"Jap cruiser destroyed at night by U.S. Navy's PT boats." Drawing by Fred Freeman, courtesy of Look Magazine.

A Word By The Author Of "They Were Expendable

By W. I. WHITE

This story was told me largely in the officers
quarters of the Motor Torpedo Boat Station at Melville, Rhode Island, by four young officers of MTB
Squadron 3, who were all that was left of the squadron
which proudly salled for the Philippines last Summer,
A fifth officer, Leutenant Henry J. Branningham, has
Thee men had been singled out from the multitude
for return to America because General MacArithur beleved that the MTB's had proved their worth in warlare, and hoped that these officers could bring back to
America their actual battle experience; by which trainees
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Their squadron commander, Lieutenani John Bulke-eley frow licutenant-commander) of course needs no introduction, as he is already a national hero for his part in bringing MacArthur out of Battan. But because the Navy was then keeping him so busy fulfilling the scale of the Navy was then keeping him so busy fulfilling the scale of the Navy was then keeping him so busy fulfilling the scale of the Navy was then keeping him so busy fulfilling the scale of the Navy was then keeping him so busy fulfilling the scale of the Navy was then keeping him so busy fulfilling the scale of the Navy was then keeping him so busy fulfilling the Navy was then keeping him to be seen to be seen to be supported by the Navy was then the Navy was then keeping him to be seen to be supported by the Navy was then keeping him to be supported by the Navy was then keeping him to be supported by the Navy was then keeping him to be supported by the Navy was then keeping him to be supported by the Navy was then keeping him to be supported by the Navy was then keeping him to be supported by the Navy was then keeping him to be supported by the Navy was then keeping him to be supported by the Navy was then keeping him to be supported by the Navy was then keeping him to be supported by the Navy was then keeping him to be supported by the Navy was then keeping him to be supported by the Navy was then keeping him to be supported by the Navy was then him to be supported by the Navy was the Nav

gate to Lieutenant Robert Bolling Kelly a major part of the task of rounding out the narrative. I think the reader will agree that the choice was wise, for Lieutenant Kelly, in addition to being a braw and competent Naval officer, has a sense of narrative and a keen eye for significant detail, two attributes which may never help him in battle but which were of great value COS Jr. also contributed much vivid detail.

— As a result, I found when I had finished that I had not just the adventure of a single squadron, but in the background the whole tragic panorama of the Philippine campaign—America's little Dunkirk.

We are a democracy, running a war. If our misweeted. Facts are frequently and proup an every he corrected. Facts are frequently and proven the corrected. Facts are frequently and proven some constant of the whole them. But this story now can safely be told because the and chapter is ended. The

Japanese know just how inadequate our equipment was because the destroyed or captured practically all of it. 1939, and many times before have I, seen the sad young men come out of battle-come with the whistle of figure steel and the rumble of falling walls still in their ears, where the complacent citizens always within the lines, where the complacent citizens always complacent very skirnish as a magnificent victory.

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this area are received by the
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Washington authorities. Occasion.

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ENGINEERS CLUB

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Busy With Recruits

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John's Baptist-Church will mee
tonight at 8 o'clock in the pas
tor's study. at the Red Cross room in A. M. until 3 P. M.

WRITERS CLUB

POETRY SOCIETY
The North Carolina Poetry Society, will, meet commorrors, and the society will meet commorrors, and the society will president, will gather in joint season with the Writer's Club. Dr. C. W. Curden, paster of St. John's Baptils Church, will speak, President Schotter, and Schotter, an

Ident, will preside.

PIEDMONT PTA BOARD

The Pledmont Junior High School PTA Board will meet wednesday morning at 9:30 colors in Room 114 of the process of the consideration of ENGINEERS CLUB
The Charlotte Engineers will
meet this evening at 7 c'olock
at the Myers Park Country Olock
Herbert. J. Herring. dean of
Trinity College. Duke University,
will be guest speaker. New offloers to be installed will be Norris Russell, president; H. B.
Stone; C. W. Underwood, treasuter.

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ROTARY GUDB

David Ovens will be guest
speaker at the weekly luncheon
meeting of the Rotary Club toshortow, at 1 o'clock. His subject
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1045" Mr. Ovens in piong Into
the Good Pellows Club and vicepresident and general manager
of J. B. Ivey & Co. AUTEN IMPROVING
Mr. and Mrs. Harrell auten of
1517 Westbrook Drive have received word that their son. Harrell Auten Jr., reaman second
class, is improving after an illness of bronchial pneumonia althe United States Naval Air Station Hospital in Miami, Fia.

tion Hospital in Miami, Fia.
STATION BURNED

A filling station at 3700 Reszelle Ferry Road, operated by E.
C. Cox was destroyed by firenear midnight last night. The
cause of the fire was not determ of the control of the control of the
have started in some odly regs,
The damage was estimated at
around \$800.

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Postponement of the meeting
of Phalanx Lodge of the Mesonic Order, set for improve
night, was announced
today by
doe Morris, recently installed
master. Degree work previously
planned for this meeting will be
scheduled later.

PRIVATE DUTY NURSES

The Private Duty Nurses divi-sion of the North Carolina State Nurses Association will meet Wednesday night at 8 o'clock in the medical library for their an-nual election of officers.

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