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## Sam Scuttlebutt Has a Busy Week As Orders Arrive

Just when the things were settling down into clock-work routine, transfer orders began arriving on the halfdeck and Sam Scuttlebutt staged a 1-man riot. Mail deliveries now have taken on added importance and many officers are arranging their affairs in anticipation of a quick departure.

Sam scampered all over the place Tuesday spreading the information that the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth battalions soon would lose their officers-in-charge and that Lieut. Cox of Ship's Service, was scheduled to get "those papers" from Washington any day. Taking Sam seriously, the Military Department (1) is preparing Lieut. Messikomer, former head basketball coach, to replace Lieut. Savage with the Seventh; (2) has Lieut. McCloud, former personnel officer to relieve Lieut. Hill of the Eighth; and (3) drafted Lieut. Smith from duty as head wrestling coach to command the Ninth, succeeding Lieut. Kirchner.

Succeeding Hill as head varsity baseball coach next week will be Lieut. Willard Bronson, head of the athletic equipment section.

Kirchner, Savage and Cox are scheduled for duty at sea and Hill is headed for duty with the Red  
(See SCUTTLEBUTT, page 3)

## St. Mary's Pre-Flight School Celebrates First Anniversary

Captain Steele, Lieut. Comdr. Fitzhugh and other officers from this school will be special guests at the first anniversary celebration of the commissioning of the Pre-Flight School, St. Mary's College, Calif., today and tomorrow.

A year ago tomorrow St. Mary's was officially put into commission with Captain Steele as the commanding officer. Commander C. W. King, now in command at St. Mary's, was the executive officer.

The Anniversary Ball tonight, the graduation of the Twenty-first battalion tomorrow complete with a regimental review and the baseball game between our Navyators and St. Mary's Airdevils are highlights of the celebration.



LIEUT. HILL  
"Oklahoma, Here I  
Come!"



CADETS SCHROEDER, BOTTGER AND POLIQUIN  
The Fourth followed them for three months

## Urge to Fly a Dive Bomber Caused Murphy to Quit RCAF

TWO cadets who have more than ordinary interest in the aerial activities of our British allies are D. E. Murphy, I-2, Columbus, Ohio, former pilot with the Royal Canadian Air Force, and P. W. Prior, K-2, Huntingburg, Ind., former flight dispatcher for the Royal Air Force.

Murphy enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in May, 1941, and received his wings as a sergeant pilot after completing courses at initial elementary and service flying schools. On December 7, 1941, he was enroute to England for more schooling and duty as ferry pilot.

During his nine months overseas, Sergeant Murphy logged 350 flying hours in Fleet, Harvard and Link trainers, the Miles Master and the Hurricane. Several times, in line of duty, he flew near the combat zones but never quite penetrated the war areas. Itching for action and not satisfied with his sergeant's rating, Murphy asked for and received his discharge last year and became an aviation cadet with the ambition to become a dive bomber pilot.



CADETS PRIOR AND MURPHY

Prior, cadet commander of the Sixth, served as a civilian flight dispatcher for the R.A.F. at one of its training fields in Florida. Working in the control tower or on the flight field, he was chief of ground operations and traffic control.

## Four Cadets Share High Honors as Fourth Graduates

Four midwesterners share top honors today as the Fourth takes the spotlight in graduation maneuvers with Captain Steele, Lieut. Comdr. Loader and Lieut. (jg) Beatty scheduled to appear on the program.

In physical training, J. D. Alyea, G-3, Tipton, Iowa, and R. L. Meeker, G-3, Erie, Kansas, were high with 3.90 marks, thus tying the record made by two members of the Third. Given the high grade of 3.70 by the Military Department for officer aptitude was P. A. Eschenheimer, H-2, Laredo, Missouri, and the high ground training grade was 3.78 by S. S. Walker, G-2, Benkelman, Nebraska.

G. E. Druliner, G-1, Evanston, Ill., was second to Walker with 3.77 and five other cadets registered 3.71 or above.

The Fourth reported aboard March 11 and for thirteen weeks has deployed out of its quarters in the Yorktown under the guidance of Lieut. (jg) Beatty and his two company commanders, Lieut. (jg) Benson and Lieut. (jg) Adams.

Leading the battalion into graduation formation today will be M. G. Bottger, G-3, Manhattan, Kansas, the cadet commander. Of the 242 men graduating, 22 go to NAS, Livermore; 90 to NAS, Hutchinson, Kansas; and 130 to NAS, Norman, Okla.

## Devastators Lead the Track, Soccer Races

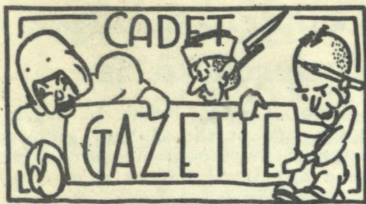
Only squadron at the top of the Sports Program standings in two activities is the Devastator aggregation, undefeated in track with fifteen victories and one tie and leading the soccer race with fourteen triumphs, one tie and one loss.

The Mariners are undefeated in water polo; the Helldivers hold the same distinction in swimming and the Mustangs have yet to lose a football game. The Skyrockets are tops in wrestling with five victories in six meets; the Vindicators lead in boxing with three victories and one loss and the Buccaneers are best in gymnastics with ten victories and two defeats.

## NAME MEDICAL COTTAGES

Upon the recommendation of Comdr. Middlestadt, senior medical officer, the medical cottages have been named after hospital ships as follows: Relief, Solace, Comfort, Repose, Mercy and Henderson.





FOURTH BATTALION

"But sir," said a worried G-2 cadet before the N. and R. final, "how are we to know the Focke-Wulf 190 from the Zero?"

Before the instructor could answer, Bob Cleavenger piped up with, "Wotthehell difference does it make? Shoot 'em both!"

Only cadet to sock an officer in the eye and escape court marshall is Bob Beckley, G-2 humorist, who crashed into Lieut. Delcambre after stalling in a swan dive during a tumbling class. . . . Jitterbug king of the Fourth is G-1's J. D. Reynolds, who with Miss Rose Gossmer won the box of candy as the best contortionist at the battalion dance.

C. G. Schroeder, H-3, was overheard when he said, "I'd rather run a mile," when the soccer class was ordered to run 100 yards. So Schroeder got to run his mile.

FIFTH BATTALION

Saturday orders: "By the numbers! Change from blues to khaki! Begin!"

All cadets interested in blue buttons see T. Brett, J-3, who is in charge of the Fifth's black market. (Red buttons by appointment only). . . . The Fifth has decided

the hikes are getting easier since not one officer was missing after last week's jaunt.

SEVENTH BATTALION

Laff of the week came during last Saturday's movie. The lone survivor from the purged Norwegian town was struggling painfully toward a lonely farm refuge in the mountains, agony written in deep lines on his face. Finally he stumbled and fell; his pain-racked body would carry him no further despite the aid of his beautiful female companion. Then amid the air of tense expectancy, some member of the Savage Seventh lets go with, "Bear a hand!"

The Seventh's Texans wish to inform the Ninth's Texans that the sun shines in some parts of California. The fog hereabouts is man-made to conceal the military installations.

The Vindicator football team is improving rapidly—it gets beaten by one more touchdown each game. . . . Contrary to the scuttlebutt, Company B's ties are supposed to be black and not polka-dot. . . . Then there's that cadet in A-3 who wrote "free" on his letter twice so it would go air mail.

OFFICERS' DANCE JUNE 25

Next officers' dance is scheduled Friday, June 25, at the Monterey Peninsula Country club with Chief Mann's musical men providing the tunes. Today at 1500 the orchestra plays for the Fifth's "Get Acquainted" dance at the Mission Ranch Club and tonight has an engagement at the Officers' Club, Presidio of Monterey.



"What do you guys want?"

PROHIBITION ITEM

Inhabitants of the halfdeck had their day brightened last Monday when a cadet answered the inquiry of an officer with, "Sir, I'm a hangover from the Third battalion."

H Company Averages 3.43

Highest company average ever recorded here in Nomenclature and Recognition is 3.43 posted last week by Company H. Top mark for the company was 3.89 by Philip Rowe. Platoons one and two averaged 3.45 and platoon three a 3.40.

Tieken Inspects Tieken

Lieut. Tieken inspected the medical department last Saturday but his written report on the inspection gave forth the information that Lieut. Tieken had inspected Lieut. Tieken and found the condition to be excellent.

Aerial Attacks by Lutz Give Mustangs Football Victories

The ball of fire mainly responsible for the Mustangs having the only undefeated football team in the Sports Program is 160-pound Henry Lutz, L-3, a pass throwing tail-back who sends the ball special delivery to his receivers.



CADET LUTZ His passes are straight and true

The Mustang gridders have won eight and tied one in nine starts, with Lutz passing for most of the touchdowns from Ensign Semanick's elongated short punt formation. In a tough game against the Devastators he booted a 35-yard field goal against the wind and from that point the Mustangs were never headed.

A graduate of Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., Lutz earned varsity letters in football, basketball, track and golf and was graduated in 1942. His home is Carbondale, Ill.

Still atop the Sports Program standings June 5 were the Devastators with a substantial lead over the Kingfishers and Buccaneers who moved up to replace the Buffaloes in the runner-up spot. The standings:

Devastator	330	Skyrocket	212½
Kingfisher	252½	Helldiver	212½
Buccaneer	252½	Vindicator	200
Mariner	240	Wildcat	192½
Buffalo	225	Coronado	192½
Mustang	222½	Catalina	112½

NEWSREEL OF TH' WEEK

SHADBURNE



NOTE TH' PRE-NAVY DRAPES

TH' 9TH GETS IT IN THE ARM



JUST TELL THEM THAT YOU SAW ME

FORT ORD ENTERTAINS



..THE NEW OBSTACLE COURSE APPROACHES COMPLETION....



...TH' BEACH SUNDAY AFTERNOON



MOXO MAKES BEAUTIFUL WOMEN APPEAR FROM THIN AIR!!!!

DONT SAY IT



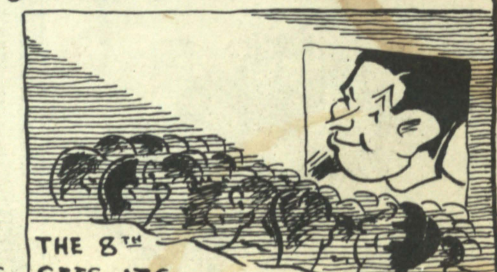
CAPT. FOSS LEAVES SOME GOOD FLIGHT TIPS WITH US....



ZIP



A CADET RUNS THE MILE IN 5.02....



THE 8TH SEES ITS FIRST MOVIE !!

## FOSS ADVISES

CAPTAIN JOE FOSS is America's champion combat flyer. He knocked down five Zeros in a single day's action, at the same time leading his squadron. Fellow flyers said the big success of that day, on which they cleaned up a whole enemy formation without losing a plane or man, was "due to Foss' tactics, the way he set up a backfield and deployed his units."

I asked Captain Joe Foss what he would tell any 16-year-old boy who wanted to be a flyer.

"Tell him," said the ace, "that if he wants to be a flyer, by all means insist on being one, if it's physically possible."

Joe appeared to believe that determination on the boy's part to

fly and fight in the air was the most important initial factor.

What should the boy do in the meantime while pointing to a military flying school?

"Be a normal, active American boy," said Captain Foss. "Study and learn. Take a vigorous part in sports, especially team sports. It helps. I was only a reserve on my football team, but the training helped."

If it helped Joe, it must be good, for he moved from a reserve in Dakota to top quarterback and field general over Guadalcanal.

## Del Monte, St. Mary's Pre-Flights to Play Sunday

DEL MONTE, June 8 — First athletic competition between California's two Navy Pre - Flight Schools is scheduled Sunday when the Navyators from the Del Monte school meet the Airdevils of St. Mary's in the first of a home-and-home baseball series at Moraga.

Both teams have good records and rivalry approaches the California vs. Stanford level. Lieutenant J. T. Hill, playing-coach

of the Navyators, was co-coach of the St. Mary's aggregation last season and his desire to beat the Airdevils is boundless.

Heavy hitting and sharp pitching have provided the Navyators with seven victories in nine starts to date. One loss, 3 to 7, was to the Army Air Force squad from Stockton Field, the same team St. Mary's was fortunate to defeat,

3 to 2.

Lieutenant Hill, who has seen big league service with New York, Washington and Philadelphia in the American League, performs at center field for his team and is the leading hitter with a .883 average. Other Navyator standouts are Ensign Art Mahan, regular first baseman for the Phillies in 1940; Ensign Eugene Corr, former Uni-

versity of California star outfielder; Ensign John Owens, former St. Mary's College catcher, and Ensign A. F. Pripp, former University of Washington baseball captain and leading hitter of the Conference.

The Navyators' starting pitcher Sunday will be either Cadet Milford Humphrey, left-hander from Cable, O., or Cadet Bill Sanchez of Los Angeles.

U.S. NAVY PRE-FLIGHT SCHOOL  
Del Monte, California

June 10, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: All Officers and Civilian Personnel.

Subject: Showing of Training Films.

1. Following the showing of "Desert Victory" last Monday afternoon, it has been decided to show a series of such films every other Monday at 1710 in Powers Hall Auditorium. Officers, their wives and families, and all Civilian Personnel attached to this station are invited to attend.

2. Titles of films and dates of showing are as follows:  
(Length of film in minutes indicated by brackets.)

June 14 --	CAVALCADE OF AVIATION	(20)
	PRELUDE TO WAR	(43)
June 28 --	EAGLES OF THE NAVY	(23)
	THE NAZIS STRIKE	(40)
July 12 --	THE ENEMY -- JAPAN	(52)
July 26 --	COASTAL COMMAND	(74)
Aug. 9 --	WORLD AT WAR	(69)
Aug. 23 --	TARGET FOR TONIGHT	(60)

3. As new films become available, they will be shown in subsequent weeks following completion of the above program. Appropriate notices will be published.

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