a bombing raid over Bougainville. They didn't encounter any trouble on that occasion, but several days later one of the same pilots came back with 176 holes in his plane.

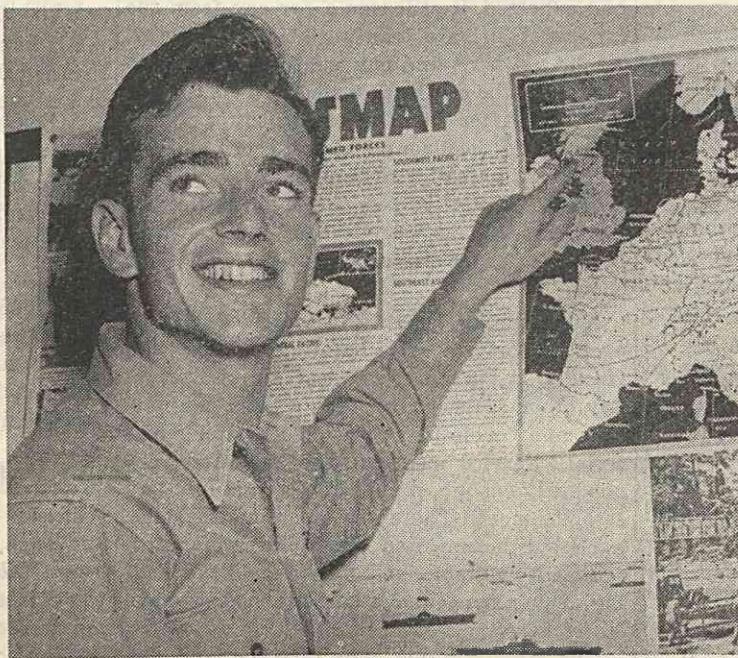
The test pilot at Munda was "Red" Greene who finished Pre-Flight at Chapel Hill with the 12th battalion. Lieut. Gaddy said that both "Red" and the other Navy pilots were a great bunch of boys who got a kick out of the "simple"

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Snake-Eaters at Carolina

The eagerly awaited showing of the Paramount News pictures taken here of Pre-Flight cadets consuming snakes as part of the Survival program will be presented at the Carolina Theatre next Friday and Saturday.

All The Way From Scotland



FOLLOWING in his father's footsteps, Cadet William Matthews, pictured above, returned to the United States from Scotland to enlist in the Navy and the V-5 training program. He likes the Navy fine, but from the above smile you can gather he'd like to go back to Scotland for a short visit.

Cadet Matthews Hopes to Make Navy His Career

After years of hearing "Scotch" jokes, both good and bad, it was surprising to hear and see the manner in which Scotsman William Matthews, now a V-5 cadet, described his first impression of the United States.

Cadet Matthews isn't a true Scot for he was born in Baton Rouge, La. But his family moved to Scotland shortly after his birth and Bill, as he is better known, returned to this country for the first time when he enlisted in the V-5 program.

After serving as a communications man on a RAF coastal plane
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Officer's Picnic Planned for Aug. 19 At Hogan's Lake

A picnic for all Pre-Flight School officers, members of the Officers Mess, and their families, is planned for Saturday afternoon, August 19, at Hogan's Lake.

The picnic fee is \$1.00 for each adult, and 50c for each child more than six years old. Fried chicken will be served for the evening meal, and refreshments will be served throughout the day.

Hogan's Lake is located five and a half miles northwest of Chapel Hill. A car pooling arrangement will be worked out by departments, and all those driving private automobiles are urged to take along a capacity load.

Horseshoes, table tennis, softball, and other games are planned for the occasion.

A picnic committee has been formed with a representative in the various departments. Pre-Flight officers should sign up with their department representative, or in the Welfare and Recreation Office, Room 112, Alexander Hall. Those planning to attend should sign up by Thursday, August 17.

The committee members are Lt. Comdr. Henry T. Gannon (MC), USN, Medical Department; Lieut. Henry M. Brabham, USNR, Academic Department; Lieut. Gordon M. Clark, USNR, Athletic Department; Lt. (jg) John B. McDaniel, USNR, Military Department.

Movie Schedule

Sat, Aug. 12—Free movie at Village Theatre, "The Heavenly Body" with William Powell and Hedy Lamarr. Feature starts at 1910 and 2054. Complete show one hour, 44 minutes.

Sun., Aug. 13—Free movie at Village Theatre, "Cover Girl" with Rita Hayworth and Gene Kelly. Feature starts at 1300 and 1504. Complete show one hour, 56 minutes.

Extend Sympathy

The Officers, Crew and Regiment of Cadets join with family, relatives and friends in mourning the death of Major R. O. Hawkins, from the Marine Base at Cherry Point, on Thursday morning.

A brother-in-law of Cadet W. J. Savage of the 57th Battalion, Major Hawkins was critically injured on Sunday afternoon when his Hellcat fighter plane crashed in a corn field about half a mile north of the Chapel Hill Airport. Cause of his death in the Naval Dispensary here was attributed to extreme multiple injuries.