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Johnson Field Sends 75 Soldiers to O. C. S.

Seventy-five enlisted men have left Seymour Johnson Field, since the inception of the Post, to go to Officer's Candidate Schools. Many of them are now full-fledged Officers stationed throughout the country, according to S/Sgt. Richard F. Reynolds, of the Officer Candidate Section.

Sgt. Reynolds also stated that O.C.S. clerks have been, or should have been appointed in every Squadron to advise prospective O.C.S. candidates as to their rights and privileges in regards to Officer's schools.

Too many men have put in for Air Forces Administrative Schools Sgt. Reynolds disclosed. As a result many of these men are sweating out time waiting for quotas to open permitting them to go to school. He advises the prospective candidate to make another selection, and there are approximately 20 different schools to choose from.

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791ST. MEDICOS, 797TH LEAD FIELD BASKETBALL TOURNEY

"Who's going to stop the 791st Squadron?"

This is the pertinent question being asked by "mess hall" basketball strategists in discussing the Seymour Johnson Field tournament after one week's play at the Sports Arena.

Featuring the cool-headed play of Glogower, former NYU cage star, and Bartos, giant center, the 791st quintet has been handing its foes severe drubbings as leader of the Prusuits League. After more than doubling the score on the 80th Aviation crew, 38-16, the deceptive and speedy 791st courtmen walloped the MF's, 43-16, and then last Tuesday humiliated the boys from Headquarters, 46-7—just after the Hq. & Hq. five the night before upset the colored boys from the 80th Aviation, 28-18.

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'AIR-O MECH' IS WINNING NAME IN POST NEWSPAPER CONTEST; PRIZE GOES TO PVTS. MONIER AND SPIEGEL, 793RD. T.S.S.

MEMO: TO G.I.'S

G.I.'s now facing the rigors of these wintry nites shivering in their sacks need not face the coming months in fear. For the Office of the Post Engineer, with goodness in their hearts, is seeing that a rubber-like matting is put on the floors of every barracks on the post.

The matting, made from an asphalt base, has been laid in several squadrons, and within a few weeks every barracks should have it.

Purpose of the matting is not to make it more difficult for ye G. I.'s to get rid of accumulated dirt but to stop drafts.

RATIONINGS FOR HEN?

A "Rations for Our Men" Committee has been formed in the 794th Tech. School Squadron, with Sgt. Bill Spencer as chairman pro tem.

Facing rising costs of bread-crumbs, the Committee, which has as secretary Sgt. Tomassetti, is circulating a petition demanding separate rations for the Squadron hen mascot, WAGGY.

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Two heads are better than one say Pvt. Leon F. Spiegel and Albert Monier of the 793rd T.S. S. These enlisted men united their efforts to produce, in the opinion of the judges, the most suitable name for the Seymour Johnson Field newspaper "Air-O-Mech."

Pvts. Monier and Spiegel were writing letters in a study hall one evening when they saw a copy of the paper and decided to name it.

Monier, who is a Chester, Vt. lad, is a student instructor, while Spiegel who hails from Rochester, N. Y., is a student in the AAFPS.

SIX CAPTAINS ADVANCE RANK, 17 LIEUTENANTS PROMOTED

The promotions of 25 officers, at Seymour Johnson Field, were announced this week by the War Department in Washington.

Promoted from the rank of Capt. was Major Albert P. Mareydt, Post Intelligence Officer, a native of Detroit, Mich. Assigned to Chanute Field, Ill., when he was put on active duty March 15, 1941, Major Mareydt was an ass't Provost Marshal there. He arrived at Seymour Johnson Field, June 15, 1942.

Major Melvin D. Brown, Post Administrative Officer, was promoted from the rank of Capt. A native of Waterloo, Iowa, he graduated Purdue University. Commissioned 1935 as a 2nd Lieut. in the Field Artillery, he was assigned to C.C.C. duty in 1939. In 1941 he was sent to Chanute Field, whence he arrived at Seymour Johnson Field, July 29, 1942.

Major Johnathan B. Murr, Special Service Officer, also promoted from the rank of Capt., is a native Hoosier, and a graduate from DePauw University. He went on active service Feb. 10, 1941, and was assigned to Chanute Field, from where he was sent to this post.

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