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### J. Melville Broughton, Former Governor of North Carolina

The Navy Pre-Flight School was established during the early part of my administration as Governor of North Carolina and I was privileged to be closely associated from the beginning with the original commanding officer and those who have succeeded him. No finer set of men have ever come to North Carolina in connection with any activity, civilian or military. Likewise, the record of the Pre-Flight School will constitute a brilliant chapter in North Carolina's history of this unprecedented world conflict.

While we have looked upon the Navy Pre-Flight School at the University as a sort of North Carolina project and have adopted its officers and enlisted men as "sons of Carolina," it is gratifying to note that the School has attained a record unsurpassed, if equalled, among similar military or naval undertakings during this war. When the history of this school is written and the role of its heroes and their exploits is revealed, the entire nation will experience a sense of deep pride and of lasting gratitude.

To Comdr. Raugh, who has been with the school virtually from its beginning, I extend congratulations on a job well done. Also, in saying farewell to him and his associates, I express for all the people of North Carolina our deepest appreciation for their thoughtful courtesies and notable achievements and express to them our heartiest good wishes. We say to all of them: "Goodbye and God Bless You."

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### Dr. Frank P. Graham, President, University of North Carolina

The University of North Carolina salutes the officers, cadets, and all the members of the staff of the Naval Pre-Flight School at Chapel Hill. Eighteen thousand of the fittest young men in America have been enrolled in this School. Thousands of them have been with the American carrier forces at the farthest Pacific front and have had a decisive part in defeating the Japanese Navy, in seizing strategic islands, and winning the war against Japan. Many have been decorated and cited for bravery beyond the call of duty. Many have been killed and wounded. We are deeply humble and grateful that the University of North Carolina for a time had the honor to be their home and training ground.

To the officers, cadets, and staff of the



## Farewell Messages



Pre-Flight School, we say you have meant much to us as persons, as an institution, and as sharers with you and through you in helping to win the war. Your hard work, your gentlemanly conduct, and your patriotism have been and will always be a high credit to the best traditions of the Navy and the University of North Carolina.

However, far you may go across the continents, the seas, and the heavens, the University of North Carolina will reach out across all the miles and the years to hold you tight to her great heart. Our appreciation, affection, and our hopes for the best in life to you as we say goodbye and God bless you every one!

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### Capt. E. E. Hazlett, USN (Ret.), Senior Officer Present

You have done a great job here in Chapel Hill. You have contributed immeasurably to victory in the greatest war in history. You have every reason to be proud of your accomplishments.

Speaking more personally, you have added much to the life of the other Naval Units here. You have helped us willingly and have been most generous with your facilities. We appreciate it—and we will miss you greatly.

We of the NROTC, the Seaman V-12, and the Marine V-12, wish each and every one of you Godspeed and the best of luck wherever you may go. And we echo the Navy's highest encomium—"Well Done!"

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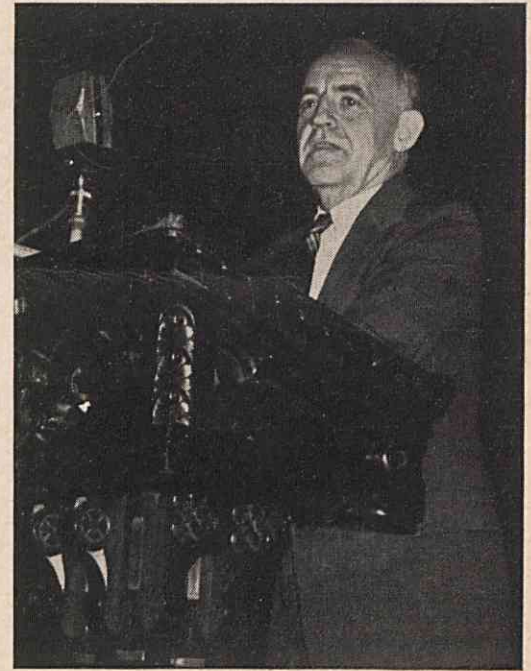
### Hon. Josephus Daniels, Former Secretary of the Navy

One of the highlights of the Navy's great accomplishments in preparing men for the magnificent service the Navy of the air has rendered has been the Navy Pre-Flight School at Chapel Hill. All the people of this state were gratified when the Navy selected the University of North Carolina as one of its Pre-Flight Training Centers and we have all rejoiced in the contribution



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Dr. Frank P. Graham

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that has been made at this old institution in our state. I send my congratulations and greetings to all in the Pre-Flight School. We shall miss these fine young men and shall always be grateful that they came to this state for their early training.

In the days ahead aviation is going to be more and more to the fore as well as in the sky in all preparations of the Military Branches of the Government. The foundation for this great day in aviation has been laid in Chapel Hill and other like places.

My congratulations to the CLOUDBUSTER which I have read with interest and profit. I will miss its weekly visits and my associations with the Navy men in the Pre-Flight School.

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### Robert W. Madry, Mayor, Chapel Hill, N. C.

As Mayor of Chapel Hill, I want to tell you and your fellow officers and your cadets that our community is going to miss very much the many pleasant associations that our citizens and the officers and cadets of the Pre-Flight School enjoyed during the last three years.

We realize that, due to the exigencies of war, we have not always been able to measure up to our highest hopes in serving you as a community, but we feel that you have understood and appreciated the difficulties we have worked under at times.

We wish it were possible for some arrangement to be made whereby you would continue with us on a permanent basis, but we realize that such a plan is not practicable now.

We wish we had enough keys to the city to present one to every officer, enlisted man, and cadet who has served at this station, for we feel that you have become definitely a part of our community, and we want each one of you to consider yourself an Honorary Citizen of Chapel Hill.

We wish all of you good luck and Godspeed, and we want you to come back for a visit and feel at home whenever you can.