



On Promotion of Officers

March 17, 1943.

COMMANDING OFFICER'S MEMORANDUM

Subject: Promotion of Officers by AINav 37.

1. Promotion in the Navy is a very serious step and not to be taken lightly nor as a matter of course. A stanza from "The Laws of the Navy" by Captain Hopwood, R.N., is quoted below:

"Count not upon certain promotion,
But rather to gain it aspire;
Through the sight-line end of the target,
There cometh perchance a missfire."

2. The Commanding Officer extends his hearty congratulations to the officers attached to this Naval Activity who were promoted under provisions of AINav 37. He feels that all these promotions are well deserved and trusts that the higher ranks and added responsibilities will serve as a greater incentive to the individuals concerned to extend themselves to the utmost in the training and indoctrination of the Naval Personnel under their direction.

John P. Graff.

Marines Promoted

Three members of the Marine detachment here were promoted recently. Heading the promotions was Gunnery Sergeant F. E. Wirkus who was raised to the rank of marine gunner, which is equivalent to warrant officer in the Navy. Wirkus has been in military service for 28 years.

Others promoted were Philip N. Boyd from platoon sergeant to gunnery sergeant, and Joseph R. Cruz from sergeant to platoon sergeant.

Navy Gold

Words by Cadet R. B. Curtis
19th Battalion

(Tune—"Song of the Vagabond")

Sons of blood and thunder,
Crash the Jap asunder,
As we head for Tokio.

Hitler, here's the Navy;
Sends your subs to Davy.
All we ask is where's the foe.

Upward, upward,
Wings against the sky;
Forward, forward,
Is our battle cry.

O'er the sea we'll smash 'em,
In the sea we'll crash 'em;
And to hell with Tokio!

Son's of Freedom's Glory,
Ending Hitler's story
With the bombs of Victory.

Tojo's ships are burning
As his planes go churning
From the skies into the sea.

Skyward, skyward,
Always we'll be free
Forward, forward,
On to Victory!

Navy Gold will smash 'em
Navy Gold will crash 'em
And to hell with Germany!

sands of air hours in flights from the mainland to Hawaii, Alaska, and the Caribbean islands.

Then Pearl Harbor, and the Pre-Flight training program. That, in brief, is the story of Comdr. Tom Hamilton, fighting American.

Cadets Invited to Use YMCA Recreation Facilities

Pre-Flight cadets are invited to use newly installed recreational facilities in the University's YMCA building during their liberty hours.

The formal opening is scheduled for tonight, coeds will be on hand as hostesses, and refreshments will be served.

Recreational facilities include a room for dancing, game tables, desks for letter writing and a general lounge.

TRACK

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by Lieut. Robert Pitkin, and Lieuts. (jg) P. H. Hooser and Francis Ryan, all track coaches.

Points will be credited to the squadron of all cadets winning places, and the squadron with the highest total will receive the liberty award next Saturday night.

Tied for first place in the spring sports program standings are the Vindicators, Catalinas, and Mustangs with 14 points each.

SPORT SLANTS

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Marousek is the first baseman, E. F. Conlan and H. R. Ralicki are the best bets for second, G. F. Bonifant and A. Greenwood look good at short, and R. Wolff is holding down the hot corner.

Outfielders include R. A. Fleming, J. T. Katz, K. J. Nevedausky, and A. Marchand.

Head Coach Don Kepler likes the spirit of the boys on the present club, but he's hoping that future battalions will include some more good ball players.

"We're in fast company in this 'rationed league,'" says Lieut. Kepler. "Last year the University of North Carolina had one of the finest college clubs in the nation. Most of their men are back, and you can count on them to be tough. The same holds true for Duke and N. C. State, the other two members of the league. If we can hold our own with these clubs, there'll be some good baseball played in Chapel Hill this spring."

HAMILTON

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first year, his classmates elected him permanent president for their four years' "cruise" together.

Upon graduation, Comdr. Hamilton was called upon to make an important decision. Several major league clubs saw Tom as a big-league baseball prospect, and they offered him tryouts. Tom chose the Navy.

There followed duty on the *USS Maryland*, flight training at Pensacola, and further duty on the *USS Lexington*. Flying with the *USS Milwaukee*, of the Pacific Fleet, he coached the Fleet team at San Diego in 1931, and the Navy football squad at San Pedro, in 1932 and 1933. All three teams made splendid records there which led to his recall to Annapolis as head coach of football in 1934. Three years as head football coach at Annapolis, and then Hamilton flew with patrol squadrons for the next three years. He piled up thou-