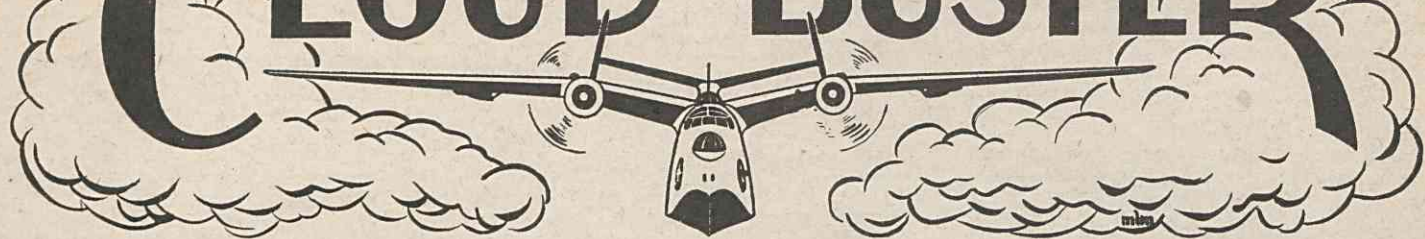


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## Message From The Commanding Officer

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One year ago today I assumed command of the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School, Chapel Hill, N. C., and to mark this date I have instituted an award to the outstanding cadet of each battalion. The award is to be known as "The Commanding Officer's Trophy," and bears the following inscription:

"In recognition of his leadership and his fine record in all departments of training at this Pre-Flight School, the name of the outstanding cadet of each battalion is inscribed on this plaque as a permanent record of this Command."

The cadets whose names are to be inscribed on this plaque will be chosen by the Commanding Officer in collaboration with the heads of the Military, Academic, and Athletic Departments, and the award will be retroactive to the First Battalion.

The plaque will be hung in Navy Hall in the hope that it will be an inspiration and incentive to the Regiment of Cadets at Chapel Hill. Upon the decommissioning of this Navy Pre-Flight School, the authorities of the University of North Carolina will be requested to preserve the plaque and honor it with a place in the University archives together with their own honor student records as a memento of mutual service to the Nation.

JOHN P. GRAFF  
Comdr. USN (Ret.)

## Institutes Award for Outstanding Cadets



COMDR. JOHN P. GRAFF, USN (Ret.), in marking the first anniversary of his assuming command of this Pre-Flight School, today announces the establishment of "The Commanding Officer's Trophy" for the outstanding cadet of each battalion.

## Comdr. Graff Marks Year's Service As Commanding Officer

Comdr. John Packard Graff, USN (Ret.), Commanding Officer of the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School, Chapel Hill, N. C., was born in Sharon, Pa., on August 24, 1896. He spent his boyhood in Greenville, Pa., and graduated from high school in 1915. That fall he was appointed to the U. S. Naval Academy, by Hon. Samuel H. Miller, M.C. from the 28th District of Pennsylvania, and after attending Prep School at "Buck Wilmer's War College" he passed the entrance examinations and entered Annapolis in June 1916. His roommates at the Naval Academy were Midshipmen (now Captains) M. H. Kernodle of Graham, N. C., and Cato D. Glover of Montgomery, Alabama.

When the United States went to war in April 1917, the regular  
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## Pearl Harbor Day War Bond Drive, With \$50,000 Goal, to be Held Next Week

The second annual Pearl Harbor Day Cash War Bond sale will be held at this station next week, starting on Wednesday and continuing through Friday.

A goal of \$50,000 has been set for this Command, and the individual objective is at least one extra War Bond purchase by every person of this activity.

Headquarters for the War Bond purchases will be in Alexander

Hall at the top of the ladder of the Pay Office from 0800 through 1700.

Wednesday, Dec. 1, has been set aside for purchases by officers, enlisted men, Civil Service employees and cadets of the 38th Battalion.

Purchases by cadets of the 35th, 36th and 37th Battalions will be handled on Thursday, and those by cadets of the 39th on Friday.

