



# All Trainees to Leave Here by October 1st

## Rear Adm. Wagner Will Become New Chief of NAPT

Rear Admiral O. B. Hardison, USN, whose detachment as Chief of Naval Air Primary Training was announced last week, will be succeeded sometime in November by Rear Admiral Frank D. Wagner, USN, who is credited with being the inventor of dive bombing.

In the interim Capt. Harry E. Sears, USN, who has been Chief of Staff for Admiral Hardison and also Deputy Chief of Naval Air Primary Training, will administer the command.

In a farewell statement to all hands at Naval Air Stations and Navy Pre-Flight Schools of NAPT, Admiral Hardison declared:

"I have as of this date, 11 September 1945, been detached after more than 20 months as Chief of Naval Air Primary Training. During those months at units of this command we have trained and sent on to further training for ultimate duty as combat pilots with the fleet more than 26,000 aviation cadets, including

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## UNC Speakers Tell Cadets Of College Chance

Some 850 Pre-Flight cadets expecting to return to civilian life in the near future met in Memorial Hall last Friday morning to hear a two-hour program on college education, with speakers drawn from faculty and student leaders at the University of North Carolina.

Purpose of the program was to inform the cadets on what they might expect from colleges in general, since many of them will soon be entering colleges as civilians for the first time.

Guy B. Phillips, secretary of summer school and head of the College for War Training, presided over the session. Chancellor R. B. House gave a general statement of advantages offered veterans in colleges and universities over the nation. Short talks were made by Dr. Cecil Johnson, representing Dean C. P. Spruill of the General College, Dr. A. W. Hobbs, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. John B. Woosley of the

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**DIRECTING** the process of cadet transfers to Navy Separation Centers is this officer trio, from left to right, Lt. Karl Drexel, records officer, Ens. Charles Alcorn, on loan from the navigation department, and Lt. Eugene Flick, insurance and transportation officer.

## Navy's Box Score Confirmed by Japs

(SEA)—The Japanese have not only confirmed the U. S. Navy's list of Jap combatant ships sunk or out of action, but have declared two battleships previously believed moderately damaged were out of action.

The U. S. Navy claimed 318 Jap combatant vessels sunk or out of action, and the figure was borne out when the Japanese Register of Naval Vessels was presented to Navy officers.

## Decommissioning Of School Will Follow Shortly

The open season for soothsaying, speculation, and the usual variety of Navy scuttlebutt came to a close here last Wednesday when official word was received that all trainees at this Pre-Flight School are to be transferred by Oct. 1 and the school decommissioned shortly thereafter.

It is estimated that approximately 1,000 of the 1,400 in the regiment at the beginning of the separation program will be sent to Navy Separation Centers for release to inactive duty and civilian life. The remainder who have expressed a desire to continue in the naval aviation program will be transferred elsewhere for training.

Facilities of the University of North Carolina which have been occupied by the Pre-Flight School since its commissioning in May, 1942, are being turned back to the university as rapidly as possible, Comdr James P. Rough, commanding officer, stated yesterday. Every effort, he said, is being made by the Navy to expedite the return of dormitories and other buildings used by the Pre-Flight School during the war, in order to aid the university in meeting its postwar expansion needs.

### Speedy Separation

Discontinuance of this Pre-Flight School, which is a unit of the Naval Air Primary Training Command, is in line with the general curtailment of the naval aviation training program.

As of today a total of 316

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### Inactive Duty Rank

An officer of the Naval Reserve who, while on active duty, held a temporary rank, shall when in an inactive duty status be entitled to bear the official title of the highest rank held on active duty and to wear the uniform of such rank when the wearing of a uniform is appropriate, the Navy Department has announced. This policy will continue until temporary appointments are no longer permitted by law, at or before which time further instructions will be issued.



**BUSIEST SPOTS** on the station during the past 10 days have been the temporary office quarters in the east end of Navy Hall, shown on the left, and the records office in Alexander Hall, on the right. In the past week and a half approximately a thousand complete records have been processed at these places to clear the way for rapid dissolution of the cadet regiment. This processing has included the preparation of aviation training records, draft lists and orders, statements of service, assignment to Separation Centers and the procurement of transportation. Pitching in to help CY Charles Ellis' yeoman staff, which itself is short-handed through transfers and releases, have been some 15 cadets who themselves are awaiting separation.