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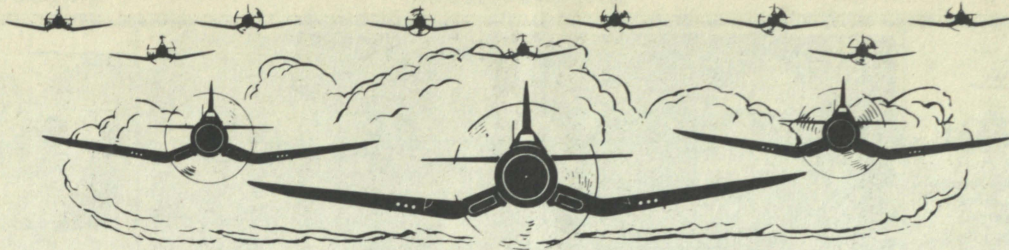
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## Coronado Squad Steals Thunder In Sports Program

As the summer sports season draws to a close and the final tallies come in, the spotlight for the best performance, all factors considered, seems to point to the Coronadoes, Twelfth Battalion, Company K.

Although not the top team, in total points amassed (the Coronadoes rank third) this club definitely put on a flashy attack all the way through and made a terrific showing in spite of losing a considerable block of personnel about three weeks back.

The boys in the Coronado club, under the coaching of Ensigns W. E. Foster and F. G. Luzar, almost turned the polo field turf track into a real cinder path, ending the past six weeks competition with 10 victories and but two losses. Not only speed merchants, the Coronadoes, under the pugilistic direction of Ens. S. Lenich, threw enough leather to K.O. a total of six victories and no losses to take the boxing honors.

Another two league leader in the six weeks session just finished was the Mariners, Eleventh Battalion, Company J. In that body-bruising, rough-and-tumble activity they call rugby, the Mariners, under the coaching of Ens. J. C. O'Kane, finished up with eight victories, one loss, one tie. All-around superiority in the speed-contact division was again reflected in the Mariner club as Ens. C. F. Barnhart's boys ran through a short pigskin season without a defeat.

The Helldivers of Company I, Eleventh Battalion, snapped off top honors in the grunt-and-groan division, as Lieut. (jg) M. E. Thrush's wrestlers came through an undefeated session for six wins out of six falls.

The basketball department was well taken care of by Ens. J. Y. Duncan's Mustangs of Company L, Twelfth Battalion, who looped in five wins and sustained only one loss. Honors in gymnastics were shared by the Kingfishers, Company C, under Ens. C. Y. Harris; and the Wildcats, Company D, under R. Delka. Both companies are in the Fourteenth Battalion.

## Usleman Dons Uniform Of A Chief Yeoman

A. M. Usleman, the "answer man" of the halfdeck, broke out in a brand spanking new uniform this week, the result of his being advanced from Y1c to Chief Yeoman. A native of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., the new Chief at times finds it hard to believe that Californians advertise their state as "sunny" but he erases the fog with fond memories of the waving palms of Florida.

Usleman enlisted for a 4-year hitch in 1926 and spent time with the West Indies Surveying Expedition. He came back into the service in January, 1942, and has served at the Section Base, Jacksonville, Fla., Section Base, Mayport, Fla., and Pre-Flight School, Athens, Ga. He reported for duty here last February.

### I-3 WINS AGAIN

The Eleventh's crack precision drill platoon, I-3 under the command of Cadet Rowe, won the final competition with J-2 second and J-1 third. Cadet Flemmich won the manual of arms drill down and Cadet Woodrell was the runner-up.



Top men in athletics in the Eleventh's graduating class today are J. M. R. Layeux, left, and J. F. Williams, who points to the grade recorded by both men—3.92.

## Storekeeper Lyndall To Attend Academy

J. G. Yyndall, SK2c, this week realized a life-long ambition when he received orders to report to the Naval Academy Preparatory School, Bainbridge, Md., for seven months training before entering the Naval Academy as a midshipman.

Lyndall, of Cleveland Heights, O., sought entrance to the Academy two years ago but found that appointments by congressmen were few and hard to get. Aware that men were selected from enlisted ranks as midshipmen, he joined the Navy in September, 1941, took boot training at Newport, R.I., attended the Storekeepers' School at Toledo, O., and had duty at NAS, Minneapolis, Minn., before being transferred here in January.

He is scheduled to report at Bainbridge, October 1.

### Cadet Dance Tomorrow

The regular Sunday dance will be held tomorrow at the Mission Ranch, Carmel. As an added attraction the Pre-Flight orchestra will supply the tunes.

## Eleventh's Honor Man is F. A. Rowe With 3.54 Mark

Cadet Francis A. Rowe, remembered at La Salle High School in Philadelphia as a star student and ace athlete, has joined the select group of graduates from this school who recorded the highest composite grades in the outgoing battalions. Rowe, I-3, posted a mark of 3.54 to lead the Eleventh's departing cadets who hold the spotlight in the graduation ceremonies today at 1305.

Speakers today will be Captain Steele, Lieut. Comdr. Fitzhugh and Lieut. (jg) Benson.

Rowe was at the top of the list but his margin over three of his mates was a slight one. With grades of 3.53 were three Texans: Floyd C. Dodson, Jr., J-2, San Angelo; Ennis E. Grantham, J-2, Kilgore; and H. Lee Sandlin, J-1, San Angelo.

Grantham had 3.80 as the highest aptitude grade with Rowe the runner-up with 3.70. In the classroom, Ben D. Martin, I-1, Hollydale, Calif., was tops with 3.84 and John W. Pabst, I-1, San Diego, Calif., was next in line with 3.80.

J. M. R. Layeux, I-3, Minneapolis, Minn., and James F. Williams, J-2, Tulsa, Okla., ranked first in athletics with grades of 3.92. Dodson was second with 3.78.

Of the 220 men who will be detached next week, four go to NAS, Moffett Field; 140 to NAS, Hutchinson, Kas., and 76 to NAS, Norman, Okla.

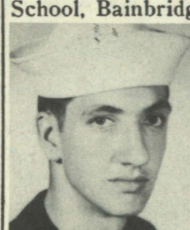
## Four Officers Get New Assignments

Shifts in personnel this week sent Lieut. Nemir from Military to soccer with Lieut. (jg) Zillmer replacing him as company officer of F Company.

Lieut. (jg) Rundell has been moved from the Academic department to basketball and Lieut. (jg) Palmer has been shifted from Academics to track.



CHIEF USLEMAN  
A native of Florida in California



J. G. LYNDALL  
He'll soon be a midshipman



CADET ROWE  
Honor man in the Eleventh

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*Commanding Officer*  
 LIEUT. COMDR. GEORGE D. FITZHUGH, USNR  
*Executive Officer*  
 LIEUT. W. D. PARTNER, USNR  
*Public Relations Officer*

**As The Crow Flies**

By CHAPLAIN WARREN L. WOLF  
**T**HE AIRPLANE has taught us to travel as the crow flies. The true face of the earth has been unveiled. For centuries the highways of the world have been deceiving us. Our roadways have taken us along the most beautiful vistas of the world. We never see the sordid. We see well watered lands. We see green pastures. We have embellished the whole picture of our earth.

But as man flies his plane straight and true, he sees the entire panorama of the world. Sometimes he sees the barren wastes, he sees the unpleasant vistas that have been always hidden from view and as he sees these things there comes the realization that the world, like man, has another side to it.

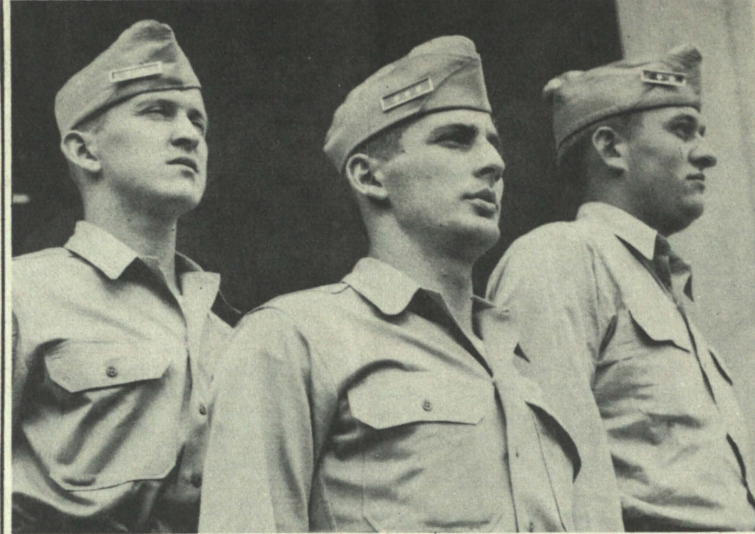
For we know that man is made up of good and evil, and it is only in the measure in which the one overcomes the other that he is good or evil. So our aviation today is being used for destruction and waste. It is being used thus because such a use was forced upon us and so for a time we must wrongly use this gift to man, but later when peace comes and the bombs will no longer rain from the skies, aviation must be used to make the crooked places straight and the unpleasant, barren, sordid places of the earth as the oasis, the green pastures and pleasant orchards in which man can find peace and comfort.

So while you and other aviators must develop themselves along lines of war education, you must always have a look to the future and a part that you as aviators will have in the reclamation of the world. For with the world as with men, it will be only in terms of how greatly we level the world to a plateau of good, joy and delight that we will have an everlasting peace among men.

And so when you travel as the crow flies, think on these things.

**OFFICERS' DANCE FRIDAY**

The next dance for officers and their guests will be next Friday at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club with Chief Mann and his Musical Men furnishing the music.



CADET COMMANDERS OF THE FIFTEENTH  
Murphy, Delaware and Swanson

**Chaplain Commends Choir Members**

The following men of the Eleventh Battalion have received special commendation from the Chaplain for their participation in choir:

- C. C. Armstrong, A. C. Black, F. W. Burnett, J. N. Collins, H. B. Conner, F. D. Corney, R. A. Cunningham, D. D. DeBacker, R. G. Eskridge, L. H. Goodpasture, R. K. Goodwin, A. W. Green, M. R. Gutfleisch, J. C. Hosack, J. D. Johnston, W. F. Kurth, R. J. Larsen, W. E. LeGrandefi G. L. MacArthur, A. G. McDonald, H. D. Meakin, L. E. Meier, N. L. Payne, C. L. Roberts, Jr., W. H. Schomers, H. E. Schrieber, Jr., F. A. Scoggin, H. Smith, Jay S. Smith, R. E. Smith, C. Speake, T. L. Speakmon, M. J. Speck, J. C. Thomas.

**Ship's Company Will Skate Thursday**

Another Bluepacket's roller skating party will be held Thursday at 1930. Wives, families and friends of members of the Ship's Company are invited. The crew is urged to attend to make this party a success.

For further information, contact Ens. Brown in the Welfare and Recreation Office.

**New Men Arrive**

The Ship's Company roster was increased by five this week with the arrival of four yeoman and a storekeeper. From Livermore came E. H. Swope, Jr., and J. F. McGeehan, both Y2c, and Pasco sent G. A. Thompson and G. C. Royer, Y2c. From Kansas City, Kans., came H. E. Austin, SK3c.



**TODAY**

Aboard  
 Movie—"Claudia," Dorothy McGuire and Robert Young. Showings at 1620 and 1910 for all battalions except Sixteenth and at 2115 for officers, Ship's Company, guests.

**TOMORROW**

Aboard  
 Movie—"Hers to Hold," Deanna Durbin and Joseph Cotton. Showings at 1310 for cadets and 1500 for cadets, officers and Ship's Company.

1400—Band Concert.

**Ashore**

1300—Dancing, Mission Ranch, Carmel, Pre-Flight Orchestra.

**THURSDAY**

**Ashore**

1930 to 2200—Skating party for Ship's Company and guests.

**FRIDAY**

**Aboard**

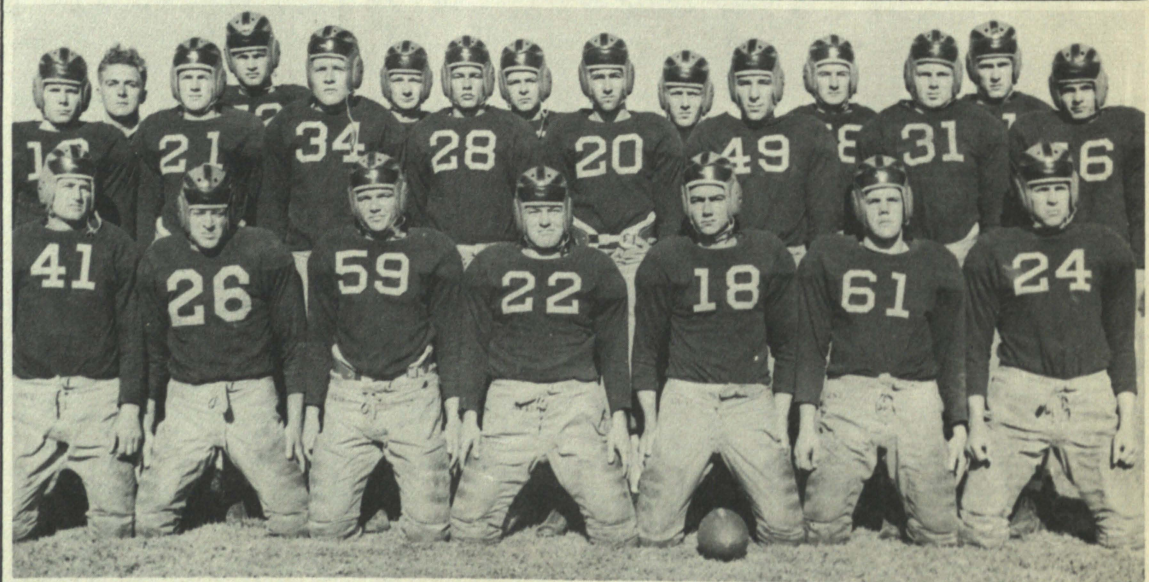
1900—Happy Hour featuring cadets of Thirteenth Battalion.

**Ashore**

2100—Officers Dance, Monterey Peninsula Country Club.

**Divine Services**

- 0855—Fifteenth and Sixteenth Battalions.
- 0940—Thirteenth and Fourteenth Battalions.
- 1025—Eleventh and Twelfth Battalions.
- 0935—Catholic, Bali Room.
- 0940—Jewish, Chaplain's Office.
- 1045—Episcopal, St. John's Chapel.
- 1315—Latter Day Saints, Powers Hall.
- 1900—Christian Science, Powers Hall.

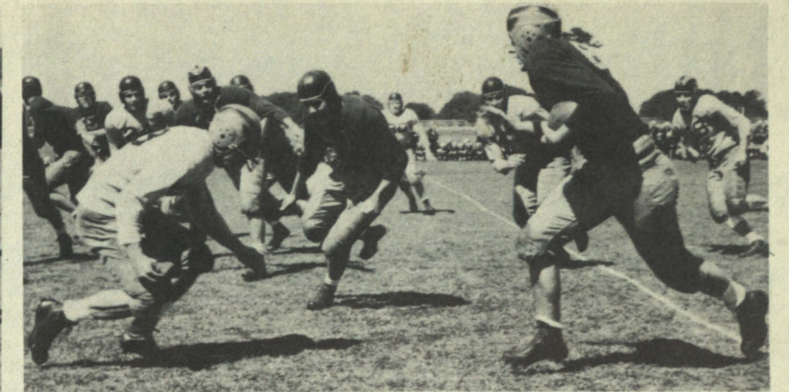


**UNDEFEATED CHAMPIONS**—The Mariners, coached by Ens. Barnhart, took the football championship in the Sports Program by racing through their schedule without a defeat and rarely allowed the opposition to score. The squad, front row, left to right: Wayne Rose, end; Mitchell Eddy, tackle; E. Waddell, guard; Keith Glasgow, guard; Lee Sandlin, center; C. R. Turvey, tackle; Ed Grantham, end. Second row,

left to right: R. C. Sell, back; Tom Neilson, guard; C. E. Williford, back; Bill Yarbrough, back; Pete Atkins, back; Clyde Clark, back; Floyd Dodson, back; Lewis Byers, back. Back row, left to right: Ens. Barnhart; Joe Carroll, tackle; J. P. Miller, center; V. E. Skinner, guard; M. E. Martin, guard; B. N. Cheatham, end; Bill Latson, end.



That the Navyators will be tough enough for all comers this fall was indicated last Saturday afternoon when Lieut. Kern sent his entire varsity squad through an extended scrimmage at the Polo Field. Action in the picture at the left shows Cadet W. M. Swanson (No. 19), 14-D-1, on the loose with Cadet Emile Meyers



(No. 24) 14-C-2, closing in. At the right, Cadet W. B. Wool, 12-L-2, starts goalward after intercepting a pass. Cadet J. H. Elser is ready to make the tackle and Cadet B. H. Johnson (No. 41), 15-E-2, is ready to throw a block.

**Delaware From Maine Commands Fifteenth**

Cadet Joseph Lafayette Delaware, a "back easterner" from Winthrop, Mass., has been named cadet commander of the Fifteenth by Lieut. (jg) Kellog, battalion officer. Delaware enlisted in the Navy in 1939, took boot training at Newport, R. I., and served aboard the destroyer Barry and the battleship Wyoming. He attended Sound School at New London, Conn., and was stationed for two years in the Navy Department offices, Washington.

The sub-battalion commander is F. F. Whigham, Ramona, Calif., who has seen sea duty as a CM2c and had one ship blasted from under him in the North Atlantic. R. N. Cox, Melvin, Tex., the battalion adjutant, served three and a half years as AMM1c before entering Naval aviation.

Commander of E Company is H. S. Swanson, Long Beach, Calif., and his staff includes C. H. Bailey, Ogden, Utah, as sub-company commander and E. E. Thayer, Great Bend, Kans., as company C.P.O. The E Company platoon officers are R. W. Shiflett, Palmyra, Va., E-1; B. H. Johnson, Denver, Colo., E-2; A. N. Long, San Jose, Calif., E-3.

F Company's staff includes J. J. Murphy, Joliet, Ill., commander; R. E. Kinnebrew, Pauls Valley, Okla., sub-commander; and E. L.



THE ELEVENTH'S TESTING CHAMPS & JEEP  
Frazer, Johnston, Landers and Gutfleisch

**SEVENTEENTH HAS 300**

The Seventeenth Battalion, due to come aboard next week, will contain 300 (count 'em) cadets, largest delegation to arrive at this School. In command of the battalion will be Lieut. (jg) Benson, who bids his Eleventh 'farewell' today.

Orear, Popular Bluff, Mo., C.P.O. The platoon leaders are C. M. Voss, Kearney, Neb., F-1; G. L. Watson, Jr., Dallas, Tex., F-2; W. E. Chase, Vallejo, Calif., F-3.

**BROWNE SCORES AGAIN**

Cadet Jesse M. Browne, Jr., is making the breaking of those unbeatable obstacle course record a thing of monotonous repetition and regularity. Last week Browne sizzled through the course in 2 minutes 35 seconds for a new record. This week he ran it in 2:33. Where will Browne stop—quien sabe? Of one thing the boys are certain—Browne can't break his record more than twice more—he has only twice more to run it.

**Eleventh Posts A New Record For Physical Fitness**

The Eleventh hit a new all-time high in the physical fitness department in posting an index of 86.05. (The ever-increasing index as successive batts move up and out seems to debunk a rumor that has recently gained popular cadet support that some features of the program were calculated to tear down instead of build up.)

As a battalion, the Eleventh is on top; individuals in the batt, however, had to be content with marks below the established records.

J. M. R. Layeux, I-3, Minneapolis, Minn., stood out as one of the battalion's muscle men by straining out nineteen chins. M. R. Gutfleisch, I-3, St. Paul, Minn., another man with some classy biceps, gave the school record some uneasiness with his mark of fifty-five push-ups.

In the speed-agility department, T. J. Landers, J-2, Lamesa, Texas, clipped off the time of 27.4 seconds. E. D. Frazer, I-2, Richmond, Texas, jump-reached to a height of 28 inches, about 4 inches short of the school record. The man doing the most to boost that physical fitness mark to the top bracket was Cadet J. D. Johnston, J-2, Vernon, Texas, with an index of 104.

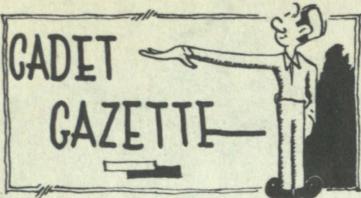
**Male Call**

by Milton Caniff, creator of Terry and the Pirates



**Go West, Young Man**





Gag Session

Straight from the front office last week came the order that all officers at the Pre-Flight schools would participate in a contact sport one hour per day. If you think that didn't stir a lot of official imagination and open up a lot of "interpretation" listen to this:

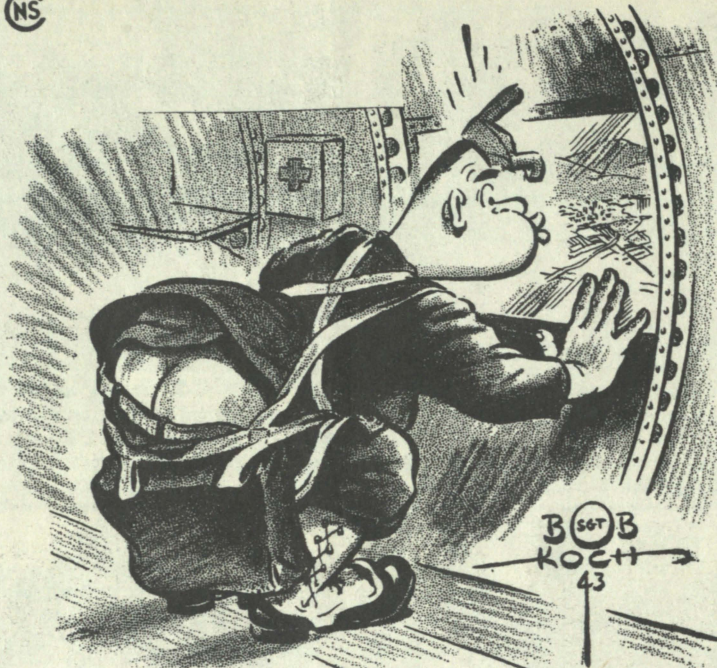
You know about checkers here—the game without which the officers would get no sports competition during the day? Well, in order to comply with the new directive, the gold braid boys are sitting side by side during the matches, instead of across. Contact, you know.

The one and only paddle tennis court was plenty crowded too. Paddle tennis is, you realize, an extenuated variation of table tennis, working contact into this was a pretty difficult trick. This situation was taken in stride, however, and now you see the officers shaking hands after each point. Contact, you know.

Then there is Lieut. Burr, whose principal form of exercise to date has been pushing the slides back and forth in recog projectors. He was assigned to wrestling—he will accept any suggestions anyone has on this one, only it has to be SOON.

The cadets have done their share

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"Boy o' boy! What a view!"

BOB KOCH 43

ELEVENTH GIVES \$224

The 219 cadets of the graduating Eleventh Battalion this week contributed \$224 to the Monterey Peninsula Community and War Chest, an affiliate of the National War Chest.

The response of the Eleventh to the Navy's request for cooperation in this great cause is very gratifying to Captain Steele. It sets a record for all other Battalions as well as officers, civil service and enlisted personnel to beat. An average of over \$1.00 per man is greatly in excess of the 50-cent minimum asked of cadets.

Scuttlebutt has it that the real reason the Supply offices were moved to the halfdeck was to enable Mrs. Usleman to keep a better eye on Chief Usleman, who makes a natty appearance in his new uniform.

The U. S. Navy's first dental corps was established in 1912. The original act provided for a corps that could be expanded to one dentist for every 1500 of enlisted personnel.

of observing and batting the breeze on this topic. The best way to get the job done, some cadet ventured, was to put a cadet in charge of the officer contact sports activity. This would be quite a picture, wouldn't it?

Say, for example, each cadet batt officer had charge of the officers in his batt, and together with the other cadet officers, had to put them through a little wrestling, boxing, or football? Naturally, you'd start out by having a few

"mass ex," or better, a run on the obstacle course.

Imagine yourself (in charge of such a detail) saying: "This obstacle course isn't tough—whatsa matter with you—officers, sirs?" (smiling wryly, as you lift your arm to start them off.) Or perhaps you could use this old gag (if the officers needed a buck-u-up): "If you beat last week's time I'll give you a three-minute blow." (This, of course, is to be used only as a stimulant; is never really given.) Or, you could get them on the

mats and say: "What's your name, Sir?" (in a most gentle and condescending manner), "Ensign Boyda, B-o-y-d-a (spelling it), Sir?" . . . That was a very nice double wrist lock, Sir, but we don't want the double wrist lock. Sorry, Sir, but I'll have to give you an I in that—carry on, Sir, carry on. . . ."

Then about at this point some one asks you if they can have a drag off that. . . .

**Newsreels of the Week** BY CADET R. J. MCCARTHY 13-M-1

**AFRICA IS LIKE TEXAS BUT WITH ARABS.**  
(BOB HOPE)

**ILLUSTRATED NAVAL CUSTOMS**

"I ALWAYS PASS A SUPERIOR WITH A CHEERIE 'BY YOUR LEAVE SIR'"

**FIRST VARSITY FOOTBALL CASUALTY**

L.T. (JG) BURR

BROKE TWO TEETH WHEN HE FELL IN THE SHOWER ROOM

**KINGFISHER LEAD SPORT PROGRAM WILDCATS SECOND.**

OS2U

FINISH LINE SPORT PROGRAM COMPETITION LAST WEEK.

**THE REGIMENT GETS FOOTBALL CONCIUS AT VARSITY SCRIMMAGE. (EXCEPT 12TH-15TH)**

**100% SIR. 13TH BATT WENT 100% FOR WAR BONDS**