

# CLOUDBUSTER



U. S. NAVY PRE-FLIGHT SCHOOL, CHAPEL HILL, N. C.

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## Station Nearly 4.0 Backing Red Cross In War Fund Drive

Upward of 90 per cent of station personnel, including civilian, will have participated in the 1945 Red Cross War Fund drive, it was indicated yesterday as Chaplain Cummins, chairman, and his assistants prepared to count returns.

"The response has been wonderful," said Lt. Cummins. "People appreciate what the Red Cross does and the drive has required the least effort on my part."

Although final returns are not totaled at least two battalions, 67 and 68, have participated 100 per cent in the drive. One of these batts, the 67th, has subscribed 100 per cent with each cadet holding a \$1 membership card.

## Civil Service Girl At Navy Hall Wins N. C. Song Contest

Miss Vivian Wood, civil service employe attached to the Public Relations office of Carolina Pre-Flight, was feminine winner in the student musician contest held last week at Meredith College under the sponsorship of the National Federation of Music Clubs.



Miss Wood, 21, and a mezzo-soprano, was competing for the first time when she won the right to represent the State of North Carolina at Jacksonville, Fla., April 14 in the South Atlantic District contest. Miss Wood, a native of Washington, D. C., has been employed by Public Relations here since last September.

The winner of the Jacksonville contest, in which representatives of 10 states will participate, will compete in the national contest finals in May at New York.

## How Much In 'A' Coupons?

The gasoline consumed in training one American military pilot would last the average automobile driver 25 years.



Navy War Bond Cartoon Service

"War bonds are green. Green is for Saint Patrick. Tomorrow is March 17. Get it?"

## Hop For 63rd, 65th Batts On Tomorrow

Cadets of the 63rd and 65th Batts will dance tomorrow in the Pine Room. Lenoir Hall, to the strains of the Cloudbuster swingsters.

The hop will get under way at 2100 and wind up at 2400. An extension of liberty for these battalions has been approved, liberty ending at 0030 with lights out at 0045.

Uniform for the dance will be service dress blue. Girls may dress formally or informally. Refreshments will be served.

## EAT PLENTY

### But Don't Waste Food

A single one-ounce bite of food per man wasted here at every meal would amount to approximately 4¼ tons each month. In two months, the food thus wasted would fill a pile of No. 2 cans over a mile high.

## Carr Girls Entertain

An "open house," sponsored by the UNC girls of Carr Dormitory will be held Sunday in Navy Hall for cadets of the 67th Batt, 11-R-A and 4-R-A. Time will be 1400 to 1745.

## 65% Of Downed Pilots Rescued

Sixty-five per cent of all Navy and Marine flyers forced down are rescued.

Rear Admiral DeWitt C. Ramsey, USN, Chief of BuAer, tells why: "The rescue of Navy flyers forced down at sea in combat with the enemy or from other causes is a matter which always has been given prime consideration by the Bureau of Aeronautics . . ."

"Every flyer is provided with the latest and best equipment available, such as life rafts, emergency rafts, and water-making devices to help him survive if he is forced down at sea. He is also provided with the latest and best signaling device to aid his rescuers in locating him. Further, special squadrons have been organized and specially equipped whose sole purpose is to locate and rescue flyers who fail to return from their missions when expected. . . ."

## Train 18 Miles Long

The total prisoner of war packages shipped and packed by Red Cross volunteers in this war would fill a train 18 miles long, or about 36 average trains.

## 20 Yards Away But Ex-Cadet Escapes Japs In Philippines

A stirring story of escape—from death in a flaming fighter plane and then from hotly pursuing Japs—is told about Ens. William Foye, who completed Pre-Flight training here with the 12th Batt two years ago.

The incident is related in a Navy Department release on the war record of Air Group 20, which has just returned to the United States after a rampaging five months of action in the Pacific, where it participated in the sinking of nearly a million tons of Japanese warships and shipping, referred in its record as "Air Group 20's Japanese Fleet."

In addition to 287 ships totaling 937,000 tons sunk either alone or with the aid of other carrier groups, Air Group 20 shot down 158 Jap planes and destroyed or damaged hundreds on the ground.

## 1,155 Sorties Without Loss

Attached to an Essex-class carrier, Navy fighter pilots of the group, which included Ens. Foye, escorted bombers with such perfect combat precision that they did not lose one dive-bomber or torpedo-bomber to enemy aircraft in 1,155 sorties on the tour of duty which began last Aug. 31 and included raids on the Bonin Islands, Palau Islands, Formosa, Manila, Luzon, the Leyte landing, and the Second Battle of the Philippines.

The action involving Ens. Foye occurred near Manila on last Oct. 18. Squadron mates last saw the former Cloudbuster from Lowell, Mass., going down with a smoking engine over Clark Field near the Philippine capital. His fighter had been

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## \$30,000,000 Saved

The Navy's civilian employees saved the Navy an estimated \$30,000,000 during 1944 through beneficial suggestions showing how battle-needed material can be produced faster, cheaper and better, it has been announced by the Navy Department.

The estimated savings stem from a total of 8,420 ideas adopted out of a total of 48,460 submitted. Suggestions by civilians increased by 103% during 1944.