

NEW SEYMOUR JOHNSON FIELD RADIO PROGRAMS ARE LAUNCHED OVER LOCAL STATION WGBR

MEMO: TO G.I.'S

Seymour Johnson Field soldiers planning leaves or furloughs need not worry about being unable to eat after they get home because of the point rationing system, the OPA has announced.

If the furlough is for seven days or longer the soldier may present his papers to the local rationing board. The board will issue a point certificate allowing enough points to cover his leave period. The grocer will accept this point certificate instead of point stamps. All points in the certificate must be used at one time.

On other rationed foods such as coffee and sugar, housewives may apply at local rationing boards, as heretofore, for supplemental allotments to meet the requirements of an additional member in the family who is in the armed forces.

GAS ALERT DRILL

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alarm will be sounded throughout the post. The alarm will continue to sound for at least one minute.

In order that a gas attack will be immediately detected, squadron commanders and department heads will designate a gas sentinel for duty each Gas Alert Day. It will be the duty of the gas sentinel to proceed to, and sound the nearest alarm upon the detection or notification of gas. It is the responsibility of the squadron, detachment and department heads to give the "All Clear" when they are satisfied that the personnel under their command have adjusted their gas masks and the simulated gas attack is over.

All personnel who are leaving theaters and post exchange bldgs. will heed the warning without delay. Theater programs will continue as will the trade in the PX.

In the past there has been a tendency to treat lightly these simulated attacks. The attitude taken by many to make a comedy of them should be discontinued at once. This is serious business and it is advisable to treat it as such, one actual attack would change the mind of anyone who feels this way. A great deal of time and effort is going in to this program which is for your own protection; so every member of the post should get behind it and give full co-operation.

WAR BOND

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Under the new regulations enlisted men will not be permitted to make allotments for less than \$3.75 per month while officers will not be permitted allotments of less than \$18.75 per month.

The following amounts of allotments will be authorized: Allotments of \$3.75, \$6.25 and \$18.75 for purchase of \$25 bonds; allotments of \$12.50 and \$37.50 for the purchase of \$50 bonds; allotments of \$25, 75 \$150, \$225 and \$300 for the purchase of \$100 bonds; and allotments of \$375 for \$500 bonds.

It will not be necessary for military personnel to put in Forms 30-5 to cancel their present allotments.

Soldiers Over 38 Warned Of Deadline For Discharge

Johnson Field men over 38 years of age who are considering applying for discharge in order to accept employment in an essential war industry must submit applications before May 1, in accordance with a War Department ruling.

If the application is not made before May 1, the enlisted man forfeits the right to discharge.

Although applications must be made by this date, the War Department has announced that many men will not be actually released until later.

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The news will be prepared by officers who are all experienced newspaper men.

To insure that the news is fresh and up to the minute, Special Service is observing a late deadline. Writing and editing will continue until midnight every night. Transmission is scheduled to be completed to all points by 3 a. m. These summaries will often be more timely than the news dispatches in the morning newspapers.

The summaries will be mimeographed immediately after they are received at this station and will be distributed at an early hour to all squadrons.

'STRAIGHT SHOOTIN' TECHNICIAN



Sgt. Donald Bevan, a "straight shootin'" technician, graduate of the Technical Training Command's armament school at Lowry Field, is shown behind the Flying Fortress waist gun with which he shot down a Nazi FW 109 in his first shot at a live target. Sgt. Bevan without previous training as a flexible gunner "stowed away" in the Fortress in place of the regular gunner who was unable to report because of illness. The action took place during a raid over Rouen, France.

On the day of the Rouen raid, Sgt. Bevan discovered that the regular waist gunner assigned to the ship he served as an armorer, was ill. Before the sick man's replacement arrived, Bevan, dressed in the gunner's flying clothes, boarded the Fortress, and in the excitement of the take-off the rest of the crew didn't see through his disguise.

When the bomber neared Rouen, Bevan added another episode to the growing list of stories that prove graduates of the Technical Training Command's vast network of technical schools are "straight shootin'", two fisted" technicians. He caught an FW 109 in his sights and pulled the trigger for a long burst. Nothing happened. He tried two more bursts, but the gun was jammed. While the FW roared in for a kill, Bevan cleared the gun, and gave the attacker a quick burst at close range which sent the FW spinning down to earth in a large ball of flame.

When news of the Technical Training Command's recent directive ordering flexible gunner training for all properly qualified technical school students finally reaches AAF personnel in England there'll be a ground crew sergeant named Donald Bevan who will undoubtedly wish he could turn time backwards for a few months.

Five New Radio Features Start

Five new Seymour Johnson Field radio programs are being produced over the local station WGBR, Lt. G. S. Burris of the Special Service Section announced this week.

The new features include Reveille Roundup, a program of popular recorded music from 0630 to 0730 Monday through Saturday with Pvt. Johnny Grant at the mike.

AIR-O-MECH on the Air is the name of a news broadcast of field activities on Sunday morning from 1030 until 1045 handled by Pvt. A.V. Lasky.

The other three features will be broadcast regularly from the Post Service Club. A quiz program will be held on Monday nights from 1930 until 2000. This week four nurses will face four members of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron. Wednesday will feature a variety show to be broadcast from 1930 to 2000.

The regular Monday through Friday news broadcast at 1330 by Pvt. Johnny Grant will be continued.

Variety show performers this week included Pvt. William Cutler of the 793rd T.S.S. in a song and dance act; a violin trio composed of Khoury, Coffeen and Andrews; a colored quartet singing spirituals made up of Privts. Richard Jones, Robert Jones, Morris and Farmer. The Post band will be a regular feature of the program. Pvt. Grant was master of ceremonies.

Lt. Burris said that as soon as the male chorus developed a little more, it, too, would make broadcasts.

Commanding Officer

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so far, but he was favorably impressed with what he had seen.

He emphasized that he insisted upon strict observance of military courtesies.

Col. Smith, who is a graduate of West Point Military Academy and a native of Denver, Colo. was stationed at Knollwood Field before his assignment here. At Knollwood he was assigned to G-1, personnel officer for the entire command.

After graduating from West Point, Col. Smith decided to continue his military career in aviation and attended flying school at Brooks Field in 1929. In 1930 he completed the pursuit pilots course at Kelly Field.

He has been stationed at Rockwell Field, March Field, Randolph Field and at Panama. He studied at the Air Corps Tactical School, Maxwell Field, Ala. With the Army Air Force Technical Training Command he has seen duty at Lowry Field, Keesler Field and Gulf Port. He is a command pilot.

Col. Smith is married and has a 11 year-old daughter and a 9 year-old son. He expects to bring his family here as soon as he is able to find quarters.