

Christmas Eve Ball To Open Festivities

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Toups Is Tops Among 35th Grads; Marines Sweep First Three Places

Sgt. Nelson Is Second; Sullivan's Platoon Ranks Highest

THE Marine Aviation Detachment boasts three of the top graduates on the 35th Battalion's honor roll released today by the Records Office. Sgt. T. J. Toups, J-3, took highest honors with an overall average of 3.63. Sgt. S. A. Nelson, J-1, was second with 3.57; and Sgt. W. C. Brusasco, J-1, was third with 3.53.

Turkey Dinner On Xmas Slate

Sleep all day tomorrow if you wish, but if you do you'll miss a Christmas dinner that goes something like this:

Oyster Cocktail
Stuffed Celery Olives, Pickles
Roast Young Georgia Turkey
Oyster Dressing Cranberry Sauce
Giblet Gravy
Glazed Carrots Mashed Potatoes
Green Peas
Avocado and Tomato Salad
French Dressing Hot Rolls
Golden Fruit Cake
Ice Cream
Coffee
Salted Nuts Candy
Cigarettes

Reveille will sound at 0730, but those who care to (and who doesn't) may ignore it. Cadets will not be required to meet any formations on Christmas Day, except for the meals they eat aboard.

On the station's entertainment program are two special movies at 1515 and 1945.

All cadets are invited to Christmas dances which will be held at the Athens Service Center, and the American Legion Cabins. Liberty will end at 2345, and taps will sound at 2400.

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35th Flew Six Flags

The 35th Batt, which departs Monday, leaves an all-time station record of four straight wins in Regimental Review, and a near-record of three consecutive White E pennants. They retired from both the athletic and the academic competitions with the regimental championship burgees still flying. Altogether Lieut. H. A. Rabenhorst's charges claimed six championship flags while aboard.

Sharing third honors with Brusasco were Cadets C. G. Brady, J-1, and R. E. Kramer, J-1.

Four of the top five, and ten of the honor roll of 25 cadets were from Ens. E. D. Sullivan's platoon J-1, which also holds the distinction of being undefeated in regimental sports competition. It
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Cadets' Families Welcome; Dance Marks Opening Of Dahlgren Hall

YULETIDE festivities officially open at 1745 today when classes will be secured and liberty will begin for the Navy's only wartime holiday. For those who wish to eat on the station, evening chow will be served one-half hour early for all battalions.

At 2100 Chief Maser and the Skycracker orchestra will strike up the band in Dahlgren Hall for the Christmas Eve Ball which will mark the official opening of the huge new structure. A crowd of 4,000 officers, cadets, enlisted men and civilian employees, and their wives and dates, will dance under a star-studded canopy.

Cadets may take members of their families and out-of-town guests to the ball, but any civilian males among them must wear Navy guest badges. These are obtainable in advance from platoon officers.

An Atlanta decorator, with the aid of cadet labor platoons and musicians, has already completed the decorations. Twelve hundred yards of mountain laurel rope and 500 yards of smilax
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Santa's a Great Guy for Laughs



Navy uniform regulations apparently mean nothing to some people, Aviation Cadet Jim Kendall (39-F-1), of Miami, discovered this week when he received a Christmas gift of several colorful ties from a "female admirer." Three of his platoon mates are shown helping him try on some of the snappy haberdashery. Left to right: Robert McConnell, Kendall, John Moore, and John Kiefer.