

Book Review . . .

NAVY IN THE SKY by Wallace W. Elton, Lieut., USNR, Whittlesey House, N. Y., 1944, 104pp., \$2.00.

To reshape civilians and soldiers in this highly technical war the armed forces faced a unique and almost overwhelming problem of education. The job has been done amazingly well considering its size, but it might never have been done at all without such use of visual aids like charts, maps, photographs, and movies as even advanced methods of pre-war education never conceived of.

A modest but worthy and representative example of such visual aids is *Navy in the Sky* by Lieutenant Wallace W. Elton, USNR. It was designed as a teaching aid in the indoctrination of officers at the Naval Training School, Quonset Point, but its dedication to "the women of America whose men and girls and boys are in the service of the United States Navy" suggests that it is also designed for anyone who knows less than he would like to know about naval aircraft and their uses.

First of all it represents the high achievement of Navy photographers in 128 lucid, informing photographs of all types of Navy craft in action. Many of the pictures are attractive for themselves in arrangement of light and cloud masses, spray and wave, groups of men at work, and the sleek lines of the planes. The shots are all unposed and unretouched, and the more obvious appeal of trick shots, smash-ups, and battle scenes is avoided. But they are most informing as well as attractive, so that a close, imaginative study of them provides a faithful if vicarious experience in Navy flying. Pre-Flight cadets who have absorbed their training to this point will learn little new from the pictures, but they will find substantiated in them the descriptions of aviation practice as set forth in their indoctrination lectures.

Pictures are accompanied by short explanatory remarks pointing up the significance of the details represented. Such remarks taken all together provide a good running commentary on Navy aviation today. They are not too technical to be understood by the women to whom the book is dedicated, and prompt the suggestion that *Navy in the Sky* would be as good a book as any cadet can find to send back home to help the family to share his experiences while he is away.

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Cadet Regimental Staff



NEW MEMBERS OF THE CADET Regimental Staff chosen from members of the 43rd Battalion are pictured above, left to right: W. J. Strachan, Washington, D. C., regimental commander; Ward F. Rosen, Fayetteville, Ark., regimental sub-commander; George C. Selby, Mankato, Minn., regimental adjutant; T. E. Thornton, Oklahoma City, Okla., regimental commissary officer.

BAND LEADERS

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and minored in music, and taught both these subjects at Caswell County Training School, Yanceyville, N. C., before entering the Navy. When not high-stepping in front of the band he plays the clarinet.

Co-leaders of the swing section of the band which turns out the rhythms for station dances are Melvin L. Wall, Mus2c, and William H. Cole, Mus2c.

Wall attended A & T College, receiving the BS degree there in 1937. In addition to music, mathematics and industrial arts were his specialties. Following college, he had charge of the NYA center at Fayetteville, N. C., and later taught music and mathematics at

E. E. Smith High School, Fayetteville, and at Williston, N. C., High School. His favored instrument is the saxophone.

Expert at the ivory keys is Co-leader Cole, who looks more the part of a pigskin star than a pianist, and who was both in college. While attending Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., where he received the BS degree in 1931, Cole lettered in football, basketball, and track, in addition to playing the trombone in the ROTC band.

His piano playing experience includes work with Jimmy Gunn and his orchestra over CBS.

Before entering the Navy, Cole taught music and business administration in high schools at Norton, Va., for three years, and at Durham, N. C., for four years.

Navy Training Films Shown for Officers Every Wednesday

All officers are invited to attend showings of Navy Training Films scheduled for each Wednesday at 0940 in Room 303, Woollen gymnasium, and at 1530 in the auditorium of Murphey Hall.

Films now scheduled and the dates are: *Learn and Live*, April 5; *Amphibious Warfare, Operating Twin Screw Landing Boats*, April 12; *Aircraft Anti-Submarine Warfare, Finding and Attacking Factors*, April 19; *Convoy Duty for Patrol Planes*, April 26; *Amphibious Warfare, Naval Gun Fire Support*, May 3.

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larly needed for amphibious operations, for cargo transports and destroyer escorts.

Offices of Naval Officer Procurement throughout the nation are processing increased numbers of applications for commissions from civilians under 35 years of age, and increased numbers of enlisted personnel are finding new opportunities to qualify for officer training or directly for commissions.

The present strength of the Navy is 2,510,000 officers and enlisted personnel including WAVES. Of this number 240,000 are officers and 2,270,000 are enlisted personnel.

ANNUS

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ceeded to the capital of New Caledonia. After being there for about seven days, members of the crew were allowed to draw lots to see who would return to the States.

Even in the thick of battle there are some who try to look on the humorous side of life. At the Battle of Santa Cruz Annus told about two Radiomen, among the last to leave the ship, who picked up .50 calibre machine guns and started shooting at Jap planes. Several planes were hit, and on each such occasion the Radiomen took time out to score their record in writing on the side of the ship.

A Marine on the same ship, when picked up in the water, was resting on his back reading a magazine.

Annus returned to the States on the Transport Lurline. After a 30-day leave he reported to Boston, and was on the New Lexington during its shakedown cruise to Trinidad. Then he was accepted for V-5 training.

1944 Ration League Baseball Schedule

	At Carolina	At Pre-Flight	At Duke	At N. C. State
CAROLINA		May 10 May 31	May 27 June 10	May 3 May 20
PRE-FLIGHT	April 22 May 24		April 15 May 13	April 10 May 1
DUKE	May 6 June 3	May 3 June 7		April 29 May 17
N. C. STATE	April 15 May 13	April 19 April 26	April 22 May 10	