

## 64th Batt Amasses 383 Points To Win Regimental Title

With regular regimental competition during the past two weeks limited to the two battalions that come under the new 25-week training syllabus, the 64th Batt emerged on top with an aggregate of 383 points against 337 garnered by the 65th.

The winning 64th won first place in Military, Academic, and Sports Program competition, while the 65th took the honors in Class Athletics. Ahead 200-175 going into the Sports Program, the 64th bested its 65th opponents in boxing, soccer, swimming, and wrestling to maintain and increase its margin of victory.

The French Unit showed up well in amassing 70 points in the Sports Program, getting 30 in soccer, 30 in gym and tumbling, and 10 in swimming.

The new 66th Batt will be included in the next period of competition.

## Exercise Period Every Wednesday Scheduled for Crew

A new exercise period from 1600 to 1700 each Wednesday for all male members of the crew was announced last Monday by Lt. Comdr. Burton Ingwersen, Athletic Director.

Under the program which will be supervised by the Mass Exercise department, all male enlisted personnel, except members of the band, will report to the main deck of Woollen gym in athletic gear at 1600. The athletic gear will be issued in Room 107 of the gym.

All band members will report to their quarters in Carrboro at the same time.

Effective last week, quarters for enlisted personnel in front of Alexander Hall were changed from 1515 Wednesday to 1200 on Saturday.

## MARKET

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the actual invasion of Tarawa. Marek recalls that during the invasion of Bougainville his ship was under fire from enemy planes for four hours. Again at Kwajalein his vessel was under fire for eight hours. "Our ship made a lot of those Nip pilots wish they'd never come close, however," he says.

Having survived these harrowing experiences Marek was returned to the West Coast to board the *USS Shamrock Bay*. On this vessel he cruised up and down the Pacific Coast, training new crews. When the ship ultimately docked at Norfolk, Va., he was granted shore duty, reporting to this activity last September.

## Cadet Regimental Commander Served Aboard Battleship, Transport In Pacific



New cadet regimental officers from the 64th battalion, left to right, are: Edward C. Taylor, Scarsdale, N. Y., regimental adjutant; Don R. Koch, Milwaukee, Wis., commissary officer; Kenny C. Palmer, Upper Montclair, N. Y., regimental commander, and Andrew R. Jackson, Brooklyn, N. Y., sub-commander.

## K. C. Palmer Once Believed Missing With Overdue Ship

Among the long list of men whose deaths at one time or another have been slightly exaggerated and who have popped up again full of life and fight is Cadet Kenny C. Palmer, 64th Batt member presumably lost at sea shortly after the Pearl Harbor attack.

Palmer, who was recently named cadet regimental commander here, enlisted in the Marines in June, 1941, six months before the U. S. entered the war. Following boot training at San Diego, he was assigned to the *U.S.S. Henderson*, a troop transport carrying a detachment of 20 Leathernecks.

With war clouds gathering in the Pacific, the *Henderson* sailed for Wake Island to evacuate American citizens, taking them to Honolulu where it arrived on Dec. 4. At midnight of Dec 6, the transport left for the U. S. with Palmer assigned as communications orderly in the radio shack.

### Jap Plane Shot Down

A few minutes after 0700 on Dec. 7, the ship picked up the message that Pearl Harbor was under attack. Palmer carried the news to the Skipper who immediately called general quarters and readied the ship for action. In a matter of minutes a lone Jap observation plane attacked the *Henderson*, but was shot down by the ship's gunners with little delay.

The trip to the United States from Pearl Harbor is usually a seven-day voyage, but with the *Henderson* carrying women and children evacuees, it was decided to re-route the course and make a detour that added 11 days to the journey. This delay of a week and a half put the

*Henderson* on the list of missing ships. Further indication of disaster came from a passenger liner which passed over some freighter wreckage along the regular route and reported it to be the remains of the *Henderson*.

### Duty On Battleship

Two days before Christmas, however, the *Henderson* docked at San Francisco where Palmer phoned his anxious parents that he was very much alive and well.

After four days the ship shoved off again for Pearl Harbor, but this time in a convoy. Two more trips on the transport convinced Palmer that he should get on a fighting ship, if he could, and in February, 1942, he was transferred to the *U.S.S. Colorado*.

During Palmer's 10 months aboard that battlewagon, the *Colorado* participated in the Coral Sea Battle and Battle of Midway. In December of 1942 he left the *Colorado* for the Naval Academy where he studied for nine months before entering the V-5 program.



"I'm suspicious of this guy, Sarge!"

## Primary Training Phase To Increase In Size and Scope

"Plans for general expansion of the pilot training program of Naval Aviation, as announced by Washington, logically will result in increasing the scope and size of the primary training phase at units of my command," Rear Admiral O. B. Hardison, USN, Chief of Naval Air Primary Training, stated last week at the headquarters of his command at Glenview, Ill.

"We are proceeding with plans for enlarging the aviation cadet training classes at the units now in operation. New prospective Naval aviators will come largely from eligible material among the several thousand aviation cadets who were dropped from training last summer. . . . Also from qualified enlisted men who have never previously failed in flight training, the Navy will obtain additional aviation cadets.

"The increased aviation cadet training will result in need for a larger number of primary flight instructors and it can be expected, therefore, that there will be some increase in personnel and in the program at our flight instructors' school at the Naval Air Station, New Orleans, La., where instructors now are being developed largely from returned fleet aviators, and recent graduates of intermediate training."

## Lt. Comdr. Speidel Now In Command Of Island

Lt. Comdr. Charles Speidel, former head wrestling coach here, is now in command of an island in the South Pacific.

In reporting that Lt. Comdr. Speidel is doing a good job in his present assignment, a correspondent who visited the island recently wrote "The boss of the island is a lieutenant commander, the only Naval officer I have seen out here who has cauliflower ears."

## OPERATIONAL REPORT

### PROMOTIONS:

Lt. (jg) Robert M. Stein to Lieut.; Lt. (jg) Alvin C. Brinson to Lieut.

### ARRIVALS:

Lt. Comdr. Robert P. Crow, assistant dental officer; Lt. Kenneth M. Whitlow, military; Lt. Burkert E. Graf, recognition; W. F. Plawfield, CPM; H. E. March, SM2c; A. R. Trelxar, HA3c; H. O. Smith, RM3c. Lt. Kenneth M. Whitlow; W. F. Plawfield, CPM; H. E. March, SM2c.

### DEPARTURES:

Lt. Walter R. Brownback to Comdr, Service Squadron, South Pacific Force, San Francisco, Calif.; Lt. Comdr. Earle H. English to NAS, Dallas Texas.; Lt. (jg) William H. Steward to NAS, Minneapolis, Minn.; to Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill.; H. Tipton, PHM2c; E. A. Walton, PHM2c; to Quonset Point, R. I.; C. H. Brooks, EM2c; to Comphibant, Norfolk; M. J. Padvic; N. W. Hildreth, PHM1c; to NAS, Pensacola, B. L. Chonicki, PHM2c; to 144 C.B.'s, W. O. Dahlgren, HA1c; to NAS, Bunker Hill; J. I. Dailey, Y2c; A. P. Dufault, F1c (EM); W. E. Fisher, F1c (EM); to NAS, Norman, Okla., Jack Boyd, Y1c; to NAS, Orlumwa, Ia., A. J. Wadner, Sp (P)1c; to Shoemaker, Calif., Orville B. Campbell, Y1c; to NAS, Glen-