



Rear Admiral Hardison Inspects School

Cmdr. McCampbell, Top Fighter Ace, Is Due Here Feb. 2

The regiment of cadets will see and hear the Navy's top-scoring fighter pilot when Comdr. David McCampbell, USN, comes to Chapel Hill next week.

Scheduled to appear here on Friday, Feb. 2, the 35-year-old ace is currently visiting naval aviation training activities while on leave following a tour of duty in the Pacific which saw his Air Group 15, based aboard the *USS Essex*, break virtually every carrier record in the books.

During his appearance here, a new Navy documentary-combat film, "The Fighting Lady," will be shown.

It was during his command of the "Fabled Fifteen" last year that Comdr. McCampbell became the Navy's top ace with a total of 34 airborne enemy planes destroyed—the greatest number ever shot down by an American pilot during a single tour of duty. He also is credited with destroying 20 planes on the ground.

Air Group Record

Under his leadership, Air Group 15 ranged from the Central to the Far Western Pacific: participated in the attack on Marcus Island in May, 1944; in the first strike over Saipan on June 11, 1944, and seven days later, as part of the famous Task Force 58, under command of Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, USN, took part in the opening round of the First Battle of the Philippine Sea, continuing the

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Navy Nurses May Wed

Washington (CNS)—Members of the Navy Nurse Corps now are permitted to marry without resigning from the service under a modification of regulations announced by Vice Adm. Ross T. McIntire, Surgeon General.

The ban on accepting married nurses remains, however. The marriage rule had been responsible for 80 per cent of all separations from the Corps, Adm. McIntire's announcement declared.



Rear Admiral O. B. Hardison, USN, Chief of Naval Air Primary Training with headquarters at the Naval Air Station, Glenview, Ill., is shown on the left above with Lt. Comdr. James P. Raugh, USNR, Commanding Officer here, just prior to departure of the inspection party last Tuesday.

Chief Of NAPT And Staff Officers Here Last Monday

Rear Admiral O. B. Hardison, USN, Chief of Naval Air Primary Training, came aboard last Monday with members of his staff to inspect this unit of his command.

The Admiral toured the station accompanied by Lt. Comdr. James P. Raugh, USNR, Commanding Officer, while members of his staff inspected the various departments of this activity. The inspection party departed from Chapel Hill by plane Tuesday morning.

Admiral Hardison, who was the heroic Commanding Officer of the aircraft carrier, *USS Enterprise*, during the battle of the Santa Cruz Islands in October, 1942, is a native of North Carolina and attended the University here at Chapel Hill before entering the Naval Academy in 1912.

He was Commanding Officer of the *Enterprise* from October 1942, to April 7, 1943. He served aboard the *USS Texas* in the first World War, became a Naval Aviator in 1923, and served aboard the *USS Lexington*, *USS Saratoga*, *USS Langley*, and *USS Ranger* before becoming Skipper of the *Enterprise*.

Members of Staff

Staff members in the inspection party included Capt. T. D. Boaz, (MC), USN, staff medical officer; Lt. Comdr. Hansen, USN, assistant aviation training officer; Lt. Comdr. A. D. Lewis, USNR, public works; Lt. Comdr. C. B. Cranford, USNR, welfare and recreation; Lt. Comdr. W. F. Wyeth, USNR, staff ground school; Lt. Comdr. B. Moore, Jr., USNR, Ship's Service; Lt. Comdr. T. A. Rogers, USNR, military and physical training; Lt. Comdr. R. J. White, USNR, aviation training; Lt. Comdr. J. F. Benedict, USNR, personnel; Lt. Comdr. M. B. Alexander, USNR, public relations; Lieut. J. R. Snelus, USNR, personnel; Lieut. D. Church, USNR, WAVES; Lieut. J. E. McDougall, USNR, mess officer; Lieut. C. W. Mills, USNR, communications officer; Lieut. H. E. Johnson, USNR, transportation.

Dance For Infantile Paralysis Fund to be Held In Gym Feb. 3

The local President's Birthday Ball to raise funds for the nationwide fight against infantile paralysis will be held in Woollen gym on Saturday, Feb. 3.

Dancing is scheduled to begin at 2100 and end at 2400. For the occasion the regiment of cadets will be granted an extension of liberty to 0030, with lights out coming at 0045.

In cooperation with the Orange County Infantile Paralysis Com-

Smith is chairman, the Navy Pre-Flight School will furnish the dance band for the Ball. Also, tickets priced at \$1.00 per person, tax included, will be placed on sale today in the Welfare Office, Alexander Hall, and in the Public Relations Office, Navy Hall.

Officers, cadets, enlisted personnel, and civilian employees are urged to join with university and townspeople in making the