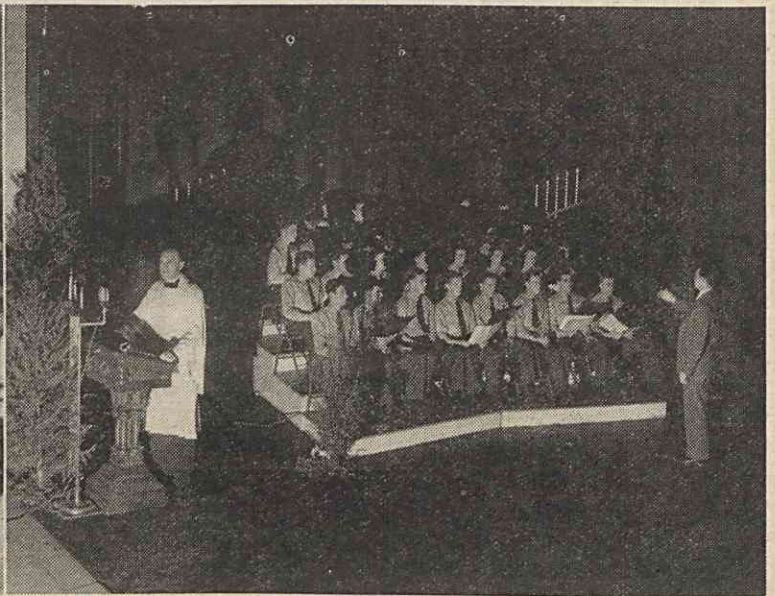
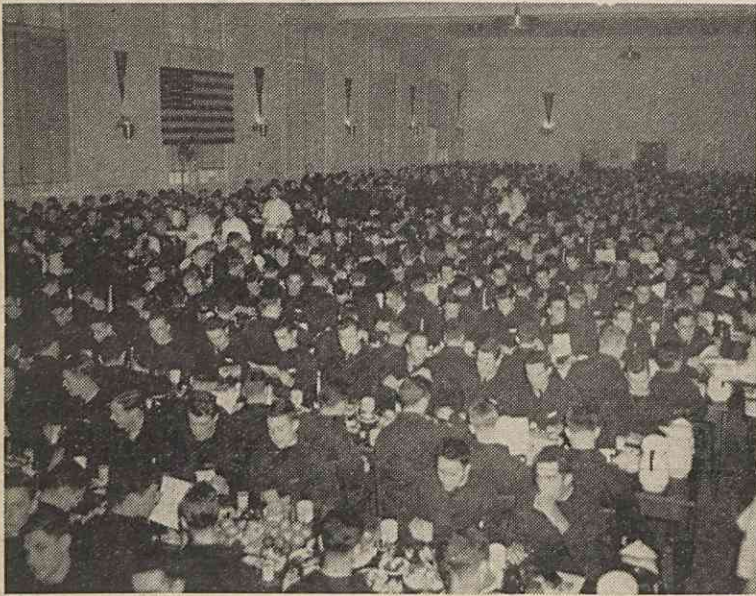


Cadets Participate in Special Christmas Celebration



A VIEW OF THE MIDNIGHT services held for Protestants in Memorial Hall on Christmas Eve is shown on the right above. Midnight services were held simultaneously for Catholics in Hill Music Hall. The happy scene on the left is that of the cadets taking care of the especially good Christmas Dinner prepared for them in Lenoir Dining Hall.

EX-PRISONER

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own field without expecting any trouble. The objective, on this particular raid, was the Foggia Air Field. We had bombed it before, and had little trouble.

"This time, though, just as we started back all Hell broke loose. Ten of our planes were shot down, and about 30 or 40 of our men landed safely in enemy territory.

"I jumped at 12,000 feet, and all the time kept thinking to myself that it wasn't possible. Here I was in mid air, and all the time I had thought they could never hit me."

After landing in enemy territory, Lieutenant Austin was captured by four Italians, and he became a prisoner of war.

When the Italians surrendered, the prison where Lieutenant Austin was held was immediately taken over by the Germans and he was about to be sent to Germany when he escaped. How he got away is a military secret, but he told the cadets that he had to dye his hair and live for 23 days on macaroni before he arrived back in Allied territory.

"The Germans respect the British and American soldier," commented Austin.

Prior to the time his plane was shot down, Lieutenant Austin participated in several raids, the most famous of which was the Palesti Oil Field raid. The name of his ship was the "Southern Comfort."

Varsity Track

Cadets, officers and enlisted men who would like to try out for the varsity track team are asked to report, at their earliest convenience, to Lieut. Charles Werner, USNR, head track coach, in the track office at 207 Woollen Gymnasium.

SPORTS PROGRAM

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Individual scoring shows the Buccaneers have 44 points, Mariners, Kingfishers and Skyrockets 40, Catalinas 36, Coronados 32, Devastators 24, Buffalos 22, Vindicators 20, and Helldivers 16.

These standings are as of Wednesday of this week.

Personnel Changes

Two officers were detached during the past week while two others reported aboard for duty. Those detached were Lieut. Edward R. Hodgkins, USNR, personnel officer, to Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D. C., and Lieut. Lashley G. Harvey, USNR, ENS instructor, to N. R. Midshipmen's School, New York, N. Y.

The officers reporting here for duty were Lt. (jg) Robert L. Dartt, USNR, and Ens. George W. Pas-sage, USNR, both from Naval Air Gunners School, Purcell, Okla.

Edward H. Allen, SK1c, has been transferred to RecSta, New York, N. Y., while Herbert R. Thunstrom, SK2c, and Robert A. Dewar, SK2c, reported aboard from NAPTC-RO, Boston, Mass.

Myer Leads Scoring As Duke Is Defeated

Taking the lead at the offset and never losing it, the Cloudbusters handed Duke University another defeat, this time by the score of 48 to 35.

Previously the Pre-Flighters had defeated the Blue Devils, 59 to 38, in a game played here, and the second victory at Durham offered further proof that the Cloudbusters deserve to rank among the top service teams in the nation.

It was Cadet Bob Myer who paced the winners. The tall forward collected 25 points on 11 field goals and 3 foul shots. Bill Wright led the Blue Devils with 14 points.

The winners grabbed an eight point lead before Duke could sink a field goal, but immediately after the Blue Devils came to life and the score was 20 to 15 in favor of the Cloudbusters at halftime.

After two minutes had passed of the second period the Devils pulled up to within three points, but the Cloudbusters in general and Myer in particular put on a scoring show that gave them at one time an 18 point advantage.

As usual, the entire starting five of Skaug and Myer at the forwards, Palmer at center, and Elser and Dye at guard turned in commendable performances. Palmer picked up 11 points, and Skaug, Elser, and Dye did yeoman work on the defense.

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1. CNAPrimTra desires to extend to all hands at all units of this Command his sincere greetings of the season.
2. The year just completed was one of progress and performance. Because of the loyalty and cooperation demonstrated in the past, the Command can look forward confidently to further fulfillment of its mission during 1944.

DIXIE KIEFER
Captain, U. S. Navy
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