



Marine Unit Here Will Be Disbanded At End Of Month

Members of the Marine Aviation Detachment here have landed travel orders and the Leatherneck unit will be disbanded effective March 1. The seven enlisted men will be transferred to Camp Lejeune, N. C., for re-assignment.

Navy gunnery specialists will replace the Marine unit whose members have instructed cadets here in the fundamentals of small arms and gunnery since 1942. The Marines instructed both on the range and in the classroom, although Naval officers recently supplanted them as instructors in academic classes.

Most colorful personality, perhaps, to be affected by disbanding of the unit is Warrant Officer Faustin E. Wirkus, Commanding Officer of the detachment, who currently is convalescing in U. S. Naval Hospital, Brooklyn N. Y., following a serious operation.

King of La-Gonave

With service in the Marine Corps dating back to the first World War, Wirkus was well known in Haiti as "The White King of La-Gonave" during the late '20s.

No information is available as to where he will be assigned next.

Warrant Officer Leslie W. Deardeuff, who has been in charge of the detachment during Wirkus' absence, will return to Quantico, Va.

The enlisted personnel, slated for transfer to Camp Lejeune, are: First Sergeant Wladislaw A. Dezak, of Malden, Mass.; Gunnery Sergeant Philip N. Boyd, of Sayre, Okla.; Platoon Sergeant John B. Both, of Harbor Beach, Mich.; Platoon Sergeant Joseph R. Cruz, of Philadelphia, Pa.; and Sergeants John T. Buckley of Clinton, Va.; Herbert Reiss, of Chapel Hill, and George H. Spanos, of Sioux City, Ia.

Adm. Hart To Senate

Hartford, Conn. — (CNS)—Adm. Thomas C. Hart, 67, member of the Navy General Board, has been appointed to the U. S. Senate by Connecticut's Gov. Raymond E. Baldwin. He succeeds the late Sen. Francis T. Maloney, whose term would have expired in 1946.

Rear Admiral Hardison Gives UNC Commencement Address



Adm. O. B. Hardison

\$200,000,000 Goal As Red Cross War Fund Drive Nears

The 1945 War Fund campaign to raise \$200,000,000 to finance Red Cross activities for another year will get under way on this and all other Naval ships and stations on March 1. President Roosevelt has designated March as "Red Cross Month" and has requested that the Navy cooperate fully with the American Red Cross in the conduct of the campaign.

There will be no solicitation of enlisted personnel but unsolicited renewals of membership or contributions will be welcome. All others, including civilians, will be solicited and urged to contribute to the War Fund.

Five million pints of blood were collected by the Red Cross for plasma last year. Operation of 727 clubs overseas was another vitally important mission. Almost 11 million food parcels were sent to prisoners of war. The Red Cross furnished 5,149 hospital sunrooms, handled 14 million communications and, in recruiting nurses, was responsible for 15,000 joining up. These are only a few of the contributions too numerous to mention.

Rear Admiral O. B. Hardison, USN, Chief of Naval Air Primary Training with headquarters at the Naval Air Station, Glenview, Ill., will figure prominently in University of North Carolina commencement exercises in Chapel Hill tomorrow.

Starting at 1100 a military review for Admiral Hardison will be held in Kenan Stadium and awards given to Naval ROTC students in the graduating class. Admiral Hardison, who is the top-ranking Naval officer among the University's alumni, will present the Navy Department's Silver Cup to the winner of the NROTC inter-company competition.

The Pre-Flight regiment of cadets will participate in the review, along with NROTC and V-12 units of the University.

Later, at 1530, the Chief of Naval Air Primary Training will be the principal speaker at commencement exercises in Hill Hall, and deliver commissions to NROTC members of the graduating class.

Awarded for Heroism

Admiral Hardison, who was graduated from Carolina before entering the Naval Academy in

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Station Shows Big Enrollment In War Bond Buying Drive

In a congratulatory memorandum to Lieut. Comdr. James P. Raugh, Commanding Officer here (see page 2), Rear Admiral Jules James, USN, Commandant, Sixth Naval District, has announced that Pre-Flight at Chapel Hill has qualified for the Commandant's War Bond pennant with 97% enrollment.

The pennant and certificate will be presented in the future by the Admiral's representative.

During the third annual Pearl Harbor extra cash War Loan drive last December, station personnel invested \$87,450, which represented a 51% increase in the purchasing power of each hand over the second drive.

In Washington last week the Navy Department announced that War Bond purchases by Navy personnel passed the billion-dollar mark in January, when the month's total of \$39,537,382 brought the grand total since the beginning of the Navy bond program in October, 1941, to \$1,022,130,396.

Effective allotments of uniformed personnel totaled more than two million as of January 31, or 2,099,015.



'SUBTRACT LINE 7 FROM LINE 8 AND THEN ...'

Baffling, judging by the head-scratching on the part of several Pre-Flight officers, is the 1944 income tax form. When two U. S. Internal Revenue Service experts set up a stand at Navy Hall for three days last week station personnel were quick to queue up but Messrs. Harry L. Townsend, civilian at left, and L. M. Johnson, Jr., (not shown in photo), had their troubles explaining. Seated at the left of Mr. Townsend, attentively gripping pencil and cigar, is Lieut. Comdr. Edward N. George, while Lieut. Comdr. Paul Bryant grimly kibitzes.