

CLOWDBUSTER

War Ace Is Named New Pre-Flight Head

Navy Hall Gets 'Soundie' Unit, Now Showing Carrier's 'Shakedown Cruise'



Newest and among the most popular features at Navy Hall are the sound motion pictures contained in a "Soundie" projection unit.

Placed at the disposal of cadets by the department for Special Devices, the new machine is completely automatic, requiring no operator or special skill. Merely pressing a button will start the 10-minute program. A rewinding feature permits the film to be shown over and over without interruption.

Currently showing is the film entitled, "This Is America." Produced by RKO especially for the Navy, the picture was made aboard an aircraft carrier during a shakedown cruise.

It has been announced that the subjects will be changed periodically. Entertainment films as well as general interest pictures will be shown.

65th Batt Takes Regimental Title With 338 Points

Winning first place in Class Athletics, Academics, and Military, the 65th Batt compiled a total of 338 points in regimental competition during the past fortnight to edge out the senior 63rd Batt by a 37-point margin.

Its three firsts gave the 65th 225 points going into the Sports Program finals where another 113 were picked up for the winning margin.

The 63rd finished a close second with 301 points by coming through strong with 201 in the Sports Program alone. Placing second in Class Athletics, and third in both Military and Academics, gave the 63rd only an aggregate of 100 points.

The 64th finished with 262 points, making 125 in Military, Academics, and Class Athletics combined, and 137 in the Sports competition.

At the end of last August there were 47,276 pilots in the Navy and Marine Corps, or more than seven times the number at the time of Pearl Harbor.



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The Naval Aviation Physical and Military Training Program has a new commanding officer today and, for the third consecutive time, will be headed by one of the Naval Academy's all-time crack athletes.

He is Comdr. William R. (Killer) Kane, USN, one of the outstanding flying aces of the Pacific war theater, whose appointment was announced in Washington this week. Comdr. Kane succeeds Comdr. Frank H. Wickhorst, USNR, who has been detached for duty at sea after serving for 18 months as head of the program.

Comdr. Wickhorst, Navy grid captain and All-America lineman in 1926, served as chief assistant to Comdr. Tom Hamilton, Navy backfield star, former teammate and originator of the program.

Won Academy Award

Comdr. Kane, a native of San Rafael, Calif., headed the famed "Grim Reapers" squadron in the Pacific, where he earned the Navy Cross, two Distinguished Flying Crosses and a Presidential Unit Citation, among other honors. An all-around athlete at the Naval Academy, his interest in sports never has waned since he was graduated in 1933.

During his last year at Annapolis Comdr. Kane was awarded the Naval Academy Association Award, presented annually to the member of the graduating class voted the outstanding athlete. He had been prominent in football, wrestling and track, winning two varsity letters on the gridiron and mat, and three in track. He was a heavyweight wrestler and threw the javelin and discus for the track team.

Flying from the *Enterprise*,
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65th Batt 100% for War Bonds

Cadets of the 65th Battalion have subscribed to the War Bond allotment plan 100%, Lt. Comdr. William C. Clark, War Bond officer, reports.

Comdr. Wickhorst, Pre-Flight Pioneer, Goes Aboard Flattop

The detachment of Comdr. Frank H. Wickhorst as head of Naval Aviation Physical and Military Training for sea duty aboard one of the big carriers marks the end, temporarily at least, of a partnership that was responsible for the Pre-Flight program, possibly the most widely publicized organization of its kind of the war.

The big, capable All-America tackle of 1926 was a part of the program from the beginning, when he served as right-hand man for Comdr. Tom Hamilton, organizer of the training division.

The team of Hamilton and Wickhorst began to function two years ago, when they were teammates at Annapolis. With

Wickhorst in the line and Hamilton in the backfield and kicking the three extra points, Navy played Army to that legendary 21-21 tie in Chicago in 1926. The friendship was continued thru the years and when the Pre-Flight program was set up in 1942 the duo again was working as a team.

Took Charge In 1943

Its revolutionary use of sports as training devices (even as navigation and gunnery), rather than for sports sake, its hearty accent on competitive athletics, its hand-picked personnel to administer the activities (approximately 2,000 of the nation's top coaches), its insistence that every cadet participate in every sport, its highly successful varsity athletic teams, represented the work and mutual ideas of Comdr. Hamilton and his first assistant.

When Comdr. Hamilton went to sea, Comdr. Wickhorst took over the head job in June of
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Dacey Tops 62nd Academics

E. W. Dacey was top man in the 62nd Batt academically with an average of 3.74. Others in the first five were H. C. Meal with 3.734, P. M. Gish with 3.68, A. E. Kuehl, Jr., with 3.675, and E. Dionne with 3.64.