



The seven French journalists who visited here last Sunday as representatives of the newly freed French press are pictured in the top photo, as follows: seated, left to right, Louis Lombard, of *Les Allabroger*, Grenoble; Mme. Andree Viollis, of *Ce Soir* and *L'Humanite*, Paris; Pierre Denoyer, of *France Soir*, Paris; standing, left to right, Francois Prieur, of *Le Provençal*, Marseilles; Stephane Pizella, of *Parision Libere* and *Liberation Soir*, Paris; Jean Paul Sartre, of *Fegaro* and *Combat*, Paris; Robert Villers, of *Lyon-Libre*, Lyons. Bottom left shows Prieur in discussion with members of the French unit here, and in the bottom right view Mme. Viollis tells other French cadets about conditions back home.

French Journalists, On Tour Of U. S., Visit Here, Meet With FU Cadets

This Navy Pre-Flight School was the scene of a dramatic meeting last weekend between cadets of the French unit here and seven French journalists, first representatives of the newly freed French press to visit the United States.

The seven writers were prominently identified with the French underground resistance movement during the last four years and are now on a tour of this country under the sponsorship of the Office of War Information with the approval of General Eisenhower's headquarters.

They were selected by the French Press Association through the Ministry of Information in Paris and represent the provincial as well as the Paris press. Purpose of the tour is to give the French journalists, and eventually the French people, an understanding of the American war effort.

Accompanied by representatives of the OWI, the French correspondents arrived in Chapel Hill by plane Sunday morning, and met with the French cadets for the first time during

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Training Program Is World's Finest, Air Hero Tells Cadets

Comdr. David McCampbell, USN, the Navy's top fighter pilot, speaking before the cadet regiment and the University's NROTC and V-12 units in Memorial Hall Wednesday, told the cadets that "the program you are going through is the finest of its kind in this country and in the world." The Congressional Medal of Honor

winner, who as leader of Air Group 15 destroyed 34 airborne enemy planes and 20 more on the ground, assured the trainees that "Pre-Flight is probably the toughest stage of your training until you reach combat."

Drawing upon his unparalleled fighting experiences in the Pacific to answer questions from the cadets, the 35-year-old ace included the following among his observations and advice:

"Never underestimate the Jap pilot. He'll outstunt you every day in the week because he has more maneuverable planes. Some Jap pilots are good and some are bad, but give them the benefit of the doubt. . . . We teach our people not to dogfight with the Japs because of the maneuverability of their planes. Main reason we can whip the Japs is teamwork—something you learn here in this program. . . . Know your enemy as well as yourself.

Mental Strain Greater

"Mental strain is greater than physical and is something that can break you down unless you learn to conquer it. Learning to relax and think in the air are important.

"Learn to be a good Naval officer first, and a good Naval pilot next."

Comdr. McCampbell was introduced by Comdr. William R. Kane, USN, who arrived here on Wednesday for his first official visit since taking over as head of Physical and Military Training for Naval Aviation, under the Director of the Aviation Training Division in Washington.

Comdr. Kane, who was a Naval Academy classmate of Comdr. McCampbell's and who became one of the outstanding aces of the Pacific war theater as head of the famed "Grim Reapers" squadron, described the leader of Air Group 15 as "one

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New Ass't Secretary Of Navy

H. Struve Hensel became Assistant Secretary of the Navy last week in ceremonies held in the Office of the Secretary. Mr. Hensel succeeds Under Secretary of the Navy Ralph A. Bard, who was elevated from Assistant Secretary to his present position last spring.

Signalman March Survived Sinking Of Two Warships

By Harold E. Hanson, Sp(P)2c

"We had 16 one-way passengers aboard the old *Hornet* the day in April, 1942, that we put out from California," recalls Harold E. March, SM1c, who reported for duty here last month, ". . . each with a ticket to Tokyo."

In his eight years of Navy life, March has seen plenty of perilous action, surviving the sinking by enemy fire of two warships, participating in over 27 engagements, and receiving two personal citations for meritorious conduct.

An Armistice Day, 1936, recruit, March—before his *Hornet* duty—served aboard the *Saratoga* as seaman, second class, in the cruiser, *North Hampton*, a bugler, first class, and later spent a hitch at the Newport, R. I., naval station.

Completing work as a buglemaster school in September, 1941, March reported aboard the *Hornet* at the time she was being commissioned and remained there until she was sunk in October, 1942.

"Just before Pearl Harbor," he relates, "the *Hornet* was in port at Norfolk getting ready for the shakedown cruise. Following this training trip, we made the stop at California to take on our Army passengers—16 B-25 Mitchells and the crew commanded by Jimmy Doolittle.

"We figured it was our job to ferry these planes to some outlying island and didn't learn until two days before the attack that they were to bomb Tokyo."

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