

AROUND THE STATION

... news from here, there, and everywhere ...

Cadets of the 58th battalion went into high-gear action this week when they discovered that the "dog-catchers" had included in their haul Task Force, a brown and white dog of part-beagle ancestry. They quickly secured the permission necessary for the neurotic Task Force to remain.

Task Force is no ordinary dog. He doesn't like gold braid. When approached by an officer—even an officer of the 58th—Task Force bares his fangs, growls and behaves in a generally unfriendly manner. Cadets, however, are greeted with affection and a hearty tail-wag.

Task Force—named for Task Force 58 which has been making history in the Pacific—can't be bribed with ice-cream, either, to change his ideas. He just doesn't like that gold braid.

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The 31st Anniversary of the founding of Naval Aviation will start on next Wednesday (August 23) and continue for one week. In that connection we would like to congratulate all those associated with the program here, and the thousands of others who are in that phase of the Navy throughout the world. In the Pacific, mighty carrier task forces are spear-heading the widespread offensive against Japan's vast island empire. At Guam, as at Saipan and the Marshalls, fast hard-hitting teams of Navy ships and planes have been leading the way for the occupation of strategic islands which are keys to the defense of the Japanese homeland. This offensive will not stop short of Tokyo, and Navy fliers will lead the way.

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In the first Regimental Review held at this station to decide the winner in battalion competition, the 53rd battalion was judged the best and credited with 25 points in the overall total scoring. The review was held on Wednesday afternoon on the new athletic field back of Fetzer Field.

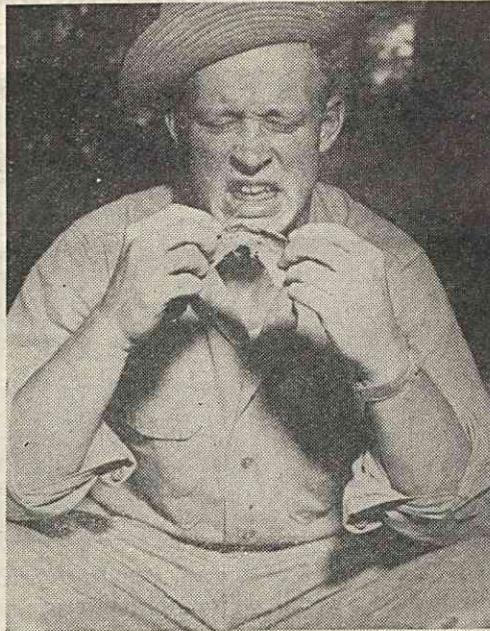
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Featured by the heavy hitting of Ensign Throckmorton and Chief Byers, plus a spectacular running catch by Lieut. Hirsch, the Communications softball team defeated Aerology, 7 to 6, in a hard fought contest on Wednesday afternoon. The game went into two extra innings and was decided when Byers hit a home run in the 9th.

Score by innings:
 Communications 000 401 101—7
 Aerology 000 002 400—6
 Batteries: Vernadakis and Johnson; Pizer and Witter.

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Three enlisted men received promotions during the past week. Michael Dudik, III, changed from HA1c to PhM3c; John Anthony Favaro advanced from PhM3c to PhM2c, and Edward F. Morelli was changed from Y3c to Y2c.



A sample of what you might see in the Paramount News Reel at the Carolina today is pictured above in the person of Cadet William Ritchie, 51-F-2. Three weeks ago Oscar Goodman of Paramount News came to Chapel Hill and took pictures of the cadets eating snakes in connection with the survival training program. This week those pictures are being shown in movie houses throughout the nation. They arrived in Chapel Hill yesterday and will be shown along with the regular feature through to-night.

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Enlisted personnel was increased by five during the past week with no departures. Charlie Brown, PhM2c, reported from RecSta, New York; Irene M. R. Contois and Marilyn E. School, both HA1c, reported from Nav-Hosp, St. Albans, L. I., N. Y., and Ursula M. Royston and Margaret J. Smith, both HA1c, came from NavDenSch, Bethesda, Md.

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Mr. J. M. Saunders, alumni secretary of the University of North Carolina, sends the following item to the CLOUDBUSTER. It is a paragraph from a letter written by Miss Dorothy Brown, who graduated from Carolina this past spring. In part it said:

"Incidentally, I paid a visit to the Navy Air Station at Glenview in Chicago last week, and while riding back from the base on the el with my date, a perfectly strange cadet turned round and looked hard at me, then said in a loud voice, 'Well, I'll be damned! A girl from Chapel Hill!' . . . and before I knew it, over fifteen cadets had piled into the surrounding seats, all of whom had been stationed at the Hill, all eager to know how everything was going there, how the French cadets were making out with the coeds, and any other late 'scuttlebutt' I had heard."

In the overall battalion grading academically, the 57th set the pace with a mark of 91.7. Next in line came the 56th with 87.76, followed by the 53rd with 86.17. The 55th had 84.48, and the 54th followed with 82.62.

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Eleven cadets have been named outstanding academically for the 52nd Battalion.

Leading the way was W. R. Jensen, G-2, with a mark of 3.69. D. W. Campbell, G-1, and E. A. Crouse, H-3, had 3.68, and R. M. Avery, G-2 and W. T. Petrow, H-3, scored 3.66. Other named outstanding include F. Steinkamp, G-3 with a mark of 3.64; J. J. Casteline, H-1, and J. T. Miller, H-2, with 3.60; and M. Altman G-1, E. M. Sammet and W. W. Shelton, both of H-2, with 3.57.

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Laff-of-the-week: Southwest Pacific—Adm Kiichi Endo, commander of a Jap fleet routed recently at New Guinea, is believed to have fled his sinking ship and perished in the Cyclops jungles.

An American staff officer with a flair for signposts, erected one in Endo's memory at a plantation bordering the jungle where the Admiral died. It read:

"Admiral Endo Slept Here."
 On Pim Beach near Hollandia is another sign:
 "Admiral Endo Fled Here."
 And deep in the jungle is the American officer's final tribute to the Jap:
 "Admiral Endo Dead Here—End o' Endo."



When Cadet Otto Graham, All-American football and basketball player at Northwestern University, arrived in Chapel Hill with the 58th Battalion one of the first things he did was look up Lieut. Comdr. Burton Ingwersen, Athletic Director. The two are pictured in the above photo talking over the "good old days" when Lieut. Comdr. Ingwersen was head line coach at Northwestern, and Cadet Graham was just beginning to make his mark on the gridiron. Needless to say Graham's arrival caused Lieut. Comdr. Glenn Killinger to stop worrying about a quarterback for the coming fall.