

CLOUDBUSTER

Close Battles Expected Here In Sport Finals

Although trailing in the overall competition by 62½ points as they enter the Sports Program finals this afternoon, cadets of the 73rd Battalion are conceded a good outside chance of coming through with the regimental title.

No less than five teams of the 73rd have qualified for the championship events, and their point-making today will do much to determine the winner of the regimental competition for the past fortnight.

In the leading position with 135 points going into the Sports Program finals is the 71st Battalion, which has qualified three teams in the finals. The 72nd, with 87½ points at the moment, will be represented by four squads.

Sports Events

In the ring today, leather throwers of Lt. (jg) F. E. Pellerin's 73rd squad will be pitted against Lt. W. Jurkovic's 70th.

Wrestlers of the 73rd, coached by Lt. A. M. Learned, will take to the mat against Lt. N. P. Carter's 71st grapplers.

Track will find Lt. H. P. Cormack's 73rd competing against the 71st squad under Lt. P. M. Mariner.

On the hard court, the 73rd basketball team, coached by Lt. A. F. Rohrbough, will match shots with Lt. J. R. Conroy's 72nd.

In Kessing Pool, 73rd tankmen of Lt. (jg) P. E. Lavietes will go against Lt. G. F. Laird's 72nd.

The soccer finals will send Lt. (jg) R. B. McLeary's 71st booters on the field against the 72nd team coached by Lt. H. Campbell, while the 70th football eleven, coached by Lt. R. A. Daly, will clash with the 72nd gridsters of Lt. R. Potvin.

Aviation Cadets Released Will Not Be Drafted

Naval aviation cadets released by curtailment of the training program are being placed in inactive status and therefore are not subject to the draft, the Navy Department announced in Washington last Monday. Deadline for electing one of the options available to AvCads has been extended to the end of next week.

Rear Admiral Hardison Detached As Chief of Naval Air Primary Training

Rear Admiral O. B. Hardison, USN, has been detached from duty as Chief of Naval Air Primary Training with headquarters at the Naval Air Station, Glenview, Ill.

As Chief of Naval Air Primary Training since January, 1944, he has had supervision over the Pre-Flight School here, as one unit of his command.

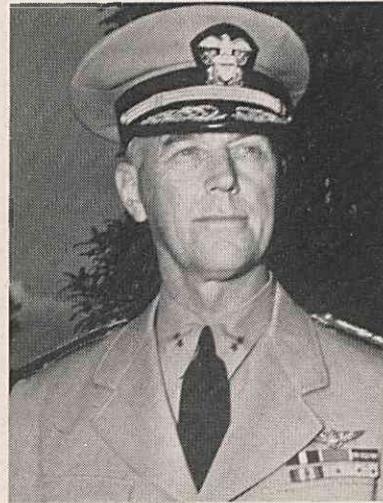
"Upon my detachment this date," Admiral Hardison stated in a farewell message received here, "I wish to express to all hands of NAPTC my admiration for a job well done, my appreciation of your loyal support and the wish that we may be shipmates again. Good luck."

Admiral Hardison, who was the heroic commanding officer of the aircraft carrier, *Enterprise*, during the battle of the Santa Cruz Islands in October, 1942, is a native of North Carolina and attended the University here at Chapel Hill before entering the Naval Academy in 1912.

He served aboard the *Texas* in the first World War, became a naval aviator in 1923, and served in the *Lexington*, *Saratoga*, *Langley*, and *Ranger*, before becoming Skipper of the *Enterprise*.

He was awarded the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism and conspicuous courage as commanding officer of the *USS Enterprise* during action against enemy Japanese forces north of Santa Cruz Island, October 26, 1942.

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Rear Admiral Hardison

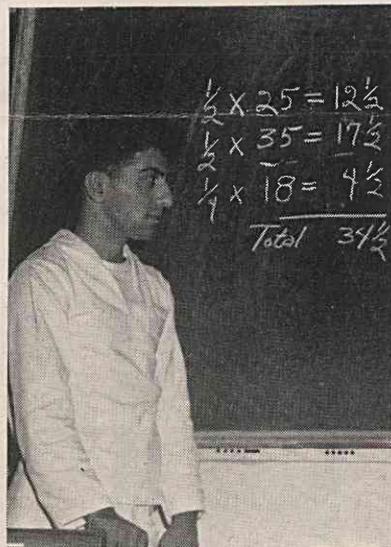
carrier, he served as Commander, Fleet Air, South Pacific, and for this duty was awarded the Legion of Merit by Admiral Halsey.

To Have Special Movies

A special program of entertainment is being arranged by the Welfare and Recreation Department for the Able, Baker, and Charlie groups of separeates on this station.

The entertainment will consist of full-length feature movies at Memorial Hall. The movies which will be shown Monday through Thursday evenings will start at 1900.

FRACTIONS—A wife can be the main difference between a civilian and a sailor these days, concludes sadfaced Joel Esmail, Y2c, left, of the yeoman pool, after comparing his score under the Navy's point demobilization formula with that of happy and married George Belisario, SM2c, of the communications office. After chalking up five and a half points of overseas credit which will be granted starting tomorrow, Belisario finds that he hits the critical score for enlisted men right on the nose—with an assist due Mrs. B for 10 of his big 44 points. Also benefitting from the newly granted overseas credit, but missing 10 points for want of a wife, Esmail falls nine and one-half short of the required total. In this game of fractions, he muses, a wife is worth 20 months in the Navy.



Navy Gives Credit For Overseas Duty In Demobilization

Officers and enlisted personnel with overseas service returned to fractional arithmetic in re-computing their demobilization scores last Monday when the Navy Department announced revision of its demobilization formula effective Sept. 15.

Amendments to the original plan provide that:

1. On Sept. 15, each officer and enlisted man or woman in the service will be entitled to one-quarter of a point for each month of duty outside the continental limits of this country since Sept. 1, 1939.

2. Effective Sept. 15, Medical, Hospital and Nurse Corps personnel will be released in the following manner:

Nurses under a separate critical score of 60 points; female doctors under the same critical score as other female officers, 35 points; male and female officers in the hospital corps, including hospital specialists, under the same critical scores as other male and female officers, 49 and 35 points, respectively; pharmacist's mates and hospital corpsmen, both male and female, in the same manner and under the same critical scores as other enlisted personnel, 44 points for men and 29 points for women.

750,000 Now Eligible

A total of approximately 750,000 persons will be eligible for demobilization on Sept. 15, an

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