

7th Batt Cadet Aids Air Group To Big Record

Among the members of Navy Carrier Air Group Three—veteran of attacks in the China Sea and three strikes on Tokyo—returning home for leave and re-assignment is Lt. (jg) Adelard F. Landry, former cadet of the 7th Batt here from Indian Orchard, Mass.

During four months of combat, the "Crazy Cats" chalked up an enviable record which included shooting down 91 enemy planes; destroying 181 on the ground; sinking 28 ships, totaling 78,550 tons and including one light cruiser and two destroyers; hitting 76 enemy airfields; and aiding in the almost total destruction of an aircraft assembly plant and the Tachikawa engine plant south of Tokyo.

The "thrill of a lifetime," states a Navy Department release, was experienced by the group on the 16th and 17th of February over Tokyo, when the "Crazy Cats" accounted for over half of the total planes shot down during their entire tour.

On the 17th Lt. (jg) Landry took his big Grumman Avenger off the deck and dropped his load of bombs on the Tachikawa engine plant.

Settling A Score

"I never got more of a kick out of anything," he said. "It sort of settled the score for having been shot down over the Philippines."

Lt. (jg) Landry had been shot down in December. He and his two aircrewmen were befriended by guerrillas and organized a working party to build a 700-foot landing field so that the Army could fly in with a liaison plane and rescue them. Pilot and crew were back aboard their carrier 19 days after they were shot down.

Another former Carolina Pre-Flighter had a narrow escape during a bombing attack by Navy Composite Squadron 81 on Iwo Jima.

Iwo Jima appeared to be a barren, deserted rock from the



BETTY GIRL—No pin-up collection would be complete without Betty Grable, the blonde lady of the movies. A favorite with GIs since the war began, Betty still ranks as Twentieth Century-Fox's No. 1 entry in the pin-up derby, for obvious reasons.
(20th Cent.-Fox Photo)

Lt. Drexel's 65th Batt Takes Honors For Fourth Time

Lt. K. O. Drexel's 65th Batt became a four-time winner in battalion competition when it came through with 271½ points to take the regimental title during the past fortnight.

The winning 65th took first place in Class Athletics, tied for honors with Lt.

C. A. Robinson's 64th in Military, and placed second to Lt. William Porterfield's 67th Batt in Academics. In the Sports Program the 65th finished third with 84 points.

The second place 67th was tops in Academics, while the third place 64th won the Sports Program competition and received a 25-point bonus for being adjudged the best of the battalions in the regimental review held on March 31. The 64th won Sports Program titles in boxing and swimming.

The French Units made 35 points in the Sports Program.

Summary:

	64th	65th	67th	68th	11RB
Military	62½	62½	10	25	0
Review bonus 25	25
Academics	0	50	75	10	25
Class Athletics 10	10	75	50	0	25
Sports Pr'g'm. 107	107	84	88½	20½	45
Totals	204½	271½	223½	55½	95



air without a Jap in sight, but when Squadron 81 began its bombing run, intense anti-aircraft fire spurted from every cave and crevice and riddled four of the eight torpedo planes making the attack—including that of Ens. James J. McMahon, of Freehold, N. J., who was in the 24th Batt here.

Entire Crew Rescued

Three of the crippled planes made it back to the squadron's escort carrier, but Ens. McMahon's crashed into the sea. When his plane was riddled with flak, shrapnel set off a smoke bomb which in turn set fire to the clothing and parachute of the radioman. The fire was extinguished, but most of the plane's control surfaces had been shot away, and the hydraulic system was knocked out. Ens. McMahon made a water landing, and he and his crew were picked up by a destroyer.

COMING EVENTS

TOMORROW

BASEBALL
Cloudbusters vs. Catawba College, Emerson Stadium, 1500.

TRACK
Cloudbusters vs. Georgia Pre-Flight, Athens, Ga.

MOVIES
Village: Free movie, "Rainbow Island," with Dorothy Lamour and Eddie Bracken. Complete shows at 1500, 1900 and 2042.

Carolina: "The Three Caballeros," by Walt Disney and starring Donald Duck. Pick: "Overland Mail Robbery," with Bill Elliot.

DANCE
Hop for the French cadets, Pine Room, Lenoir Hall, 2100 to 2345. Refreshments, Cloudbuster band.

SUNDAY

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

BASEBALL
Cloudbusters vs. Cherry Point Marines, Emerson Stadium, 1500.

MOVIES
Village: Free movie, "An American Romance," with Brian Donlevy. Complete shows at 1300 and 1502.
Carolina: "Keep Your Powder Dry," with Lana Turner, Laraine Day and Susan Peters.
Pick: "Kingdom for a Cook," with Monty Woolley.

WEDNESDAY

HAPPY HOUR
Memorial Hall, 1900. Music and movie short subjects.

BASEBALL
Cloudbusters vs. North Carolina State, Raleigh, 1600.

SB2C Helldiver

Curtiss' Helldiver, SB2C, is rated at maximum speed of over 250 mph., with service ceiling of over 20,000 feet, and maximum range of over 1,000 miles. Its bomb load is 1,000 pounds, while armament includes two .30 calibre machine guns, two 20 mm. cannons, four .50 calibre fixed guns, and eight rocket launchers.

OWI Reports Jap Navy Man Good Fighter, Well Trained

Japanese Navy dead are estimated by the Office of War Information at 262,000 officers and men since Pearl Harbor.

This compares with total American Naval casualties of 92,819, of whom 35,750 are dead.

Contrasted with more than 3,000,000 men in this country's sea arm, OWI said Japan's present naval personnel afloat and ashore totals 850,000.

Because the Nipponese do not let life-saving interfere with other operations, OWI stated it is conservative to estimate that 75% of the crews of Japanese

warships sunk meet death.

In a special report on the Japanese sailor and his fleet, based on U. S. Navy and other official sources, OWI described the enemy's seaman as "a good fighting man well trained, well educated, well equipped."

It was pointed out that because Japan is a fishing country, it still has a tremendous reserve of manpower "disciplined to the sea." About 1,500,000 men still can be drawn upon, about 1,250,000 of them fishermen and the rest merchant seamen, the report said.



THE WINNER—John D. Keegan, battalion commander, on the left, and M. L. Borchelt, battalion sub-commander, prepare to two-block the 65th Batt flag symbolic of their battalion's supremacy in regimental competition during the past fortnight.