

# Cloudbusters Vanquish Stubborn N. C. State

## COMDR. GRAFF

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four year course at Annapolis was shortened to three years, and Comdr. Graff was graduated in June 1919 with the Class of 1920. He spent seven months at sea with the Atlantic Fleet during the war.

While a Midshipman, Comdr. Graff was a member of the Eight Oar Crew and rowed No. 3 in the Naval Academy's Varsity which won the Inter-collegiate Championship in 1919.

After graduation, he served successively in the transport USS Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, the battleship USS Nevada, and the destroyer USS Reuben James. In the fall of 1923 and while still serving in the Reuben James, he was taken ill and transferred to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, and was retired from active service in January 1924 with the rank of Lieut. (jg), USN.

After recovering his health, he was employed in a sales and engineering capacity by The Packard Motor Car Company, Youngstown and Cleveland, Ohio, The Petroleum Heat and Power Company, Stamford, Connecticut, The Standard Oil Company of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the Frick-Gallagher Manufacturing Company, Wellston, Ohio.

During ten years in Philadelphia, Comdr. Graff was active in the U. S. Naval Academy Alumni Association and was President of the Philadelphia Chapter from 1940 to 1942. He is a member of the American Legion and the Masons.

In March, 1942 Lieut. (jg) Graff was ordered back to active duty and assigned to the Pre-Flight School at Chapel Hill as its first Executive Officer. He was the first line officer to report to this Station and directed much of the original work that put the new Activity into operation.

In May, 1942 Comdr. (now Capt.) O. O. Kessing, USN, the first Commanding Officer, reported for duty. The U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School, Chapel Hill, was duly commissioned, the First Battalion of cadets arrived, and the Station got down to the serious business of training future aviators.

The last of July, Lieut. (jg) Graff was made a Lieutenant

Commander and on November 27, 1942, at a Regimental Review and the farewell to Capt. Kessing, Lt. Comdr. Graff assumed Command of the Station and was promoted to the rank of Commander.

Forty battalions of cadets have entered this Pre-Flight School since its commissioning a year and a half ago. Many hundreds of cadets from the earlier battalions are now in combat and Comdr. John P. Graff is justly proud of the records his boys are making in the fighting Navy.

## Personnel Changes

Two officers were detached during the past week, Lieut. Henry R. Sanders, USNR, platoon officer, going to NATC, Pensacola, Fla., and Lt. (jg) Douglass R. Voorhees, USNR, instructor ENS, going to Newport News, Va.

Five enlisted men reporting aboard included S. J. Brizzi, HA2c, R. L. Carlton, HA2c, Thomas J. McLaughlin, HA2c, and Max E. Diegelman, PhM1c, all from NAS, New Orleans, La., and E. F. Morecci, Bug2c, from NTS, Great Lakes, Ill.

Nine members of the crew were detached during the past week to MedField ServScol, FMTC, Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C.: William E. Ashcraft, PhM2c; Royce E. Beaverson, USN, PhM2c; Donald J. Chambers, PhM3c; Elmer H. Crosby, Jr., PhM2c; Ernest O. Edwards, PhM2c; Irving Krat, PhM2c; Dalton R. Patterson, PhM2c; Robert R. Schwalenberg, Jr., HA1c, and Dean H. Walton, PhM2c.

Six attachments from USNH, NOB, Norfolk, Va., include: Frank E. Harris, HA2c; Brooks W. Harwood, HA2c, USN; Robert P. Lanier, HA2c; Numa R. Thompson, HA2c; Robert W. Williams, PhM3c, and Thomas R. Brady, HA2c.

## Cadet Dance Planned For December 4

The next dance for the Regiment of Cadets will be held in Woollen gymnasium on Saturday, Dec. 4.

Dancing will start at 2030, and end at 2315, with taps coming at 2400.

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## Pre-Flighters Register 21 to 7 Victory in Final Game of Season

Scoring three touchdowns—two on pass interceptions and one on a blocked punt—the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight Cloudbusters ended their season at Raleigh Thursday afternoon as they defeated N. C. State, 21 to 7.

Held scoreless during the first quarter, when one of their drives was stopped on the State four, the Cadets went on to get two touchdowns in the second by driving 32 yards after a pass interception and then covering a blocked kick on the State four. In the third, they marched 50 yards for the final tally after dragging in another Wolfpack aerial.

It happened like this: The two teams battled on even terms in the first period, but early in the second, Bob Andrews of State tossed a pass down the middle which was intercepted by Cox on the Cloudbuster 30. The latter returned to the State 36 before being tackled by Edwards.

A play at the line failed to gain, but Cox passed to end Bob Woodburn, who was in the clear at the right sidelines on the State 12. He got to the one before Andrews made the tackle. Two line plays failed to net the one yard, but Cox took a lateral on third down and ran wide to the left to score. Lovett kicked the extra point.

The Cloudbusters kicked off to Andrews on the 6, and the State tailback got to the 43 before being stopped. Three plays netted nine yards, and then Andrews got off a beautiful kick which carried out of bounds on the Pre-Flight 3. State was offside on the play, though, and it was called back. Andrews went back to kick again, but this time tackle W. E. Sachleben broke through to block the boot. The ball bounded to the State four, where it was recovered by the Busters.

Ray Wolfe made two at right guard, and then Ken Cook dived over the middle for a touchdown on a quarterback sneak. Lovett again converted making the score 14 to 0.

State took the Pre-Flight kick-off, and after an exchange of punts, the Wolfpack carried from their own 43 to the Cloudbuster one. Here the half ended.

The third Pre-Flight touchdown came in the third period when Ray Wolfe intercepted a pass from Turner on the Cloudbuster 25 and ran hard to the State 49 before he was stopped. Seven plays later,

with Hare and Wolfe carrying the ball most of the time, the Pre-Flighters scored. Roulette took a lateral on the eight for the touchdown. Again, Lovett converted.

On the first play of the last period State scored its only touchdown as Mauro hit right guard from the one yard stripe. Bill Zick booted the extra point.

State threatened to score throughout, but a tight Cloudbuster defense always stopped them short of the goal.

As far as statistics were concerned State held the decided edge. The Wolfpack made 138 yards on the ground to 108 for the Navy, and in the air they outgained the Cloudbusters 134 to 39. But, as the score indicates, the Pre-Flighters held the edge in the department that counts most. They scored three touchdowns to one for the losers.

The game brought to a close the football season for the Cloudbusters. Six contests were played with the Pre-Flighters winning two, tying one, and losing three.

Score by periods:

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| Pre-Flight | 0 | 14 | 7 | 0 | —21 |
| State      | 0 | 0  | 0 | 7 | —7  |

## Dance for Crew To Be Held Tonight

There will be a dance for all enlisted men this evening in the Officers Club building located on the upper soccer field near Woollen gymnasium. Starting time—2030.

Free refreshments will be served and music will be provided by the Pre-Flight band.

## Wednesday Evening Show

Three Walt Disney shorts will be shown on the movie program in Memorial Hall next Wednesday, "The Golden Egg," "A Gentleman, Gentlemen," and "A Good Time for a Dime." The entire Pre-Flight band will be on hand to furnish musical entertainment.

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