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## A M SCHOOL SIMULATES "HENDERSON FIELD"

### WAR STAMP DRIVE PASSES \$22,000 MARK

Some \$22,000 in war stamps and bonds have been bought on Johnson Field since the giant campaign sponsored by this station began on April 30.

In twelve days, enlisted men, officers and civilian personnel have banded together in the effort to buy enough war stamps and bonds so that the total sales by June 1, will be \$75,000, the amount necessary to purchase a pursuit bomber.

The \$22,000 in stamps and bonds sold to date represents 29 per cent of the pursuit plane paid for. The drive is sponsored by the AIR-O-MECH of the Special Service Section.

### IS FLOCK TO SEE S.O. CAMP SHOW 'GENERIC AND OLD LACE'

The Broadway production "Arsenic and Old Lace" which has been touring through every large city in the country, finally managed to reach Seymour Johnson Field last night for the first showing, held at Theater No. 1. Another showing of the same play will be put on by the same cast at 1300 and 1900 today.

Overlaid with humor and boasting of superb actors and actresses, the show provided a real nights entertainment for those who attended the show sponsored under the name of "Arsenic and Old Lace." Page 1

### SPECIALIZED STUDENTS KEEP STRIPES

The War Department has changed its policy under which enlisted men in the Army Specialized Training Courses in American colleges had to go all the way through as privates. From now on men assigned to the advanced course will keep their stripes.

Soldiers who failed to pass the special tests given recently will have the opportunity to reconsider, according to the new changes in the program as revised by the Secretary of War.

Under the new setup, the initial requirement is a score of 115 or better on the Army General Classification Test.

**MUST BE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE**  
Candidates who have not passed their 22nd birthday must be high school graduates, with less than two

### FIELD SAYS "GOODBYE" TO FIRST WAACS

The sad, woe-be-gone expressions on the faces of many G.I.s at this Field Saturday were caused when the first six WAACS who reported here for duty last week received orders to report elsewhere. As quickly as they came, they left. And Seymour Johnson Field was disappointed. Headquarters gave out the heartening news that more WAACS would report at this Post for duty at a later date.

years college work, unless their college work included one year of physics, or one year of mathematics or three courses in psychology, or they have a ready knowledge of a modern language.

Applicants who have passed their 22nd birthday must have at least one year of accredited work at a junior college, teachers' college, university, technical or normal school with one year college mathematics. They must not have more than three years of college work unless their college studies included three courses in psychology, or they have a ready knowledge of a foreign language.

All enlisted men previously rejected because of failure to attain a qualifying mark in the OCT-2, X-3, test will be reconsidered.

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### POST'S NEW TECH LIBRARY NOW OPEN

Students who want to know more about any phase of aircraft will have that opportunity at their disposal by this coming week.

The new Technical Library is expected to be open at Hangar 4 by Monday. The library is located in room 403 on the balcony on the street side.

Officer in Charge is Lt. Bryce H. Ficken. Mr. Sanford S. Neal will be the Librarian.

Technical volumes of almost every type will be available for See "Library," Page 3

### STUDENTS WORK UNDER FIELD CONDITIONS FOR EIGHT DAYS

To some of you G.I.s "the know" on Seymour Johnson Field, it's the Graduation Field Test, but to the outside world it would be an eye-opener as to what the TTC is doing to prepare air mechs for front line service.

Yes, it's Henderson Field. Located in a pine grove at one corner of Seymour Johnson Field, it provides comparative isolation from hangars and other permanent installations for student aircraft mechanics as they meet for the first time conditions they are likely to find in the war theaters.

This is the last eight days of an aviation mechanic's four-months' course -- as the grads already know.

But to others not yet too familiar with Seymour Johnson and the mechanic's course, they will be surprised to learn about the plot

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### NEW POST THEATER SCHEDULES ANNOUNCED

Lt. Dwight McEucken, Theater officer, this week announced a change in the show program to become effective Monday.

The revision is in line with the change in class schedules, said the Lieutenant.

Under the new program, only one show per day will be projected at Theater No. 2. The one showing

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### IT MIGHT BE "GUADALCANAL"



It might be a spot along an equatorial jungle, but it's instead, it's "Henderson Field" -- right on the edge of

Seymour Johnson. Here, simulating front line conditions, air mechs make their own equipment to repair "maimed" aircraft