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U. S. NAVY PRE-FLIGHT SCHOOL, CHAPEL HILL, N. C.

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We Add 100,000th Unit To U.S. Fleet Since Pearl Harbor

The 100,000th unit has joined the fleets of the United States Navy since December 7, 1941. At that time the Navy had on hand 7,695 vessels and craft of all kinds, comprising 2,680,000 tons. Since then approximately 8,000,000 tons of new construction at a cost of more than \$17,-000,000,000 have been added to the combatant, auxiliary, landing craft, patrol craft, mine craft, and district craft categories of Naval vessels, according to Vice Admiral E. L. Cochrane, U.S.N., Chief of the Bureau of Ships.

In addition, nearly 3,000 ships and craft have been acquired and converted, adding about 5,000,-000 tons to the Navy.

In the combatant category, 1,150 ships of the line have been completed since Pearl Harbor. Landing ships and craft represent 82,266 of the 100,000 total. Five hundred and fifty-seven auxiliaries have been completed, and the balance of the 100,000 Vessels represents patrol craft, mine craft, district craft and small boats.

160 Different Types
The Bureau of Ships, during this period has completed designs for 160 different types of vessel and craft, ranging from the 45,000-tons CVB's, such as the Midway, Coral Sea, and the Franklin D. Roosevelt, to collapsible rubber boats used for res-(Continued on Page 3)



SPECIAL STAMP—This special Independence Day validating stamp will be used on all "cash" bonds sold.



FIRST BOND-Getting the Independence Day Extra Cash War Bond Drive off to a good start on this station, Comdr. James P. Raugh, commanding officer, buys the first bond from Lt. John C. Worth, local war bond officer.

Rear Admiral Sallada Becomes New Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics

Rear Admiral Harold B. Sallada, USN has relieved Rear Admiral DeWitt C. Ramsey, USN, as Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics.

Rear Admiral Ramsey has been Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics since August, 1943. Before that time he was successively in command of an aircraft carrier and commander of a carrier task force in the South Pacific. He has now received a sea assignment.

Rear Admiral Sallada has been in command of a carrier division in the Pacific. He served previously in the Bureau of Aeronautics from 1931 to 1933 and from 1936 to 1939, and was Director of Planning in the Bureau and under the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Air) in 1942 and 1943.

The Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics is charged with the responsibility for the design, test, production, procurement and maintenance of naval aircraft and aeronautical equipment.

Better than Cash

War Bonds are better than cash. They can be replaced if lost or stolen; they increase in value the longer they are held, and they can be converted immediately into cash in case of need any time 60 days after issuance.

Behind the Navy Pilots

Right behind the shock troops of Pacific island invasion are the men who build the air bases and service the planes. The work of the ACORN's and CASU's gets little publicity, but they share the hardships and dangers of advanced naval aviation bases often hewn out of coral islands. CASU personnel repair and service the planes. Seabees attached to the ACORN build the airstrips and related installations. Each ACORN is so equipped that when coupled with a CASU, it can service, re-arm, maintain routine upkeep for planes of a carrier group or a patrol aircraft squadron.

\$25 Bonds Float Carrier

At recent ceremonies christening the new carrier, USS Franklin D. Roosevelt, Rear Admiral F. A. Daubin, USN, Commandant of the New York Navy Yard which built the ship, said:

Lejeune Dutch in Soccer

A soccer team of French cadets from this station will meet a

"This great ship is positive proof of the uses to which the Government is putting the War Bond investment of the American people. To meet her cost requires that over 4,800,000 people buy a \$25 War Bond."

War Bond Sale Makes Good In First Week

Making a strong showing in its first week, the Independence Day Extra Cash War Bond Sale got off to a good start here on this station with 10 one thousand dollar bonds and several fivehundred dollar bonds sold on the

opening day, June 1st.

"The results of this sale are most gratifying to date," stated Lt. John C. Worth, war bond officer, in a mid-week interview. "All local groups are co-operating to help make this drive a complete success when it closes on July 7th."

No Delay in Delivery

Facilities are set up in the Welfare and Recreation Office at Alexander Hall with extra clerical help so that bonds can be purchased with the least of waiting and immediate delivery is made after the bond has been bought.

According to a statement by Ralph A. Bard, Acting Secretary of the Navy, this will be the Navy's last extra "cash" war bond drive.

All personnel of this station are urged to do their part to make this last "cash" sale a total success and help keep up this station's excellent record in previous bond sales.

Civilians are reminded that any bonds they purchase through the Pre-Flight School will be included in the war bond quota for the 7th War Loan Drive in Orange County.

Cadets To Be Guests of Playmakers Saturday Eve

At their Saturday's presentation of the Shakespearian favor-ite, "The Taming of the Shrew," the North Carolina Playmakers are inviting 500 Pre-Flight cadets as guests. This production will be presented on the stage of the Forest Theater beginning at 2030.

Pre-Flight French Play

team of Dutch players from Camp Lejeune this Sunday at Camp Lejeune. Two weeks later on Sunday, June 24, these same teams will compete on the soccer field here at the Pre-Flight