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Camp Perry Opens

Group 2 Receives First Two Companies In Its New Barracks

Another big step towards the goal of a full recruit complement for Bainbridge was taken this week when Camp Perry received its first two companies. Camp Perry, or the "Group 2" as most people know it, took in its first recruits on Monday and on Tuesday morning Mess Hall, Number 202, was in operation, serving breakfast to the newcomers. Meanwhile, work is going on apace in Camp Perry on the roads and drill fields. It is believed that these will be completed well before the quota has been reached for

Fourth Regiment Stages First Review

What We Are Fighting For

The U. S. Aircraft Carrier Wasp, great gaping holes in her sides and with black billowing clouds of smoke enveloping her superstructure, was sunk by the gunfire of U. S. Destroyers on September 15, to prevent her falling into Jap hands.

Among those who went down with the Wasp was Commander

John Joseph Shea, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, whose letter to his five year old son, Jackie, is well on its way to becoming a classic of its kind. Written a few weeks before his death, Commander Shea's letter is reproduced in a position of honor in the first printed issue of our Station Weekly. It speaks for itself.

"Dear Jackie:

"This is the first letter I have ever written to my little son, and I am thrilled to know he can read it all by himself. If you miss some of the words I'm sure it will be only because I do not write plainly. Mother will help you in case anything is not clear.

"I was glad to hear your voice over the long-distance telephone. It sounded as though I was right in the living room with you. You

More Than 1,000 Recruits Parade Before Commandant, Executive Officer

The blue and white of their new Navy uniforms flashing proudly in the brilliance of a mid-November sun, more than a thousand Bainbridge Recruits paraded in the first Regimental Review ever held here at the Station last Saturday afternoon at the Tome Athletic Field.

It was Fourth Regiment day and twelve companies—1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20 and 22 sent complements of their men to participate in the activities.

The Review was held at 1400 and although the day was crisp and cold enough to warrant the wearing of pea coats the skies

the camp.

The handsome new Drill Halls, complete with swimming pools, are also receiving their full share of attention and the work that is being done on them is noticeable even from day to day.

Camp Perry is the second group to receive recruits, with Camp Barney, or Group 4, well on the road to completion.

The other units are not being neglected and Bainbridge should soon be able to furnish the Fleet with a full quota of Bainbridge trained sailors.

Automobile Insurance For Officers

The United Services Automobile Association of Texas offers to Warrant and Commissioned Officers an exceedingly low rate of insurance on household and personal effects, including automobiles. This averages about a 48 per cent reduction according to information put out by the company, which is composed entirely of Federal Officers, and which is rated A-1 for its financial responsibility. If any Officers are interested, they can get in touch with them by writing: United Services Automobile Assn., Grayson Street Station, San Antonio, Texas.

sounded as though you missed your daddy very much. I miss you, too, more than anyone will ever know.

"It is too bad this war could not have been delayed a few more years so I could have grown up again with you and done all the things I planned to do when you were old enough to go to school.

"I thought how nice it would be for me to come home early in the afternoon and play ball with you and go mountain climbing with you and see the trees and brooks and learn all about woodcraft, hunting, fishing, swimming, and other things we've talked about. I suppose we must be brave and put these things off now for a little while.

"When you are a little bigger you will know why your daddy is not home so much anymore. You know, we have a big country and we have ideals as to how people should live and enjoy the riches of it—and how each is born with equal right to life, freedom and the pursuit of happiness.

"Unfortunately, some of the countries in the world don't have these ideals and there a boy cannot grow up to be whatever he wants to be, with no limit on his opportunities to become a great man such as a great priest, statesman, doctor, soldier, business man, etc.

"Because there are people and countries who want to change our nation, its ideals, forms of government and way of life, we must leave our homes and families to fight.

"Fighting for the defense of our country, its ideals and homes, is an honor and a duty which your daddy has to do before he can come home to settle down with you and mother.

"When it is done he is coming home to be with you always and forever. So wait just a little while longer. I'm afraid it won't be as soon as the two weeks you told me over the telephone.

"In the meantime take good care of mother. Be a good boy and grow up to be a good young man. Study hard when you go to school. Be a leader in everything that is good in life.

"Be a good Catholic and you can't help being a good American. Play fair always. Strive to win, but if you must lose, lose like a gentleman and a good sportsman.

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overhead were clear and an occasional breeze whipped the green and red markers that staked out the field.

Superb Picture

Each of the companies represented sent an equal number of men and all presented a superb picture as they swept by the reviewing section of the field to the military strains of the Station Band.

That the first review was a success can best be gathered from the comments of the Commandant, Captain C. F. Russell, who with the Executive Officer, Captain E. T. Short, and the Recruit Training Officer, viewed the proceedings from the reviewer's vantage point.

"It was", said the Commandant, "an excellent showing and the men have every reason to feel proud of their performance today."

This seemed to be the general opinion of all who saw the review and the Fourth Regiment has now set up a proud precedent for all others to follow.

All companies, except one, had only two weeks to prepare for the exercises. Hereafter, Reviews will be held on Wednesday afternoons at the Regimental Drill grounds in each camp.