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FU Cadet Honored, War Bond Pennant Awarded At Rites

Navy Pre-Flight School cadets participated in a full regimental review last Saturday, featuring the decoration of a French aviation cadet here with his country's highest military award to non-commissioned personnel and the presentation of the Commandant's War Bond Pennant to this school for its war bond purchases.

Receiving the French Medale Militaire for bravery in action against the enemy was French

64th Best In Review

The 64th was adjudged best of the battalions participating in the regimental review last Saturday and was credited with 25 points towards its total in the fortnightly regimental competition.

Aviation Cadet Leonard Ermine, who was decorated by Vice Admiral R. Fenard, head of the French Naval Mission. Rear Admiral H. Nomy, head of French Naval Aviation, attended the ceremonies along with French staff officers.

Comdr. R. T. Whitney, district air officer and personal representative of Rear Admiral Jules James, commandant of the Sixth Naval District, presented the War Bond Pennant and certificate for which this Pre-Flight School qualified with 97 per cent enrollment in the bond buying program.

In making the presentation, Comdr. Whitney read a letter from Rear Admiral James to Comdr. James P. Rough, commanding officer, in which the commandant said:

"Congratulations to you, to war bond officers, Lt. Comdr. W. C. Clark, USNR, and Lt. J. C. Worth, USNR, and to the officers and men under your command who by their wholehearted participation in the War Bond Program fire at the foe the double-barreled charge of financial support to our country and military service of our country."

Snuff Sent Overseas

New York—(CNS)—The tobacco industry has sent 950,000 packages of snuff to GIs overseas. Ker-choo!



DOUBLE AWARD—Presentation of the Commandant's War Bond Pennant to this Pre-Flight School and decoration of French Aviation Cadet Leonard Ermine featured the ceremonies in Kenan Stadium last Saturday. In top photo Comdr. R. T. Whitney, district air officer and personal representative of Rear Admiral Jules James, commandant of the Sixth Naval District, presents the pennant to Comdr. James P. Rough, commanding officer, while Lt. John C. Worth, local war bond officer, and Lt. K. L. Brooks, district war bond officer, watch the proceeding. On the right, Vice Admiral Fenard, head of the French Naval Mission, has just completed decorating French Aviation Cadet Ermine with the Medale Militaire.



USS Midway Hailed As Great Milestone In Naval History

First of the heavy carrier class, the *USS Midway* was christened recently and a statement from Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air, Artemus L. Gates, indicates that the ship represents a great milestone in our Naval history.

Without going into detail, the Assistant Secretary declared: "This milestone in ship construction will be accompanied by an equally important development in airplane design. For when the *Midway* goes to sea against the enemy her flight deck will be covered with planes of a newer design and type—planes now being produced but not as yet flown in combat against our enemies. The 1945 model aircraft carrier and 1945 model aircraft are not a pleasant combination to be contemplated by the Japanese war lords."

Two Batts To Dance Tomorrow At Lenoir

A hop for cadets of the 64th and 65th battalions will be held tomorrow in the Pine Room, Lenoir Hall, from 2100 to 2345.

Music will be furnished by the Cloudbuster band and refreshments will be served. Girls' dress may be formal or informal.

Bomber Losses Light

LONDON.—(CNS)—An average of less than two of every 100 bombers dispatched on combat missions by the U. S. Strategic Air Forces in the European and Mediterranean Theatres during 1944 were lost to enemy action, the War Department has announced.

Frenchwoman Describes Nazi War Atrocities

Medieval tortures with all the refinements of modern science were employed by the Germans on French men, women and children during the Nazi occupation of France, according to Capitaine Louise de Mont-Reynaud, 24-year-old French physician, who played a leading role in the French underground forces during the occupation.

Capitaine de Mont-Reynaud, the daughter of a French count, is on a tour of French units stationed in this country and talked to the French Units at this Pre-Flight School last Saturday. She arrived aboard a plane which brought Vice Admiral R. Fenard, head of the French Naval Mission, and Rear Admiral H. Nomy, head of French Naval Aviation, here to participate in ceremonies that included the decoration of French Aviation Cadet Leonard Ermine for heroic action against the enemy.



As evidence of the horrible tortures inflicted by the Nazis, Capt. de Mont-Reynaud displayed a large number of photographs, many of them taken from the enemy.

Torture Pictures

There were pictures of Frenchmen hanging by their necks on street corners; of innocent hostages being hanged in large groups; of steel helmets with sharp prongs which were placed on the heads of victims after which the screws were tightened gradually; of an electric oven in which the victim was slowly cooked; of dungeon prisons in which men stood for hours in stalls while awaiting execution; of bestial tortures inflicted on women and children.

Capt. de Mont-Reynaud joined the French underground immediately after the occupation of France and became a member of the FFI when that was organized. Since the liberation of France, she has been a member of the French Women's auxiliary organization, similar to our WAC.

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