## AROUND THE STATION

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

Flying is already an old experience with Cadet James Ling of the 59th Battalion. Before entering naval aviation, he was a pilot with Pan American Airways, engaged in transporting material and passengers to all parts of the world. Cadet Ling's flights took him ultimately to the Far East with a slight delay and detour in Africa.

Ling relates that in October, 1941, he was among those engaged in constructing the air route through Africa which Pan American completed in the record time of 61 days. This same route is now under U. S. Army jurisdiction, and being used by Allied fighting forces.

Upon completion of this project, Ling returned to transport work, this time with China National Airways. There he spent a hectic year, transporting cargo of all descriptions, plus a few brave passengers who would travel the harassed airways.

Returning to the states he flew again for Pan American out of Miami to Brazil, Argentina, and Africa.

Postwar plans include the hope of remaining in the Navy, with work on aircraft design and maintenance.

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Allotment: An arrangement whereby the government guarantees that some of a sailor's money is spent on the woman entitled to it.

Among those officers who have served with squadrons on the USS Enterprise and who have been decorated for combat service are five former cadets of this Pre-Flight School, according to word received from Comdr. Tom Hamilton, original head of the Pre-Flight program.

The former Chapel Hill Pre-Flighters and their decorations are:

Lt. (jg) Richard W. Mason, 1st Battalion, Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal; Ens. Charles H. Hudson and Ens. Leo C. McNamee, Jr., 6th Battalion, Air Medal; Ens. Charles D. Farmer, 7th Battalion, Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal; Ens. Joseph W. Jewell, Jr., 10th Battalion, two Air Medals.



"Next I want to introduce a couple of sailors"



New members of the Cadet Regimental Staff chosen from members of the 56th Battalion are pictured above. Front row: W. G. Morse, Portland, Oregon, regimental commander; second row, left to right: J. Petro, Belleville, N. J.; J. R. Harris, Old Lyme, Conn., regimental subcommander; top row, W. E. Killingbeck, Ventura, Calif., regimental commissary officer.

Scoring the low total of 20 points the Cloudbuster cross country team easily won the triangular cross country meet held here last Sunday afternoon.

The race, which ended during the half of the football game, saw North Carolina come in second with 48 points while the Cherry Point Marines had 67.

Cherry Point's Gibson was the individual winner, covering the 3% mile course in 18 minutes 32 seconds. Wilson led Pre-Flight home.

The next winners were: Faust, Clapsaddle, Place, and Knox, all Pre-Flight; Glascock and Dodson, Carolina; Dyer, Pre-Flight; and Harding, Baggett, Erath, Holder, and Melchor, all Carolina.

Few people know very little about the personnel of a cross country meet or how the points are scored.

Each team consists of seven. Winner of first place is credited with one point, second place two and so on. All men who finished shall be ranked and tallied. The score shall then be determined by totaling the points scored by the first five men of each team to finish. The team scoring the smallest number of points shall be the winner. The sixth and seventh runners of a team do not score points toward their team total. The places, if better than those of any of the first five of an oppos-

ing team, serve to increase the team score of the opponents.

A Sailor is a Gob.

A Gob is a lot.

A lot is what you build a house on.

What you build a house on is a foundation.

A foundation is what holds a woman's figure together.

Oh! For the life of a Sailor.

One good turn deserves another, firmly believes Cadet Michel Sayaret, F-U-4.

In 1917 a French flying officer, now Comdr. Victor Sayaret of the French Air Force, trained American youths in France to fly and fight with the then new war weapon—the "aeroplane." Today 27 years later, his son, Michel, is in the U. S. naval aviation training program, being taught to fly and fight by American officers.

Young Sayaret left Normandy seven years ago to enlist in the French Merchant Marine and was assigned to duty aboard a small rescue ship off the coast of West Africa.

Promotion for him came the hard way. For 15 months a French Merchant ship lay capsized and aground in shallow water off the West African coast. Every effort to get her afloat had been thwarted until Sayaret requested a company of men and a chance to see what he could do. He was given the men and after much doing, the ship was righted. After repairs were made and the ship made seaworthy again, Sayaret was rewarded with the berth of First Mate.

As a civilian, Sayaret flew over Germany, Czechoslovakia, Austria, the Low Countries, and the North Atlantic, just to name a few places. He thinks perhaps he will follow in his father's footsteps after the war and remain in the French Air Force, but now he hopes just to fight and fly for France whenever and wherever he is sent against the enemy.



VISITING THIS STATION to inspect the French unit here during the past week was Vice Admiral Fenard of the French Navy, shown on the left above with Capt. Hazlett, commandant of the University's Naval ROTC and V-12 units, and Capt. Paul R. Glutting, USN, Sixth Naval District Training Director.