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Personnel Changes Made in Academic, Athletic, Military Units

With the advent of the new year, a survey of the commissioned personnel of the station finds many new hands on deck, many old hands no longer aboard but transferred to other duty, and various changes and interchanges in and among the academic, military, and athletic departments.

In the academic department, new additions are Lieut. (jg) John D. McConnell from the Georgia Pre-Flight School and Lieut. (jg) Dan Voorhees who recently completed indoctrination at Quonset Point. Both are teaching ENS and Aerology along with Ensign Richard Cassiano who has moved over from military interchanging duties with Ensign Richard Zimmerman.

Lieut. Robert S. Watts has become head of the course in ENS taking the place of Lieut. Norman Loader, while Lieut. (jg) Andrew Marckwald takes over in charge of cadet flight jackets. Lieut. Richard King, under temporary orders, is now engaged studying at Detroit, Washington and Pensacola the use of special devices in aviation training. Lieut. Wilmot DeBell still remains on temporary duty stationed at the aviation training division of the Bureau of Aeronautics assisting in the preparation of a Navy physics textbook.

Changes in the athletic department are numerous with one new instructor added and vacant billets opened by outgoing transfer of officers filled by departmental swapping. Lieut. Charles D. Werner of Penn State, a graduate of the last V-5 class, joins the track department as a new instructor, while other moves place Ensign John Barr and Lieut. (jg) A.C. Ransom in basketball, Ensign W. J. Hartwell and Lieut. (jg) T.W. O'Connor in hand-to-hand combat, Lieut. (jg) N. J. Pierce and Ensign J. Donato in football. Ensign P. K. Johnson in gym tumbling, Ensign F. J. O'Hara in mass exercise, Ensign H. S. Harrison in Soccer, Robert Meyer in the intramural sports program, and Lieut. (jg) A. Sabo as construction officer.

Latest additions to the military department as new platoon officers include Ensigns James Cusick, Robert Titchenal, Luther Richards, Edwin Megin, Richard Zimmerman, Robert Freeman, C. J. Anderson, Richard Pondorf; and Lieuts. (jg) C. E. Murphy, John Hassett, P. W. Appleton, W. L. Surrick, Harry Hedgepath, Harold Carney, Donald Reese, A. K. Kavalcheck, Percy Hooser, and John Devins.

WAVE Information Available In Public Relations Office

First WAVE to visit this station was Ensign Mary Frances Ivey, W-V(S), USNR, who with Navy Nurse Mary Gresko, came here from the Raleigh Officer Procurement Office Thursday afternoon for a dental appointment.

Ensign Ivey has been enlisting WAVES from North Carolina, and left information forms in the Public Relations Office here for those women who are interested in either the V-9 or V-10 classes. The V-10 applies to those with a minimum of two years of high school or business school education, ages 20 through 35, and the V-9 applies to those between ages of 20 and 49 who have a college degree, or two years of college plus exceptional business experience.

Four Officers Become Lieut. Commanders



SMILES AND CONGRATULATIONS are the order of the day as Comdr. John P. Graff, commanding officer of the station, officially delivers papers from Washington promoting Lieuts. James P. Raugh, Lloyd R. Sauer, Howard L. Hamilton, and John F. Gilday to the rank of lieutenant commander.

Recipients of the good news this past Thursday, the newly ranked officers will continue with their present duties at the Pre-Flight School, Lieut. Comdr. Raugh, as executive officer, Lieut. Comdr. Sauer, as regimental commander, Lieut. Comdr. Hamilton, as head of the academic department, and Lieut. Comdr. Gilday as head of nomenclature and recognition.

The picture above, taken in the Captain's office, presents from left to right, Comdr. Graff, and Lieut. Comdrs. Raugh, Sauer, Hamilton and Gilday.

Lieut. Norman Loader, recently detached and now head of the academic department at the new Del Monte Pre-Flight School in California, was also advanced to the rank of lieutenant commander.

Wrestling, Music Headline First Smoker of New Year

Headlined by wrestling matches, singing, dancing, and piano solos, the first smoker of the new year was held at Memorial Hall last Wednesday.

Led by Lieut. Roland Logan, acting as master of ceremonies, the program featured the harmonies of ex-big-league ball players, Lieut. (jg) Buddy Hassett and Lieut. (jg) Pete Appleton, plus the not so musical antics of the grunt and groan boys in three squadron competition matches.

Opening the athletic end of the entertainment, Cadet Nick Ozog of the Mariners wrestled a decision from Cadet John L. McShane of the Buccaneers in the 135-pound class. In the middleweight (155-pound division) Cadet W. H. Staton of the Helldivers bested Cadet Henry C. Raynor of the Catalina squad, while the finale found Cadet Jack Landsburg victor in a close dogfight with Cadet D. J. McKeeby, a Mariner.

Following numbers featured Cadet Ozark, rendering harmonica melodies; Cadet T. B. Howell with imitations; Cadet Clemmens making with the feet on hardwood floor; selections by the Pre-Flight orchestra with Cadet James R. Ean vocalizing, and piano solos by Cadet R. J. Miele.

Cadet Dance Cancelled

The cadet dance for January, which was to have been held tonight, has been cancelled for lack of necessary facilities, Lieut. Frank L. Gillespie, assistant welfare and recreation officer, announced this week. The University of North Carolina basketball team is playing Wake Forest College tonight in Woollen Gymnasium where the dances are held.

Veteran of First World War Applauds Navy's Air Program

Take it from a fighting pilot of the last World War—the Navy's aviation training program is the most complete and best system in the world for turning out first class, versatile air fighters.

Here to visit the Pre-Flight School during the past week, Major G.A.W. Alexander, who during World War I was a member of Spad 38 of the Third French Flying Corps, expressed warm enthusiasm for what he saw.

"This is the most marvelous training plan in the world," he said. "In the last war pilots were given very brief instruction, often took to the air before they were adequately prepared, and as a result many paid with their lives because they were not able to respond quickly and effectively to new situations and emergencies. After looking over the program here, I can see where the future crop of Navy pilots will be ready for anything that may arise no matter how unpredictable."

Major Alexander saw his first action under fire when he went overseas in 1916 to drive an ambulance in the French Army. Late that year he transferred to the French Air Service being attached to the Third French Army under abstract order for the duration.

He was wounded twice in flight, and engaged in air fights over the Marne, Chateau-Thierry, and Champagne.

Returning to the United States in 1919, he entered the United States Army Reserve, but was placed on the permanent disability list because of injuries received in battle.

Major Alexander holds decorations from both the French and U. S. governments, including the Distinguished

Local Theater to Observe United Nations Week

United Nations Week will be observed from Jan. 14 to Jan. 20 at the Carolina theater, E. C. Smith, manager, announced yesterday.

The purpose is to raise money for all of America's Allies, Mr. Smith stated, and coeds from the University will pass through the audience at each of the shows to collect donations.

At the Pick theater a special Copper Day movie is scheduled for next Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. The picture is Mug Town, starring the Dead End Kids, and admission will be copper. Mr. Smith urged all officers at the station to remind their children of the show, and ask them to find as much copper as they possibly can.

All copper that is collected will be sold and the money turned over to one of the various ally war reliefs.

New Instructor Course Begins

Another indoctrination course for new V-5 instructors began at the Pre-Flight School last Thursday. Similar courses were conducted here last September and last December to instruct new naval officers in naval customs and traditions, the elements of military drill, and to work them into top physical condition for their jobs ahead.

Service Cross, the Croix de Guerre with palm, and Order of the Purple Heart. He is a past officer in the National organization of the American Legion, and past department commander from Florida.

While at Chapel Hill, Major Alexander visited with Cadet Jerry Anderson, 12th Battalion member from Winlock, Wash., who was a hospital corpsman at the U. S. Navy Hospital in Philadelphia when the former was receiving medical attention there last spring.

Occupancy of New Navy Infirmary To Begin Shortly

By BEN F. FRICKS, Y3c

Patients will begin moving into the new \$192,000 Navy infirmary soon after Jan. 15, it was disclosed this week by Comdr. Dean H. Vance, senior medical officer of this station.

"Equipment is being put in now as rapidly as possible, and all patients should be moved in by Feb. 1," Commander Vance added.

The infirmary, built of cement and brick, is of Colonial design, and is fully reinforced, with a fireproof slate roof. It is three stories high, and all floors will be fully equipped with the latest medical equipment.

Occupancy of this building, which is located behind the University Medical Building at the corner of Raleigh and Pittsboro Roads, will represent the answer to a need that has been present since this school was first commissioned seven months ago. Navy patients have been quartered in the University Infirmary, and quite often this building has been crowded with both students and cadets.

That the Navy is sparing no expense to make this infirmary as complete as possible is revealed in the following facts offered by Comdr. Vance regarding the new structure.

Included in the basement will be a galley, dining room, storeroom, and accommodations for both white and colored workers.

Offices for the senior medical officer, executive medical officer, senior dental officer, and all staff doctors, an administrative office and record room, a room for the medical officer of the day, and a pharmacy, fully equipped, next to a large waiting room at the East Entrance, will be on the first floor. Also included on this floor will be an X-ray room, consisting, in part, of a number of 200 Milampere Westinghouse X-rays.

The second floor will include five wards, 11 private rooms, a diet kitchen, a general utility room, and a living room.

The surgical department will be on the third floor, and will include major and minor operating rooms, completely equipped. Also on this floor will be four wards, six private rooms, a diet kitchen, general utility room, and Navy Nurses' quarters. There is a spacious attic over this floor, and it will be used for emergencies as needed.

Three stairways will run from the basement to the top floor throughout the building, and an elevator will be in operation also.

It is not known as yet whether or not any ceremonies will be carried out when the infirmary is opened, but rumors are that Tom Lynch, Chief Pharmacist Mate of this station, desires to christen it with a bottle of champagne, just as if it were a "battle-wagon" or "tin-can."

Coming Events

Jan. 9—Free movie at Village Theatre, "Hold Back the Dawn" with Charles Boyer and Olivia de Havilland. Feature starts at 1330, 1534, 1930 and 2134.

Jan. 10—Free movie at Village Theatre, "Somewhere I'll Find You" with Clark Gable and Lana Turner. Feature starts at 1310 and 1515.

Jan. 30—President's Birthday Ball sponsored by the Navy in Woollen Gymnasium.