

Doughgirl—And mighty pleasant to look upon, too, is Alexis Smith, Warner Bros. star who is one of the stars of "The Doughgirls," coming to the Pre-Flight Theater next week. Sometimes a week can become very long.

Naval Firepower Increases Fivefold

Supremacy upon the sea lanes is dependent not only upon the number of ships, but upon the firepower of these ships, and the United States Navy, now the largest in the world, has kept firepower increases apace with its numerical growth.

While there has been a tripling of the fleet, firepower is nearly five times what it was on July 1, 1940, the Navy Department revealed recently.

The fleet of combatant ships, including auxiliaries and Coast Guard vessels, can fire nearly 2,000 tons of shells in a 15-second firing run, all conditions being normal.

66th Batt Edges 65th After Close Regimental Battle

The 66th Batt turned the tables on the 65th to take regimental honors in the competition period ending last week by the narrow margin of 349 1/2 to 340 1/2. The 65th had won first place during the previous competitive period, 356 2/3 to 241 2/3.

In shading the 65th, the 66th took firsts in Military and the Sports Program, building up its victory margin with 174 1/2 points in Sports competition against 140 1/2 for the 65th.

The French Unit compiled 50 points, 30 of them in soccer, 10 in swimming and 10 in gym and tumbling.

Four battalions—the 64th through the 67th—are participating in the current competition period.

OPERATIONAL REPORT

ARRIVALS

Lieut. Emil H. Messikomer, S(A); Lieut. William F. Mitchell, (A5)L; Lieut. Allan M. Learned, S(A); Lieut. Daniel K. Watson, (A5)L; Lt. (jg) August M. Liberatori, (A5)L; Lt. (jg) Eugene A. Guadiano, (A5)L; Lt. (jg) James N. Hosey, S(A); Ens. Virginia M. Friddle, (NC); R. E. Hagger, Jr., Rm2C; W. T. Rylee, Sk1c; A. V. Swanson, Sm1c; T. J. Rambo, CCS.

DEPARTURES

Lieut. Bernard A. Delaney, DC, to NTC Bainbridge, Md.; Lieut. Thomas A. Gorman, (A)L, to Comdr., Fleet Air, West Coast; Lieut. Robert R. Hoffman, DC, to Comdr. 7th Fleet; Lt. (jg) Raymond R. Renfrow to NTC Bainbridge, Md.; Ens. Eleanor Ann Bliss (NC) to Fleet Hospital No. 113, San Francisco, California; J. J. Norwick, CSm to St. Mary's NPFS, St. Mary's Calif.; T. B. Bond, Sk1c (T) to Alameda, Calif.; A. V. Swanson, S1c to NAS Ottumwa, Iowa; T. J. Rambo CCS to NPFS, Iowa City, Iowa.

Ex-'Buster Swallowed Cigar In Downing First Jap Plane



Ensign Huckabee

In the first fight in which he shot down a Jap plane, Ensign Thomas Huckabee of Durham, a Pre-Flight cadet here with the 19th Batt, flew close enough to plainly see the enemy flier's face. And if the Jap was looking as closely as Ensign Huckabee he might well have been surprised at the sight of an American pilot chewing on a cigar.

"I ruined a perfectly good cigar," laughed the ex-Cloudbuster who recently returned on leave, "when the 'Tony' I was fighting exploded into tiny bits just a few yards from my propeller. I was so tense I bit off the end of my cigar and swallowed it."

Ensign Huckabee, a non-smoker, had taken to chewing a cigar while flying patrols over the task force to which he was attached. "Some of those patrols were pretty dull, flying three to six hours without a sight of the enemy. You get kind of sleepy from the high altitude and that's why I took up cigar chewing."

Holds DFC, Air Medal

A one-time member of the Pre-Flight wrestling team, Ensign Huckabee has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal and has been recommended for a second award of the DFC. He took part in Luzon raids, the Leyte invasion, the landings at Morati, Pelau and Mindanao, and missions over the Bonin Islands, Mindoro, Guam and Eniwetok. He saw fighting in 14 separate Naval engagements.

The 23-year-old pilot, who left Duke Medical School during his second year to enter the Navy as a flying cadet, won his DFC when he guarded a group of American airmen who had been shot down and caught on a reef off Yap by enemy machine gunners. "I had dropped my bombs," he said, "so I swooped low and sprayed the nest with machine gun fire. An American sub was sent after our men and so by harrassing the Japs I drew their attention and the sub completed the rescue. When I got back to my carrier we counted 69 holes in my plane. The C. O. was watching and recommended me for the DFC."

With more than 1,000 combat hours and several planes to his credit—three on one hop near Manila—Ensign Huckabee was anxious to return to action and joined a new squadron being formed.

—Rejection—

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It is a bipartisan effort for the well-being of the nation."

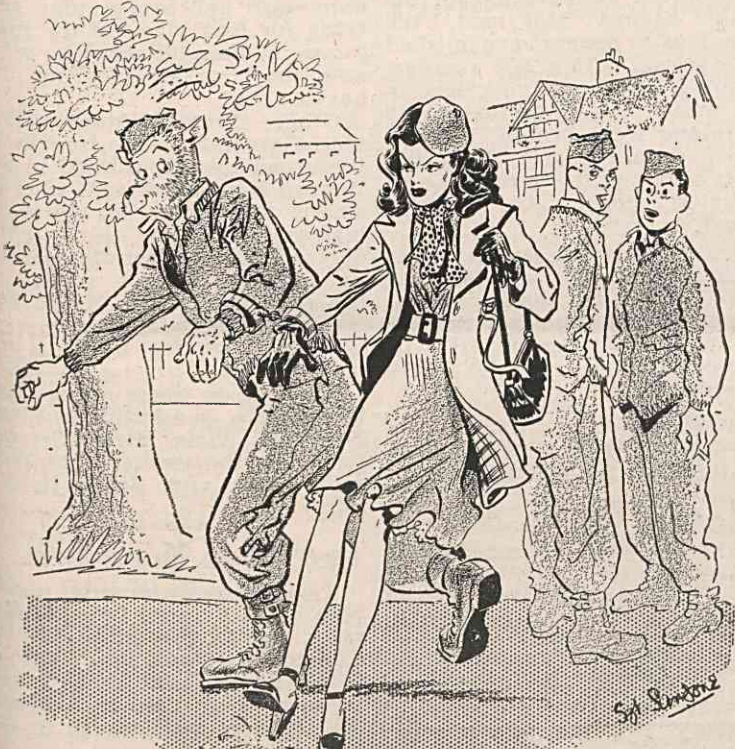
Many Defects Correctable

It was reported that more than half of the physical defects of the large number of rejected men could have been corrected under proper supervision and care. More than 1,000,000 men have been released from the armed forces for lack of physical soundness. Rep. Weiss stated the rate of rejections and discharges was above the German percentage.

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"He has a peculiar hold on women!"

COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY

MOVIES

Village: Free movies, "Bride By Mistake," with Laraine Day and Alan Marshall. Features at 1500, 1910 and 2040.

Carolina: "Here Come The Coeds," with Abbott and Costello. Pick: "Mystery Man," with William Boyd.

BASKETBALL

Carolina Pre-Flight vs. Navy, at Annapolis.

CREW PARTY

Dinner, dance at Lenoir Hall, starting at 1900.

SUNDAY

DIVINE SERVICES

Pre-Flight: Memorial Hall at 1000. Catholic: Gerrard Hall at 0630, Hill Music Hall at 1000. Jewish: Hillel House at 1000.

MOVIES

Village: Free movies, "Up In Mabel's Room," with Marjorie Reynolds and Dennis O'Keefe. Features at 1300 and 1441.

Carolina: "Since You Went Away," with Colbert, Temple, Woolley and Cotton. Pick: "Adventures of Kitty O'Day," with Jean Parker.

WEDNESDAY

HAPPY HOUR

Movie shorts, swing band, at Memorial Hall, 1900.

Station Crew Hop

No cadet hop is scheduled for this week by the Welfare & Recreation Office but enlisted personnel of the station will make merry tomorrow in Lenoir Hall.

A free spaghetti dinner, followed by dancing, is slated, starting at 1900. All members of the crew are invited.