

## Russian Armies Continue March

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The close of the third winter of war on the eastern front finds the Russian armies on the point of driving the enemy from the last bit of conquered Russian soil. More than half a million square miles of Russian territory had been held by the Germans; less than a fifth of this terrain now remains in their possession. Yet wars cannot be won by the mere reconquest of territory. The object of any campaign is the destruction of the enemy's armed forces.

However, the loss of territory, particularly if it contains valuable resources, industries, or a sizable population, may weaken the enemy and contribute to his ultimate defeat. And territorial conquests may aggravate political problems. If the Germans are forced out of the Baltic states their military support of Finland might be weakened sufficiently to permit a negotiated Finnish-Russian peace treaty. Nor is the approach of the Russian army to the Balkans calculated to calm that long-troubled area. While these prospects would undoubtedly contribute something to the Russian war effort, only the defeat of German arms can bring the war in Europe to an end.

Despite their steady westward progress the Russian armies have not been able to win a decisive battle over the German army or to inflict upon it a defeat comparable to that of Stalingrad. Nor has the Soviet High Command been able to break the unity of the German armies. This circumstance should serve to reemphasize the fact that the final overthrow of Germany's military system now depends upon the success of the Anglo-American invasion. Although the role of the Soviet forces has been heroic, the destruction of Germany's armies awaits the full employment of Anglo-American power.

Neither of the giant opponents on the eastern front has been able to carry out its basic strategy. In 1941 the Germans hoped to destroy the Red army by a *Blitzkrieg* of unprecedented size and fury. This method faltered when the Russian war industry and army reserves made up the colossal losses suffered in the first six months of the war, and it failed

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## Undefeated in Winter Sports Program



**UNDEFEATED IN 11 STARTS**, the Mustang swimming team, pictured above, compiled the best record in the Winter Sports Program just completed. First row, left to right: Cadets I. F. Crozier, J. Jacobs, J. W. Woods, Ensign C. A. Miller, USNR, Squadron Director, Lt. (jg) R. H. Paugh, USNR, swimming coach, and Cadets W. A. Schafer, and V. L. Smith. Second row, left to right: Cadets H. F. Ehlers, T. S. Gup, J. L. Kaufman, J. J. Ryan, B. F. Ewell, V. H. Huston, F. X. Graves, and R. E. St. Clair. Third row, left to right: P. G. Brady, S. Schoenberger, L. H. Burton, D. M. Keagy, A. R. Fiorini, N. Banuard, L. Wanthouse, J. Keith, and D. P. Amidon.

## ... Book Review ...

**THE NAVY AT WAR; PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS BY COMBAT ARTISTS, COMMENTARY BY HANSON BALDWIN**, William Morrow and Company, N. Y., 1943, 160 pp., \$4.00.

Five American artists were commissioned and sent into theatres of action of the U. S. Navy all over the world. They are Lt. Comdr. G. B. Coale, Lt. D. C. Shepler, Lt. Wm. F. Draper, Lt. (jg) Mitchell Jamieson, Lt. A. K. Murray, all U. S. N. R. The artists convey more than the cold detail of photographs, and transmit the feeling and spirit of the action. Many of the pictures are scenes in cabin and crew quarters, on deck and on dock, which the photographers pass by as commonplace; they convey as much of the Navy in action as the battle pictures themselves.

The drawings and oil paintings cover scenes which range from Marines in the jungle to Navy gunners on the tundras of the Aleutians, soldiers embarking in New York to Arab coal passers scuttling up the stone stairways of the Oran waterfront. A two-page spread is the mural by Lt. Comdr. G. B. Coale, USNR, for

the Naval Academy, depicting the bombing of the Jap carriers at Midway. Another interesting panorama by the same artist is Pearl Harbor, with the ships in position being attacked, on that fateful morning.

Hanson Baldwin has given a running account of the campaigns, together with a brief account of the battles which marked the turning points. The average reader for the first time will get a comprehensive idea of the air and sea actions near the Solomons from August to December 1942. The background and accomplishments of Midway, North African invasion, convoy and submarine, are set forth with an appreciation of the difficulties overcome and the great results to follow. A later book will no doubt portray the taking of the Gilbert, Marshall, and Caroline Islands, together with the Marines marking down the streets of Tokyo.

This book, and scores of others equally stirring, are at the War Information Desk, University Library; they may be taken out for three days by officers and cadets of the Pre-Flight School.

—R. E. C.

## 42nd Battalion To Dance Tonight In Pine Room

A Senior Battalion Dance for members of the 42nd Battalion will be held in the Pine Room of Lenoir Hall this evening starting at 2100. Music will be furnished by the swing section of the Pre-Flight band, and refreshments will be served.

Dancing will end at 2400, and liberty for the 42nd has been extended to 0030, with taps coming at 0045. Uniform for the cadets will be service dress blue, cable.

## Cadets Ney, Ashley Highest in 41st

Cadets K. C. Ney and E. Ashley, of 41-J-2, tied for highest individual academic honors in the 41st Battalion with an average of 3.69. H. P. Cauchon, also 41-J-2, was close behind with 3.67.

The highest grades in Navigation were shared by Cadets L. P. R. Huard, 41-I-1, and Ney with a course average of 3.89.

In Communications, the outstanding platoon in Radio was 41-I-2 with 13.8 words per minute (7.62 per minute in Blinker). 41-J-2 was highest in Blinker with 7.82 words per minute (13.6 in Radio).

The outstanding platoon in ENS was 41-J-2 with an average of 3.34.

## Kingfishers Pace Sports Program

This week's Liberty Award in the Sports Program will go to the squadron with the highest total points as of today.

Through Thursday morning the Kingfishers were ahead with 18 points, while the Skyrockets and Wildcats were tied for second place with 16.

Other standings gave the Buffaloes, Vindicators, and Catalinas 14 each, the Mustangs 12, the Coronados, and Buccaneers 10, Mariners 8, and Helldivers and Devastators 6 apiece.

## Cadet Welfare Committee

New members of the cadet Welfare and Recreation Committee chosen from the 45th Battalion are E. T. Broadhurst, C. M. Jones, W. Jurman, G. R. Hogger, and G. J. Schafer.

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