

Johnson's EMs Go Strictly GI

Seymour Johnson Field went strictly GI this past week, and the boys were getting in the groove "or else."

An officer riding in a jeep halted in front of a group of EMs waiting for a bus, crawled out. The EMs snapped a salute and he returned it.

"Let me see your dog tags, men," said the officer.

The GIs pulled 'em out—some of them did. Two or three didn't have any dog tags. Another had his tags tied together at the bottom of a string. The officer took their names, rank, serial number and organization. Delinquency cards were forwarded to the Commanding Officers of the respective men.

But it wasn't all just dog tags, either, although men were being warned and warned again that dog tags must be worn on the person at all times except for the necessity of removing them for purposes of personal sanitation. The tags are to be separately fastened, and from two to half to three inches apart.

Other soldiers were being asked to show their individual pay records—form No. 28. And in the squadrons men were informed that they would also be expected to carry, attached to their pay records, their immunization records, or Form 81, and a half to three inches apart.

Records, their immunization records, or Form 81. Also required on the person—(ah yes, one more thing to remember)—is a gas identification card. These may be folded and carried in bill-folds.

Sun Helmets

GIs sporting sun helmets without proper pins on the front were also getting in the dog-house—and fast. Those caught wearing the sun helmets in off hours—those NOT between 8 and 5, or wearing them during formation, faced quick reprimands and possible penalties.

Long hair—strictly un-GI, was a target for Officers.

And saluting. GIs were also saluting officers and doing it properly. And Officers themselves were subject to proper saluting regulations.

There are a lot of other things to remember. For instance:

GI Belts

Belts—should be GI, and the extension beyond the buckle should be not more than one and one half inches.

Civilian shoes—plain toed. Should not be worn in formations.

No Mixing

Mixed uniforms—GIs caught wearing khaki hats and fatigues took refuge in the dog house faster than Rover at the sound of his irate master's voice. In the same connection, fatigue hats of the "sombbrero" type were being worn brims down, and that way only.

Pins—Their misuse was to bring punishment. Only permanent party members were to wear permanent party pins. These must be authentic in type.

GIs got another warning about traffic rules of the field. They were to walk on the left-hand side of the road, the "right" side.



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Only \$30,000 Needed to Reach War Stamp Goal

Seymour Johnson Field needs \$30,000 to meet the goal of a total war bond sales of \$76,000, the price of a P-40 pursuit plane.

The drive which began the first of May will definitely close July. During the past two months GIs on Seymour Johnson Field have dug deep in their pockets to invest in the nation's best paying investment in cash a manner that will warm the heart of Uncle Sam.

The drive, which began two months ago, has been conducted by the Air-O-Mech division of the Special Service Section on the theory that Seymour Johnson Field personnel would be more than willing to band together to buy enough war stamps and bonds to equal the price of one pursuit plane.

The 302nd Technical School Squadron at present leads all organizations in the sale of war stamps and bonds with sales amounting to over \$1,000. Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron is second with approximately \$1,000 and the 783rd T. F. E. is third with about \$1,700.

War stamps and bonds are obtainable at all squadron and detachment pay tables.

Hey, Goldbrick! Co's To Single Out Hard-Working Em's!

No incentive, huh? Afraid you won't be rewarded, huh? Forget it, Goldbrick! The Army is looking for men who are willing to do just a little bit more, to work just a little bit harder—or longer.

By order of Col. Donald E. Smith, Commanding Officer, a memorandum asking that "identifiable accomplishments of individuals" be reported to Headquarters, this week went out to Commanding Officers of all wings, groups, squadrons, and detachments on Seymour Johnson.

"Recognition by appropriate authority of outstanding performance of duty of whatever nature or importance, is necessary to the preservation of high individual morale and also constitutes a means of raising the esprit de corps of the entire command," says the memorandum.

To Report Good Men
"It is directed that Squadron and Detachment Commanders report all cases of identifiable accomplishments of individuals, particularly on the part of military personnel not in key positions, to this headquarters in order that it may be recognized and duly rewarded by appropriate authority."
Reports will be confined to extraordinary accomplishments due



Parlez Vous?

More Than 400 GIs Study Foreign Languages Here

More than 400 soldiers on Seymour Johnson Field are now taking language courses through the facilities of Special Service, and that number will be increased this coming week.

The classes, in Spanish and French, will be augmented Monday by courses in German, Italian and Brazilian.

"One fourth of the men taking language lessons have studied languages before," said Opl. Joseph Pisinger, head of the group of instructors teaching GIs. "For some of the men, they just want to brush up on what they have previously studied. Others want to learn more."

The classes are conducted in squadron day rooms and at the Service Club Classroom.

With the arrival of additional texts and phonograph records for German, Italian and Brazilian, those classes will be added to the GI curriculum Monday. New classes will be started for nurses' and officers. More than 80 officers have already enrolled for the classes, Pisinger said.

to individual effort above and beyond normal expectations, new ideas resulting in increased efficiency or substantial economies, or tireless and unlimited purposeful application to duty with commensurate beneficial results to the military service. Matters thus reported must be inherently superior and not merely above average."

Solid Say GIs

Ads Leonard and her All-Out! Revue which appeared here at Seymour Johnson Field, last week, was enjoyed more than some-what by the many soldiers who crowded the Theatre to see one of the many performances put on by the girls.

Most popular language, said the Corporal, is Spanish. "The GIs seem to believe it will be of the greatest help to them in the long run," Pisinger added. "They are especially strong for Pan-Americanism." Another fact which has drawn men to the language classes is the College Specialized Training Program, where languages may be needed by some students as prerequisites.

The classes are without charge, and texts and phonograph records are furnished by the government. The instructors, Pisinger, and Pvt. Elmer Mearns and P. A. U. Behran, on occasions have provided additional texts which they possess.

When students enroll for the courses, instructors immediately set out to determine how much they already know of languages, and place them in one of three student categories: beginner, intermediate or advanced. All courses stress the spoken word, and regular discussions in the languages are carried on in the classrooms.

Thirty Graduate In First Special Training Class

Men at Seymour Johnson Field with limited educational backgrounds are being given the chance for special training to broaden their scope of knowledge which not only prepares them for more effective military service but adds enjoyment to their daily lives.

The first group of soldiers received successfully passing the War Department AGI Achievement Test. The class numbered thirty.

796th Leads Field In Honor Graduates

To the 796th Technical School Squadron goes the honor of having the largest number of "honorary graduates" during its history at Seymour Johnson Field, according to a check of the records made by the Air-O-Mech this week.

Topping all contenders, the 796th has sent forward as its contribution to the honor roll, a total of 38 students. They were selected for having the highest average grades of their classes.

Runner-up to the 796th was the 302nd Technical School Squadron, which contributed 31 honor students. Third large contributor to the new intelligentsia of aircraft mechanics was the 193rd Technical School Squadron. It had 27 honor students.

Next in line was the 796th, with 13 honor graduates, and then came the 36th T.F.E. with 10 men who had won honors for their talent in learning the maintenance of aircraft. The other squadrons with 9 honor graduates each were the 794th and the 795th.

An honor student has the highest grade average for his entire class. The next ten highest men-graduate with distinction.

New Locations

Seymour Johnson Field officers were being moved to improved quarters again this week. Among them were the Special Service Office, transferred from Theater Office to Building T-30, and Personal Services (war bonds, emergency relief and insurance) to T-30 from Building T-32. Public Relations, which formerly occupied the same site of the Special Service Office, moved to another wing of the building, The Gadget Board, formerly located in the Area Engineer's Building and the Red Office formerly in T-30, have moved to the newly constructed building near T-30.

More Stripes Handed Out To Field EM

Three members of Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron were promoted to Master Sergeant this week: Sgt. G. Technical Sergeant; 15 to Staff Sergeant; 16 to Sergeant; and 33 to Corporal.

Other promotions on the field were not available at the time Air-O-Mech went to press, but will be carried in next week's issue.

The Sign & Bag promotions:

To Sign:
Walter J. Beck, Reuben E. So-call, Edgar A. Lawler.
To Bag:
Robert T. Draham, William O. Kennedy, George J. Sullivan, N. J. Summers, Alphonse R. Parker, Herbert H. Horland.

To Sign:
Roland W. Ayers, Edward E. Orest, Maurice J. Holloway, Frank J. Kofler, Robert E. Monroe, Lee J. Peters, Archie T. Stone, Robert G. Zergibell, Wallace W. Baker, Harry Himmendinger, Howard Kimball, James F. McGee, John C. Owens, Leo A. Schneider, William T. Walsh.

To Sign:
Merle Agnelo, Hubert A. Bradley, Timothy E. Carroll, Leon D. Cory, Jr., George E. Ellis, Irving J. Forester, Thomas W. Hawkins, Jr., Charles E. Hughes, William N. McKee, Robert J. Miller, Jerome F. Quiter, James A. Schneider, John W. Stone, Thomas S. Vandewater, Earl P. Weber, Robert J. Wood, George E. Arthur, John J. Wood.

Supply Officer Pearl Harbor Vet

Bombers rained down from Jap planes—the first murderous raid on Pearl Harbor was underway. Amid the devastation that followed, to mark one of the most remembered dates in American history, Lt. Earl R. Stucker, now stationed at Seymour Johnson Field, stood watching and yelling that someone "get it off his back and get some to boot."

Serving as a book sergeant at Wheeler Field (only twenty miles from Pearl Harbor), Stucker saw the first wave of the Japs planes over and drop their eggs on the surprised island. He was a photographer, but time didn't permit him to take pictures during the hell that had been started.

As an enlisted man, Stucker served in Hawaii from October of 1939 until early part of 1942. He returned to the States and attended OCS. Upon graduation he attended an advanced school in Harrisburg.

Men who attend classes are those who lacked educational opportunities in civilian life or are foreign born with little knowledge of the English language. Some of (Continued On Page Three)