

BASEBALL

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Barnes are the pick of the short-stops. On third R. C. Haines, Tufts college, and C. F. Falk are the leading candidates. Falk has a nice pair of hands, is a good hitter.

The outfield prospects are not on par with the rest of the club at this writing. Only two—B. J. Johnston, a right hander, and G. D. Trolie, who bats left handed—have shown any promise to speak of. Johnston attended Howard college.

While the season schedule is not complete, the Cloudbusters are members of the 1944 Ration League which includes the University of North Carolina, Duke and N. C. State.

The season will open on April 10th when the Pre-Flighters clash with N. C. State at Raleigh. The schedule for the four-team circuit shows each team playing six games on its home ground and six away.

Duke makes its bow on April 15, entertaining the Cloudbusters on the Blue Devil diamond, while the Tar Heels of North Carolina are at home to N. C. State on the same date.

With the exception of April 10 and May 1, all games are scheduled on Wednesday or Saturday. Other than the Ration League contests, a game has already been scheduled with the U. S. Naval Academy there on May 6. Others will be added later.

Assisting Lieut. Killinger at present are Lieut. John A. (Buddy) Hassett, USNR, who played first base for the New York Yankees; Lieut. Howard Haak, USNR, who played with Rochester of the International League, and Ensign Tom McConnell, USNR, a University of Illinois product. Lieut. Don Kepler, USNR, who had charge of the team last year, will assist as time permits. He is at present in charge of self-preservation and hiking.

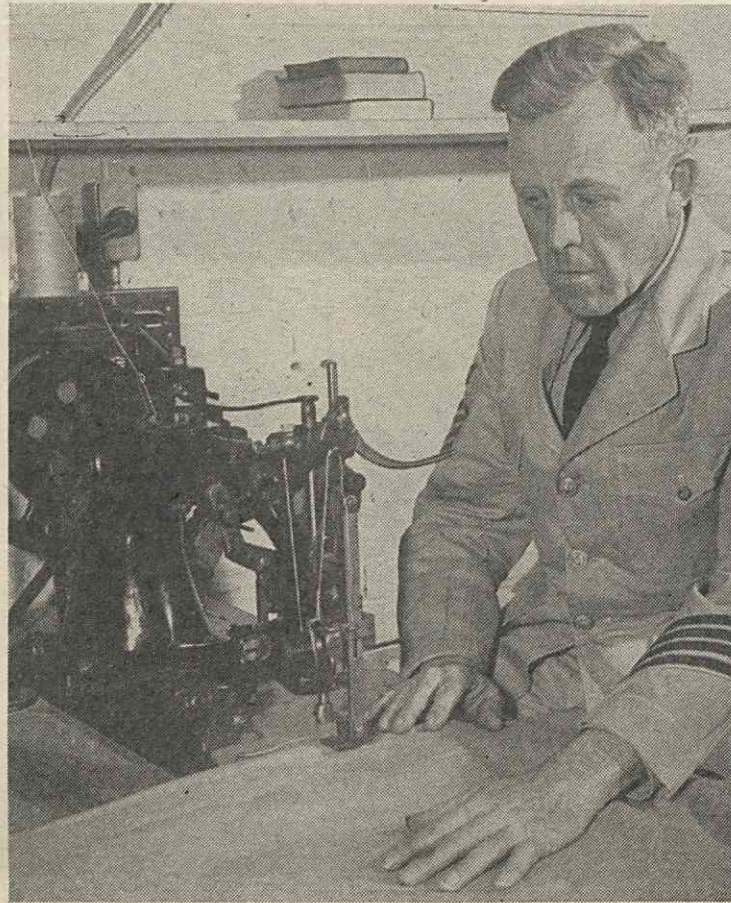
CADET

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his Pre-Flight Training some time ago had it not been for the sinking of the Hornet. His papers to transfer to V-5 were on the ship when it went down.

In the Navy since February 1941, Cadet Benson first served on the Wasp. Followed a year of service on the Hornet, and from February to July of 1943 he was on the Lexington.

Service in Two Wars



CHIEF SIGNALMAN JOHN N. ELLIS, above, repairs a canvas bag in the basement of Caldwell Hall. Three weeks ago he replaced William L. Boerstler, CBM, and his present duties make him a "jack-of-all-trades" at this station. He has been attached here since June of 1942.

Chief John Ellis Enlisted In Navy At Age of 17

Thirty-four years ago a young fellow, who eight days before reached his 17th birthday, enlisted in the United States Navy. Now he's a veteran in the greatest Navy in the world.

The name, in case you haven't guessed it, is Chief Signalman John N. Ellis. More recently, three weeks ago to be exact, he replaced William L. Boerstler, CBM, and his present duties make him a "jack-of-all trades" at this station.

Chief Ellis reported to Chapel Hill on June 13, 1942. At that time the school was in its infancy, and the Chief was largely responsible for getting the communications department off to a good start. His work during the first few months won for him a special commendation from the commanding officer.

The first few years Chief Ellis was in the service weren't very exciting, but when World War I got underway he was aboard one of the first transports to convoy troops to France. After a couple of these trips he was made an

Armed Guard Commander in charge of a gun crew.

On December 30, 1921, Chief Ellis left the service for civilian life, but five weeks after Pearl Harbor he was back with his first love. His first duties in this war consisted of a trip to Panama to bring back an interned Italian passenger ship which was later converted into a troop ship.

The Chief holds the Good Conduct Medal, the Mexican Campaign, the Victory Medal overseas, and the American Area Campaign Bar for this war. He will be 51 in May.

DOCTOR

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the gruelling conditions which existed at the time of the landing and the following days.

"The tropical diseases were rampant and those in poor physical condition picked these up more rapidly, necessitating evacuation, in some cases, out of the area.

... "A few men from time to time broke under the strain. It was always those who were in poorer physical shape.

"It finally came my turn to be evacuated and then it was that I wished I, personally, had been a tougher, better physically conditioned officer than I was. . . . I am firmly convinced that an even more strenuous program of physical toughening and hardening will pay dividends in fewer men being evacuated. . . .

"If I had my training period to live over again, now that I have come back from the Solomons, I would spend all available time in strengthening and conditioning myself.

"To you officers and men who would better serve your country at home and on foreign soil, prepare yourselves to be physically able to do so! Regardless of hardships involved, the end justifies the means."

A very good example of the importance of thorough physical training is brought to us in this story from the South Pacific:

"On Island 'X' a former all-Ohio football star, Marine Capt. John J. Padley, turned his athletic ability against the Japs.

"Directing an assault wave sweeping directly across the shell-pocked, sniper-infested airfield, Capt. Padley jumped into a shell crater and found two dead Japs there. He turned to give his men an order.

"A movement by one of the 'dead' Japs caught the corner of his eye. He bayoneted the faker and, before he had time to disengage his weapon, heard his men shout, 'Look out, Captain.'

"Drawing his bayonet, he whirled in time to meet the second Jap, who was leaping at him with drawn knife. The force of Capt. Padley's move carried the bayonet through the onrushing Jap, and brandished him in the air.

"The effect on watching Marines and Japs was electric. Nothing could stop the Leathernecks' cold steel. The remaining Japs elected to lie low and try sniping from the rear."