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Six Officers Arrive While Seven Leave During Past Week

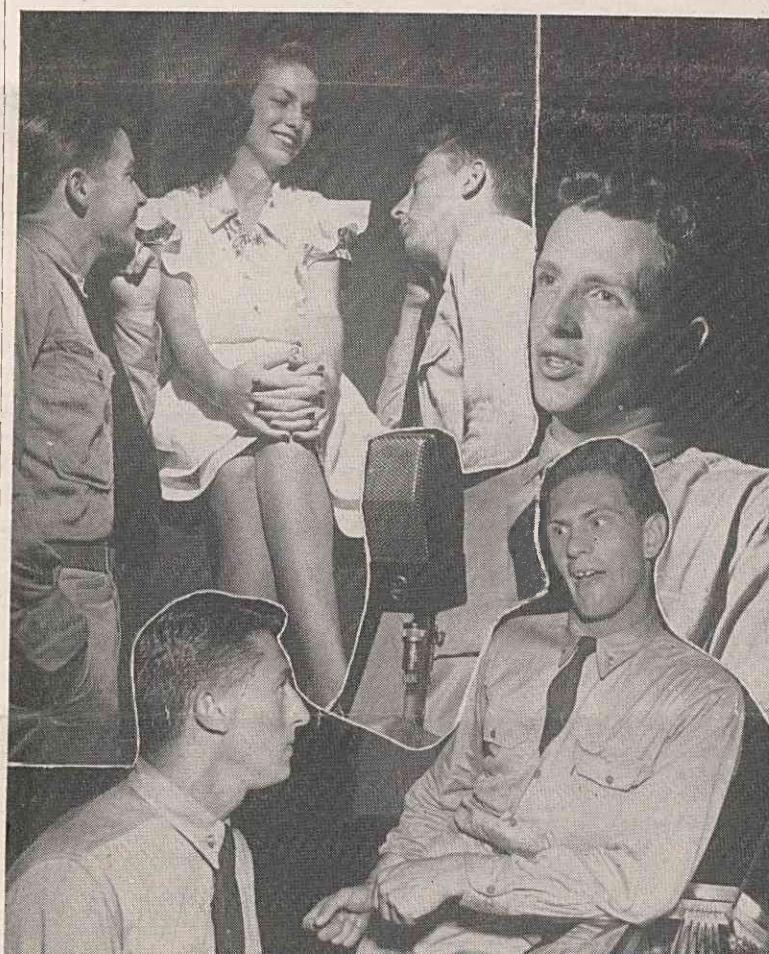
Changes in officer personnel during the past week included six arrivals and seven detachments.

Those reporting here for duty are Lt. Comdr. Carl H. Senter, from Georgia Pre-Flight, assigned to navigation; Lt. Comdr. E. E. Brunson, from Air Group 98, who will serve as officer-in-charge, military track; Lieut. D. W. Christiansen, from NATTC, Jacksonville, Fla., assigned to the Military Department; Lieut. H. J. Franklin, from NAS, Dallas, Tex., assigned to aerology, and two Navy nurses, Lt. (jg) Janea E. Wiley, from overseas, and Ens. Mary E. Zohn, from Naval Hospital, Portsmouth.

Those detached were Lieut. John J. Craighead and Lieut. F. C. Craighead, Jr., assistants in the survival program; Lieut. Wilmer F. Bennett, navigation training officer; Lieut. George F. Horner, English training officer for the French cadets; Lieut. Robert J. Keefe, insurance officer; Lieut. George F. Fusco, battalion officer, and Lieut. Edwin H. Staehling, engines training officer.

15,000 Magazines Weekly

Naval personnel on board ship and at shore stations outside the United States are receiving each week 15,000 copies of America's favorite magazines.



TO ENTERTAIN TONIGHT—High on the list of talent that will entertain at the all-station Happy Hour at Emerson Field tonight are the five cadets and civil service employee shown above. Top left in the usual order are Moffat G. Sherard, 68th Battalion, Miss Vee Yates, of the disbursing office, and Wirt H. Hamilton, 68th Battalion. Above on the right is singer Leonard H. Graves, of the 68th, while rehearsing their act below are French Cadets Claude Girard, from Paris, at the piano, and French Cadet Yves Matte, from Algiers, exercising his vocals.

Ex-Cadet Survives In Jungle

Add to the now almost endless list of naval aviators who owe their lives to superb physical conditioning the name of Lt. (jg) Robert J. Graham, Ardmore, Pa., who was in training here with the 14th Battalion late in 1942.

The stirring story of his forced landing on a rice paddy and of a 179-day battle for survival in the wilds of Borneo was related in an Associated Press dispatch from Fleet Air Wing Headquarters in the Philippines last week.

To quote:

"Some fliers are superstitious about that last mission, the one that releases them for home and rest. They fear something may

happen, just as it did in the case of Lt. (jg) Robert J. Graham and his Navy Liberator crew.

"The mission was their 62nd—and last—when they took off for a Borneo snooper raid. It would be 'San Francisco, here we come!' when—and if?—they returned.

"In this case, the bugaboo 'if?' intervened. Only four of the 10 strong young fliers came back and that after wandering through Borneo's wilds as hunted men—sick, half-starved, and always in danger of capture by the ruthless Japanese. Three re-

turned together, 179 days after the mission's start. They had been listed as missing and presumed by their friends to be

dead. Among them was Graham. . . .

"One of the crew was killed in aerial combat before the Liberator was forced down and five others were captured and executed by the Japanese. . . .

Attacked by Fighters

"The trouble began when four Japanese fighters tackled the Liberator near Bruei Bay. One fighter was shot down but two of the bomber's engines were knocked out and the plane made a crash landing.

"The bomber bellied along on a rice paddy and mud gushed in, filling the plane. The nine live crewmen couldn't find their

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All-Station Show Planned for 1900 Today at Emerson

All personnel of this station and their families are invited to the Variety Show that is being sponsored this evening by the Welfare and Recreation office at Emerson field starting at 1900.

The show, made up of local talent, will have as master of ceremonies, Cadet A. J. Perbohner of the 69th Battalion. Music will be furnished by the Pre-Flight Cloudbuster Swing Band with a special quartet featuring band members Finley, Reeves, Chapman, and Moore.

A black-face minstrel number will be presented by Cadets W. H. Hamilton and M. G. Sherard of the 68th Battalion. Cadet L. H. Graves, also of the 68th, will sing on the program.

A group of cadets under Lt. Comdr. Charles J. Keeney will present a trampoline specialty act featuring 20 minutes of tumbling and acrobatics.

Representing the French group here, Y. Matte and C. Girard will give a song and piano comedy number in French.

In the event of rain, the program will be held in the Memorial Hall auditorium.

Outdoor Cadet Dance Planned for Aug. 18

The second regimental outdoor dance of the season will be sponsored by the Welfare and Recreation Office on the basketball courts in back of Navy Hall on Saturday, Aug. 18.

Dancing to the music of the Cloudbuster swing band will start at 2100 and end at 2400. Refreshments will be served as usual during the evening.

New Navy Weekly

A new Navy weekly has just been authorized by the Secretary of the Navy. Tentative plans call for a 32-page magazine in two colors, with eye-witness stories, news, humor, fiction, pin-ups, pictures, sports, cartoons, and "gripe" columns. The as yet unnamed weekly will be staffed by professionally qualified personnel and will be printed in the U. S. for distribution to the entire Navy.

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