

AMs To Fly

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Before the airplane leaves the factory the caretaker mechanic will see that its equipment is complete or that it carries a placard showing any items short and the authority for delivering the airplane without such items. He will see that the proper record forms are in the airplane and that necessary instructions and handbooks are provided.

While the airplane is in transit he will see that necessary forms are accomplished.

If the airplane is sent to a modification center for changes to fit it for a particular theater or mission, the mechanic will accompany it. He will see that records of the changes are made, that the list of short items is corrected as missing items are installed and that other essential matters are accomplished.

INCOME TAX

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Remember - returns should be sent to the Collector of Internal Revenue of your home district, not the one nearest the Post.

Here is a guide that will help solve most questions that crop up:

A. INCLUDE IN GROSS INCOME:

1. Service Pay (exclude \$250 if you are single or \$500 if you are married or head of a family)
2. All other income such as salaries, bonuses, wages, dividends, interest, rents, adjusting compensations.
3. Deductions of insurances.
4. Foreign Service pay.
5. Medal pay.
6. Longevity pay.
7. Retirement pay.
8. "Old Pokey" pay.
9. Voluntary allotments and family allowances charged to your pay.
10. Travel allowances.
11. Travel allowances for dependents.
12. Bonuses or gifts from Employer in payment of services.
13. Net gains from gambling.

B. EXCLUDE FROM GROSS INCOME:

1. Exclude \$250 from Service Pay if single, \$500 if married or head of a family.
2. Commutation of quarters and rental value of quarters; subsistence allowances.
3. Dependency allowances paid directly to wife or dependent by U. S.
4. Pensions received for injuries sustained in service.
5. Allowances to officers for uniforms and equipment.
6. Gifts from anyone except employer.

C. DEDUCT

1. Cost of certain special equipment - sword, Sam Brown belt, corps devices, campaign bars.
2. Value of government property - accidentally lost or damaged.
3. Auto license fees.
4. Bad debts.
5. Contributions to accredited charitable, literary, educational, public organizations.
6. Interest paid.
7. Casualty, fire theft and flood losses not covered by insurance.
8. Medical care expense.
9. Alimony payments.
10. Taxes paid:
 - (a) Admission taxes (theaters, sports, movie events).

Soldiers

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when a man puts on a uniform he assumes wolf-like qualities, are gentlemen, and nothing but.

Of course there are exceptions, Mrs. Dodson, a typical PX sales-gal, maintains. "But they're very rare," she said. "The average soldier when he wants to strike up a conversation will usually look at my fingers for a wedding ring."

"That's why I exhibit my hands so prominently," the pretty soldier's wife stated, chuckling. "And, when the soldier sees my wedding ring, he will usually ask if it's from the ten cent's store, to make sure I was really married."

"Naturally, I'm flattered at the attention, but I really love my soldier boy," Mrs. Dodson continued.

Mrs. Dodson has been working at Field Exchange No. 1, for three months, behind the tobacco counter. She enjoys her work, not only since she's near her husband, but also because it gives her an opportunity to talk with the enlisted men, who come from many states, and have varying points of view.

"And what surprised me most of all was to talk with the Brooklyn lads," she said. "They're all gentlemen, fine young men. It's been a real privilege to have met so many of them."



- (b) Dues taxes.
- (c) Telephone call taxes
- (d) Rail transportation taxes.

D. PERSONAL EXEMPTION

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| 1. Single | \$ 500 |
| 2. Married, not living with spouse | 600 |
| 3. Married, living with spouse | 1200 |
| 4. Head of family | 1200 |

If your status changed during 1942, apportionment is necessary.

E. CREDIT FOR DEPENDENTS

1. \$350 for each person (other than wife) who is in fact dependent and receives more than half his or her support from you, if such person is:
 - (a) Under 18 years of age, or
 - (b) Incapable of self support because physically or mentally defective.

F. PAY YOUR TAX

1. (a) When you file your return
 - (b) In four equal installments commencing with the date of filing, unless you apply for deferment and your application is granted.
2. To receive deferment, it is no easy task:
 - (a) Your military service began after Oct. 17, 1940.
 - (b) It would be a hardship for you to pay the tax
 - (c) You have applied for such deferment.
3. If ordered overseas, you may apply for deferment on any unpaid balance.

Deferment, when granted, postpones payment of the tax until six months after termination of military service, BUT return must still be filed on or before March 15, 1943.



RATION BOOK

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stable and soups. The new system, called the Point System is a new form of rationing and purchase of foods will be by two forms of currency - actual money and by point coupons. Each can, jar, or package of rationed food will have an assigned point value and will "cost" so many points from the Ration Book. Each person is allowed 48 points per month.

To reduce the time necessary to secure these books, the following preparation is suggested:

1. Bring War Book 1 for all members of the family.
2. Be prepared to declare amount of coffee on hand on November 28, 1942.
3. Know number of processed goods, either in cans, jars or packages, on hand on February 21, 1943, less than one gallon and more than 8 ounces.

MEET TYPICAL AM GRADUATE, SISGT. ROBERT E. PIERCE

There's nothing spectacular about the life or career of S/Sgt. Robert E. Pierce to warrant these words except he's a typical graduate of an aviation mechanics course, similar to the one given at Seymour Johnson Field.

Just arrived here to assume duties with the Air Corps Supply, Pierce in the two years he's been in the Army has seen service in Latin America.

Stationed for 20 months at a large air-port near Panama City, practically overlooking the strategic Panama Canal, Pierce knows what it means to be on the "alert" constantly. For as Pierce knows and reports the enlisted men and officers stationed at the Panama air base were always awaiting the "zero" hour, never letting up their constant vigilance.

Arriving at the Panama base, three days after the Pearl Harbor catastrophe, Pierce said he found a universal desire on the part of the Air Forces personnel to get into combat with the Japanese.

"It's surprising," he stated, "to find the 'boofing' existing in this country, after being stationed in what practically was a foreign land."

"Frankly, I can't make it out. While we didn't starve, or anything like that, we certainly didn't have as good a time as soldiers in this country are having. You can talk about your USO shows, and boy they're good, but I can assure you there are few worthwhile shows down there!"

A 27-year-old Chicago native, Pierce was inducted into the Army in 1941 with his entire national guard unit. A welder in the Ford Motor Plant Company plant in Chicago as a civilian, Pierce was assigned to Chanute Field's A.M. course.

After completing his course with honors, Pierce was assigned to Panama, where he became a crew chief, working on all types of warplanes.

Pierce hopes to qualify for Officer's Candidate School at Valley Forge, Pa., where he hopes to study maintenance engineering and secure those coveted bars.

PROMOTIONS

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Capt. Stanley M. Levy, a squadron Commander, was promoted from 1st lieutenant. Born in Indianapolis, Ind., Capt. Levy graduated from the University of Indiana, and did graduate work in the University of Illinois. Assigned to Chanute Field when he went on active service, Feb. 10, 1941, Capt. Levy was also among the first officers at Seymour Johnson Field.

Another 1st lieutenant who was promoted to Capt., this week, is Paul C. Uhlerhop. Capt. Uhlerhop, a native Illinoisian, graduated from the University of Illinois. Now substantive officer with the Quartermaster Dept., he was a proprietor of a retail food business.

Lt. Charles W. Edwards, Donald E. Murray, Alexander M. Knapp, James G. Skinner were promoted from 2nd to 1st Lieutenants this week.

SURPRISE VISIT

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It was some time he hadn't seen his pretty wife and baby son, and soon he was going to see them, he thought happily to himself. "Boy," he said to himself, "Will they be surprised to see me?"

Now let's turn to Flemington, N.J. TIME: Exactly the same when Hann received his furlough. Mrs. Hann and son were boarding a train for Goldsboro, N.C.

The same time Hann arrived at Flemington, Mrs. Hann arrived in Goldsboro. Learning of how his "surprise" visit boomeranged into a surprise for him, Hann hurried back to Goldsboro to finally get together with his wife and child.

LIBRARY

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Meanwhile, the post library in the Service Club is "going great guns." Miss Mary Spence, librarian stated this week. Most popular books circulating are mystery stories, and also such best sellers as "King's Row," and "The Sun in My Undoing."

Technical books are also popular, Miss Spence said. Those on aviation, mechanics and mathematics are especially called for. In operation for six weeks, the library has 1,200 borrowers, and an average of 700 enlisted men use its facilities daily.

To aid Miss Spence in her work, the library's staff has been increased to include as assistant librarians, Mrs. Martha Allan and Mrs. Doris Robinson. Pvt. Max Korosny and Anthony Moracco work the night shifts.

To supplement the educational 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 technical library will be Mr. Sanford S. Neal, formerly a member of the librarian's staff of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. Mr. Neal stated that work is being rushed to outfit the new library with comfortable furniture, and that books are "coming in by the carload."