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Lt. Comdr. Bryant Becomes New Head Of Football Here

With detachment this week of Lt. Comdr. W. Glenn Killinger for duty at a naval air station in Florida, Lt. Comdr. Paul W. Bryant, former Alabama grid star, has been named by Lt. Comdr. James P. Raugh, Commanding Officer, to head the football training course which is an important physical conditioning activity at the Navy Pre-Flight School here.



In addition to serving as head of the football training course, Lt. Comdr. Killinger—who was a member of Walter Camp's All-America grid team in 1921—coached the Cloudbuster eleven which early last fall upset the heavily favored Naval Academy team and went on to rank among the best grid teams in the country with a record of six wins, two losses, and one tie. The losses were to Bainbridge and Camp Peary, two service teams loaded with professional stars.

Also Coached Baseball

Lt. Comdr. Killinger also coached the 1944 Cloudbuster baseball team which compiled a record of 24 wins against 12 losses for the season.

Lt. Comdr. Bryant, new head of gridiron activities at Carolina Pre-Flight, starred at end during collegiate days at Alabama, teaming with Don Hutson to hold down the flank positions on Alabama's great Rose Bowl team of 1934. Last fall he served as line coach of the Cloudbuster eleven.

He was assistant coach at Alabama and later at Vanderbilt, before entering the Navy in the spring of 1942. He reported to Chapel Hill last July, following 15 months of sea duty in the Atlantic area.

Dance For Polio Stricken Slated Tomorrow In Gym

One of the largest turnouts of the local social season is expected tomorrow when the President's Birthday Ball to raise funds for the nationwide fight against infantile paralysis will be held belatedly in Woollen gym to wind up the fund raising program in this community.

The Pre-Flight School is cooperating with villagers and will furnish the dance band. Tickets are priced at \$1.00 per person, tax included, and are on sale in the Welfare Office, Alexander Hall, and in the Public Relations Office, Navy Hall. Sales at these places will continue until noon tomorrow but tickets will be available at the door.

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.

Last year nearly \$1,000 was netted for the drive to stamp out the dread disease.

E. Carrington Smith is chairman of the Orange County Infantile Paralysis Committee.

65th Batt Takes Regimental Title For Second Time

The 65th Batt won regimental honors for the second time when it compiled a total of 356 2/3 points during the competition period ending last week to defeat the runner-up 66th Batt by a 115-point margin. The 66th showed an aggregate of 241 2/3, while the 64th finished third with 206 2/3. The 65th Batt won regimental competition for the first time a month ago when it amassed points totalling 338.

In winning the regimental crown, the 65th came out first in Military, Class Athletics, and the Sports Program, while the 66th was tops in Academics. The 65th garnered 75 points each in Military and Class Athletics, 50 in Academics, and 156 2/3 in the Sports Program.

The French Unit registered 65 points in the Sports Program, getting 30 in soccer, 20 in gym and tumbling, and 15 in swimming.

Cmdr. McCampbell, Navy's Top Fighter Ace, To Address Cadets



Comdr. David McCampbell

The Navy's No. 1 fighter pilot, Comdr. David McCampbell, USN, is scheduled to speak to the regiment of cadets in Memorial Hall next Wednesday evening during a program that will include showing of "The Fighting Lady"—a feature-length Navy film of an aircraft carrier fighting the Japs.

Comdr. McCampbell, who as leader of Air Group 15 based aboard the USS Essex destroyed 34 airborne enemy planes and 20 more on the ground, has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Navy Cross, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Gold Star in lieu of a second DFC. He also wears the American Defense Service Medal, Fleet Clasp, the European-Middle East Area Campaign Medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal.

His fighting heroism was lauded in the citation that accompanied his Medal of Honor, as follows:

Fought Against Terrific Odds

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Commander, Air Group 15, during combat against enemy Japanese aerial forces in the First and Second Battles of the Philippine Sea. An inspiring leader, fighting boldly in the face of terrific odds, Comdr. McCampbell led his fighter planes against a force of 80 Japanese carrier-based aircraft bearing down on our Fleet on June 19, 1944.

"Striking fiercely in valiant defense of our surface force, he personally destroyed seven hostile planes during this single engagement in which the outnumbering attack force was utterly routed and virtually annihilated. During a major Fleet engagement with the enemy on Oct. 24, Comdr. McCampbell, assisted by but one plane, intercepted and daringly attacked a formation of 60 land-based craft approaching our forces. Fighting desperately but with superb skill against such overwhelming air power, he shot down nine Japanese planes and, completely disorganizing the enemy group, forced the remainder to abandon the attack before a single aircraft could reach the Fleet. His great personal valor and indomitable spirit of aggression under extremely perilous combat conditions.

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French Journalists To Visit On Sunday

Eight French journalists, who fought with the underground against Nazi rule, are scheduled to visit this station on Sunday in connection with an extensive tour of the country under the auspices of the Office of War Information.

The six men and two women who are here to file dispatches to their newspapers in France on the war effort, have signified special interest in this school due to the presence of the French Unit.

Contributions Invited Here For Navy Relief

Annual contributions to the Navy Relief Society will be accepted on this station during the coming week, with details of the program to be announced shortly.

Purpose of the Navy Relief Society is to collect funds for emergency aid to officers and enlisted personnel of the Navy, and their dependents. Service is rendered to Navy, Marine, Corps, and Coast Guard personnel, regardless of rank or rate.

Goal on this station will be the maximum number of contributions.