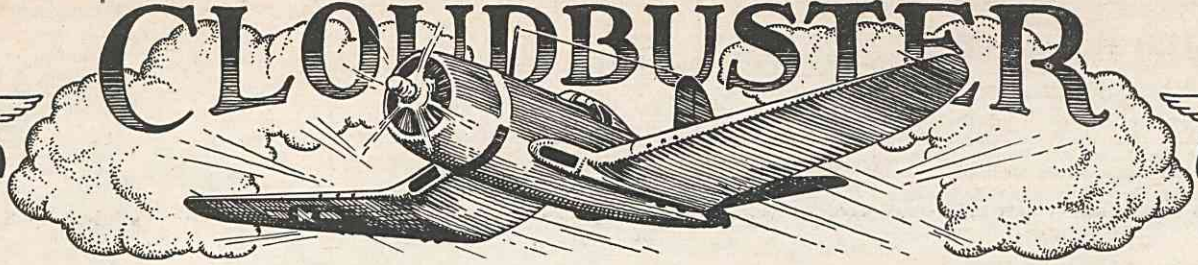


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Bond Sales Hit 75,000 Mark As 3rd Batt Stars

Pre-Flight at Chapel Hill commemorated the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor by investing approximately \$75,000 in extra cash War Bonds, it was revealed yesterday as the first returns were announced by Lieut. Comdr. W. C. Clark, War Bond Officer.

Complete figures were not available but Lieut. Comdr. Clark stated that already the War Loan Drive was a smashing success.

Pre-Flight cadets invested more than \$50,000 and the various departments contributed the remainder during the campaign which began December 1 and wound up Dec. 7.

AFTs Place Second

Particular salutes were in order for the 63rd battalion and the Athletic Dept., which led their respective fields in bond buying. The 157 cadets of the 63rd purchased bonds to the tune of \$13,700, averaging nearly \$88 per cadet.

The Athletic Dept., averaging more than \$120 for its 72 members, invested \$8,700.

Final figures and a breakdown will not be available for publishing until next week but first returns showed that among the cadets the AFT's ran second, with \$10,450, followed by the 62nd, with \$9,875; the 64th, with \$7,775; the 61st, with \$7,450, and the 60th, with \$1,725.

Academics purchased \$5,700 worth of bonds to be runner-up to Athletics in the departmental competition.

U. S. Has Robot Bomb As Good As Germany's

Wright Field, Ohio (CNS)—The AAF has developed a high-powered robot bomb, a version of the German V-1, "which can be used if and when we need it."

According to the Air Technical Service Command, the American robot is as good as the German model and the U. S. developed launching ramp is better than the Nazis'.

"We may never need the robot bomb," said Maj. Gen. Bennet C. Meyers, deputy ATSC director, "but if we do need it, we've got a good one."

Shot Down By Japs 3 Times, Cadet Proves He Can Take It



CADET W. C. LELANDE

Predicts Full Air Punch Coming Soon

Our carriers will launch 1,500 or even 2,000 planes in the near future, predicts Rear Adm. John H. Cassady, USN, Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Air).

In a recent speech in Washington, Adm. Cassady said: "The full punch of our carrier-based aircraft is yet to be felt by the Japs."

"I can foresee the day, and not very far distant," he continued, "when we will be sending in strikes from our carriers of 1,500—yes, 2,000 planes."

No Cigars To Civilians, GIs Get All Of Them

New York (CNS)—Civilians will not be able to purchase boxes of Christmas cigars this year. The Cigar Institute of America reveals 91,000,000 cigars a month are now earmarked for the armed forces. Of these, 51,000,000 go overseas and 32,000,000 to post exchanges, ships' stores and other domestic military installations.

Two years ago Cadet W. C. LeLande, company commander of the 62nd battalion, probably was thinking about that "White Christmas" of song and story.

He was in the South Pacific, on Guadalcanal with a bunch of Japs, and serving as a radio gunner on a torpedo bomber which attacked Munda, Bougainville, and enemy aircraft carriers, battle wagons and transports. Three times he was shot down, and each time he came back for more.

And he gave more than he received. His own ship was credited with five Jap planes, and his torpedo unit, VMTB 131, first in the Marine Corps, played an important role in stopping Jap shipping in the Solomons area in the early stages of the war.

Like most Marines with overseas service LeLande doesn't care to talk. Many questions are answered, but many others aren't, simply because he has been told not to discuss some phases of action.

Served As Guinea Pigs

"Members of our unit have not done a lot of talking since returning to the states," LeLande proudly admits. "We were more or less the guinea pigs of this war. We did experimental work, and we learned many things that would aid the enemy if they were discussed now."

Let LeLande, in his own words, go over the high spots. "When we arrived at Guadalcanal we had a small air strip, a bit of land, and a lot of Japs to kill. There were several other units, besides ours, doing battle. One was VT 8, another was VMSB No. 151, and still another was VMSB 132, commanded by Major Saylor.

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Officer Hop, Cage Tilts Will Mark Busy Social Week

The first officers' dance of the Winter season, a pair of Pre-Flight basketball games, an "open house" for the 62nd battalion and the usual quota of free movies for station personnel will start a busy week ahead for the Cloudbusters' "social set."

Officers and their ladies will dance to the Cloudbusters' swing band tomorrow, Dec. 9, in the Pine Room at Lenoir Hall. Music will start at 2100 and knock off at 0100. There will be no admission, nor table reservations. Ladies' dress is optional.

Also on tap tomorrow will be the free movie, "Greenwich Village," and, at Woollen Gymnasium, a basketball game between Pre-Flight and the Cherry Point Marines.

On Sunday the gratis movie will be "Take It or Leave It," and the 62nd battalion will dance with the Alderman Dormitory dollies at an open house between 1530 and 1730.

The Cloudbuster cagers swing back into action on Wednesday, meeting Seymour Johnson Field while, in the other half of a doubleheader, North Carolina plays High Point. This cancels the Happy Hour at Memorial Hall, incidentally.

Naval Boards Meet

The boards now meeting to elect officers of the Naval Reserve, line and staff, for promotion from lieutenant commander to commander, are expected to complete their work shortly. It is believed that the board selecting line officers for promotion will complete its work first and will be followed within 10 days by the boards considering staff promotions.

Is We Is, Or Is We Ain't Among Ten Top Football Teams Of The Country?

To the surprise of nobody, Army is the top football team of the land. But that was about all the rating experts agreed upon. For—

Carolina Pre-Flight is 21st among the elevens, college and service alike, in the Associated Press poll of 121 sports critics. And (now here this) Duke is rated 11th! However—

According to the Williamson Rating, Carolina Pre-Flight is 9th, ahead of Navy, Duke, Notre Dame, Great Lakes, et al. But—

Getting back to the AP poll, Camp Peary didn't even place among the first 11 service teams (we were No. 11), but on the Williamson sheet Peary was 4th and the Cloudbusters 6th. So—

There is a word for it: Snafu.