



Admiral Hardison And Staff Inspect Pre-Flight School

Rear Admiral O. B. Hardison, USN, Chief of Naval Air Primary Training, came aboard last Tuesday afternoon with members of his staff for an inspection of this unit of his command.

The inspection party departed by plane Wednesday morning.

Admiral Hardison, who was commanding officer of the *Enterprise* from 8 October 1942 until 7 April 1943, was awarded the Navy Cross "for extraordinary heroism and conspicuous courage . . . during action against enemy Japanese forces north of Santa Cruz Islands, October 26, 1942."

After detachment from that carrier, he served as Commander, Fleet Air, South Pacific, and for this duty was awarded the Legion of Merit by Admiral William F. Halsey, USN. He has been Chief of Naval Air Primary Training since January, 1944.

Cadets' Regimental Hop

A Cadet Regimental Dance will be held tomorrow evening in Woollen Gymnasium from 2100 to 2400. Music for the evening's dancing will be furnished by the Cloudbuster Band. For the girls, it is optional whether they dress formally or informally.



Rear Admiral O. B. Hardison

Four New Carriers To Be Named For Naval Battles

Four battles or operations now famous in American history will be commemorated by aircraft carriers bearing their names.

Largest of the new warships is the 45,000-ton carrier, the *USS Coral Sea*, named for the sea-air action of that name. The battle of Coral Sea was the first major engagement in naval history in which surface ships did not exchange a single shot, the battle being conducted solely by opposing aircraft.

The new *Coral Sea* is the second new carrier slated to bear that name. The first, recently floated at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, New York, had its name changed to the *USS Franklin D. Roosevelt* in honor of the late President.

The Iwo Jima operation will be commemorated by an *Essex*-type carrier bearing the name *USS Iwo Jima*.

Another *Essex*-type carrier, the *USS Leyte*, is being named for the battle of Leyte Gulf. It was originally designated the *USS Crown Point*. A repair ship, previously named the *USS Leyte*, has been renamed the *USS Maui* for the Hawaiian Island of that name.

The fourth new carrier is the *USS Lingayen*, an escort carrier type, which received its name from the landings in the Lingayen Gulf.

Lt. Comdr. Loader Becomes New Executive Officer Here

Navy Sets Up Plan For Release Or Discharge

Over the period of the next six months the Navy plans to discharge or release to inactive duty:

a) Certain enlisted personnel 42 years old and over who voluntarily apply, and

b) Certain enlisted personnel who are physically fit only for limited duty by reason of a medical survey. This does not include men who meet physical standards for induction as special assignment personnel.

The purpose, according to Navy Department announcement, is to increase the overall efficiency of the fighting forces by releasing older men and men not fully qualified for general duty and increasing the number of younger fully qualified personnel to meet the future needs of the fleet. This action, therefore, is not a demobilization, but a measure to increase the fighting efficiency of the Navy. Such personnel as are released under this policy will be replaced by the intake of younger men who will be trained and qualified for general duty afloat.

This action is unrelated to the end of war in Europe, since the defeat of Germany will mean a redistribution, but no reduction, of Naval personnel strength.

Discharge or release to inactive duty will be effected by Commanding Officers without prior reference to the Navy Department. (Continued on Page 3)

Debut Of Swing Band

Those attending the "Happy Hour" this evening will be in for a double treat. By arrangement with the University of North Carolina, the Girls' Glee Club will be present at Memorial Hall to entertain the group.

In addition, the new Cadet Swing Band will make its debut at the "Happy Hour." Some members of this band have played in other station organizations, but this is their first appearance as a complete swing band.

The "Happy Hour" will begin at its customary time, 1900.

Lt. Comdr. Howard L. Hamilton, USNR, Executive Officer at the Navy Pre-Flight School here for the past year and a member of the administrative staff since 1942, has been detached for duty outside the country, it is announced by Comdr. James P. Raugh, USNR, Commanding Officer.

He is succeeded by Lt. Comdr. Norman Loader, USNR, of Westfield, N. J., for the past 15 months Assistant Ground Training Officer on the staff of Rear Admiral O. B. Hardison, USN, Chief of Naval Air Primary Training with headquarters at the Naval Air Station, Glenview, Ill.

Both officers were in the Navy Pre-Flight program during organizational days early in 1942.

Lt. Comdr. Hamilton entered the Navy in January, 1942, on leave of absence from Ohio State University where for two decades previously he was linked with the Buckeye school, first as a student and later as an executive and educator.

Upon reporting to the Navy Department in Washington, he was designated to perform liaison duties between the Pre-Flight organization and the uni- (Continued on Page 3)

Survey Of Japanese Military Resources

The Japanese military forces presently consist of about 4,000,000 men. The figure includes a ground force of over 100 infantry divisions, several armored divisions, many independent supporting units, some 300,000 army air ground troops and about 200,000 naval ground forces. In addition there are over 1,000,000 Manchurian and Chinese Puppets organized as auxiliary military units. These military forces are supplemented by large numbers of labor troops, mostly Koreans and Formosans. Present information indicates that about 1,000,000 new men are now in the process of being mobilized and trained. The total forces by the end of the present year, therefore, should be well over 6,000,000 men, less the attrition which will occur in the meantime.