

# Cadet Forshee Won DFC Twice; Two in 41st Have Air Medals

TWICE awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism and extraordinary achievement as rear gunner of a Navy dive bomber in the



Left to right: Rees, Forshee and Martz.

Battles of the Coral Sea and Midway, Lynn R. Forshee, ARM1c (41-I-2B), heads a long list of 41st Batt trainees who have already tasted action in various theaters of war.

Two winners of the Air Medal are also numbered among the bluejacket and Marine cadets in that battalion. They are Matthew A. Rees, ARM1c (J-1A), of Las Vegas, Nev., and George F. Martz, ARM2c (I-3A), of Cumberland, Md. Rees was decorated for his service as a gunner aboard a Catalina, which shot down one of four attacking Zeroes off Kiska, dispersed the others, and aided in the sinking of an armed enemy freighter.

Martz, manning the rear gun of a Dauntless, helped his pilot knock down three planes in the Battle of Santa Cruz.

Forshee, who wears the DFC and gold star, was personally credited with the destruction of one enemy plane in the Coral Sea engagement and was cited again for his "courage and tenacity in the face of heavy fighter and anti-aircraft opposition" at Midway. He is a native of Britt, Ia., and has served four years in the Navy. After Pearl Harbor he was transferred from Atlantic submarine patrol duty to the Pacific where he participated in the Marshall and Gilbert actions, Salamaua, Lae, Tulagi, and Guadalcanal.

Jerome Brown, AM3c, USN (I-1A), served in a fighter squadron aboard an aircraft carrier which participated in the attack on Casablanca. The ship's guns sank two subs and its planes three in that engagement. The crew received a unit citation.

Cpl. John C. Barnes, USMCR, holds

two presidential unit citations. He was shellman and director finder on a five-irch battery aboard the famous Battleship X which distinguished herself in the Battles of Santa Cruz, Guadalcanal, and Savo Island.

S/Sgt. David G. Mehargue, USMC, flew with the first bombing squadron to operate out of Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, after it was captured.

Walter F. Howard, AMM1c, was in a PBV crew which bombed Munda Air-strip in December, '42.

Stanley C. Topolski, ACMM (CAC), USN, saw action throughout the Southwest Pacific for two years, flying in PBV's and B24's.

William G. Peterson, AOM1c, USN, bombardier in a patrol squadron in the Southwest Pacific, participated in the Coral Sea Battle.

Five of the group were in North Atlantic patrols which have a number of submarines to their credit. They are: James B. Gray, PhM1c, USN; Charles W. Hazelbacker, Jr., AMM2c, USN; Eugene A. Rodgers, Am1c, USN; Charles O'Henry, PhM1c, USCG; Herbert G. Stauning, AMM3c, USN.

Three were stationed at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and witnessed the Jap attack—Francis F. Davis, BM2c, USN; Paul T. Eckholt, AMM1c, USN; and Jack R. Evans, AOM1c, USN.

— Skytrain—95 —

Epitaph: Here lies an atheist, all dressed up and no place to go.

## Operational Report

SPLICED:

L. J. Eccel, AMM2c (41-I-2A), and Miss Dorothy E. Kupka, of Milwaukee, Wisc., January 20, in the Chaplain's office.

TRANSFERRED:

C. T. Miner, PhM1c, to R/S, Brooklyn, N. Y., for further transfer to sea duty; J. C. Oates, Y2c, to NTS, Norfolk, for further transfer to sea duty.

— Focke-Wolf 190—35 —

## 39th Makes Record 94.71 in Academics

With an all-time academic record of 94.71 percent of its cadets on the all-passing list, the 39th Batt will bring to eight its overall total of E pennants Monday when it raises the red and white burgee over Wasp.

Other scores, released today by the Records office: 38th, 90.50 percent; 40th, 79.30 percent; 41st, 65.76 percent.

The previous high in academics was made two weeks ago when 93.81 percent of the 37th Batt passed all subjects for the week ending January 8.

— Junkers 87—45 —

## V-Mail Gets Priority; Navy Urges Its Use

Greater use must be made of V-Mail or it may become necessary to discontinue carrying other personal mail overseas by air, says a Navy Department announcement.

Overseas operations are taxing air mail transportation facilities severely. V-Mail film takes up less than two percent of the space and weight of regular mail. Unless the majority of letters to and from personnel overseas go by V-Mail, there is the likelihood that air cargo space will be insufficient to accommodate even a small percentage of unfilmed personal mail.

V-Mail, furthermore is now receiving first transportation consideration over all mail except officer messenger and official registered air mail.

— Mustang—37 —

## Two Navy Nurses Report

Two Navy Nurses\* reported aboard this week for duty with the medical department. They are Ens. Blannie Barron of Crystal Springs, Miss., and Ens. Issia Fay Muncy of Lovely (believe it or not), Ky.

Both have been serving at the Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, for the past ten months.

— Hurricane—40 —

## Cadets Attend WAVE Hop

One hundred cadets from the senior 38th Battalion will attend the joint graduation dance and President's Birthday Ball at the Wave Training School, Milledgeville, Ga., tomorrow night. Buses will bring the cadets back to Athens immediately after the dance.

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