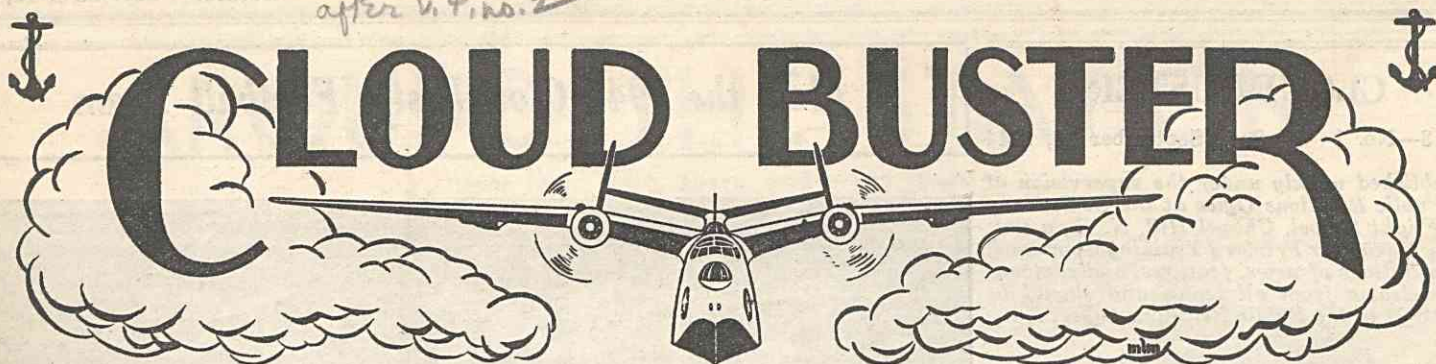


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Pacific War Veteran Now Stationed Here To Advise Cadets

Lieut Russell E. Curry, who was awarded the Navy Cross for helping to sink a Jap carrier while a VSB pilot, is now attached to the personnel office here to advise and consult cadets concerning their future in Naval aviation.

Lieut Curry is a veteran of the war in the South Pacific. He received his wings eleven days after Pearl Harbor, 1941, and in the early part of 1942 reported aboard the Saratoga as a member of Bomber Squadron 3.

While in the Pacific, he saw action in the occupation of Guadalcanal, the Battle of Eastern Solomons, and the occupation of Munda. He was also on the "outskirts," as he puts it, of the Battle of Midway.

It was in the Battle of the Eastern Solomons that Lieut Curry was awarded the Navy Cross. "There were 28 dive bombers and 8 torpedo planes in our outfit," he commented. "Our objective was three Jap carriers and two or three battleships. We found one carrier and sunk it. That's about all there is to tell."

Lieut. Curry is anxious to acquaint the cadets with the different types of aeronautical future they have with the Navy.

"There are many branches of Naval aviation where the cadets separating from the service here may serve," Lieut. Curry pointed out. "I am anxious to discuss with the cadets any problems which they might have."

The personnel office is located on the first deck of Alexander Hall.

Band Plays Final Concert Tomorrow

The eighth and final concert of the season by the Pre-Flight School band under the direction of C. S. Seeley, CMus, USN, will be given tomorrow afternoon at 1630 in the Forest Theatre.

Coach and Regular Right Guard



Lieut. Comdr. Glenn Killinger, head football mentor, is pictured here with Kermit Atkinson, Cloudbuster right guard who has been named captain for the Cherry Point game scheduled for tomorrow week in Kenan Stadium. Atkinson is a former star athlete at Furman University in South Carolina.

Football Season Will Open Next Sunday With Cherry Point Marines

One week from tomorrow the Cloudbusters will open their 1944 season, and the opposition, it might be stated, will be one of the toughest service teams in the South—the Cherry Point Marines to be more exact.

Included among the list of former college stars on the Marine roster are such standouts as Johnny August, former University of Alabama wingman; Corporal Lafayette King, a former University of Georgia backfield ace; and Privates Bob Bauman and Earl Lambert, halfbacks for the New York grid Giants and Manhattan College, respectively. Which means that Graham, Atkinson, Sanders & Company will be in for a tough afternoon in Kenan Stadium.

The Pre-Flighters have shown much improvement since the start of practice sessions. Last Saturday against North Carolina's Tar Heels they showed plenty of scoring punch, and on this past Tuesday afternoon, against Wake Forest, they won a regulation scrimmage contest, 13 to 7. The latter club, it is noted, is considered one of the finest civilian elevens in the nation.

Good news also came in another form when Cadet Joe Partington, who made his football reputation at the University of Nebraska, reported aboard with the 60th Battalion. He is expected to be the starting center.

Running on the first team at present are Warren Anderson and Melbourne Sheehan at the ends, Ben Lum and Dan Williams at the tackles, Kermit Atkinson and Gene Flick at the guards, and Partington at center. The latter has a capable understudy in Bill Coleman, late of Georgia Tech.

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Pre-Primary Cadets Have Own Sports Competition

By CADET H. ROBINS

Not to be outdone by the regular Sports Competition, the Pre-Primary fliers—more commonly referred to as the Super Cadets—under the able direction and organization of Lt. Hatfield and Lt. (jg) Hedtke, of the Mass Exercise Department, innovated a new phase in sports competition at the Pre-Flight School on 31 August.

While awaiting their call to Primary Bases, the cadets will daily participate in six sports: softball, basketball, tennis, handball, volleyball, and track. Teams from the 51st and 52nd Battalions have been selected, captains chosen, and already are nearing the completion of competition for the first week.

The final tallies of the respective battalions are to be determined on the following scoring basis: In softball, 8 best of 14 games, with two teams from each

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War Bond Sales Show Large Increase

Figures released by Lieut. William Clark, War Bond Officer, reveal that during the month of August this Pre-Flight School compiled the best record it has made since the school was commissioned.

Most noticeable increase of all was made by the civilian employees. Of this group 96.59 per cent participated in the purchase of bonds, and the amount subscribed was 11.92 per cent of the payroll.

The officers subscribed 10.29 per cent of their payroll with 98.65 per cent participating, while the enlisted men had 97.63 per cent participating in the purchase of 10.62 per cent of their payroll.

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