

# School for Non-Commissioned Officers Gets Into Full Swing On Post

"Forty-Two Weeks to Go, Boys."  
"Forty-Two Weeks to Go . . ."

Such might have been the theme song of Seymour Johnson's non-commissioned officers this past week as they launched into the first classes of Non-Com school. For an hour a day for the next forty-one weeks, non-coms will go back to school—during "off duty" hours—to rehash the things they learned in basic training and a little bit more.

Grumbling non-coms dug out leggings, reslung gas masks to more comfortable positions, wondered when they were going to get time "to go get my laundry and a haircut"—but nevertheless turned out in force: Then they swung into formation with regular drill instructors hupping cadence.

Groups of Air Mech students watched amazedly as they saw ranks of marching men which ranged from corporals

to master sergeants swinging down roads throughout the field:

"New men?" shouted one PFC.  
"No," came the answer back, "old ones!"  
Wisecracks were many, but the non-coms bore them with pained grins: The marching was not new to them, but that they were going to take a new pride in it was evident: The regular drill instructors found them quick to respond to orders:

A lecture period opened the first day's classes—on Monday—with orientation for the course briefed by Officers.

Purpose of the course, as explained, is not only to re-familiarize men with fundamentals of military subjects which they have already studied, but also to give them a rounded knowledge of non-commissioned officers' duties and military administration.

## New Laundry Starts Official Operations

Seymour Johnson Field's new laundry opened officially Thursday of this week with Lt. Dana Kelly, Jr., in charge.

Operations on the field will handle delivery and collection of laundry, delivering it and picking it up at the laundry building five days service is planned.

Enlisted men's bundles, all hospital linens and bedding, coats and bath uniforms, nurses and . . . will be handled by the new laundry.



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## Grab Your Swim Trunks Pool Is Open

Seymour Johnson Field GIs who have been looking for a place to swim now have the answer at the Wayne County Memorial Community Building pool at the corner of Walnut and William in Goldsboro.

Director Charles Stapleton announced this week that the pool had been opened for the first time on Monday, and that hours for service men will be from 1100 to 1330 and from 1900 to 2100. During these hours soldiers and their girlfriends may take advantage of swimming in the pool by paying a charge of 15 cents. For the 15 cents they will receive a towel and soap.

Excellent men's and women's shower and dressing room facilities are available.

The pool, which is part of the remodeling improvements under way, is 75 feet long and 25 feet wide. Its deepest end is 8 feet and its shallowest two and one-half feet.

## 75th Wing Leads Insurance Sales

The deadline for obtaining National Service Life Insurance without having to submit to a physical examination grows nearer, being only a day or two over three weeks away. Midnight of August 10th is the day and the men on Seymour Johnson Field are making good progress in getting their full coverage taken care of. The maximum amount of insurance that a GI may take is \$10,000.

The 75th Training Wing leads the Post in percentage of men insured, 88.3. The 801st T. S. S. and The Medical detachment have fine averages of 84.8 per cent and 84.8 per cent, respectively. The 81st Det., maintaining only a handful of men rings the bell at 100 per cent.

The average amount of money per man on the post is \$297.25 insurance, with the 75th Training Wing again pacing the field with \$6534.28 average for its men. The 78th T. S. S. has the average of its men listed for \$6121.92.

National Service Life Insurance affords complete protection for the soldier. It is the cheapest type of insurance possible.

Insurance — ASK FOR IT!

## GI Movies Arrive

The first issue of the new 16mm movies for off duty programs on Seymour Johnson Field arrived here this week, and Lt. William Jevors, Theatre Officer, said they would be shown at the Service Club and possibly at the Station Hospital.

While the title of the new film was not announced, the service officers novelty short subjects, travelogs, special foreign film shorts, sport shorts and information films produced through civilian producers. Also included is the new Special Service current information service "The War," and other WD productions.

The running time for a typical show is 45 minutes, and all such films will be shown free.

## Pfc., 61. Claims Title of Oldest EM On Field

PFC. Jack F. Hickson this week reached out for the title of the oldest enlisted man on Seymour Johnson Field, and without doubt he could rightfully claim it. Hickson, a member of the 33d Squadron, will be 61 years old in October.

From Long Island, N. Y., Hickson has another item or two in his service record which makes it stand out. He has put in a total of 23 years in the Army.

Now in charge of the 33rd's Orderly Room Hickson gets a big kick out of the boys calling him "Pop."

He first enlisted in July, 1918, at Baltimore, Maryland, and was sent with the AEF to Siberia, where he served two years with the Infantry.

From there he was moved to Manila, P. I., and from there to Honolulu, and back to the states to attend school. He re-enlisted in May, 1922, and was sent back to the Philippines, but this time to the southern islands. When he again returned to the States he did tours of duty at Puget Sound and the Presidio of San Francisco.

In 1929 he was given an assignment to Chanute Field, where he took a general mechanic's course. Later he received a special assignment to Chanute Field. He enlisted again in March of 1941. Since then he has been assigned to duty in Panama and, as he puts it, "way points," and on returning was forwarded to Johnson Field in February of this year.

## AAFTTC Is Now AFTC

Headquarters announced this week that the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command and the Army Air Forces Training Command had been merged, effective July.

All personnel and equipment of both commands has been transferred to the Army Air Forces Training Command, Headquarters.

Major General Barton K. Yount has been designated as commanding officer of the Army Air Forces Training Command. Headquarters will continue to be at Knollwood. Colonel John P. McConnell will be acting chief of staff for this portion of the new command.

## 801, 791, 794 T.S.S. Win Song Banners

Exhibiting with pride the banners awarded for singing this past week were the 791st, 794th and 801st Technical School Squadrons. The 801st squadron lead all other groups being rated with 96 per cent, the 791st rated 94 1-3 per cent and the 794th came in third with 83 1-3 per cent. These banner squadrons received strong competition from the 798th squadron who rated 92 2-3 per cent. The 796th, 792nd and the 797th squadrons tied with ratings of 87 per cent.

Squadrons are judged on their singing while marching to show, school classes and the drill field. Singing is judged by the Post Director of Music section and lucky volume and spirit head the list of high rating.

# New Bowling Alleys To Open By August 1

## WAC Cook Who Rode Broncos in Western Rodeo Circuit Now Feeds Women Soldiers

"Git along, Git Along, Little Oldies Git Along!"

It was only Corporal Nellie "Tex" Tveit humming to herself this week as she stirred the soup on the WAC kitchen range, wiped a perspiring brow and in a Texas drawl wished she had herself "a horse and a rodeo - oh!"

Say, Brotha! Just let 'em put



This is Corporal Nellie "Tex" Tveit, cook for the WAC's of Seymour Johnson, as she cuts a nut-brow cake. For nine years, Capt. Tveit followed the western rodeo circuit.

on a good ride" show round head somewhere!"

And that's what she thought and talked about. From San Antonio, home of many a famous western rodeo circuit performer, Tex Tveit looks back on 9 years when she followed the "loop" — from Pendleton, Oregon, to Olyenne, Wyoming, to Salt Lake City, Utah, and scores of other roundup spots in the West.

She rode broncos, rode Brama bulls and loosed steers, she slung hash on the side for hungry, booted sun-baked hands of the rodeo arena — a cooking again, but this time it's for a crowd of performers who are out to put the spurs to Hitler and Hirohito and ride them to a fare-thee-well.

"Don't know how I got in this heah WAC outfit," says Tex. "Seems like I just walked up the stairs to the recruitin' office back home and first thing I know, heah I am! They found out I could cook a little—and bangol Jus' like that. I'm cookin' fir the WACs!"

Tex Tveit wrestlers a big pot on the range like she might bulldoze a steer and rope it, but she smells that arise from the WAC kitchen (make a soldier hungry for the food "that mother usta' make" — Tex Tveit knows her business.

"I'm gittin' kinda' hungry fir a horse," says Tex, "but I don't mean to eat it, either."

## Sicily Invason Spotlight Of Week's Global Warfare

Interesting outcomes in global strife filled the newspapers and flooded the air waves this past week. The savage onslaught of the Allies forces against the Axis-held island of Sicily was of outstanding mention with the Yank drive on the vital Jap base of Munda in the Southwest Pacific battle theater and the tightening of the Russian lines against the Axis' next offensive spotlighting the news.

The fighting on Sicily saw the British Eighth Army sweeping into the open plain before the large port of Catania, already aflame from Allied air and naval bombardments. The American troops were meeting stiffer resistance in their sector. The American spearhead moving through the cities of Gela and Licata have fought off numerous counterattacks. Air arm operations are held to be largely responsible for the rapidity of the Allied advance and the inability of the enemy to muster strong resistance more quickly.

Several towns, ports and airfields have already fallen to the determined Second Fronters. Expectations are high that soon, maybe less than 6 weeks from now the island will be under Allied control and then the fight will be carried to the Italian mainland.

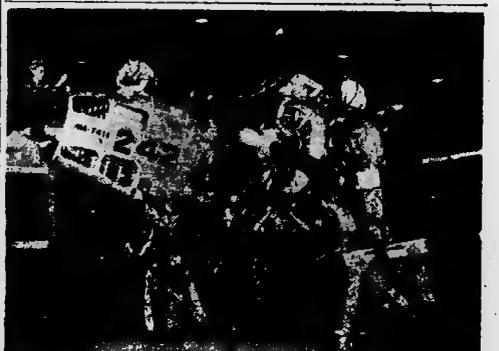
The RAF and the Eighth USAAF continue to operate on destructive sweeps across the coastlines in

Western Europe and the site of the vast and badly battered German industrial area. Communication systems are taking a steady pounding almost daily.

Munda on New Georgia Island in

the Southwest Pacific is perilously close to being taken over by the American jungle troops, supported by the rain of bombs from the sky on the Jap base. Enemy positions are being destroyed.

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These "Joos" "shoot" trouble instead of machine guns at the AAF Flexible Gunnery School at Laredo, Army Air Field. Ground crewmen swarm over the twin engine Lockheed Hudson gunnery training ship all night long, preparing them for the next day's "air-to-air firing missions." Many of these mechanics are Technical Training Command graduates assigned to gunnery school personnel party.