

# 51st Battalion Sets New Scoring Record

## Member of 7th V-5 Indoctrination Class Returns From South Pacific

Just returned from a tour of duty in the South Pacific is Lieut. C. F. Carpenter, USNR, who was a member of the seventh V-5 Indoctrination Class to be trained here.

Now in ENS over in Academics, Lieut. Carpenter completed his indoctrination training here in February, 1943, and served at the Iowa Pre-Flight School until the first of June of the same year.

On the 20th of June, 1943, he left for the South Pacific. Among other places, he served at New Hebrides, Guadalcanal, and Bougainville.

Lieut. Carpenter was at Bougainville at the same time Capt.

O. O. Kessing, USN, was in charge of the naval forces there. However, he says, he did not get to meet the first Commanding Officer of this Pre-Flight School.

He did, though, meet three men who are well known to many at this station. During his travels he ran into Lieut. Comdr. Tom Caruthers, USNR, who was the First Lieutenant here; Lieut. Charles Speidel, USNR, who had charge of wrestling, and Lieut. Frank Haggerty, USNR.

Lieut. Carpenter now wears the Asiatic Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Stars. He hails from Bonner, Montana, and was graduated from the State University there.

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to the Exec about the weather, which is almost always liquid, and reading up on deck duties."

Ben Fricks, Y2c, is another correspondent who was at one time aboard this activity; in fact, he was one of the first to come here, but left a year ago in April to ship out on a DE. His letters are always full of interesting comments on the salty side of the Navy, and he says, "You can tell all the gang that life out here isn't so bad except that it's a long time between mail, and that the food, although wholesome and plentiful, doesn't always have the freshness that is to be desired." Ben also mentions the fact that saving money is no problem in his vicinity, which at the present is not known.

Ensign Ed Logan, a former Y2c in the Executive office, is aboard an APA, and his letters are always full of wit and sarcasm that is delightful to read. The last time I wrote him I said that I was expecting him to be promoted to (jg) almost any day now, but he wrote back and said that he figured he'd be a career Ensign, the AINavs being so slow, and going further, he said—and I quote—"Tell you what, Yost, this business of being an Ensign on shore might be O. K., but out here it's tough. I've shined my shoes more times than I did at VMI 12 years ago as a plebe, and I have come to the conclusion that it isn't worth going through Ensign to become an officer." Since I have been send-

ing Ed excerpts from TIME magazine all along, he said, in thanking me, "I'm glad to find out where we went and what we did, it's really nice to know."

Carl Bryan, CSK, and one of the plank owners of the school, is attached to one of the many LST units, and he writes that he knows what Sherman meant now, and that if he ever gets back to shore, he'll never even drink water again.

Tommy Johnson, Y1c, formerly one of the members of the Executive office, is now attached to an amphibious training group on the California shores, and he says that he has been searching in vain for the vaunted California sun for six months now, and he has arrived at the conclusion that it always comes in liquid form.

"Pappy" Finckenworth and Dewey Cox, SK's who have recently departed, have been undergoing commando training according to their letters, and both seem to be holding up very well and are anxious to get under way. Cox said in a recent letter that he sure would like to see some of his Pre-Flight shipmates up there, and that he'd wager a small amount that he would see them toss in the towel before he did.

Max Diegelman, our former PhoM1c, is now somewhere overseas, and he says that while he's making a lot of money and can't spend it, he still would like to get back to USNPFS, and carry on from there.

The main point that all the boys

## Cloudbusters Win Two Games

Just about the time the Cloudbusters return to their winning ways the schedule for the season is completed. At least results of games played over the past week seem to indicate that.

Last week-end at Norfolk, for example, the Pre-Flighters defeated CASU No. 21 by a 3 to 2 score in 12 innings. Then to continue in the win department, the locals defeated the 397th Infantry from Ft. Bragg by a 12 to 8 margin on Thursday afternoon at Ft. Bragg.

In the game played at Norfolk, J. A. McDonald opened with a single to start the 12th. Kellogg and Cooke, who followed in that order, walked, and Gleasner's single sent McDonald home with the winning run.

O'Neill started on the Cloudbuster mound, Hemphill finished up. Gleasner led the hitting with three singles and a triple in six attempts.

Against Ft. Bragg, the Cloudbusters came from behind to score six runs in the eighth frame. O'Neill's home run and Kellogg's triple featured the inning. Merrell and O'Neill shared the pitching duties.

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the Arctic, and Land and Live in the Desert."

During the coming week the group will go on a circular course which will include the Navy Camp, Ed's Mountain, Haw River, Stone Mountain and New Hope Swamp.

Lieut. Stuart Brewbaker, USNR, of the Georgia Pre-Flight School is the Officer-in-Charge of the two weeks' course.

who have left here seem to bring out is that they consider this the best station that they have ever been attached to, and while they are glad to be hitting the enemy day and night, they still like to recall their days here, which, it seems to me, speaks well for all of us.

These are just a few of the letters I get each week, and from them you can see that it is not only interesting but also educational to keep in contact with those who are fighting, and sometimes dying, for our country. So why not sit down

## 346 Points In Overall Competition

Not since the 47th Battalion scored a grand total of 319½ points to win the first battalion competition held here has a battalion dominated the regimental competition as did the 51st during the past two weeks.

All down the line—in military, academics, class athletics and the sports program—the 51st set the pace to register a new high total of 346 points.

Even before the Sports Program competition on Wednesday evening the outcome was known for the new Regimental Champions had 225 points to their credit while the 55th had but 110 points for second place. Moreover, the latter had no teams in the Sports Program competition, while the leaders had a team represented in every sport.

Actual results of the Sports Program show that the 51st defeated the 53rd in boxing, 9 to 8; the 52nd won over the 51st in soccer, 3 to 2; the 53rd bested the 51st in swimming, 48 to 37; the 51st came out on top in wrestling over the 53rd, 47 to 21; and the 52nd defeated the 51st in track, 44 to 43.

Two new team records were set with the 51st and 52nd coming in for most of the honors. Until this past week no battalion had won the Sports Program Championship three times in a row. But the victory in soccer for the 52nd, and the wrestling triumph for the 51st marked the third time that these two competitors have come out on top. The wrestling victory was decisive, the score being 47 to 21. However, such was not the case in soccer.

In the first half of the soccer competition, the 52nd missed several scoring opportunities, and three of the five goals made by the two teams were not registered until less than three minutes of play remained. And to make it a story-book finish, the 52nd scored the margin of victory with less than a minute to play.

and send a little pep talk to your favorite buddy—he'll appreciate it, and his reply, actually thanking you, will be worth all the time and effort you spend.