



LOVELY ENTERTAINERS—The program committee for the Open House to be held at the Spencer Hall dormitory Sunday afternoon are here assembled before the camera. They are from l. to r.: Mary C. Bowers, Felice Maurer, Eugenia Payne, Mary Russell, Lydia Caffery, and Dardie Quinerly. Invited to the open house are members of the 72nd Battalion.

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the best instruction. "Yours is a high honor and a great privilege. You who have carried the burden of training have acquitted yourself well. You who are now returning from combat known from first-hand experience that the Jap is fanatically courageous, determined and wily foe, who will take full advantage of any let-down on our part. Upon all of you, as instructors, lies the responsibility for the continuing high quality of the pilots and aircrewmembers who must carry on the long tough fight ahead."

Adm. Mitscher Praises

In a report on operations against Tokyo and Iwo Jima during February and March, Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, then Commander Task Force 58, declared: "The performance of pilots during these operations—in view of their inexperience, the nature of the targets, and the foul weather encountered—is considered to be of the highest order. Too much credit cannot be given to the Naval Aviation Training Organization and its methods."

'Well Done' from CNAT

Adding his "well done" to all hands in the Naval Air Training Command, Rear Admiral C. A. Pownall, Chief of Naval Air Training, pointed out that "a long struggle still remains in the war against Japan, and therefore, our efforts must continue to the making of not only good but the very best combat Naval pilots, aircrewmembers, and Naval enlisted aviation ratings, that it is within our capabilities to accomplish."

CNAPT Congratulates

Commenting on these laudatory messages, Read Admiral O. B. Hardison, Chief of Naval Air Primary Training, "proudly congratulates all hands serving within the NAPTC for having

COMING EVENTS

TONIGHT

SPORTS
Finals of the Regimental Sports Program. Fetzer Field at 1900.

TOMORROW

BASEBALL
Cloudbusters vs. Kinney's Athletic Club at Winston Salem, N. C.

MOVIES
Village: Free movie, "Wing and a Prayer" with Don Ameche and Dana Andrews. Complete shows at 1500, 1900, and 2042.
Carolina: "Tarzan and the Amazons" with Johnny Weissmuller and Brenda Joyce.
Pick: "Hidden Valley Outlaws" with Wild Bill Elliott and George "Gabby" Hayes.

SUNDAY

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

SUNDAY

BASEBALL
Cloudbusters vs. Camp Butner. Emerson stadium at 1500.

BAND CONCERT
Navy Pre-Flight Band. Forest Theatre at 1630.

MOVIES
Village: Free movie, "To Have and Have Not" with Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall. Complete shows at 1300 and 1448.
Carolina: "The Corn Is Green" with Bette Davis and Nigel Bruce.
Pick: "Lady in the Dark" with Ginger Rogers and Ray Milland.

WEDNESDAY

BASEBALL
Cloudbusters vs. Fort Bragg Personnel Center. Emerson stadium at 1600.

merited the above . . . praise and joins with CNATra in urging continued undiminished effort."

"The importance of the primary stage of aviation training cannot be overestimated, for it is there that the future pilot is taught to fly," Rear Admiral Hardison stated. "At units of the NAPTC the work of every officer and enlisted person, man or woman, contributes valuably to the successful training and development of the aviation cadet into a qualified combat pilot."

'Buster Bits

Cadet from 70th Battalion Displays Short Snorter Signed by Mme. Chiang

Among the interesting souvenirs brought home from the Pacific by Cadet Louis Corbell of the 70th Battalion is a short snorter bill signed by Mme. Chiang Kai-shek.

Corbell's flying career began back in 1940 when, as a civilian, he entered the Flight Engineering course conducted by the Pan American Airlines at Treasure Island near San Francisco.

Later as an AMM 3c, Corbell was assigned to the Naval Air Transport Service and began flying as third mech in PB2Y's between San Francisco and Pearl Harbor.

In the Fall of 1942, Corbell was assigned to fly with the NATS "Cannon Ball" run from Pearl Harbor on thru to Brisbane, Australia.

Plane Forced Down

On one of the shuttle trips between Canton Island and Auckland, the plane developed prop trouble and was forced to make an emergency landing at sea. An emergency radio message was sent out, and after two and a half days of floating about aimlessly, a destroyer sighted them and brought the necessary repair parts.

Corbell made the repairs on the faulty propeller, and the plane returned safely to base.

In the Spring on '43, Corbell was sent to Calcutta, India where he was assigned for a short while to the Chinese National Airways who had a contract with NATS.

Meets Mme. Chiang Kai-shek

While flying the Calcutta-Chungking run, Corbell met Mme. Chiang Kai-shek for whom he has a great deal of respect. It was at this time that she signed his short snorter bill, which bears the signatures of several other important people including J. T. Tripp, president of PanAir. Corbell flew "over the hump" of the Himalayas several times during his stay with CNAC.

In the Fall of 1943, Corbell was shifted to Espiritu Santo where he was assigned to VB 104 as a plane captain of a PB4Y making short bombing runs over the Munda and Vella Lavella area.

On one bombing mission, the plane was attacked by several Jap Kates and one of the gunners was killed in the fight.

When Corbell returned to the United States in March, 1944, he had over 2000 flight hours to his credit, most of which were made over water.

Radioman from VP 91

Now a member of the 70th Battalion, Cadet Robert Buttercase was formerly an Aviation Radioman with VP 91, seeing action in the Rabaul area.

Finishing ARM school at Jacksonville in October of 1942, Buttercase was sent to OTU at San

Diego, and later assigned to VP 91 where he flew as second radioman in PBY's.

VP 91 spent several months practicing with special anti-sub gear before being sent out to Espiritu Santo on anti-sub patrol.

After several months of patrolling without contact with an enemy sub, the anti-sub gear was removed from all planes in VP91 and squadron was used exclusively for DUMBO work in rescuing fliers who had been forced down over water.

Rescue Marine Flier

From February, 1944 until September of the same year, Buttercase was doing rescue work over Rabaul, Green Island, and the Treasuries.

While in the vicinity of the St. George channel, the plane in which he was flying was called to rescue a Marine flier who was forced down in the water within range of an enemy shore battery. Landing and taxiing in under enemy fire, the DUMBO plane took the Marine aviator aboard and made a take-off before the enemy could concentrate fire on the plane.

In Pacific Landings

Among the 11-week refreshers who have gone a long way since leaving Pre-Flight training last year is Robert W. Mitchell, of Tuscon, Ariz.

Mitchell, who entered the Navy in January, 1941, left St. Mary's Pre-Flight School in August of last year. After training at the Oceanside amphibious base, he went into the Pacific with a JASCO (Joint Assault Signal Company), and participated in landings at New Guinea, Leyte, and Luzon. Orders sending him back into the V-5 program reached him in Manila early in May.

Before originally entering the naval aviation program, he served as SM2c aboard the USS Grant, making runs between Dutch Harbor and Seattle.

