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ERSKINE HAWKINS TO PLAY JOHNSON FIELD APRIL 12

Promotions of Enlisted Men Of Headquarters Squadron Are Announced

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron announced the promotion of the following named men, effective on March 29th, 1943.

MASTER SERGEANT'S ratings were acquired by T/Sgts. Horbert J. Karas and Joe H. Suter.

TO TECHNICAL SERGEANTS: S/Sgts. Harold G. Faulkner, Arthur A. Lawlor, Richard P. Reynolds, Graydon O. Kemnitz, Raymond Lundgren and Heuben E. Socall.

TO STAFF SERGEANTS: Sgts. Luther H. Dodson, John R. Gest, Woodrow M. Lundholm, Alonzo R. Parker, Robert Z. Drohan, Wm. C. Kennedy, Robert W. Mabley, and George Sullivan.

TO SERGEANTS: Cpls. Paul A. Almans, Roland W. Ayers, George H. Belmont, Otto Byers, Jr., George C. Crout, Henry C. Driver, Everett H. Ford, John E. Groves, Walter C. Kincheloe, John C. Owens, Alva J. Salsburey, Roy Sauslin, Myron Therklidson, Abraham Warshaw, Michael E. Zamparelli, George Angi, Jr., Wallace F. Baker, Elvin B. Brown, Thomas F. Carey, George Drainer, Jr., Edmund W. Fitzgerald, Marc H. Fortin, Alexander K. Arankas, Howard Kjaball, Leo J. Petrone, Michael Schroll, Bruce F. Templin, William T. Walsh, Lawrence H. Whittemore and Robert G. Zarlebel.

TO CORPORALS: PFCs Dorbin D. Armstrong, Paul L. Boyer, Jas. W. Brown, Arthur E. Bullington, Joseph F.

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"Room Service" Plays To Packed Theatre

A three act comedy packed with laughs and humor and especially staged for a real hilarious time, played last night at the post theatre under the auspices of the USO Inc. The play will be put on again tonight for a final showing at this camp.

The show entitled "Room Service" is headed by Teddy Hart, who has played in the show of the same name

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LAWYERS GET CHANCE TO EARN BARS

The War Department this week announced establishment of the Judge Advocate General Officer Candidate School.

The new school will be at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. The first class of about 75 officer candidates will begin June 1, with a second class beginning six weeks later.

All soldiers who successfully complete the course will be commissioned second lieutenants in the Judge Advocate General's Department, and not to exceed fifty per cent of See "Lawyers" page 3

AAF HEADQUARTERS IS REORGANIZED

Army Air Forces headquarters was reorganized this week in an action that was described as a stream lining rather than a shakeup, the War Department announced.

The reorganization was designed primarily to transform headquarters into an over-all policy making body and to transfer to field commanders responsibility for putting those policies into execution, the War Department said.

According to the Army Times this redistribution of duties and responsibilities is effective immediately. From the organizational standpoint, competents in the field are not affected.

Results of the realignment will be:

Headquarters, Army Air Forces, relieved of the details of execution, left free to determine overall policy.

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WAAC

Privates--it's clear sailing ahead for you cuz officers don't have a chance in AIR-O-MECH's race to see who'll be the first GI to date a WAAC--after they arrive here, in about a month. Officers are not permitted to date Auxiliaries, so privates, do your stuff! Prize: a carton of your favorite cigarettes.

COLORED "HEP" BAND SCHEDULED TUESDAY

Erskine Hawkins and his "Tuxedo Junction" orchestra will appear here at Seymour Johnson Field, Tuesday afternoon at 1800 o'clock at a show to be held at the Sports Arena.

One of the greatest colored bands to dress the stages in the country's best theatres, Hawkins' band will rip loose with that "hep" and "jive" that has made him so popular as a radio and screen band.

Hawkins has been broadcasting over the NBC network three times a week, and is a favorite Blue Bird and Victor performer.

The show will consist of a variety of singing solo and instrumental numbers.

See "JIVE LEADER" page 4

Twenty-Five Leave For Aviation Cadet Training; Six Go To O.C.S.

More enlisted men left Seymour Johnson Field last week to attend OCS and Aviation Cadet courses where they intend to trade chevrons for bars. Privates Laurence L. Collier and Robert C. Sterzek of the Medical Detachment left to attend a Medical Administrative School. While T/Sgt. Richard F. Reynolds and Pvt. Steven P. Baldwin of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron left for Air Force Administrative. Cpl William R. Scott of the 795th Squadron also left for Air Force Administrative.

Cpl Carl W. Hensler of the 802nd left to attend the Military Police School.

A large group of newly appointed aviation Cadets who just recently left to be classified are: S/Sgt Kenneth T. Kiell, Cpl Vernon E. Atwater, Cpl Elmo M. Oxley, PFC Harold J. Furlong, PFC Aurelio Gualtieri, PFC Joseph M. Hoffenberg, PFC James C. Lanter, PFC Wendell E. Loupe, PFC George R. Nowinski, PFC Arthur C. Roth, PFC Hugh G. Ryan, PFC Hugh G. Ryan, Jr., PFC William P. Strauch, Jr., PFC Maurice C. Verbin, PFC Jack B. Welling, T/Sgt Robert L. Besser, See "O.C.S." page 3

Mural Contest Offers Chance For Fame

If you can take a few pots of paint - dip a brush into any and all --and come up with every dab nicely placed to form a picture - you're in a contest, soldier!

The Seymour Johnson Field Exchange is looking for murals with which to decorate the walls of the main exchange - they're after a neat home-like atmosphere similar to the one the soldier is used to back in the old home town and that's where you step in with a picture of your own creation. If you have artistic talent your help is needed - your ideas are wanted, and there's cash prizes and War stamps too for those who do the best job of creating something suitable out of a paint pot.

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RIGHT TURN

NOT ALL AIR FORCES MEN FLY



It's men like these that America is relying on to fight her battles--and win! They'll do it, too....just look at the concentration on duty expressed in their serious faces, the precision of their marching manner. This crack drill outfit of the 802nd Technical School Squadron, led by 1st Sgt. Arnold Zahorsky (front and center), is an example of how seriously Seymour Johnson Field men take their training.