Worthwhile Stories About Unfamiliar Names

Ieet Some of Your Cadet Shipmates

(Ens. Gourley came to Chapel Hill? with the intention of resigning his com- fessional stars and many of the na- that time, however, the Jap planes poetry and met with some success. before he left the station. - The that medals and citations will not fall

or the current periodicals is aware of the galaxy of sportsworld names connected with our Naval Pre-Flight Schools. Former collegiate and pro-

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Anyone who reads the newspapers pupils engage the enemy in the air.

is as global as the war itself. Many Army, Navy, or Marine Corps. Some were at Pearl Harbor a year ago. Others have been attending relatively luxurious preparatory schools or universities while some of their new bunkmates were fighting heavy seas and subs on North Atlantic patrol. Still others were working as shipping clerks, commercial illustrators, aircraft workers, or newspaper reporters. A large number are fresh from city and country high schools. Let several cadets, chosen at random, tell their own story.

Richard Allen Morse, a 'veteran' at 19, was a seaman, first class, on a seaplane tender, at Pearl Harboro, Dec. 7, 1941. He was graduated from Ashland (Mass.) High School and waited mined will to beat an enemy he knows for nine days to become of age to en- first hand. list in the Navy.

was in port when the Japs launched are a number who have been in the their initial vicious attack. When the service previously. One of them is

first wave of bombashore, made for his battle station aboard ship. His first contact with the war came when a Jap truck driver attempted to block the only entrance to the yard. This Son of Nippon was

Morse

promptly rewarded with a .45 slug for his efforts and the truck was cleared from the entrance. While anti-aircraft shells were blossoming among the attacking planes, ders, and fires. As another sideline, or

mission to enter the Pre-Flight pro- tion's top-flight coaches are working were inside the range scale and firing Cadet Hoben obligingly reproduced a gram as a V-5 cadet. He failed to pass efficiently together to produce a supe- was point blank, so he started for the poem, describing the antics of Mr. Hitthe required physical examinations, rior physical and mental stamina in- hangar deck to operate a .50 caliber ler's mustache, published in The Poetic however, and was transferred for duty tegrated with a will to win in our machine gun. At that moment an Voice of America, 1940. Out of 11,000 at Hollywood, Fla. The following ar- naval aviators. To these instructors enemy plane hit by fire from a nearby entrants only 600 were selected. The ticle was written by Ens. Gourley, just much credit is due, for chances are cruiser crashed topside on a crane last stanza he added impromptu as he without killing the pilot. A seaman handed the poem to me. to them, but, nevertheless, their skill manning another .50 caliber gun ran and effort will be recognized when their out and had a brief but successful hand to hand fight with the pilot. Morse con-Although the cadets in most cases tinued on his way only to be blown are not familiar names, they do have off the deck into the water by the cona story worth telling. It is a story that cussion of an armor piercing bomb exfalls under no single heading; its origin ploding three decks below. He was picked up by a small boat and put It wiggled at the Czechs one day have served one or more years in the ashore where he helped treat the wounded survivors from other ships. During the second attack he carried .50 caliber ammunition up to a roof until the Jap aircraft withdrew.

> In January he arrived back in the States and went to Lakehurst, N. J. where he trained as an aerographer and remained there until his entrance into the Pre-Flight School in November. Asked what assignment he would like upon winning his wings and commission he replied simply, "A fighter squadron in the Pacific. That's where my grudge is-I lost a lot of good buddies out there." His is just one of the stories of the cadets, told with an unaffected directness and with a deter-

Although the majority of the cadets He left the States in June, 1941, and have not felt the fire of the Axis, there Richard James Hoben of Coaldale, Pa., ers came over, an ex-sailor. He began selling news-Morse, who was papers at 13 and became one of the



porters for the Allentown, Pa., Morning Call at 15. He left high school and worked up to an office job where he had charge of eight correspondents in small outlying towns. In addition to this he was a photographer covering strikes, mur-

youngest branch re-

Morse ran to man his range finder. By perhaps antidote, he tried his hand at

A Little Black Mustache

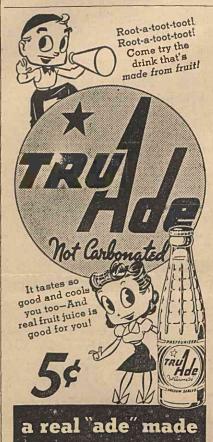
It wiggles quite ferociously When the voice below it speaks, And when it shakes, a scared world quakes,

Wondering what now it seeks. Then took a great big slice. The world stood by, didn't question

Just mused "That wasn't nice."

It wiggled plenty after that Its demands were always met. Till Poland's men rebelled and then The earth with blood was wet. Since then it's wiggled endlessly Beneath that Aryan nose

And mankind's gore from hill to shore In crimson rivers flows.



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In expressing his preference for fu-See CADETS, page 8

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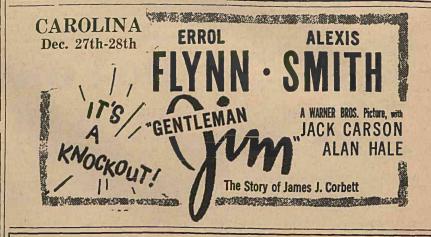
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