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Navigators' Wings Approved, School Is Set Up In Okla.

Wing insignia for Naval air navigators—designated "Naval Aviation Observer (Navigation)"—has been approved and, concurrent with the authorization for navigators to wear the wings, the Navy announced that a Naval Air Navigation School has been established at Clinton, Okla., which will graduate approximately 300 men monthly.

First presentation of the gold wings with a silver compass rose set on crossed anchors was made by Lt. Comdr. William J. Catlett, Jr., USN, Canton, Miss., and Annapolis, Md., to Lt. E. E. Packard, USNR, Homita, Wis., and Lt. Paul Stoner, USNR, Orange, Calif. Lt. Comdr. Catlett is in charge of the Navy's Navigation Training Section at Annapolis.

Navy Recognizes Role

Eligible to receive the wings are 618 Naval officers, including six WAVES, who have graduated from previous Naval Air Navigation Schools. All are assigned to duty involving flying.

Students for the new schools will be drawn from Naval aviation cadets (separated from the flight training program) and commissioned Naval officers under 27 years of age. The aviation cadets will remain in cadet status until graduated, at which time they will receive both wings and commissions as ensigns.

Upon graduation from the Clinton School, the navigators will be assigned to further op-

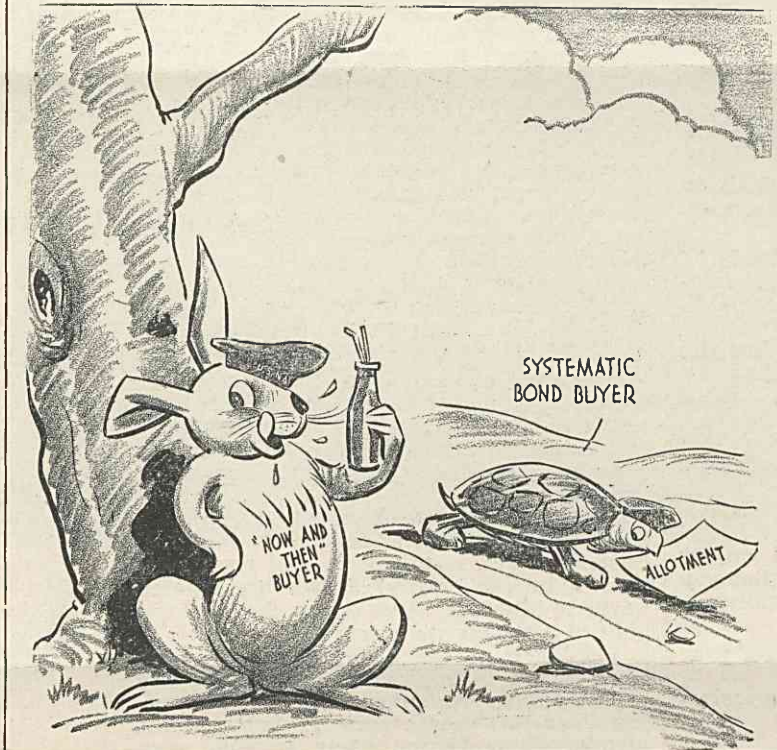
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25,000 Military Pilots Get Private Licenses

Washington (CNS)—The Civil Aeronautics Administration announced it has been granting more than 2,000 civilian pilot certificates a week to flyers still in military service. More than 25,000 military pilots have obtained private licenses in the last five years.

The CAA has been examining the flyers at Army and Navy airfields. Applicants must pass a simple written examination on the civil air regulations. The certificate entitles a pilot to fly privately while still in uniform as well as afterward.

WHICH WOULD YOU BET ON?



Navy's Show Contest So Democratic Even Chief Bosun's Mates May Enter

All Naval personnel of this Pre-Flight School are urged to participate in the Navy Show Contest which opened May 1 for all officers and enlisted personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Sponsored by the Writers' War Board, the contest offers \$2,700 in War Bonds for the 41 best manuscripts submitted prior to August 1.

Details of the contest appeared in the Cloudbuster on April 20 and are available in the Public Relations office, Navy Hall.

One of the judges will be George S. Kaufman who writes of the contest as follows:

By George S. Kaufman

The Navy's sketch and song contest is completely democratic—even the Chief Bosun's Mates are allowed to compete. Who knows—there may be an unhappy chief whose ambition it always was to write a gay and lilting song, but who is reduced to bounding the sailing main, or is it the other way around? Now he has a chance to gratify his ambition and win a \$500 war bond at the same time.

My guess is that the \$500 will go to a sailor or a marine who has had a dramatic or amusing experience in this war, and who is able to set it down on paper simply and effectively. After all, that is all there is to writing, and don't let anyone tell you otherwise.

The contest has a wide range and you can write anything you want to. As I've said, you can write something out of your own

experience. You can also write something out of someone else's experience. Or you can write something completely out of your own imagination. It can be short, it can be medium, it can be long. It can be in the form of a sketch, or a short play, or a monologue, or merely a conversation between two people.

It can also be a song. Good songs, like good sketches, are likely to be absurdly simple. Who would think that one of the best songs of all time would be based on nothing beyond the fact that it's a nice day—and not even a whole day, just a morning. What I'm talking about, of course, is "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning!" from "Oklahoma!" It doesn't even talk about a girl, that song. Just says it's a beautiful morning and lets it go at that. The whole trick is in the way it says it, and the way it sings it.

Crack 65th Grabs Fifth Regimental Crown Since Dec.

Athletic teams of the 65th Batt won championships in boxing, wrestling, and track during the Sports Program finals held on Fetzer Field last Friday to clinch another regimental title for that battalion. It was the fifth triumph for the 65th in eight periods of competition in which it has been entered since reporting here last December.

Entering the sports finals with a 25-point lead over the 67th Batt, the 65th rolled up 118 points in the Sports Program—against 48 for the 67th—to win regimental honors by a 95-point margin.

Boxers Nose Out 67th

Its overall total for the period of competition was 280½, while the 67th finished second with 185½, and the 66th third with 117.

Teams of the 65th defeated the 67th in boxing, five bouts to four; the 11-week refresher in wrestling, 42 to 29, and the 64th in track, 42 to 32.

Other sports finals found the French Unit trimming the 66th Batt in soccer, 6 to 0, and the 64th defeating the 11-week refresher in swimming, 51½ to 27½.

Final results of competition for the last period are shown below:

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| Mil. | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 |
| Acad. | 10 | 75 | 50 | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Cl. Ath. | 25 | 62½ | 10 | 62½ | 0 | 0 |
| Sp. Pgm. | 70 | 118 | 47 | 48 | 25 | 5 |

The 11R's compiled a total of 47 points, all gained in sports program.

Rear Adm. Pownall Visits This Station

Rear Admiral Charles A. Pownall, USN, Chief of Naval Air Training, visited here on Monday with members of his staff.

Several months ago Rear Admiral Pownall was awarded honorary membership in the Distinguished Service Order of Great Britain for "outstanding gallantry and leadership" in the Gilbert Islands campaign. He also has been honored with the award of the Distinguished Service Medal for his work as Commander of the Carrier Force, Central Pacific Forces, in operations for re-conquest of the Gilberts in November, 1943.