

## Physical Fitness Index Mark of 139 By J. E. Johnson

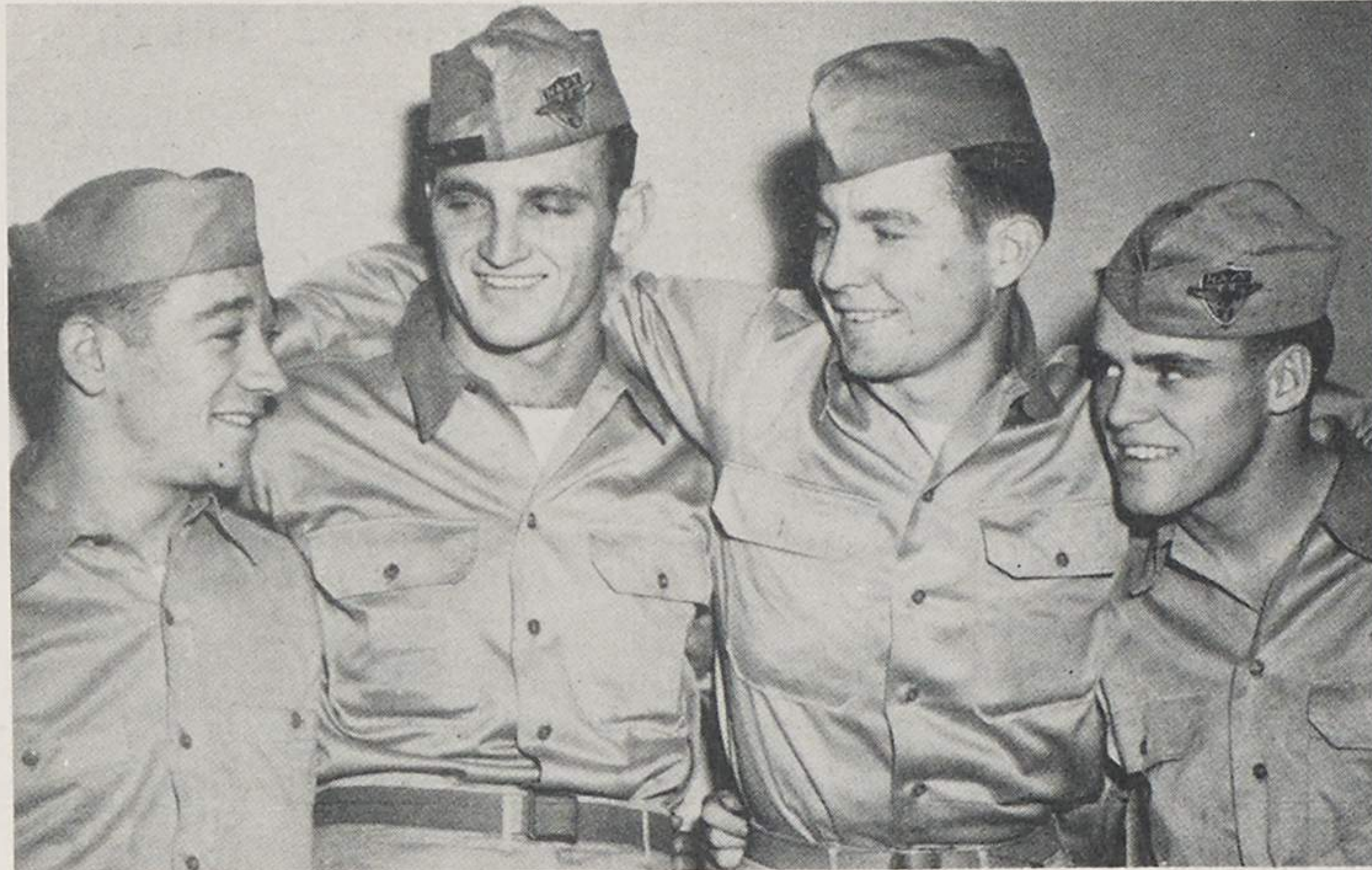
What the Tests and Measurements division thought was just another Battalion has developed into the best all-around outfit to be graduated from this School. This startling fact was brought to light this week when facts and figures concerning the Eighteenth were announced by Lieut. Neufeld.

After double-checking the testing results, Lieut. Neufeld came forth with the announcement that the Eighteenth had the highest average of all battalions since the school went into commission, February 13, 1942. In accomplishing this feat the men of the graduating group broke one battalion average, tied another and ranked extremely high in the remaining three tests.

Top muscle man in the battalion was John E. Johnson, K-2, Westerly, R.I., whose amazing physical fitness index of 139 was eleven points higher than the record of 128 established by W. N. Clawson of the Second, 'way back in May. During his high school days at Stonington, Conn., Johnson was not a star athlete and limited such activities to tennis—all of which is another point toward proving the theory that ardent participation in athletics isn't necessary in obtaining physical excellence.

The Eighteenth set a new mark for pushups by averaging 29.50 which broke the old record of 29.25 made by the Sixteenth. And the speed-agility record of 30.21 seconds, set by the Seventeenth, was tied. The Eighteenth averaged 10.25 chins, 22.33 inches for the jump-reach and had a physical fitness index of 87.66.

Cowden Simpson, L-1, Dallas, Tex., had the high mark for the jump-reach with a leap of 29½ inches and John R. Hyden, L-1, Arlington, Tex., accomplished 56 pushups to take the individual title in that department. The top speed-agility time of 27.4 seconds was recorded by Emmert C. Emory, K-3, Perry, Ia., and A. B. Talley, Jr., had the most chins with 21.



The Eighteenth's testing champions . . . Emery (speed-agility); Simpson (jump-reach); Talley (chins); and Hyden (pushups).



The most "physically fit" cadet to be graduated from this school . . . Cadet J. E. Johnson, whose index totaled 139.

Craig Nelson, Sp(W)1c, choir director and organist, last night played for the midnight Mass at the Carmel Mission.

## Officers Who Have Passed 'A' Swim Test Total 154

Excellent cooperation with the Athletic Department's swimming program for officers has established a record for the other Pre-Flight Schools to match and Lieut. Gary doubts that the task will be accomplished.

All officers aboard—from the exec down and including the heads of all departments—are participating in the program outlined by Lieut. Comdr. Wickhorst that requires all hands to pass the "A" test. Figures announced this week by Lieut. Gary indicate the success of the plan and are a challenge to other activities under CNAPrim-Tra.

Lieut. Gary's records show that 154 officers have passed the "A" test. Of this total 19 have completed the "AA." Seventeen have passed the "AAA" and 36 have credit for the maximum test on the list—the maintenance.

The Athletics department has set the pace and has only five officers who haven't completed the "A" test. Eight military officers have yet to be checked off the list and seventeen academics officers have not completed the minimum requirements.

Of the 30 officers yet to pass the "A" fifteen have passed some part of it and should complete the entire test by the end of next week.

## Coronados Stay Atop Standings, Vindicators Next

The Coronado squadron, winners of the winter season competition in the Sports Program, last week maintained the swift pace and again topped the standings.

The new system, started last week, has the four remaining squadrons—Coronado, Vindicator, Catalina and Hellcat—each fielding two teams in wrestling, boxing, basketball and swimming. Leading units last week were the Vindicators (1) and the Coronados (2), each with thirty points. The Vindicator unit lost a pair of basketball games in five starts while the Coronados suffered only a swimming loss in five outings.

Tied for the runner-up spot in the weekly standings were the Catalinas (2) and the Coronados (1), each with 25 points. Hellcats (1) and Vindicators (2) ranked next with 15 points and the Catalinas (1) and the Hellcats (2) brought up the rear with 10 each.

The leading Coronado squadron gained its 55 points by taking seven victories and losing only one basketball game and one swimming meet. The Vindicators of Company A rank second in the cumulative standings with 45 points with the Catalinas next with 35 and the Hellcats at the bottom with 25.

The standings:

Coronado 55	Catalina 35
Vindicator 45	Hellcat 25

## Seventeen Choristers Go With Eighteenth

Chaplain Wolf and Craign Nelson, Sp(W)1c, choir director, wish to thank the following men of the Eighteenth Battalion for their participation in the cadet choir:

John H. Binkley, Allen G. Blomberg, Eugene A. Bundy, Aaron H. Drumright Jr., Warren J. Ellison, Emmert C. Emery, Neal S. Fox, William N. Hunter III, Daniel J. Keulin.

George E. Millard, Richard C. Mullins, Richard D. Specht, Fred J. Verse, Roland L. Webb, Clarence W. Willis Jr., Lawrence Blankenship, James H. Barnard.

## Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



## Tasty Dish On The T/O