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## Harvey Petersen Is Honor Man In The Eighteenth

The Eighteenth Battalion today will pack its Christmas gifts along with various and sundry other gear and prepare to shove off tomorrow for the Naval Air Stations at Norman, Okla., and Hutchinson, Kans.; having dispensed with the graduating ceremonies yesterday afternoon. Of the 220 men leaving, 80 will welcome the New Year in at Norman and 140 at Hutchinson.

Speakers yesterday were Lieut. Comdr. Fitzhugh, Lieut. Meyers and Lieut. Kolf.

Ranking man in the Eighteenth was Harvey Dallas Petersen, pride of K-2, from Albion, Neb., who recorded a composite grade of 3.57. Runner-up was John H. Hooper, K-1, Lancaster, Pa., who knocked off a 3.54 and was tops in the battalion in officer aptitude with a 3.65 mark.

Petersen was second to Hooper with 3.60 and Robert M. Neigel, K-3, Irvington, N. J., posted 3.55.

Alexander M. Lopper, Jr., Warren L. Lungstrum and William E. Finnerty dominated the ground school department. Lopper, K-3, New York City, had the high grade of 3.70 and Lungstrum, K-2, Topeka, Kans., had 3.69. Finnerty, L-3, Staten Island, N.Y., had 3.62.

Joseph C. Fischer, L-1, Monticello, N.Y., the obstacle course expert, neared the maximum grade in athletics with his 3.92 and he was closely followed by John R. Hyden, L-1, Arlington, Tex., 3.91, and John C. Hayes, K-1, Barstow, Calif., 3.90.

### McBRIDE, BLAUL LEAVE

Two members of the Ship's Company were transferred this week for duty outside the continental limits. Those transferred were B. J. McBride, SM3c, and T. J. Blaul, S1c.

Movies for the New Year's weekend are "No Time For Love," with Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray, Saturday, and "Happy Land," with Don Ameche and Frances Dee, Sunday.



"Silent Night! Holy Night!"

### ATTENTION, ALL CADETS:

## Comic Strip Commencement Address Worth Remembering

LAST October 17 in the comic strip, "Terry and the Pirates," Artist Milton Caniff hit a new high in method of presentation. His Colonel Corkin informed Aviation Cadet Terry Lee of the successful completion of his training course and welcomed him into the Army Air Forces as a fighter pilot (buzz-boy). And in doing so, delivered a commencement address that received wide acclaim throughout the nation's press and has been preserved for posterity in the Congressional Record.

The Colonel's speech was a memorial one and is well worth remembering by all aviation cadets — Army and Navy — when times comes to don those wings. Following are Colonel Corkin's remarks. Save them, read them occasionally — and remember them!



MILTON CANIFF  
Col. Corkin hits the jack-pot

"I'm going to make a speech—and it'll be the last one of its kind in captivity—so don't get a short circuit between the ears.

"Well, you made it. You're a flight officer in the Air Forces of the Army of the United States. Those wings are like a neon light on your chest. . . . I'm not going to wave the flag at you, but some things you must never forget.

"Every country has had a hand in the development of the airplane but, after all, the Wright brothers were a couple of Dayton, Ohio, boys—and Kitty Hawk is strictly North Carolina. The hallmark of the United States is on every aircraft.

"So you find yourself in a position to defend the country that gave you the weapon with which to do it. . . . But it wasn't just you who earned those wings. . . . A ghostly echelon of good guys flew their hearts out in old kites to give you the know-how—and some smart slide rule jokers sweat it out over drawing boards

to give you a machine 'that will keep you up there shooting.

"I recommend you for fighter aircraft and I want you to be cocky and smart and proud of being a buzz-boy. But don't forget that every bullet you shoot, every gallon of gas and oil you burn was brought here by transport pilots who flew it in over the worst terrain in the world! You may get the glory—but they put the lift in your balloon!

"And don't let me ever catch you being high-bicycle with the enlisted men in your ground crew! Without them, you'd never get ten feet off the ground! Every grease monkey in that gang is right beside you in the cockpit—and their hands are on that stick, just the same as yours.

"You'll get angry as the devil at the Army and its so-called red tape. But be patient with it—somehow, the old eagle has managed to end up in possession of the ball in every war since 1776 — so just humor it along.

"Okay, sport, end of speech. When you get up in that 'wild blue yonder,' the song talks about, remember there are a lot of good guys missing from mess tables in the South Pacific, Alaska, Africa, Britain, Asia and back home who are sorta counting on you to take it from here!"

The Navyator orchestra, under the direction of Bandmaster Mann, will be the attraction at the Happy Hour next Friday night.



### TODAY Aboard

Movie — "His Butler's Sister," Deanna Durbin, Franchot Tone. Showings at 1910 for cadets and at 2100 for officers, Ship's Company, guests.

### Ashore

State Theatre—"Claudia," Dorothy McGuire, Robert Young.  
Carmel Theatre—"Destroyer," Edward G. Robinson, Maguriete Chapman.

### TOMORROW Aboard

Movie — "Northern Pursuit," Erroll Flynn, Julie Bishop. Showings at 1310 and 1500 for cadets. Officers and Ship's Company attend 1500 showing only.

### Ashore

1430 — Nineteenth Battalion Graduation Dance, Monterey Peninsula Country Club.

1400—Dancing, Mission Ranch, Carmel.

State Theatre—"Watch on the Rhine," Bette Davis, Paul Lukas.  
Carmel Theatre—"Hit the Ice," Abbott and Costello.

### FRIDAY

1900 — Happy Hour featuring Navyator Orchestra.

### COMING MOVIES

Saturday—"No Time For Love," Claudette Colbert, Fred MacMurray.

Sunday—"Happy Land," Don Ameche, Frances Dee.

### Nineteenth To Dance

The Nineteenth Battalion's last official social function will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club in the form of the graduation dance. The Navyator orchestra will supply the tunes.