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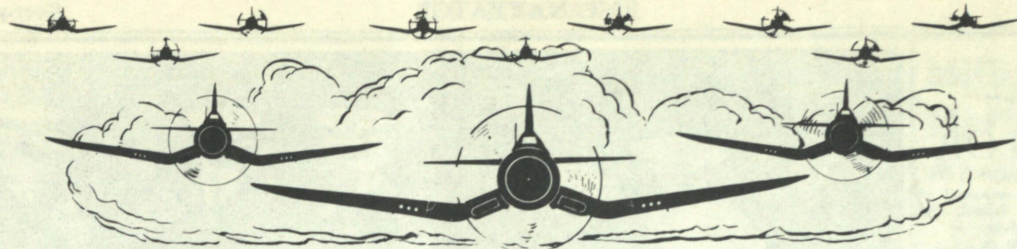
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Seaman Trank Receives Purple Heart Today

B. W. Trank, S1c, a veteran of four major battles in the Pacific, has been awarded the Purple Heart by the Navy Department and will receive it from Captain Steele during the Eighth's graduation ceremonies today.



SEAMAN TRANK
A veteran of four sea battles

Trank participated in the battles of Midway, Savo and Coral Sea and was a member of a gun crew on the California that downed a plane when the Japs raided Pearl Harbor.

After the Pearl Harbor attack

Trank was transferred to the Astoria and saw action in the Midway battle and participated in the attack on Japanese-held Guadalcanal in the Savo battle. During this action, when we gained con-

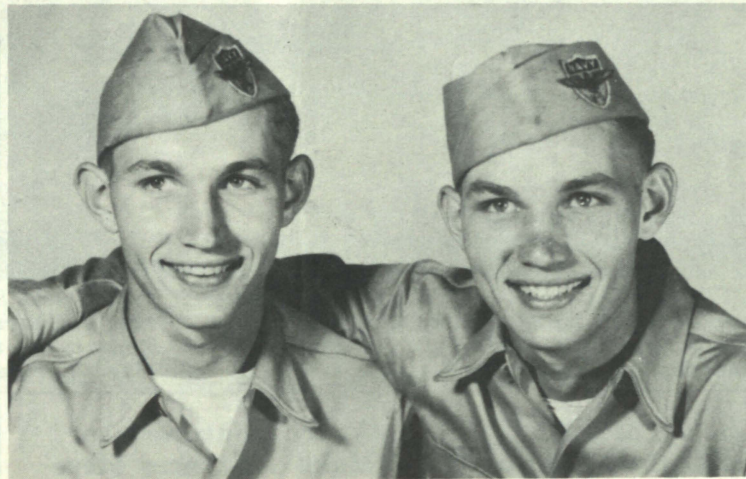


The Purple Heart

trol of Guadalcanal, the Astoria was destroyed and Trank was put out of action with burns and a head injury.

Trank, who lives in Bloomington, Calif., entered the service in September, 1940.

Tsk, Tsk Note: Lieut. (jg) France's full name is Wellman Owen Lyle France — initials W.O.L.F.



FIRST SET OF TWINS to come aboard belong to the Thirteenth Battalion—Russell (left) and Robert Harding of San Fernando, Calif. Identical twins, Robert is 20 minutes older than Robert, both worked for Universal Pictures in Hollywood before getting the Navy's call and both want duty in the South Pacific after receiving their gold wings.

Admiral Buckmaster Approves Educational Program for Officers

Rear Admiral Elliot Buckmaster, Chief of Naval Air Primary Training, recently expressed approval of the educational program for officers here and commended those officers taking the various courses made available by Lieut. Comdr. Loader. A portion of Rear Admiral Buckmaster's letter to Captain Steele follows:

"The officer training course be-

ing conducted at Del Monte is supplying a real need in the education of officer personnel.

"The Commanding Officer is commended for conducting the school and those attending are to be commended for their initiative and interest in their profession."

Kuehnle Takes a Bride

Latest benedict in the Ship's Company is Sam Kuehnle, Y2c, who married Miss Constance Hope Beale in Philadelphia, July 24. They are living in Pacific Grove.



BALLOON JOCKEYS—The first cadets from this school to be sent to Moffett Field for lighter-than-air training left this week. The group of twenty men were selected from the Eighth and the Holdover battalions.

Former Grid Star Is Honor Man in Eighth Battalion

Cadet Joseph H. Ruetz, former All-American guard at Notre Dame who spent eight months as an ensign at the St. Mary's Pre-Flight School, established the highest individual record for the Eighth Battalion that graduates today. Ruetz had the top composite grade, 3.87; ranked first in his class in ground training with a 3.85 average; tied with two others at 3.90 for the best officer aptitude and ranked second in athletics.

The graduation, at 1305, will have Captain Steele, Lieut Comdr. Loader and Lieut. McCloud as speakers.

Twenty-one top ranking men in the Eighth have been granted a 2-week leave before reporting to the next base for primary training.

Ranking behind Ruetz's composite grade of 3.87 were G. O. Callender, 3.62; Jonathan Baker, 3.61; Joseph Murphy, 3.60; W. E. Speetzen, 3.56; and R. W. Miller, 3.56.

Murphy recorded the highest grade in athletics with 3.92. R. E. Rousselot, P. L. Fuller and Ruetz ranked with 3.90. Rousselot and Fuller tied Ruetz at 3.90 in officer aptitude.

Pushing Ruetz for ground training honors were R. D. Ritterhouse, 3.79; G. K. Converse, Jr., 3.77; I. R. Trafton, 3.75 and W. C. Grimwood, 3.75.

Of the 196 men graduating today 94 go to NAS, Norman, Okla., 89 to NAS, Hutchinson, Kansas, and 13 to NAS, Moffett Field, Calif.

Two Cadets Commended

For their quick action in handling the fire in the Ironing Shed, Monday afternoon, J. D. Davis, L-2, Woodside, N. Y., and H. R. Brown, K-2, Toledo, O., have been commended by Captain Steele.

In a letter to the two members of the Twelfth, Captain Steele said, "This is to commend you on your alertness in discovering and intelligence in handling the fire that occurred in the Ironing Shed at 1515, 2 August 1943."

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 CAPTAIN GEORGE W. STEELE, USN (Ret.)
 Commanding Officer
 LIEUT. COMDR. GEORGE D. FITZMUGH, USNR
 Executive Officer
 LIEUT. W. D. PARTNER, USNR
 Public Relations Officer

What Did You Say?

BY CHAPLAIN WARREN L. WOLF
MANY of us find ourselves being silent when we ought to speak and laughing when we ought to be silent. In other words, so very often we say or do the wrong thing at the wrong time. How often do we envy the clever person who always seems to be doing or saying everything as it should be done. We envy such a one and often say to ourselves, "Why couldn't I have said that?" It is just along those lines that many men in the armed forces find themselves making mistakes.

In some of the leading newspapers we often see editorials and advertisements urging the folks at home to write cheerful and happy letters to their loved ones. For the most part the civilian population seems to grasp this truth and follows it very closely, but it often seems that we in the service do not reciprocate to them.

*What did you say in your letter today,
 Was it real wisdom or just some hay?
 Did the letter that you wrote
 Tell your story in a happy or sour note?*

It would seem that it is a responsibility for us to cheer those that are back home. They are lonesome, they miss us and we should make them feel as happy as we can. We not only have the responsibility of winning this war for their freedom and future happiness, but we also have the pleasant duty of showing them that any sacrifice on our part is not too great nor too difficult to take.

It might be a good thing for each of us to think before we write and to write with a smile on our lips and joy in our thinking. It might be good for us to tell them always the best and forget the worst.

Anything that we feel sad about today might be happiness tomorrow. Yet, that letter of rebuke or of some gripe has gone. We cannot recall it. It might make someone back home lonesome or bitter when they read it.

War is a difficult business for everyone. Let's not make it too tough on those back home. We never sign an important paper without reading it. We should never sign our names to that letter until we read and think what it might do.

So what did you say when you wrote today?



STUDY IN CONCENTRATION—The photographer used his fastest lense to catch the swift action above in the finals of the officers' checker tournament. Making a strategic move is Lieut. Jenne while Lieut. (jg) Sikes holds his dead cigar and hopes for the best. Jenne won, three games to one, thus bringing added prestige to the Mass Exercise division.

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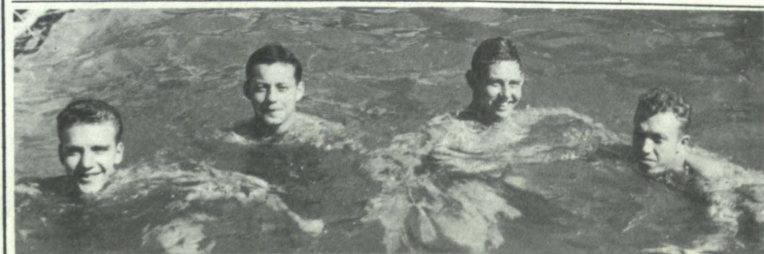
Choir Loses 22 Men As Eighth Graduates

To the twenty-two members of the Eighth who were members of the choir, Chaplain Wolf and Craig Nelson, Sp(W)1c, the choir director give a vote of thanks for their services.

All cadets interested in joining the organization are requested to see Nelson in the Chaplain's office on the halfdeck of the Yorktown. The following members of the Eighth sang in the choir: D. C. Atwater, L. C. Garrison, Jr., J. P. Gerdel, D. C. Gray, G. R. Grove, H. D. Hagen, D. L. Kirby, J. E. Kramer, R. L. Miller, H. I. Moore, P. T. McDonald, K. W. Oehler, G. M. Olds, J. R. Reynolds, G. D. Scheufler, H. K. Snellbacker, H. L. Tucker, J. M. Warden, L. R. White, P. E. Williams, O. B. Walker, L. A. Watson.

Divine Services

0850—Eighth and Tenth Battalions.
 0935—Catholic Service.
 0935—Eleventh and Thirteenth Battalions.
 1020—Ninth and Twelfth.
 1315—Latter Day Saints Service.
 1900—Christian Science Service.



The Kingfishers' 160-yard underwater relay record holders are (left to right) R. V. Faust, J. A. Schipper, D. H. Miller and J. L. Wosser. Their time for the event is 1:58.

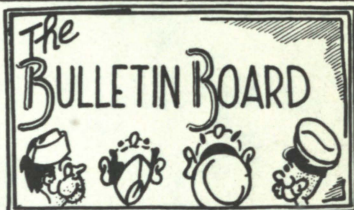
Army Continues to Make Advances Here

Future confusion in the Military office can be traced to Lieut. Jasper A. Cusenza, Army of the United States, who has provided an engagement ring for Miss Evelyn Bileci, secretary to Lieut. Comdr. Forsberg, Lieut. Meyers and Lieut. Brown.

Last week Miss Beleci took a day off and listened to Lieut. Cusenza's "sweet nothings" while the Forsberg-Meyers-Brown combination sharpened their own pencils and wondered what was filed where. And now, since she has her ring, they still are performing these duties because the efficient Miss Bileci now stares into space with that strange light in her eyes.

Orchestra to Presidio

The Pre-Flight orchestra tonight will play for a dance at the Officers Club, Presidio of Monterey. Tomorrow the orchestra members go on leave.



TODAY
 Aboard
 Movie—"First Comes Courage," Brian Aherne, Showings at 1620 and 1910 for all battalions except Thirteenth and at 2100 for officers, Ship's Company and guests.

Ashore
 1630 - 1830 — Dancing, Scout House, Carmel.
 Carmel Theater—"Reveille with Beverly" and "Tarzan Triumphs."
 State Theater—"Air Raid Warnings."

TOMORROW
 Aboard
 Movie—"Mr. Big." Showings at 1310 and 1500, for all battalions except Thirteenth. Reserved seats for officers at the 1500 showing only.

Ashore
 1300-1700 — Dancing, Mission Ranch, Carmel.
 Carmel Theater—"The Moon is Down."
 State Theater—"Coney Island."

MONDAY
 Aboard
 1710—"World at War," for officers and wives, Powers Hall.

TUESDAY
 Ashore
 1830—Softball, Camp McQuaide vs. Pre-Flight Sailors, Watsonville.

THURSDAY
 Aboard
 1900—Ninth Battalion's "Medicine Show," Bali Room.

FRIDAY
 Aboard
 1900—Sing Song, Lounge.

Navyators Close Baseball Season With Hendy Iron

The Navyators complete their schedule tomorrow in a game at Santa Clara against the Hendy Iron Works team. Ens. Jim McDonald is Lieut. Willard Bronson's choice for mound duty.

Last weekend the Bronson Boys coasted to a 12 to 1 victory over the Army Air Base outfit from Salinas and then dropped a 5 to 3 decision to the St. Mary's Pre-Flight Airdevils. Cadet Bill Henline limited the Army to five hits while his mates collected fourteen.

The largest crowd of the season watched St. Mary's make it two in a row over the Navyators Sunday. The Airdevils found Al Pripp's pitches to their liking early but didn't score until the fifth when three runs tallied on a walk, a double and a homer.

The Navyators tallied in the sixth when Mahan doubled and Baer's single brought him home but the visitors scored twice in the eighth to increase a lead that was sufficient. In the ninth, Donovan singled and Burnette dropped a fly over the left field screen to ignite a rally with one out but Lawrence and Pinch-hitter Corr couldn't touch Gonzales and the former Boston Red Sox hurler took home the game ball.

The game was the last for two members of the Eighth who reported this week at Moffett Field—Casimiro Barquin, centerfield, and Maurice Donovan, third baseman and the team's leading hitter.

Lane Sparks the Helldivers on Court

The Helldivers, coached by Ens. Mott, dominated the basketball play in the Sports Program last week by out-scoring their opponents, 310 to 128. Individual star of the squadron is J. D. Lane, I-2, who tallied 86 points in four games. A former court star at North Texas State, Lane scored 37 points against the Buccaneers.

Second to Lane on the individual scoring list is Eastman of the Mustangs with 62 points.



Trying to keep balance and not to swallow his supply of what most ball players chew is Tom Burnette, Navyator left fielder, as he crosses first base sans his cap in last Sunday's game with St. Mary's. The throw was low and First Baseman McDowell lost his glove attempting to trap the ball.

Buffaloes Undefeated In Four Sports

Leadership in the Sports Program race was unchanged last week as the Buffaloes, Kingfishers and Buccaneers continued to rank one-two-three in the standings. The Buffaloes, top squadron for the fifth consecutive week, and the ninth place Mariners were the high scorers last week with 60 points each.

The Buffaloes still are undefeated in rugby, soccer, track and boxing and still have yet to win a basketball game. The standings:

Buffalo 315	Coronado 155
Kingfisher 240	Vindicator 135
Buccaneer 230	Mariner 120
Skyrocket 217½	Helldiver 115
Devastator 195	Catalina 100
Wildcat 157½	Mustang 90

Members of The Ship's Company Get Rating Advancements

Thirty members of their ship's Company received advancements in rating this week and four were detached for sea duty. Those detached were R. D. Cameron, advanced from S1c to coxswain; W. C. Pilkington, advanced from S1c to GM3c; W. N. Rose, PhM3c, and R. J. Serafini, PhM3c.

The rating of B. W. Trank was changed from Bug1c to S1c. The other advancement in ratings:

SP (P)2c to Sp (P)1c, A. B. French.
 Bgmstr. 2c to Bgmstr. 1c, T. A. Burgess.
 Mus 2c to Mus 1c, W. E. Cal-

Miller Sets New Mark for Push-ups As Eighth Leaves

With a total of 69 push-ups, the Eighth's diminutive R. W. Miller, C-1, Long Beach, Calif., established a new all-time high in this event.

Definitely "on the ball" all the way, the Eighth chalked up the second highest physical fitness record to date, with an average of 85.32, as against the record of 85.63 set by the Fourth. Top man on the physical fitness agenda was M. L. Seipert, C-3, Westwood, Calif., with an index of 113.

Out in front again in the jump-reach, the Eighth's average of 21.94 was sufficient to eke out a record over the mark of 21.90 established previously by the seventh.

Other top individual honors go to W. A. Schmidt, C-3, Sacramento, Calif., with 20 chins, which ties the school record; J. L. Wosser, C-1, Berkeley, Calif., with a jump-reach mark of 30 inches; and to L. D. Gill, C-2, San Diego, Calif., who clipped off the speed-agility course in a brisk 28 seconds.

austi, R. G. Miller, C. P. Torres, B. C. Weaver and W. L. Miller.
 SK 2c to SK 1c, J. Ruggio, W. L. Jungmann and C. R. Hirschfield.
 Sp(M) 2c to Sp(M) 1c, F. A. Lawrence.

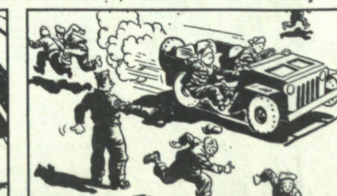
Y2c to Y1c, C. J. Marsh and R. M. Greenough.
 PhM2c to PhM1c, L. P. Jones.
 PhM3c to PhM2c, W. G. Thompson and W. A. Ewen.
 S2c to SM3c, K. W. Greenlaw.
 Mus1c to 1st Mus, W. Phillips.
 Sp(M)3c to Sp(M)2c, R. R. Toney.
 PhM3c to PhM2c, G. I. Goodrich.

HA1c to PhM3c, F. J. Crory.
 Y3c to Y2c, C. H. McLaughlin, J. W. Milosch, H. L. Davis and G. J. Piepgras.

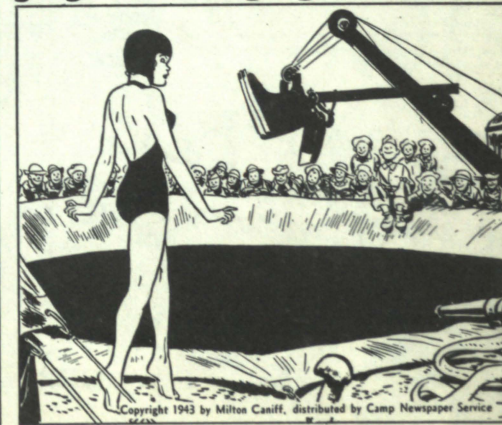
PhM1c to CPhM(AA), R. H. Sanders.
 SK3c to SK2c, R. A. Baldwin and L. J. Potts.
 Coxswain to BM2c, R. T. Wel-

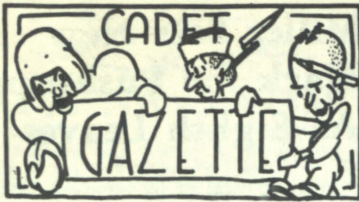
Male Call

by Milton Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Edging The Dredging With Lace





Newest addition to The Navyator's staff is J. L. Fallon, A-1, Colorado Springs, Colo., the organizer and 1-man staff of the paper at the Flight Preparatory School at U.S.C. A former football and basketball captain at Regis College, Cadet Fallon hopes to play a little varsity football for the Navy before the Thirteenth graduates. . . . Cadet C. E. Sikora, who was commander of the Second, seems to be in a rut. He recently was made commander of the Second Battalion at the NAS, Hutchinson, Kansas.



CADET FALLON Combines writing and sports

While walking along as happy as an ordinary person, one of the men of G-3 saluted Ens. Cifers but failed to include the usual "Good afternoon, sir." The officer returned the salute and asked, "What do you say, cadet?" The G-3 gent flashed his most winning smile and answered, "Not much, sir!"

After hearing one of their mates

tell of going through gymnastics and rugby without knowing anything about it (due to getting konked on the noggin during hand-to-hand), the kaydets of table 23 spent half of the study hour banging their heads against the bulkheads attempting to gain the same effect.

Quote and unquote: A cadet may work from sun to sun but a room captain's work is never done.

The H-3 Blues—We joined the Navy to learn to fly—but now we have the blues. We'd like to know the reason why we wear out all our shoes!

Lloyd and Wylie Set Swim Records In Two Events

Records for the 40-yard underwater swim and the 80-yard breast-stroke event changed hands this week when two members of the Ninth hit their top form. The Skyrocket's H. A. Lloyd, F-2, Dallas, Tex., former football and basketball star at Rice, established a new underwater mark of :25.2 to better the :25.4 made last March by Patanele of the Buccaneers.

J. T. Wylie, E-3, Palo Alto, Calif., added another record to his list when he cracked J. L. Wosser's new breast-stroke mark of :59.3 with a :58.2 performance.

"World At War" will be shown officers and their wives Monday at 1710 in Powers Hall.

Lieut. Ongley Will Command Fourteenth

With the appointment of Lieut. Ongley as commander of the Fourteenth Battalion that comes aboard next week, Lieut. Mason has been named head of the hand-to-hand combat division in the Athletics Department.

The three officers who received transfer orders this week: Lieut. Titchenal to NAS, Norman, Okla.; Lieut. (jg) Cleaveland to NFPS, Monmouth, Ill., and Ens. Curran to NAS, Hutchinson, Kas.

Ens. Richardson has been shifted from the Athletic Equipment division to the Military department and Ens. Dakan replaces him as assistant to Lieut. Bronson in that division. Lieut. Maher has been moved from the Sports Program division to the post as athletics personnel officer.

The Eighth's commander, Lieut. McCloud, will resume his duties as personnel officer Monday. Ens. Colyar will report to Lieut. Hooker as assistant Security officer with Ens. Campbell becoming an instructor in First Aid.

Lieut. (jg) Thompson has been assigned as officer in charge of the Holdovers with Ens. C. E. Smith and Ens. Bishop assisting.

Drill Honors to C-27

C-2, under the command of J. H. Ruetz, won its fourth victory in six starts this week by taking top honors in the Eighth's platoon drill competition.

Cadet Elser Named Twelfth's Commander

J. H. Elser, West Los Angeles, Calif., this week was named cadet commander of the Twelfth by Lieut. Delcambre, battalion officer. A star in three sports while attending University high school, Cadet Elser had a year of NROTC at U. S. C.



J. H. ELSER The Twelfth follows him

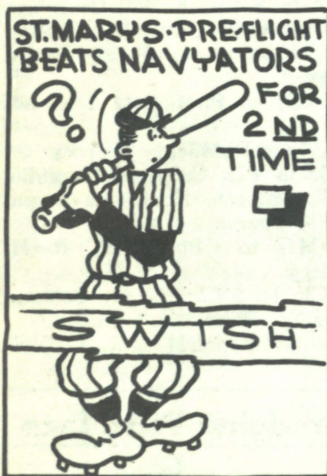
L. A. Heath, Detroit, Mich., is the Twelfth's sub-battalion commander, and

E. D. Turnipseed is the battalion adjutant.

The K. Company officers are Orlando D'Onofrio, Detroit, Mich., commander; F. D. Meyers, Beverly Hills, Calif., sub-commander; and E. L. Fulton, Jr., Detroit, Mich., C.P.O. In command of L Company is J. C. Riddle, Van Nuys, Calif., with L. E. Davis, Oklahoma City, Okla., as sub-commander and Edward Ciulis, Lackawanna, N. Y., as C.P.O.

The platoon leaders: R. A. Graef, Detroit, Mich., K-1; R. L. Archibald, East Detroit, Mich., K-2; R. F. Hoag, Detroit, Mich., K-3; H. C. Kramkow, North Bergen, N. J., L-1; Gilbert Mendonsa, Turlock, Calif., L-2; and O. K. Weld, Jr., Pauls Valley, Okla., L-3.

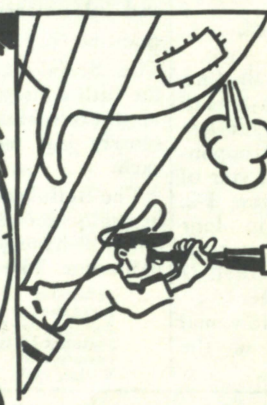
NEWSREEL OF THE WEEK BY HALE / 8-D-2



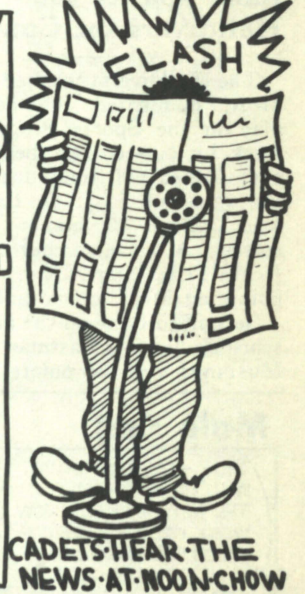
ST. MARYS-PRE-FLIGHT BEATS NAVYATORS FOR 2ND TIME

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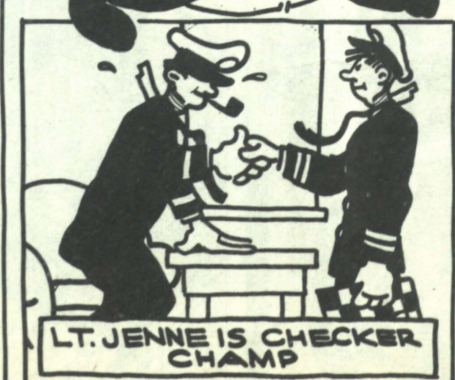
THE EAGER EIGHTH GRADUATES TODAY (WITH NO LUGGAGE!)



TWENTY CADETS SHOVE OFF FOR LIGHTER THAN AIR TRAINING



CADETS HEAR THE NEWS AT NOON CHOW



8THS R.W. MILLER SETS PUSHUP RECORD 69 OF EM!