

**SAINTS AND BUGS BUNNY**

**Ex-'Busters Fly With Colorful Outfits In War Against Japs**

Four former cadets here, two of them members of Navy Composite Squadron 27, known as the "Saints," and two of them members of Squadron 21, using "Bugs Bunny" as its insignia, are back in the U. S. on leave after combat action in the Pacific aboard escort aircraft carriers.

Lt. (jg) Robert H. Wand, 9th Batt cadet from Woodbridge, Mass., is one of five "Saints" credited in a Navy Department release with helping to sink a large heavy cruiser of the *Tone* class and a 1,500-ton enemy destroyer during vicious actions off Leyte last Oct. 25.

Another "Saint" and former Pre-Flighter in the 11th Batt, Lt. (jg) Laurence E. MacFawn, of East Weymouth, Mass., participated with three squadron mates in the sinking of a 2,300-ton destroyer in the same action off Leyte.

**Three Ships In 90 Minutes**

Within an hour and a half, the "Saints" sank three Jap warships totaling 15,800 tons.

Average age of squadron members is only 23 years. Fifty-two percent have had college training, although only 15 percent received degrees before the war interrupted their studies. Eighty percent participated in college or high school sports.

The insignia of the squadron, painted on the nose of each plane, is a "Saint" equipped with a couple of boxing gloves, flight

goggles and Navy wings. He is soaring above a choppy sea en route to meet the enemy.

The "Saints" are credited with shooting down 62 planes and sinking a total of 18,650 tons of shipping, at the cost of six planes lost in combat and five pilots and two aircrewmen listed as missing in action.

The "Bugs Bunny" squadron's first action was at Palau, where it bombed and strafed enemy installations for the invasion last September.

Ex-Cloudbuster of the 15th Batt, Ens. Charles R. Bradford, Cullman, Ala., teamed up with another fighter pilot to blow up a Palau ammunition dump that sent smoke towering thousands of feet high.

"Bugs Bunny" flyer Ens. James Esch, 22nd Batt member from Grand Rapids, Mich., was the unfortunate pilot of a torpedo plane at Palau that ran out of fuel as it neared its carrier. The plane crashed into the sea. Ens. Esch was injured and knocked unconscious. His rear-seat gunner, Donald H. Cranston, AOM-3c, from Bennington, Vt., however, was able to pull him from the doomed plane and save his life.

In keeping with its nickname, Squadron 21 had painted on its *Wildcat* fighters and *Avenger* torpedo bombers a picture of the cinema's "Bugs Bunny" toting a machine gun in one paw, leaning against a torpedo, and calmly chewing a carrot.



**PIN-UP GIRL**—While not in the same costume, perhaps, Faye Emerson of Warner Brothers nevertheless will be seen on the screen of the Pre-Flight Theater on Sunday in "The Very Thought Of You." Eleanor Parker and Dennis Morgan assist.

**French Fool Nazis In Resisting Rule**

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them so as to short the circuits. The Germans could find in short time where the cable had been cut, so the job had to be done quickly to prevent discovery by enemy patrol cars and dogs. The Maquis traveled in Indian-file from the scene, the last man dragging a piece of codfish behind him to throw off the scent. In comparison, the cutting of aerial telephone wires was simple, with only a strong pair of wire-cutters needed.

**Cadet B Was "Dead"**

Cadet B, also threatened with shipment to Germany as a slave laborer, took to the mountains under an assumed name—dead to friends and family in occupied France.

His training with underground forces was rugged, including night hikes in the mountains, drill in field stripping, and practice in hand-to-hand street fighting. His comrades had practically no arms or ammunition. The main supply came from attacks made against the "chantiers de jeunesse," a youth organization of Laval.

But the principal aim was to kill Germans. Once the camp was attacked and 30 of the group taken prisoners by German soldiers of the mountain division. A few days later, word spread that two German high officials were going to tour that region.

As Cadet B explains, "That was so nice! We waited for them and in a very deserted part of the road, hidden behind rocks, we saw their grey car coming up the twisting road.

"We jumped them and in a moment had them tied down. We brought them back to our camp, where with hair cut and in old clothes they spent eight days with us working hard, cutting wood or cleaning the 'chalet.' Then we sent spokesmen to the 'Kommendantur' asking for our 30 boys in exchange for the Nazi officers. We won, our boys were free again, and we sent back the Nazis who had lost their 'German arrogance'."

**Could Trust No One**

Later Cadet B left the Maquis to begin work as an "agent de liaison"—a routine but dangerous life. All day long he traveled on trains, carrying mail, orders, suppressed newspapers, arms and explosives.

"You cannot imagine those nights in the waiting rooms of stations," he relates. "We could trust nobody. The old man quietly smoking his pipe is probably a policeman. We became very clever in detecting them; it became a sort of sixth sense. In the train, the stations, the movies we were always on guard. I had to change my identification five times."

—Join the Red Cross—

**Dance For Cadets On Tap Tomorrow**

A Welfare and Recreation dance for the new 67th and 68th Batts, as well as the 11-R-B and 4-R-B groups, will be held tomorrow in the Pine Room, Lenoir Hall.

With the Cloudbuster band supplying the strains, the hop will begin at 2100 and wind up at 2350. Refreshments will be served.

Girls' dress may be formal or informal.



**CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER**—Promotions for all nurses aboard the station were authorized last week by ALNAV-45 and here, bedecked in their new braid, they exchange congratulations. Left to right are Lt. (jg) Virginia Friddle, Lt. (jg) Gladys Ryder, Lt. (jg) Mary Horney, Lt. (jg) Frances Engstrom, Lt. (jg) Frances Tirrell and Lt. Anne Check, chief nurse. Not present for the picture was Lt. (jg) Martha Gonser.

**COMING EVENTS**

**FRIDAY**

**SPORTS**  
Finals of Sports Program championships, Woollen gym, 1900.

**SATURDAY**

**MOVIES**  
Village: Free movies, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," with Gail Russell and Diana Lynn. Features at 1500, 1900 and 2051.  
Carolina: "Keys of the Kingdom," with Gregory Peck and Thomas Mitchell.  
Pick: "Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves," with Maria Montez and Jon Hall.

**DANCE**  
Hop for 67th and 68th Batts and 4-R-B and 11-R-B in Pine Room, Lenoir Hall, 2100-2350. Music by the Cloudbusters. Refreshments.

**SERVICEMEN'S CHRISTIAN LEAGUE**  
For Pre-Flight cadets, 1900, Baptist Church.

**SUNDAY**

**DIVINE SERVICES**  
Protestant: Memorial Hall at 1000.  
Catholic: Gerrard Hall at 0630, Hill Music Hall at 1000.  
Jewish: Hillel House at 1000.

**MOVIES**  
Village: Free movies, "The Very Thought of You," with Dennis Morgan, Eleanor Parker and Faye Emerson. Features at 1300 and 1446.  
Carolina: "Objective Burma," with Errol Flynn and Henry Hull.  
Pick: "The Conspirators," with Hedy Lamarr and Paul Henreid.

**OPEN HOUSE**  
Spencer Dormitory, for members of the 68th Batt, 11-R-B and 4-R-B, 1400-1745.

**WEDNESDAY**

**HAPPY HOUR**  
"Playmakers' Polyphonic Pastimes," by the UNC Playmakers, Memorial Hall at 1900.