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# CLOUDBUSTER

## Youthful Former Clodbuster Captures Honors In Pacific

For distinguishing himself by heroism and skill in furious battles near the Philippines last September, Lt. (jg) Evald Holmgaard, of Lynbrook, N. Y., and a cadet in the 17th Batt here two years ago, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and a Gold Star in lieu of a second Air Medal.

The 20-year-old flier chalked up his air victories while serving with a carrier-based squadron which played a major supporting role in helping to pave the way for the Philippine invasion.

His initial encounter came on Sept. 13 when he was attacked by a strong interceptor force while strafing enemy shore installations. In the split-second action that followed, Lt. (jg) Holmgaard caught one single-engine Jap fighter in his sights and sent it down in flames.

### Also Has Unit Citation

A week later another hectic aerial battle developed while he was escorting torpedo and bomber planes on a strike against Nipponese shipping. When the battle was over, 10 enemy aircraft had been shot down and five others listed as probably destroyed. The ex-Clodbuster was credited with one interceptor destroyed and two probables.

He was awarded the Gold Star in lieu of a second Air Medal for his part in the Sept. 13 engagement, and the DFC for his achievements in the other battle.

In addition to the Philippines, Lt. (jg) Holmgaard has seen action in the Marianas, Bonins, New Guinea, and at Truk and Palau. He also holds a Presidential Unit Citation.

### F4U Corsair

The F4U Corsair, designed and built by Chance Vought, has a maximum speed of over 400 mph., service ceiling of over 35,000 feet, and maximum range of over 1,500 miles. It can carry two 1,000-lb. bombs, and has six .50 calibre guns.

### New Party In Japan

Washington. (CNS) — Japan has met the crisis of repeated naval and military reverses at the hands of U. S. forces by forming a new "sure victory" party, the Political Association of Greater Japan.



Lt. (jg) Holmgaard

## 355 Aviation Cadets And Student Pilots New Arrivals Here

Three hundred and fifty-five aviation cadets and student aviation pilots reported aboard at this Pre-Flight School last week to form a new battalion, the 69th, or to resume training as refreshers.



Also during the week a total of 60 trainees departed for primary air training at the Naval Air Station at Bunker Hill, Ind.

One hundred and sixty of the new arrivals form the 69th Batt. Of the remainder, 87 are four-week refreshers, 82 are 12-week refreshers, and 26 are 26-week refreshers.

### Open House Scheduled

An "open house" for the 64th battalion and 11-R-C and 4-R-C cadets will be held Sunday, April 15, by girls of Alderman dormitory.

The party will get under way at 1500 and continue until 1745.

## Dance For French Slated Tomorrow

Cadets of the French Units will dance tomorrow in the Pine Room, Lenoir Hall, to the music of the Clodbuster swing band.

The All-French hop will start at 2100 and wind up at 2345. Refreshments will be served.

An extension of liberty for those invited has been granted, with taps at 0030 and lights out at 0045.

Girls' dress may be formal or informal.

## Story Of Navy Nurses Shown In Movie Film

"Navy Nurse," a two-reel featurette produced by the Navy Department, will be shown tonight and tomorrow at the Carolina Theatre as part of the regular program.

The film, which stars Andrea King, is a behind-the-scenes story of the Nurse Corps.

## Surprise!

Western Front. (CNS)—Two 8th Division pfcs found a heavy iron safe in a pile of rubble in western Germany. They succeeded in opening it after attacking it for an hour with hammers, axes and crowbars. Inside, they found 12 packages of K rations.

## Cmdr. Boyd Heads Medical Dept. As Capt. Vance Leaves

Capt. Deane H. Vance, (MC) USN Ret., senior medical officer here since December, 1942, was detached during the past week for duty in Washington, D. C.

He has been succeeded by Comdr. Greydon G. Boyd, (MC) USNR, recently senior medical officer of the USS Langley.

A native of Ridgeway, Colo., Capt. Vance is a veteran of the Navy Medical Corps with service dating back more than 27 years to 1917. He was one of the Navy's first flight surgeons and is qualified as a pilot. He has had more than seven years of sea duty and has served in the Philippines and at other overseas stations.

### Studied At Harvard

Comdr. Boyd, from Perry, Mo., has served as assistant surgeon at the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, N. H., as senior medical officer for the Aviation Cadet Selection Board, 12th Naval District, and as senior medical officer at the Marine Air Station, El Toro, Cal.

Capt. Vance is a graduate of the University of Colorado School of Medicine, while Comdr. Boyd received his medical training at Harvard.



NEW SMO TAKES OVER—Comdr. Greydon G. Boyd, (MC) USNR, left, during the past week succeeded Capt. Deane H. Vance, (MC) USN Ret., as senior medical officer at the Navy dispensary.