

NEW COURSE

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from the bark of certain trees and shrubs. After cutting long, thin pieces they wove them together and produced a stout line which none in the group could break apart. They showed how birds' claws, certain thorns and other make-shift hooks could be easily produced. They continued on into the discussion of certain plants and ferns which can be eaten and some which can be cooked to make a reasonable facsimile of the much-publicized spinach. They talked of capturing birds and beasts with snares; of getting fish from big bodies of water by using a poison which ruins the finny tribe but doesn't harm them for human consumption.

Just how the Craigheads have crammed all such experiences into their young lives seems almost impossible but the fact remains that they have done most of the tricks they will teach the cadets. They go out in the woods without arms and food and survive. In the future they plan to take a group of cadets a "good" distance from Chapel Hill and leave them alone as training for the time when they must depend on their own resources in the South Pacific, Burma, or some other combat area.

Their book which is expected to be released soon covers every type of survival. Such topics as self preservation in hiking, living off land and sea, general survival hints, orientation and travel, water and how to find it under all conditions, plant food, animal food, fire making, shelter, subsistence in special areas, environmental hazards, and dangers from snakes and other animals.

"Every jungle or area has a different type of danger," say the Craigheads. "Fear—not in the air but on being forced down—is one of the basic dangers of a flier. If they know what to be on the look out for regardless of where they are forced down, they can take much better care of themselves."

Started due to the urgent need for naval fliers, shot or forced down in the jungles or at sea, the new course will guide them back to civilization and help them sustain life whether afloat on a raft or fighting through dense jungles. The trio of Lt. Kepler and the Craigheads insist it can be done and further assert that many aviators have hindered rather than helped their chances because they didn't know the things they will shortly be taught here.

Strategy for Victory . . .

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The economy of effort which brought about Italy's collapse refutes completely those critics of Roosevelt's and Churchill's strategy who have been demanding action on a larger scale. With a force that probably totalled less than twenty divisions both in action and in reserve one of the major members of the Axis was eliminated. The Anglo-American success underscores the military maxim that it is wise to attempt only those operations that are consistent with one's strength.

Military campaigns must be planned months, even years, in advance. At the time of the Casablanca conference, when arrangements for action in the Mediterranean were completed, operative possibilities were limited primarily by the lack of shipping space. Neither Roosevelt nor Churchill could foresee at that time the phenomenal success of war against the U-Boats, which has destroyed ninety submarines in three months. Hence their plans were laid on the basis of a smaller reserve pool of shipping than is now available.

Since the movements planned in 1942 were perforce limited in nature the choice of North Africa and Italy proved extremely fortunate. Our invasion of the French possessions in North Africa was a successful follow-up of the brilliant British campaigns of 1941 against Italian colonial possessions in Africa. With the occupation of Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Somaliland, Axis forces in Africa were represented only by the German Africa Corps. Our attacks on Algeria and Morocco were directed less against the French than against Rommel's forces standing behind them. The first

fruits of the operation waged with limited resources were the closing of the African theater of war and the winning of security for our middle east communications.

Political fortune played into the hands of our strategy by dealing German hopes for ultimate victory a mortal blow at Stalingrad. This first serious defeat for German arms increased the uneasiness of Hitler's lesser partners and greatly promoted Italian war weariness. The scope of the German retreat from the Volga seems to have removed what lingering optimism remained in Italy. Meanwhile our forces had been consolidating themselves in north Africa and just as the Russian tide was ebbing, late in the spring, we were able to push the Africa Corps into the sea.

Such a combination of ill-fortunes for the Axis made Italy politically ripe for invasion. The wisdom and shrewdness of our grand strategy was now revealed. We stood ready on the African shore to exploit the failure of the Axis' designs in Russia. War is waged to secure political ends and it fell our lot to carry the war home to the Italian people and extinguish their flickering spirit of resistance.

This object was achieved with the residue of forces from the Tunisian campaign. What may prove to be the master stroke of the war was the withholding of the great invasion armies training in Britain. Generalship has been defined as the art of bringing reserves into battle at the most opportune time. If this definition is correct we are gathering the threads of victory into our hands. A paralyzing power remains to be released and the fear of this blow has sent the enemy scurrying to his defenses.

FOOTBALL

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W. L. Mabee and J. E. Douglas at the tackles, F. W. Hefin and W. C. Learned at the guards and C. J. Kent at center. At the wing-back position R. F. Howard is the choice with Paul Hart at quarter-back, W. M. Moriarta at full, and V. L. Cleari at tailback.

All are cadets.

Ensign William C. Jarnagin, USNR, and Lt. (jg) Glenn F. Presnell are assisting Coach Kimbrough. Jarnagin has charge of the line and Presnell the backfield.

SOFTBALL

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he had failed to touch second base—and the fight was on. The three runs counted, which placed the Essex out in front, four to three. After the argument subsided into black looks and mutterings, play was resumed. However, neither team scored again, and the victorious Essex are now gunning for the Lexington in next week's game for the championship.

In a somewhat less spectacular game, the Satellites defeated the Hospital Corpsmen, six to two.

Cadet Picnic, Dance Scheduled For Next Saturday

A picnic starting at 1600 on Fetzter Field, and continuing right on through the evening with a dance at Woollen Gymnasium has been planned for next Saturday by the Welfare and Recreation Office.

Cadets are urged to get dates this week end for the affair which will be the first of its kind held at this station.

The Welfare and Recreation office has promised good food, good entertainment, and good dancing. Besides there is no charge, so make plans to be there.

The picnic will take the place of the evening meal next Saturday. There will be no evening formation.

In case of rain the picnic will be in the Tin Can.

GAGLIARDI

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has sung the leading roles in many performances of "Faust," "Mannon," "Tosca," "Traviata," "The Bartered Bride," and other operas.

Mr. Gagliardi has been assigned to the Public Relations Department of the Army for concert work at military points. Tonight will mark his first appearance here.

WRESTLING

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cadet, and this places the participant on an even basis with his opponent. Competition is keener, more spirited. There are less falls."

All cadets except those in the 29th battalion are eligible to participate in the tournament.

The eligibility rule limiting a cadet to one sport per week will not be enforced against any participant who is a member of another sports team and is entered in the tournament.

For week ending next Saturday the first six squadron teams sending the most men into the quarter-finals will be awarded four points each.

Wednesday Movies

"Battle of Britain," and "Quizcraft No. 4" will be the featured films at the Pre-Flight showing in Memorial Hall next Wednesday evening. The movies start at 1930, and all Pre-Flight personnel are invited.