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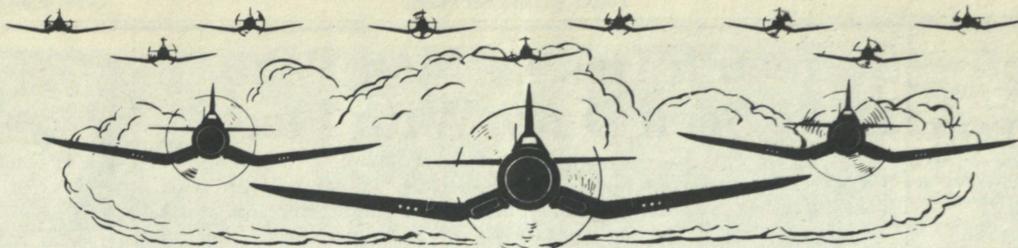
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# THE NAVYATOR

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U. S. NAVY PRE-FLIGHT SCHOOL, DEL MONTE, CALIF.

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## 'A' Test Required Of All Swimmers At The Pre-Flights

Added emphasis to the swimming program in the five Pre-Flight Schools came this week via a directive from Washington requiring all cadets to pass the "A" test before becoming eligible for graduation to Naval Air Stations for primary flight training.

The Twelfth Battalion, scheduled to be graduated next Saturday, is the first group affected by the new order. In the past the "B" test was the minimum requirement.

In announcing the new requisite, Lieut. Gary, director of athletics, stressed the fact that cadets cannot graduate who have not passed the "A" test.

"All cadets in the Pre-Flight stage of their training now are required to pass the A test in swimming," he said, "and no cadet will move on to primary training until they complete the requirements of the test."

To pass the "A" test, cadets must: (1) carry a subject 20 yards using any carry except tired swimmer's carry; (2) from a surface dive, swim 50 feet under water; (3) demonstrate artificial respiration; (4) jump from 10-foot height

### "WELL DONE!"

Excellent cooperation from cadets and officers with Lieut. McPhail's well-organized War Bond allotment program has placed this school is a virtual tie for first place in the Naval Air Primary Training Command standings as reported by Rear Admiral Elliott Buckmaster, USN, Chief of the Command.

As of August 18, a total of 97.4 percent of the uniformed personnel of this School had registered allotments. Only unit topping this figure was the NAS, Memphis, Tenn., with 97.5 percent.

The percentages of the other four Pre - Flight Schools: Athens, Ga., 90.0; St. Mary's, Calif., 88.2; Iowa City, Ia., 81.2; Chapel Hill, N.C., 78.4.

### Show By Thirteenth

The cadets of the Thirteenth presented the Happy Hour last night that included a 7-piece orchestra composed of Dewey Johnson, John Arch, Knobby Katzev, Bob Mix, and Hank Jordahl. Orchids went to Cadet Fallon who was in charge and did a good job.

and swim 50 yards on surface, wearing shirt and trousers; and (5) swim one-half mile or swim continuously for forty minutes.

## Seventeenth Fills Lexington Rooms

Lieut. (jg) Benson and his staff this week greeted the largest battalion to come aboard—the 300 men making up the Seventeenth. The Selection Board at Dallas sent 120, Kansas City provided the same number and sixty came from the Los Angeles area.

The battalion will occupy all rooms on the third and fourth decks of the Lexington.

Lieut. Benson's staff includes Lieut. (jg) Young as I Company officer; Lieut. (jg) Thurlow in charge of J Company and the following ensigns as platoon officers: Fishback, Lenich, Foster, Wickersham, Duncan, Straiton and Gan-natal.

Lieut. Kolf has a temporary assignment with the battalion and Lieut. (jg) McEuen is supernum-erary on the staff.

### Game On KSFO

Radio station KSFO, 560 kilocycles, San Francisco, will broadcast a play-by-play description of tomorrow's football game between the Navyators and Alameda Coast Guard at Kezar Stadium. The game is scheduled to start at 1430.

## Navyators Set For Grid Opener In San Francisco

The Navyators tomorrow will make their debut in football society when Lieut. Bill Kern and his task force of thirty-seven men will be guests of the Alameda Coast Guard in San Francisco's Kezar Stadium.

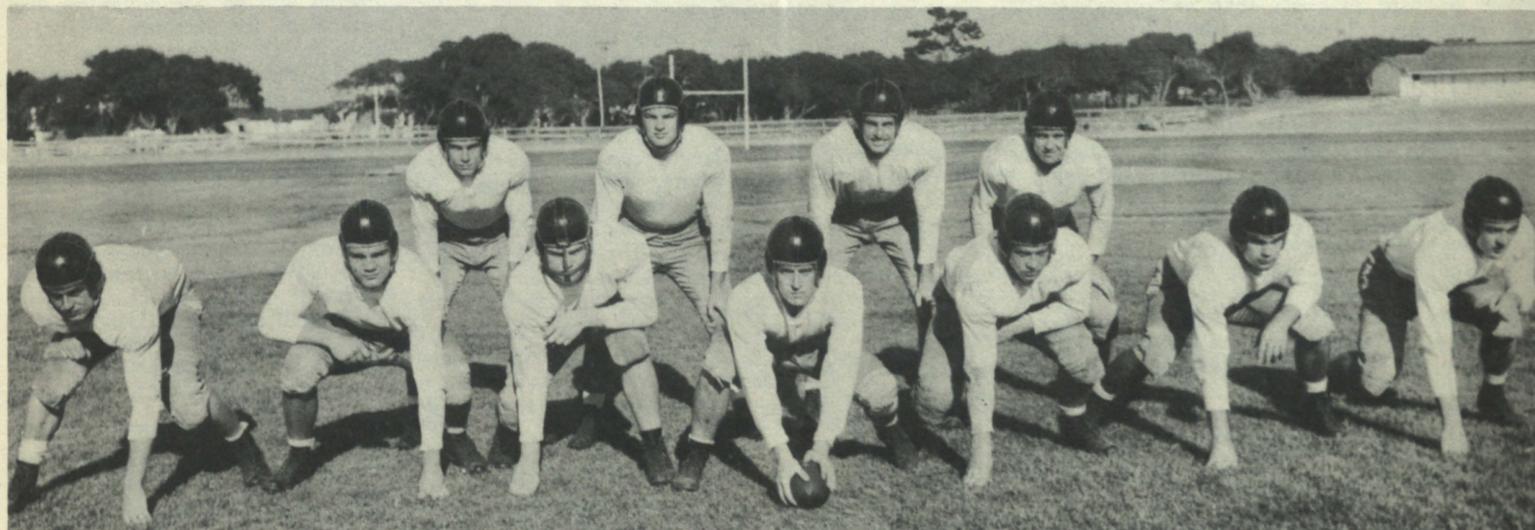


LIEUT. KERN  
His team makes debut tomorrow

Taking the field for the opening kickoff will be an all-cadet eleven, captained by Quarterback Emile Meyers, 14-C-2, and averaging 185-pounds per man. Untested and with doubtful strength at some positions, the Navyators will be on the short end of the betting odds in tomorrow's clash. The Coast Guardsmen showed an excellent running back in Gonzales Morales and a strong line in last Saturday's game against the College of the Pacific.

With Meyers in the backfield will be Bill Draper, 14-D-1, left halfback; Jim Riddle, 12-L-2, right halfback; and Warren Swanson, 14-D-1, fullback.

The starting line has Fred (See FOOTBALL, page 3)



THE NAVYATOR ELEVEN scheduled to answer the kickoff tomorrow in San Francisco's Kezar Stadium in the season's opener against the Alameda Coast Guard Sea Lions. Line (left to right): Murel Brown, 13-A-2; Bernard Johnson, 15-E-2; LeRoy Littlejohn, 15-E-1; Wilbur Wool, 12-L-2; Grant Potter, 13-A-2; Earl Godfrey,

14-C-1; and Fred Meyers, 12-K-2. Backfield (left to right): James Riddle, 12-L-2, left halfback; Emile Meyers, 14-C-2, quarterback; James Fallon, 13-A-1, fullback; and Bill Draper, 14-D-1, right halfback. Warren Swanson, 14-D-1, will start at fullback in place of Fallon.

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

## MORE THAN WINGS

FOR one to say that your planes are equipped with "more than wings" would seem to be a trite statement. However, we find that there is an underlying truth here that is so very often forgotten.

Some day in the future months, a pair of wings will become your prized possession. They will carry a message to all: the message that you can fly and are ready to fight. But in addition, that commission will carry a responsibility, not only that of taking your place among Naval Aviators but also to assume the role of an example and influence in life. You may not realize it today, or perhaps not even then, but your wings will make you the cynosure of all eyes, especially will it be so of the young boys of these United States, who live with you in their building of model airplanes and remembering the names of your ships. Sometimes they might seem like just a hodge-podge of noise, imagination, curiosity and trouble, but in them and in their admiration for you is a fact that we cannot forget.

Our generation must win the war and the peace. Their generation must keep the peace. These little fellows—that 10-year-old nephew or that kid next door—become some of the most important persons in history. For by these youngsters of today will be written the future trend of the whole world. They will carry on the decisions and the practices that we will establish. They will adapt them to a changing civilization. They are tomorrow.

Therefore, anyone who might influence the lives and ideals of such young fellows is a mighty important person. The aviators of this country are the ideals of so many of these boys. It is important then that your example and your influence shall be wholesome, truthful, and faithful. What they see in you in the formative stages of their life will, to a great degree, determine the type of a man that they shall become.

So it is vital that when you go home on leave, or when they come to visit that they shall see in you a true example of someone who has something "more than wings."

Launched at 2345, Sunday, at the Monterey Peninsula Hospital; by Ens. and Mrs. Bishop; Bradley Edmund Bishop; displacement 8 pounds.

## Sixteenth Has 14 Men Who Have Seen Duty With Fleet

IN the sixteenth Battalion there are 14 cadets who have seen active duty outside the continental limits before coming into the V-5 program.

Cadet M. F. Daniels, New York City, put in about three years of duty aboard a cargo transport plane and during this time spent time doing jaunts to Iceland and points Northeast, alternating with runs to Bermuda, and spots in the Caribbean.

Cadet R. E. Batterson, Gallipoli-

gunner. R. L. Michael of Wash., D.C., as a shipfitter 2c did a good job in the South Pacific, the Caribbean, and on an Africa run, served aboard a destroyer.

R. E. Mortimer of Winthrop, Mass., has the rather unique background of having served aboard a blimp patrolling the shipping lanes of the Atlantic. Cadet Mortimer also received special training in radar at Ontario, Canada.

Cadet J. C. Fisher of Monticello, N.Y., as an AMM2c, served aboard



RECOGNITION LESSON—J. F. Fisher (left), and thirteen of his mates in the Sixteenth who have seen duty outside the continental limits as enlisted men before receiving orders to report for duty as aviation cadets. Front row, left to right: C. R. Fuller, J. N. Orange, H. G. Spahr, R. E. Batterson. Second row: M. F. Daniels, J. J. Marrotte, J. E. Waits, J. H. Elliott. Back row: R. L. Morris, R. E. Mortimer, H. M. Wolfe, F. J. Mire.

lis, Ohio, served aboard the Philadelphia and also spent some time in active service at Pearl Harbor. Cadet J. N. Orange of Denver, Colo., was doing duty aboard a seaplane tender out of Guadalcanal when he received his orders to report to V-5.

V. H. Elliot of Los Angeles as a PBY mech, traversed the entire West coast, as far south as Panama, later made a good job out of it by doing the East coast up to Newfoundland.

C. R. Fuller of Lorain, Ohio, saw action in the North and South Atlantic and Pacific as an aerial

the Yorktown for four months, also had a job on a PBY doing the Atlantic Patrol. H. M. Wolfe, Denver, Colo., has seen active duty at NAS Midway as a Torpedoman 2c and served on the sub tender Holland.

F. J. Mire, New Orleans, served on a transport in the Atlantic as S1c and H. G. Spahr, Fairmont, Ind., who enlisted Dec. 7, 1941, served as ARM2c on PBM3C in the North and South Atlantic. J. E. Waits, Klamath Falls, Ore., was left swimming in the Pacific when the aircraft carrier Lexington was destroyed in the battle of the Coral Sea.

## Advancements To Twenty-one Men

Twenty-one members of the ship's company received advancements in ratings as of September 1, and A. J. Mann, in charge of the dance orchestra, received a permanent appointment as Bandmaster. Those advanced in ratings include:

J. D. Bateman, D. A. d'Alessio, W. J. Fredling, D. R. Hargrave,

A. W. Nickum, W. L. Rush, J. M. Shaffer and G. A. Tamppari from Mus. 2c to Mus. 1c.

H. E. Dickey and H. R. Graves, S2c to S1c.

M. P. Habelt, R. M. Hagen and S. G. Kuehnle, Y2c to Y1c.

C. E. Hopla, PhM2c to PhM1c.

E. R. Johnson, H. M. Kelsey and L. O. Walker, PhM3c to PhM2c.

M. D. Savidge, E. J. Sekreta and M. F. Tanner, HA2c to HA1c.

J. B. Skoog, SK3c to SK2c.



### TODAY Aboard

Movie—"Thank Your Lucky Stars." Showings at 1620 and 1910 for all battalions except Seventeenth and 2115 for officers, Ship's Company, guests.

### TOMORROW Aboard

Movie—"Destroyer," Edward G. Robinson, Margaret Chapman. Showings at 1310 for cadets and 1500 for cadets, officers and Ship's Company.

### Ashore

1430—Twelfth Battalion dance, Monterey Peninsula Country Club, 1330 to 1700—Dancing, Mission Ranch, Carmel.

1430—Football, Navyators vs. Alameda Coast Guard, San Francisco.

### WEDNESDAY Ashore

1530—American Association of University Women tea for Navy wives, 146 Twelfth Street, Pacific Grove.

### FRIDAY Aboard

1900—Happy Hour featuring Carmel USO Barn Door Canteen.

## Variety Of Classes In Adult School

The Monterey Adult School is planning a variety of classes for the fall on the adult level and officers and enlisted men are invited to attend. An extensive Forum program is contemplated which will include as speakers Walter Duranty of "I Write As I Please" fame and William Lydgate, editor of the Gallup Poll.

Registration in regular classes is free. The fee for attending the Forum will be one dollar for the season of ten lectures. Registrations for the Forum may be made at the Palace Drug Store, Monterey Chamber of Commerce, or at the Monterey Adult School at the Monterey Union High School, Madison and Larkin.

### New Duties To Four

Duty shifts this week: Lieut. (jg) Lawrence to supernumerary Fifteenth Battalion; Lieut. (jg) O'Connell and Ens. Dawson, special assignments in Military Department; Lieut. (jg) Sikes, supernumerary, Sixteenth Battalion.

## Divine Services

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



THE SPORTS PROGRAM BOXING championship for the summer season went to the Coronados, coached by Ens. Lenich (right), who were undefeated in six meets. The team (left to

right) included Charles Carty, Jr., O. L. Joerg, J. H. Hampton, R. H. Brandon, R. A. Dunbar, C. D. Grubb, L. A. Heath, A. C. Davis and J. D. Bilbrey.

## Dauntless Squadron Holds Slim Lead In Sports Program

Scoring heavily in basketball and track, the Dauntless squadron squeezed into the top spot in the Sports Program Standings last week as competition opened in the Fall season's schedule. Deadlocked in second place with 41½ points, only a half point behind the leaders, were the Kingfishers and the Wildcats, with the Vindicators next in line, a half point ahead of the Mariners.



J. J. MURPHY  
He scores for Dauntless quintet

Dauntless teams swept their track, basketball, wrestling and boxing meets but stumbled twice in soccer and dropped their only football game of the week. The half point margin was provided by the four Dauntless members on the varsity football squad while the Kingfishers and Wildcats have only three each.

Big gun of the Dauntless court team is quiet, unassuming J. J. Murphy, 15-F-1, of Joilet, Ill., former football and basketball captain of his high school squad. Murphy, a forward, is the leading scorer of Ens. Duncan's team.

### The standings:

Dauntless 42	Avenger 31
Kingfisher 41½	Coronado 26
Wildcat 41½	Helldiver 25
Vindicator 35½	Catalina 17½
Mariner 35	Mustang 16
Seagull 33	Corair 8

## Swimming Pools Reopen This Week

Both swimming pools, out of commission for approximately six weeks, were scheduled to be filled this week to allow resumption of instruction and competition. Reconditioning of the filtering and circulatory systems, new tile and paint and raising the bulkheads of the small pool have occupied workmen.

While the pools, have been empty, Lieut. J. R. Smith and his staff have used the pools at the Monterey High School, Country Club, Racket Club and Pacific Grove for instructional classes.

## Home Grid Games May Be Scheduled

Two football games to be played on the Monterey High School field may be scheduled for the Navyators to bring the season's playing program to nine contests. Lieut. Gary, director of athletics, has tentative dates with the Naval Replacement Center of Pleasanton, Cal., for October 10 and with California Polytechnic of San Luis Obispo for November 14.

The Replacement Center, coached by Lieut. Jim Bausch, former star athlete at the University of Kansas, opens its season today against the University of San Francisco. Cal Poly's squad is made up largely of the 684 aviation cadets attending the Naval Flight Preparatory school there.

If these games are scheduled the Navyator schedule will be as follows:

- Tomorrow—Alameda Coast Guard at San Francisco.
- Oct. 3—St. Mary's College at San Francisco.
- Oct. 10—U.S.N. Replacement Center at Monterey.
- Oct. 21—St. Mary's Pre-Flight at San Francisco.
- Oct. 16—College of the Pacific at Stockton.
- Oct. 24—University of San Francisco at San Francisco.
- Nov. 6—U.C.L.A. at Los Angeles.
- Nov. 14—California Poly at Monterey.
- Nov. 21—St. Mary's Pre-Flight at San Francisco.
- Nov. 27—University of California at Berkeley.

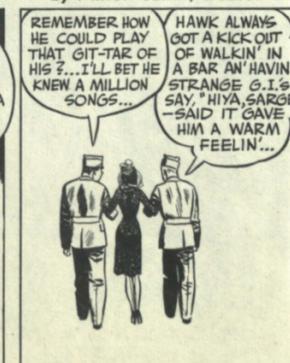
## FOOTBALL

Meyers, 12-K-2, left end; Earl Godfrey, 14-C-1, left tackle; Grant Potter, 13-A-2, left guard; Wilbur Wool, 12-L-2, center; LeRoy Littlejohn, 15-E-1, right guard; Bernard Johnson, 15-E-2, right tackle; and Murel Brown, 13-A-2, right end.

The second backfield has Jim Florow, 13-A-2, quarterback; John Elser, 12-K-3, left halfback; E. J. Rohr, HA1c, right halfback; and James Fallon, 13-A-1, fullback. The reserve line consists of Edward Rich, Jr., 15-F-1, left end; Kenneth Austin, 15-F-2, left tackle; Claude Petersen, 13-A-2, left guard; Dick Ragus, 13-A-3, center; Alfred Long, 15-E-3, right guard; Paul Stegman, 14-D-1, right tackle; and Frank Whigham, 15-E-2, right end.

In reserve, Coach Kern has a team of officers with outstanding collegiate records that is scheduled to see some service.

## Male Call



CRIPES! EVERY TIME I SEE TH' GANG GETTIN' UP A LITTLE GAME I THINK OF SERGEANT HAWK!

YEAH, AND REMEMBER HOW HE COULD SWOOP DOWN ON A BABE AN' HAVE HER DATED UP BEFORE ANY OF US GUYS HAD A CHANCE? GOOD OL' "CHICKEN" HAWK!

REMEMBER HOW HE COULD PLAY THAT GIT-TAR OF HIS?... I'LL BET HE KNEW A MILLION SONGS...

HAWK ALWAYS GOT A KICK OUT OF WALKIN' IN A BAR AN' HAVIN' STRANGE G.I.'S SAY, "HIYA, SARGE?" - SAID IT GAVE HIM A WARM FEELIN'...

I WAS GATHERIN' UP SOME OF HIS STUFF ONLY TODAY... HIS KID BROTHER WILL WANT TO KEEP HIS OLD CORPORAL AN' PFC CHEVRONS...

SOUNDS AS IF YOUR OUTFIT WILL REALLY MISS THIS SGT. HAWK! WHEN WAS HE KILLED?

OH, HE WASN'T KILLED, MISS LACE... HE WENT TO O.C.S.!

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Scene: Recognition room.  
 Time: Weekly test.  
 Characters: N. & R. prof, a group of "shoot-em-first-and-recognize-em-later" cadets of the Thirteenth.

Prof: "Now men to make sure every man has an equal opportunity to pass this test, we want you to take every other seat."

(This is the routine we get instead of them saying, "With our system you can't possibly gouge.")

"Bear a hand men, we have 30 ships and 30 planes today."

Cadet Slaughter: "Will we have the Arethusa and the Southhampton classes today, Sir?"

(Of course we haven't had either of these yet, but a question of this type always comes up.)

Prof: "Have we studied these ships yet?"

Class: "No, Sir!"

Prof: "Then we won't have them. And one thing more—I know I don't have to mention this, I realize this isn't at all necessary, but—well you know a couple of men have been sent to San Diego for you-know-what, but of course no one in here—"

(The Navy trusts its men implicitly.)

Cadet: "Sir, would you mind showing slides on the New York and the Arkansas?"

Prof: (Showing slides) "You can easily see the difference here. (Meaning you could if you had



"Pardon me, Miss, do you jitterbug?"

Fifteenth On Parade

The Fifteenth broke out its blues for the first time this week and participated in the huge War Bond parade in Monterey, Thursday. Also included in the parade was the Navy band and a color guard manned by members of the Fifteenth.

Captain Steele was a member of the reviewing party that included Col. Roger S. Fitch, commanding officer at Fort Ord, and other Army and Navy officers.

The Pre-Flight orchestra provided entertainment at the big War Bond auction at the Monterey baseball park following the parade.

to write down the names—could we have a little more time?"

Prof: "Why yes, I suppose so. Ready—now—(click); Ready—now (click)."

(There is no change in tempo, but the prof has made the magnanimous gesture of promising more time between shots.)

Prof: "Well, well, that's done—how many 4.0's? (Not too impressed) 3.9's? 3.8's? 3.7's? How many got above 3.5; One, hm-m-m. Well you're coming right along (false optimism). How many below 2.5? Hmmmm, 5, that's not so good, but I don't want you cadets to get discouraged. They had a slump in the batt before you about this time, but they're all make it quite well now—those who are still with us, heh, heh."

Superman's X-ray vision) On the Arkansas they stack their rifles behind the aft superstructure instead of in front of it—elementary."

Cadet: "Oh, I see, Sir."

Prof: "And now since there are no more questions, check your posture, sit up straight in your chairs, relax (we wonder why they don't make up their minds on this one—have you ever heard of a student relaxing and sitting

straight up?) Ready—now—"click!"

Cadet Slaughter: "Sir, would you mind flashing that one again? I just caught a glimpse of it.

(At a 75th of a second you have a right to expect much more than a glimpse.)

Prof: "No, cadet, no—I'm sorry but—ready, now—(click)—ready—now—(click)—ready now—(click)."

Cadet: "Sir, I don't have time

# Newsreels of the Week

By CADET MCCARTHY 13-A-1

**SPEEDSTER J.M. BROWNE JR.**  
NEW OBSTACLE COURSE

No! THERE HE GOES! RECORD. 3.33

HERE HE COMES!

SWISH

**JOY REIGNS AS THE POOL IS RE-OPENED**

LOOK GUYS! IT ALL (SOB) FILLED

**NAVIGATION**  
LOOKING AT STARS THROUGH FOG

THAT'S POLARIS IF WE COULD SEE IT.

**ILLUSTRATED NAVAL CUSTOMS #4**  
HOLD SALUTE UNTIL RECOGNIZED

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**NAVYATORS OPEN SEASON TOMORROW AGAINST COAST GUARD.** (LT. KERN)

ALL RIGHT MEN GET IN THERE AND FIGHT.

(M. BROWN)

HO-HUM (GENERAL)

31 (RAGUS)

**IDENTIFICATION PICTURES CONTINUE VERY FLATTERING.** (HA-HA)

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