

'Buster Trainee, Wearing DFC, Is At Home In Pacific Skies

When Student Aviation Pilot Sidney E. Bailey completes his training at Carolina Pre-Flight and takes to the air he should feel singularly at home. At 23, the High Point, N. C., youth already has the Distinguished Flying Cross and a working knowledge of action in Pacific skies.

A Navy man since he was 18, Bailey went through here with the 54th battalion in September, 1944, but he was not called into primary training. Now back for a refresher course, he hopes to be able this time to pin wings of gold above that DFC.

Before there were enough radioman-gunners to fill the needs, aviation machinist mates such as Bailey did their share of flying in the Pacific war. It was in such a role that he won his medal on May 8, 1942.

Also In Atlantic

May 8 is a momentous date in Navy history. It was the day that the old *Lexington*, to which Bailey was attached, was sunk. But before the gallant old lady went under, her crew made the Japs pay and Bailey, whose plane put one of five torpedoes into an enemy carrier and assisted in driving off 14 fighters attacking a *Lex* squadron, played his part in the battle.

Approximately 15 minutes after his plane returned to the *Lexington*—with so little gasoline that a wave-off would have meant plunging into the drink—the American carrier was hit. Later came the order to abandon ship.

The young veteran not only served in the Pacific but after his return to the States and a survivor's leave, he went aboard the *USS Card*, the CVE which later won distinction in the Atlantic. Aboard the *Card* he did not fly but acted as plane captain.

Joined Navy in '39

Bailey joined the Navy in 1939 as an apprentice seaman and from March, 1940, until her sinking he was attached to the *Lex*. In January, 1942, flying with an enlisted pilot as seaman bombardier, his plane was one which attacked a Japanese submarine, bracketing her amidships with two depth charges. It was considered a "probable" kill.

Now an AMM1c, Bailey entered the V-5 program in December, 1943, attending flight prep at Middletown, Conn., and WTS in Hickory, N. C., before reporting aboard here the first time in June, 1944.

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come with Rear Admiral Nomy to Chapel Hill for the occasion.

The citation accompanying the award indicates that Ermine, as an AMM2c, was twice wounded, once during an attack against an enemy convoy and again during an attack resulting in the burning of his unit's station by the enemy. In the latter action, with



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Navy Bond Drive Still Is Increasing

Navy War Bond purchases in February totaled \$34,289,536, an increase of 11.3% over the \$30,302,419 total of a year ago. The cumulative total since the beginning of the Navy War Bond program in October 1941 has reached \$1,056,419,924.

The combined January and February total of \$73,826,919 showed an increase of 22.3% over the \$60,372,994 figure for the corresponding period in 1944.

Payroll savings plan purchases by civilian personnel of \$17,568,134 and allotment purchases by uniformed personnel of \$13,487,269 represented the major portion of last month's total. Cash purchases were \$3,234,133.

The Navy Yards led the bond program in February with 94% of their civilian personnel investing 11.1% of gross pay in bonds, followed by the Naval Air Stations, with 95.2% investing 10.7%. For the entire Naval establishment 93.2% of the civilian personnel invested 10.6% of pay in bonds during February.

utter disregard for his own safety and despite heavy grenade rifle fire he threw himself into the middle of the conflagration to rescue endangered comrades. He was seriously burned and wounded in this action.

The War Bond Pennant will be presented by an officer from the Sixth Naval District Headquarters, on behalf of the Commandant. This Pre-Flight School qualified for the Commandant's War Bond Pennant and certificate with 97% enrollment in the bond buying program.

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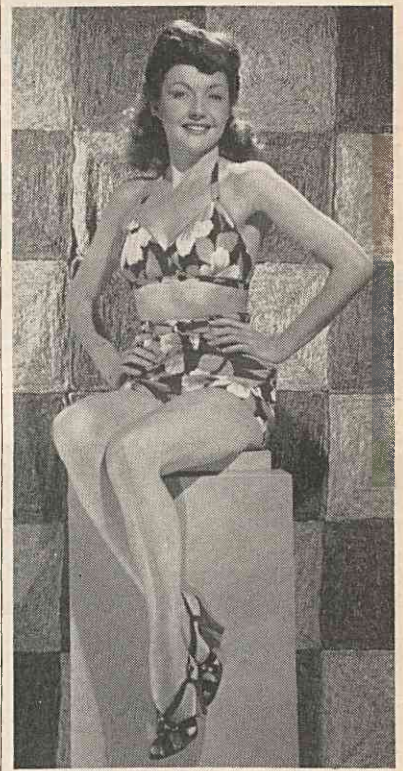
Navy Now Fitting Old Airplane Tires On Land Vehicles

Navy airplane tires of certain sizes no longer fit for safe use on aircraft are being recapped for use on Naval automotive vehicles, a conversion that ultimately may reduce Navy requirements for new tires by about 5,000 a month.

These "super-balloon" airplane tires are suitable for use on automotive vehicles having 16-inch diameter wheel equipment, which includes jeeps, pickup trucks, light delivery trucks, tractors, reconnaissance cars, and certain types of buses and ambulances.

In all, an estimated 30,000 Naval vehicles in the various Naval districts can use the three sizes of airplane tires being converted. The sizes are 30x7, 32x8, and 34x9.

Because of their wider diameter many of the tires are already being used on jeeps that have to be driven over sand. Altogether, about 1,900 airplane tires have now been converted for use on Navy ground vehicles.



SWIM STYLE—What with the swimming pools soon to be thrown open, Lynn Bari of 20th Century-Fox offers a very fetching preview of what will be in style this Summer. By paying strict attention to the suit it will be noted it's a two-piece print with a halter.

Heroic Basilone Killed

Iwo (CNS)—The first Marine to win the Congressional Medal of Honor in this war (Guadalcanal, Oct. 24-25, 1942), died on the first day of the Corps' bloodiest engagement—the battle for Iwo. Sgt. John Basilone, Raritan, N. J., fell from Jap artillery fire.

OPERATIONAL REPORT

ADVANCEMENTS:

Delia DuPont and Grace Leggett from PhM2c to PhM1c; Robert P. Lanier and Claire Hirschberg from HA1c to PhM3c.

DEPARTURES:

Lt. Comdr. Renwick E. Curry; Lt. Harley Kenneth Lyons; A. L. Sparks, RM2c; J. T. Valentinsen, SM2c; M. A. Yarbrough, EM1c.

ARRIVALS:

Lt. Paul Thomas Perney; Lt. Robert Eugene Horsley; L. L. Lundborne, Y2c.

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COMING EVENTS

TONIGHT

DIVINE SERVICES

Protestant: Good Friday Vesper Services, Memorial Hall, 1900.

Catholic: Start of three-day Mission, Hill Music Hall, 1900.

SATURDAY

MOVIES

Village: Free movie, "Tall in the Saddle," with John Wayne and Ella Raines. Complete shows at 1500, 1900 and 2044.

Carolina: "Winged Victory," with Army Air Forces cast.

Pick: "Beyond Last Frontier," with Eddie Dew and Smiley Burnett.

BASEBALL

Carolina Pre-Flight vs. Naval Academy, Annapolis, 1400.

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 movie, "The Seventh Cross," with Spencer Tracy and Signe Hasso. Complete shows at 1300 and 1459.

Carolina: "Princess and the Pirate," with Bob Hope and Virginia Mayo.

Pick: "Winged Victory."

MONDAY

BASEBALL

Carolina Pre-Flight vs. North Carolina State, Raleigh, 1500.

WEDNESDAY

HAPPY HOUR

Cloudbuster swing band, movie shorts, Memorial Hall at 1900.

Sailor From Farm Solves Undersea Problem So Sub Crew Gets Egg A Day

How the crew of a submarine in the Pacific gets an egg a day was detailed the other day in an account given by one of Uncle Sam's sailors home on leave.

While the sub was at a tropical island where the crew was ashore on reconnaissance, grateful natives presented the underwater sailors with a live hen.

The next day, with the sub at sea, the skipper had an egg for breakfast. It was the hen's No. 1 production. Another egg was expected the next day and it came,

minus the shell. To produce eggs, you know, a hen must consume a required amount of gritty substance so the shell can be formed.

A sailor who had come from the farm and knew about such things, rummaged through the garbage and retrieved the egg shell, pulverized it and fed it to the hen in her feed. So the next egg had a shell.

The same shell, confides the sailor, is still in use satisfactorily and effectively.