



JOHNSON FIELD TO HAVE BLACKOUT MAR. 18

THREE NEW SCHOOL GROUPS ACTIVATED AT THIS POST

Activation of three new technical school groups at Seymour Johnson Field has been announced in General Orders.

The three new organizations are designated as the 9th 10th and 11th Technical School groups.

The new groups are not necessarily made up of "new" personnel, but are mostly a reorganization of present units in order to effect a greater efficiency.

The 9th. Technical School Group is composed of the 36th, 791st, and 795th Technical School Squadrons. The 10th Technical School Group has the 793rd, 794th and 797th School Sqds. while the 11th group is made up of the 799th, 801st and 802nd schools.

The 795th, 798th and 800th sqds have been assigned to Basic Training Center no. 11(Prov) established See "Activated," Page 3

Field Defense Coordinator



"The time for playing at war has passed," declared Captain D. D. Thorpe, Defense Coordinator for Seymour Johnson Field, when interviewed on the subject of Hitler's announcement of Reprisal Raids on American cities. Capt. Thorpe is shown above explaining to M/Sgt. Scoggins the procedure to be followed during the blackout scheduled to be held at this Post Thursday, March 18.

Test Will Be Part Of State-Wide Drill In Home Defense

A statewide blackout test will be held on March 18, 1942. Seymour Johnson Field, headed by Captain D. D. Thorpe, Defence Co-ordinator, will take part in this program to help iron out the many violations committed during the last drill.

The recent raids on Berlin have brought forth many statements of German Reprisal Raids on American Cities. Hitler wants pictures of burning buildings, tumblings skyscrapers and homeless women and children. He wants to show his people pictures that wouldn't be to the American people's liking.

In a number of months now, the air raid and blackout practice drills have seemed to be more or less a joke to the civilian public. But for the officials in charge it has proved a head-ache.

Recent drills over large areas have shown that America must now get down to brass tacks on the subject of Home Defense. Goldsboro, and Seymour Johnson Field were no exception concerning these flops that

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Ed's Note: NOTICE ALL AM's

AIR-O-MECH wishes to make a retraction of a statement made in the issue of March 6. (Don't worry you will be made PFC's all right!)

To be promoted to corporal immediately following his graduation from school here, the AM must be going to a specialists school and not to a factory school as stated.

Theatre 2 Has New Movie Schedule

A change in the schedule of movies shown at Theatre No. 2 went into effect last week. Lt. D.W. McCracken Theatre Officer, announced.

There are now three movies shown daily at Theatre No. 2 - 1230, 1830 and 2030.

The schedule at Theatre No. 1 remains the same, with movies showing at 0900, 1300 1830 and 2046.

The schedules will be changed from time to time, the Theatre Officer said because of training films and to accommodate the greatest percentage of men as changes occur in the school.



Fellas with Veronica Lake hairdos will have to surrender their locks to the post barbers who have been instructed by Post Headquarters to give only G.I. haircuts.

Curly, greased-up Pete, and many others will have to abide by military rules and regulations in accordance with this order.

Don't feel to bad fellows, for your information, Veronica Lake did away with her golden locks which earned her thousands of dollars, so what have you got to lose—besides you don't have time to play peek-a-boo anyway!

Red Cross Collects \$6,500 In Two Weeks; Drive Ends March 31

With the Red Cross Fund Drive hitting hard at a predicted \$10,000 goal, the total amount thus far donated has been reported to be about \$6,500.

The Slogan "Give Double" has been adopted with successful reports making it true.

Fire Chief Thomas Jones of Johnson Field, stated that every fire house on the post sports a Red Cross and that every man in the fire department has contributed a gracious amount.

The Red Cross War Fund Drive will come to a close on the 31st of March.

TWELVE OFFICERS PROMOTED

Promotions of 12 Seymour Johnson Field officers were announced this week by the War Department.

Advanced from rank of first lieutenant to captain were John S. Urban and David A. Saperstone.

Lieutenants Dale W. Dawson, Thomas Theodore McHair, Whitney W. Jamieson, Arthur H. Kohn, Jr., Alfred A. Linn, Marian J. Blake, Leslie H. Johnson, Daniel G. Reed, Philip Rieger and Slyman K. Yarid.

Fred Waring To Honor Seymour Johnson Field

Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians will honor Johnson Field in April on a "Victory Tune" program, over a coast-to-coast radio hook-up, the Special Service Office announced this week.

All military personnel will have the opportunity of voting for their favorite songs to be played during that program. The results will be tabulated, sent to Waring who will arrange his program around the songs you like best.

Watch future copies of the AIR-O-MECH for further information.

Read It 'n Weep

New regulations coming from the General Mess Office state that no mixed uniforms will be worn to chow. Only GI. shoes and cloths will pass through the lines. Fellows who have fancy airplanes and cartoons painted on their fatigue jackets will be asked to remove them.

Soldiers must come in formation with their squadron on time, or have a logical excuse for not being on time or in formation.

If out of uniform the soldier will be sent back to his barracks to change into correct uniform. In other words, do not wear an "oversize" cap with a fatigue outfit, OD shirt with fatigue pants, or anything else in the same category.

Pearly Gates



One of the GI's in the 796th felt certain that his furlough had been too much for him and that he had entered the pearly gates when upon inquiring the name of his unknown barracks-mates he found their names to be Jesus, Lord and Resurrection.

We feel sure that surrounded with so many good old Biblical names as this GI is sure to go straight to heaven.

U.S.O. CAMP SHOW, 'LOOPING THE LOOP' PLAYS JOHNSON FIELD, MARCH 19 AND 20 AT THEATRE

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