

More Pre-Flight Officers Detached

Sixteen more officers have been detached from this station bringing to 37 the number transferred for duty elsewhere since last Dec. 1.

Those whose transfers and new assignments have not previously been reported in the CLOUDBUSTER are:

Lieut. John J. Boyd, assistant coach of mass exercise, transferred to the Flight Instructors School, Bloomsburg, Pa.; Lieut. (jg) James DeAngelis, platoon officer, to the Naval Flight Preparatory School, Wesleyan College, Middletown, Conn.; Lieut. Robert E. Howe, instructor in essentials of naval service, to Air Operational Training Command, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla.; Lieut. (jg) Edwin S. Kosky, platoon officer, to Naval Flight Preparatory School, St. Olafs College, Northfield, Minn.;

Lieut. (jg) Henry L. Reese, assistant coach of hand to hand, to the Aviation Free Gunnery School, NAS, Jacksonville, Fla.; Lieut. (jg) Herbert E. Althouse, platoon officer, to NAS, Melbourne, Fla.; Lieut. (jg) Alfred M. Barabas, platoon officer, to NAS, Sanford, Fla.; Lieut. (jg) Henry Bartos, platoon officer, to NAS, Vero Beach, Fla.; Lieut. (jg) Frank E. Bell, platoon officer, to NAS, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Lieut. (jg) Bernard L. Boyle, Jr., platoon officer, to NAS, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Lieut. (jg) William F. Brown, platoon officer, to NAS, Lake City, Fla.; Lieut. (jg) Leo J. Cronan, platoon officer, to NAS, St. Simon's Island, Ga.;

Lieut. (jg) Lawrence S. Murphy, first lieutenant, to Commander South Atlantic Fleet; Lieut. Herman E. Smith, assistant coach of mass exercise, to NAS, Miami, Fla.; Lieut. William J. Steger, medical department, to Naval Construction Training Center, Magruder (Williamsburg), Va.; and Lieut. (jg) Richard L. Vogt, platoon officer, to Naval Training School, Coral Gables, Fla.

The officers transferred have been replaced in large part by new V-5 instructors who recently completed their naval indoctrination at this station.

New First Lieutenant

Lieut. Tom Carruthers, former assistant director of athletics, has taken over the duties of first lieutenant together with those of senior watch officer of the station.

Advice Will Be Available Here Soon On Income Tax Questions

A tax advisor will be available shortly to answer income tax questions that may be puzzling Pre-Flight personnel, Lieut. (jg) Edward E. Mack, disbursing officer, indicated yesterday. Accordingly those with income tax problems are asked to withhold them for the tax expert whose name will be announced in the near future.

As a special income tax aid, the disbursing officer will report to each officer the total amount of taxable income (base pay and longevity pay) he has earned in naval service this year.

Federal tax information of particular interest to naval personnel is provided in a Navy Department circular which states that income from the following Navy sources must be included in gross income reported:

(a) Pay, base and longevity (active list); (b) Pay (retired list); (c) Extra compensation for special duty (aviation, submarine, etc.); (d) Mileage (report entire amount received as gross income and deduct necessary traveling expenses, *actually paid*, such as meals, railroad fares, lodging, etc.); (e) Transportation of families of officers and enlisted men (the actual cost of such transportation to the government is considered taxable income, with no deduction allowed); (f) Interest on deposits of enlisted men; and (g) Enlistment allowance for enlisted men.

Not to be reported in gross income received are uniforms furnished in kind to enlisted men, rental and subsistence allowances and uniform gratuities paid to reserve officers.

No deduction is allowed for depreciation or obsolescence of uniforms, since such costs are held to be in the nature of personal or living expenses.

Compensation for naval service is exempt from the income tax laws of the state in which the Navy man resides by reason of official duties, where such person is a non-resident of the state. However, such income is subject to taxation by the state in which the individual has his legal residence.

If an individual can show that his earning capacity has been impaired because of his military service, he may apply to have his payment of income tax deferred for a period extending not more than six months beyond the end of his service.

The new 5% Victory Tax which is applicable to all taxable pay received after last Jan. 1 will not have to be paid by naval personnel until Mar. 15, 1944, along with regular 1943 federal income taxes.

The Treasury Department, however, requires deduction of the tax at the source from all pay drawn by Civil Service employees.

SPORT SLANTS

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buster quintet has already been keenly felt. These two were top fighters in this highly competitive sport, and they could hold their own with the best of them, come what may.

Few know, however, their backgrounds. Masterson, who was a sensation here with his brilliant passing and uncanny scoring ability, saw little action at Syracuse University, his alma mater. Pre-Flight coaches and others who saw him perform remarked he could make any team in the country. In many respects he was as good as Broberg, they said. Yet at Syracuse, one of the mediocre teams in the East, he played little varsity ball.

McWilliams, who fouled out of most of the games he participated in, was captain at Penn State in 1939, not to mention that at the same time he was president of the student body and winner of the

Mariners Win Weekly Liberty Award

Fifth in team standings but first in total points made last week gave the Mariner Squadron the weekly liberty award in the intramural sports program.

The Vindicators, with 25½ points, lead the winter sports program, followed by the Wildcats with 25, the Kingfish with 23, and the Coronado with 21½. The Mariners have 21.

The top four teams have lost at least one contest in all the winter sports, namely soccer, wrestling, pushball, volley ball, track, boxing, and basketball. Only 15½ points separate the bottom and top team in the standings.

Winner of the liberty award this week will be the team with the most total points.

outstanding senior award. Came graduation and he continued his studies there in law, receiving a degree in that field before enlisting as a V-5 cadet.

Naval Officer Caps To Shed Gold Braid

The gold braid and trimmings which have traditionally bedecked the caps of naval officers are on the way out, except for formal wear, the Navy Department announced early this week.

Effective at once simple garrison caps are optional uniform equipment and may be worn in lieu of the regulation round, stiff-visored caps heretofore required of all commissioned, warrant and chief petty officers.

Commissioned officers, except aviators, will wear the insignia of rank on the right side of the garrison cap and a miniature cap device on the left side, each two inches from the front edge. Aviators will continue to wear the miniature wings on the left side, with the insignia of rank on the right. Warrant officers will wear the corps device on each side of the cap, while chief petty officers will wear the regular C. P. O. cap device on the left side of the cap.

Starting Jan. 1, 1944, the present visored caps will be shorn, except for formal wear, of their gold braid chin straps and of the gold embroidering which decorates the caps of officers of the rank of commander and above. All officers will then wear caps with polished black vizors and black braid chin straps, or the optional garrison caps.

Also beginning next year, the sleeve stripes on the blue service coats will be cut in half and extend only on the outside of the sleeve from seam to seam, instead of running all the way around the cuff.

WARING

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He saw combat service with that division in the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne battles, and was later awarded the Silver Star. He now holds a commission as a colonel in the Officers Reserve Corps.

Contributions Invited

Don't guard that anecdote or news item about Pre-Flight life as though it were a naval secret—turn it in for use in the CLOUDBUSTER.

Contributions of news, features, poems, tall tales, and cartoons for use in your station newspaper are welcomed at all times and should be turned in to the editorial office, Room 218, Alexander Hall.

Cadets with art and drawing experience are particularly urged to use their skill for producing humorous cartoons.