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Navy Inaugurates NBC Radio Series Starting July 10

The first network radio series to be written and produced by the Navy Department will have its premiere in Washington, D. C., at 2100-2130 EWT, Tuesday, 10 July, over the National Broadcasting Company.

The series will feature the 90piece U. S. Navy Symphony Orchestra, a high-ranking Navy officer in a report of the current
war news, a pickup from a ship
of the Pacific Fleet, and an especially written dramatic tribute
to a particular branch of the
service with a name guest star
and especially arranged music.

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Lieut. Robert Taylor, USNR, who will act as master of ceremonies for the first three programs, is on duty as a flight instructor at the Naval Air Station, New Orleans, La., a unit of the Naval Air Primary Training Command. Lieut. Taylor also has collateral duty there in connection with production of training films concerning the primary stages of Naval Aviation.

Navy Hour is scheduled to run for 13 weeks on Tuesdays at the time indicated above.

Picnic for Officers to Be Held Next Wednesday

An informal outing for the officers and their families is scheduled for Hogan's Lake on Wednesday, July 11, starting at 1630. Entertainment for the picnic, which will be the first of three sponsored this summer by the Welfare and Recreation Office, is being planned by a committee from the Military Department, with Lt. Comdr. E. M. Waller as chairman. Officers needing transportation should get in touch with Lt. Comdr. Waller or Lt. (jg) Edwin W. Polk, Welfare and Recreation Officer.

Problems of Divorce

Kokomo, Ind. (CNS).—The big issue in this divorce suit is not custody of the children but custody of an elephant. Terrell Jacobs says he doesn't mind losing his wife, Marie, but he wants that elephant. So does Marie. Its loss, says Jacobs, would leave him with only eight lions, five tiger cubs, four leopards, and four monkeys. Both are circus performers.



NEW CADET STAFF—Members of the new cadet regimental staff from the 67th Battalion are, left to right, William M. Boardman, Gary, W. Va., regimental commander; Alan E. Rasmussen, Minneapolis, Minn., regimental sub-commander; Harry O. Walp, Upper Darby, Pa., regimental adjustant; and Eugene E. Katz, Conshohocken, Pa., commissary officer.

Student Aviation Pilot Was Member Of PBY Squadron in the Aleutians

After a varied career in Naval Aviation that began before Pearl Harbor and has included several "firsts," Student Aviation Pilot, K. W. Waters of the 70th Battalion is working to win the Navy's Wings of Gold.

Taking his boot training at Norfolk in early 1941, Waters entered the Class "A" Aviation Machinist Mate's School, also at Norfolk.

Late in September of '41, he was assigned to VP-51, a squadron made up PBY's, where he took over duties as a "second mech" and was taught proficiency as a turret gunner.



On fateful December 7th, the squadron was ordered to Honolulu and Waters was there at Ford Island until in May, just before the Battle of Midway, when he was

sent Stateside to bring out more planes.

Members of VP-51 had hardly arrived in the States before the Japs attacked Dutch Harbor. With a group of new planes, VP-51 was sent at once to the Aleutians as the first patrol bombers to hit the Japs in that area.

Attacked by 6 Zeros

The squadron attacked several enemy subs in the Aleutian area, and carried out bombing raids on Kiska. Returning from one bombing raid, the plane in which Waters was flying was jumped by six Jap Zeros and was followed most of the way back to the base.

"I don't know why they didn't shoot us down," declared Waters. "We were just lucky that they didn't decide to close in on us."

The squadron lost more planes to bad weather than they did to the enemy. Take-offs frequently had to be made when objects could not be seen over one hundred yards away.

The only squadron plane lost due to enemy action was one that broke up and sank as it landed at the base after being shot-up in a running duel with Nip fighters.

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VB-101 participated in the last battle of Guadalcanal and made heavy strikes on enemy shipping in the Munda area. During the first month of these daylight raids over important concentrations of enemy shipping, VB-101

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Last Chance To Take Part In Bond Drive

The Navy's Independence Day War Bond sale comes to a close here tomorrow, and as yet the station quota has not been reached, it is announced by Lieut. John C. Worth, local War Bond Officer. The Pre-Flight School, at this writing Wednesday, was still \$24,000 short of its goal, although bonds with \$60,-875 maturity value had been purchased.

It is hoped that many of the persons unsubscribed will buy their bonds in Room 112, Alexander, before the sale ends

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By mid-week the cadet regiment had purchased a total of \$26,575 in bonds, as shown below by battalions with percentages of quotas met and total amounts bought:

66th Batt 22.5% \$1,600 67th Batt 18.1% 1,125 68th Batt 50.4% 3,525 69th Batt 35.9% 3,225 70th Batt 63.7% 9,550 71st Batt 62.2% 4,975 Refreshers 17.0% 2,575

Officers here have purchased bonds with \$30,150 maturity value, the crew \$1,300, and civilian workers \$2,850.

Mr. Gates Is New Under Secretary of the Navy

Artemus L. Gates, former Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air, on July 3 became Under Secretary of the Navy, succeeding Mr. Ralph A. Bard. As Assistant Secretary for Air since Sept. 5, 1941, Mr. Gates supervised the building up of the Navy's air force to its present striking power.

The new Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air is Mr. John L. Sullivan, a former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Pre-Flight Band Will Open Concerts in July

The Pre-Flight Band is in preparation for the coming concert season. The music will be of a varied nature, including popular arrangements of classical and semi-classical numbers. The season will open on July 29th.

Rehearsals for the concerts are being held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at the Band Barracks.