



French Cadet To Be Honored At Review

Bombing, Courage Bring High Honors To 15th Batt Cadet

A veteran of 18 combat missions, including the Iwo Jima campaign, Lt. (jg) Clayton M. Emery, former cadet in the 15th Batt here from Westport, Mass., has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, a Gold Star in lieu of a second DFC, and the Air Medal for heroism displayed in aerial attacks on units of the Japanese fleet.

The citations which accompanied the awards reveal the bravery of the 21-year-old TBF pilot who scored three direct hits on a Japanese battleship and a near hit which contributed to the damage and destruction of an enemy carrier.

Gold Star Award

The DFC was accompanied by the following citation:

"For distinguishing himself by heroism and extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight as a pilot of a carrier-based torpedo bomber plane on 24 October, 1944. In the face of heavy and very accurate naval anti-aircraft fire, he participated in a damaging aerial torpedo attack against units of an enemy fleet. As a result of his attack three direct hits were scored upon an enemy battleship. His courage and skill were at all times inspiring and in keeping with the highest traditions of the U. S. Naval Service."

The Gold Star was awarded for his part in an aerial attack as a TBF pilot on 25 October, 1944, when "in the face of heavy and very accurate naval anti-aircraft fire, he participated in an aerial glide bombing attack against units of an enemy fleet, and scored a near hit which contributed to the damage and subsequent destruction of an enemy carrier."

Devices Room Set Up

With the setting up of the outdoor table tennis tables in the upper and lower quadrangles, the east wing of Navy Hall has been converted into a special devices room. New additions to the devices include two automatic film raters.



REUNION IN THE PACIFIC—The paths of five former members of this Pre-Flight School, including the first commanding officer, crossed somewhere in the Pacific recently, and fortunately only a cameraman was present to do the "shooting." Left to right are Lt. Comdr. Thomas Carruthers, former first lieutenant here, Lt. Comdr. Charles Speidel, ex-Cloudbuster head wrestling coach, Comdr. James Crowley, head gridiron coach during the '42 season, Commodore O. O. Kessing, first skipper, and William Boerstler, CBM.

Pre-Flight School Easter Worship To Start Tonight

Good Friday Vesper services will be held for Protestants and a mission for Catholics of the Pre-Flight School and Chapel Hill will start tonight as special divine services for Easter begin.

"Take Up Thy Cross," will be the subject of Chaplain George Cummins at 1900 at Memorial Hall, where the Vesper services will be conducted. The Cadet choir will sing.

The three-day mission at Hill Music Hall also will begin at 1900 and will be conducted by the Rev. John Renehan, a Redemptorist Missionary. Also included will be Stations of the Cross and a sermon.

Tomorrow at Hill Hall will be recitation of the Rosary, sermon and Litany of the Mother of God. On Sunday a solemn High Mass will be celebrated at 1000, with the Rev. Edward Sullivan as celebrant, the Rev. Francis

New Battle Film Is On Way Here

"Fury In The Pacific," new battle film produced by the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, will be shown at the Pre-Flight Theater on Saturday, March 31.

The 20-minute film, which will be part of the regularly-scheduled program, shows the intense action which took place as American forces wrested from the Japs the tiny but vital islands of Peli-liu and Angaur.

Nine photographers fell while recording the battle.

Morrissey as deacon and the Rev. Renehan as sub-deacon. Cadet Edward Wipert of the 64th Batt will be master of ceremonies.

Closing of the mission on Sunday evening will be marked by a recitation of the Rosary, sermon and solemn Benediction.

School Will Receive War Bond Pennant Saturday In Kenan

A military review will be held in Kenan Stadium at 1100 tomorrow as the occasion for decorating French Aviation Cadet Leonard Ermine for heroic action against the enemy, and for presentation of the Commandant's War Bond Pennant to this Pre-Flight School by a representative of the Commandant, Sixth Naval District.

Rear Admiral Nomy, head of French Naval Aviation, will present Cadet Ermine with the Medale Militaire, which is the highest decoration awarded to non-commissioned personnel of the French armed forces.

Disregard For Safety

Vice Admiral Fenard, head of the French Naval Mission, will (Continued on page 3)



FRENCH HERO—The Medale Militaire, highest decoration given to non-commissioned personnel of the French armed forces, will be awarded to French Aviation Cadet Leonard Ermine by Rear Admiral Nomy of the French Navy in ceremony to be held in Kenan Stadium tomorrow morning.