



AMs To Fly With Planes From Factory

AM grads will take to the air according to the War Department announcement this week that every new Army Air Force combat airplane larger than a single seater rolling from an American factory production line will be accompanied by a factory-trained enlisted mechanic until it is delivered to its operating unit or processing point for foreign service.

The mechanic will act as crew chief and general caretaker and will have specific duties intended to insure that the airplane and its equipment are in top-notch condition when it leaves his care.

The Army Air Forces Technical Training Command will assign as caretaker mechanics enlisted men of the Air Forces who have been trained in the factories producing the airplanes to which they are assigned.

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INCOME TAX PROBLEMS SOLVED, OR, HOW TO GO INSANE

Take heart, G.I.'s, two deputy tax collectors will be at Seymour Johnson Field on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, March 9, 10, and 11 to assist military personnel in completing their federal income tax returns.

The Judge Advocate's office has urged every soldier to find out the exact amount of his earnings for 1942. Without this knowledge, no one, not even a duty tax collector, can be of any help.

Every man in service whose gross taxable income is over \$500, if he is single, \$1200 if he is married, must file a return even if he will pay no tax.

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M.P.'S DROP BRASSARDS; RETAIN FULL MIL. POLICE POWERS

Military Police, stationed at Seymour Johnson Field as at other fields throughout the country, are not required to wear the customary blue brassard with the white initial M.P.

This is in line with an order from Washington, which went into effect several days ago on this post.

Members of the 913th Guard Sq., when on duty, will still retain the same police powers they had when they wore M.P. brassards, it was made emphatically clear in a memorandum issued at Headquarters this week.

Military Police will be recognized by the white leggings, white gloves, web pistol belts, side-arms and night-sticks, they wear when on duty.

Seymour Johnson Field police, patrolling the city of Goldsboro, are now carrying side-arms for the first time, it was also learned.

It is understood that a new type of brassard for Air Corps police will soon be issued.

PROMOTIONS

Eight Officers at Seymour Johnson Field were raised in rank this week, it was announced by the War Department.

Major Loran J. Anderson, the post's Quartermaster, was promoted from Capt. Major Anderson, a native of Wisconsin, graduated from Wisconsin Teacher's College, and in civilian life managed a Wisconsin cooperative store.

Raised in rank from 1st. Lieut. was Capt. David B. Knox, a graduate from the University of Kentucky. In 1939, Capt. Knox did C.C.C. work as a subaltern and a commanding officer. Assigned to Chanute Field, Ill., in 1941, he was among the first officers to arrive at this post.

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PRIVATE'S SURPRISE VISIT PROVES SURPRISE TO HIM

Pvt. John Hann, of the 794th Tech. Sch. Squadron, was the happiest G.I. on the post a couple of weeks ago.

A permanent party man, his request for a five day furlough was granted by his Commanding Officer, Major Edward A. Kane.

So Hann turned in his sack, barracks bag, and other property into the supply room, and before you could say "I wish I had a furlough" he was on a train bound for Flemington, New Jersey.

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UNBEATEN 791ST AND 797TH T. S. S. QUINTETS WIN FIELD BASKETBALL LEAGUE HONORS; PLAY-OFF STARTS FEB. 26

EIGHT NEW BUSES TO HELP RELIEVE CONGESTED FIELD TRANSPORTATION

To those unfortunate G.I.'s who sweat out precious hours waiting for cattle-wagons and other means of conveyance to take them to Goldsboro, AIR-O-MECH can now exclusively disclose that eight—yes eight—shiny new busses will be put into operation soon.

These busses, of the blue type and with their motors in the back, are now in Goldsboro, but are awaiting licenses to operate.

Well fellers, maybe it won't take us two hours to get to Goldsboro. With these eight new busses it may take us one hour. Think of it!!!

Soldiers So Nice, Says PX Gal

"Soldiers are so nice," a PX sales-gal stated with enthusiasm this week. "If they know you're the wife of a soldier, they don't bother you at all."

This was the gist of an interview with Mrs. Opal Dodson, the 21-year-old wife of an A.M. student, stationed at Seymour Johnson Field.

In an effort to learn what the average PX sales-gal thought of soldiers, after seeing them eight hours a day, six days a week, Air-O-Mech sent out the best reporters on its staff to interview typical sales-gal employees.

Consensus was that soldiers, despite the prevalent notion that

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Curtains swished down on the final week of basketball tournament play, as the 791st Squadron and 797 Squadron cinched top honors in their respective leagues.

By defeating the 793TSS, 31 to 29, in a thrill-packed overtime game, the 797TSS kept their slate clean and assured themselves top position in the Bomber League.

Sporting their usual fine coordination, the boys from the 797th. came from behind in the waning minutes of play to concrete the score on equal terms. Playing an extra period of breath-taking ball, the minions of the 797th Squadron nosed out the 793rd by 2 points, 5/Sgt. Poppo of the winners, dropped the puffed leather through the netted cords for 15 points and top honors.

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POST TECHNICAL LIBRARY WILL OPEN DOORS SHORTLY

To supplement the education program of the A. M. School, a Technical library will be opened in the near future, it was announced this week.

Containing the latest works on aeronautical science, the library will be located in Room 403 of Hangar 4, on the Post.

Librarian in charge of the new library will be Mr. Sanford S. Neal, formerly a member of the librarian's staff of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

He is a graduate from North Carolina State University, St. Johns University, and the University of Maryland's Law School.

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DOPE ON RATION BOOK 2

All military personnel can secure War Ration Book 2 next week at the Ration Board, Building T-22 between the hours of 8 to 12 and 1 to 5 at Seymour Johnson Field.

(Civilian employees will not be able to secure these books on the field.)

The new rationing program is for some 200 process foods, including fruits, dried fruits, and veg See "Ration Book", Page 3

797TH T. S. S. TO PRESENT "FROLICS" AT SERVICE CLUB AND HIGH SCHOOL

The 797th T. S. S. will present a repeat performance of the "Ground Crew Frolics," at the Goldsboro High School, Monday, Feb. 22 at 2030. The show will be sponsored by the U.S.O.

The variety show will also be presented in part at the Post Service Club Sunday evening.

Featured in the show is "The Song of the Ground Crew" written by Pvt. Morton Krebs, and which was presented publically for the first time at the opening performance of

the "Frolics" at the Sports Arena Feb. 10



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PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES ON POST MUST BE REGISTERED WITH PROVOST MARSHAL; FIELD TAGS TO BE ISSUED

All privately-owned vehicles operated by military personnel and civilian employees on the grounds of Seymour Johnson Field will have to be registered with the Office of the Provost Marshal.

A field tag will be issued for placement on the car's windshield, it was announced. Cars which are not registered will not be permitted entrance on the post.

Enlisted men must submit applications for field tags in writing to the Provost Marshal through their

respective Commanding Officers, who in turn will satisfy themselves with the enlisted man's ability to pay for and maintain the car, and to his responsibility for its proper use.

Automobiles, which are to be registered with the Provost Marshal must present a satisfactory appearance; have to be fully equipped with fenders, head and tail lights.

In addition the owners of private vehicles will fully comply with the various North Carolina State laws pertaining to motor vehicles.