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Bring Air Cadets Here For School

The aviation cadet pre-technical school in which future Army Air Forces technical officers receive basic training has been moved from Boca Raton, Fla., and is now part of Seymour Johnson Field.

The school is made up of selected enlisted and qualified men drawn directly from civilian life, and instruction covers a 12-week period.

Upon completion of their course here, the cadets will be assigned to Yale University for technical training in armament, engineering, communications, photography and related subjects. Upon graduation from the Yale school they are commissioned as second lieutenants.

Commanding Officer of the cadets is Lt. Col. John S. Wise, one of the first officers to arrive for duty at Seymour Johnson Field, and one of the officers who assisted in the installation of the new aviation school here.

He was the founder of the non-flying aviation cadet basic training school at Boca Raton, which is now the school at Seymour Johnson Field.

Although not identical with Officer Candidate School, aviation cadet training covers most of the subjects included in Officer Candidate Schools, plus a concentrated course in specialized subjects.

Here at Seymour Johnson Field, the cadets will study a wide variety of subjects, including the theory of aircraft, camouflage, guard duty, supply, maintenance, ceremonies, and retreats, military courtesy and similar topics as given in all Officer Candidate Schools.

Bond Drive Sweeps Past Halfway Spot in 2nd Week

Quotas Made by 8 Outfits; Civilians at \$10,000 Mark

Like an avalanche, gaining momentum with each increasing hour, Seymour Johnson Field's share of the Third War Loan Drive swept on past the midway point in the drive for a \$100,000 quota this week, as bond sales totaled over \$52,000 by the week's end.

With four organizations making their assigned quotas already, and an equal number more than doubling their limit, the drive snowballed into its second and final phase urged on by generous individual purchases and a concerted effort by all to make the drive a smashing success.

Most spectacular purchase to date was that of Pfc. Dallas Palmer, an AM student in the 793rd T. S. S. Plumber dug deep in his khaki pockets and bought the astounding amount of \$2,000 in war bonds. Jumping the gun by ten days, the field began selling on August 31st. Since then, bond sales have averaged \$5,000 a day through this week when the rest of the nation began its drive.

Top organizations on the field were those that, with a scant two weeks of the drive gone by, had doubled their quotas. They were: 76th Training Wing, 812th WAC Detachment, 854th Signal Corps Detachment and the 80th Quartermaster Detachment. With such examples high hope was held that all organizations would not merely make their set limits, but would push on over the ceiling to make the field's quota swell its bounds.

Boaring above and beyond their regular 10 per cent pay deduction for bonds, the civilian employees on the field reached the \$9,776 mark in their race towards a goal of \$10,000.

Signposters readied themselves to fill in eight stars on the blue field of our Post War Bond Flag situated in front of Post Headquarters — eight stars that signified eight organizations making their quotas.

What promised to be a long-remembered evening was the mammoth Bond Rally Dance to be held next Saturday night at the William Street BBO gymnasium in Goldsboro. Open to enlisted men (Continued on Page Three)



Two Sets Of Twins

Make Sure It Gets There

For the benefit of the men and women of Seymour Johnson Field who have friends and relatives overseas the Station Post Office offers the following instructions.

All parcels sent overseas for Christmas must be plainly marked XMAS PARCEL and mailed between September 15th and October 15th. The parcels must not exceed 5 pounds in weight or 12 inches in length. Only one parcel may be mailed in any one week to the same person.

These parcels undergo much handling in such distant areas and it is absolutely necessary that articles be packed in wood, fiberboard or double corrugated cardboard boxes. Cardboard boxes must be securely wrapped with strong paper and twine. Parcels are subject to censorship and should be wrapped to permit ready inspection of the contents. This will save much time.

Perishable matter will not be accepted. Do not send food or clothing or very fragile articles. Intoxicants, inflammable material, poisons or material liable to damage are prohibited.

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PUTTING COURSE

The nine-hole putting course between the Sports Arena and the Guest House is now completed and putters may begin to putt.

There is no charge and clubs and balls may be obtained in the office of the Sports Arena.

Rules are posted and it is requested that all men who make use of the course abide by them.

Germans Occupy Rome! Report Rommel Heading

Rome, the capital city of Italy capitulated to German forces led by Field Marshal Von Kesselring Friday afternoon.

The fears of armed forces in Italy that the Germans would attempt to seize Italy and establish a puppet Fascist regime were realized. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson's prediction of heavy fighting before the Germans are driven out of Italy were upheld. It was reported that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel had taken command of Nazi troops in North Italy.

The capital city capitulated after heavy bombardment and shelling was reported midday Friday.

On other battlefields in Italy, reports are that British and American troops are making satisfactory gains and taking many Nazi prisoners.

From Allied headquarters in North Africa is the report that Naples, Italy's second greatest port and the heart of her southern communications system, appeared almost in the grasp of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower Friday as Allied forces struck resounding blows by land, air and sea with the aim of ridding the peninsula of the last living German-Americans fight.

The American Fifth Army under Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark had smashed five German counter attacks at Naples and had established strong bridgeheads, Allied headquarters said.

American and British troops then pushed inland, it was announced, encountering strong German forces in the immediate vicinity of Salerno, 20 miles south of Naples on the gulf of Salerno. They identified their opponents as the 16th German Armored Division.

Ventotene Island, 25 miles outside the Bay of Naples, and only 70 miles south of Rome also had been seized. The Italian garrison surrendered, a headquarters communique said.

U. S. Navy is Active

Under the guns of an Allied Fleet commanded by Vice-Admiral States Navy, the Allies poured a great additional force into the beachheads with the objective of lopping off all Southern Italy.

Wacs Get Same Benefits As Service Men

Members of the Wac become eligible for many benefits available to men in the service as they take the oath of allegiance.

Every member of the Wac will be eligible for the National Service Life Insurance available to service men to the free mail privileges and other benefits.

Like other Army personnel Wac members may take out Government insurance after entering on active duty. Application for the insurance may be made as soon as they have taken the oath.

As in the case of other members of the Army the pay of Wacs who die while in service is payable to dependents.

Fred Wolf Returns To Civilian Life



Seymour Johnson Field's ace ace man, Sgt. Freddie Wolf, leaves this week for civilian life. And with him memories of a lot of fine entertainment. Freddie, a pianist with name bands like Charlie Barnet, returns to Chicago to take up the strands of his Army life.

Seen above, Fred is convalescing at the Station Hospital, and as usual making the lives of those around him happier through his music. "I like music a lot," said Fred when interviewed. "But I don't think I'm going back into it when I return home. There are a whole lot of war industries back in Chicago, and I'm going to get a job in one of those. If I can't I'm going to try farm work. Entertainment is fine for morale and that, but I'm going to try to back the guys I'm leaving in a little more concrete way."

"Church Hour" Set Aside to Give GI's Chance To Attend Services

Separate hours have been designated for the convenience of personnel otherwise occupied. The first starts at 0800 on Sunday and the second for those who cannot attend the first begins at 1215.

Corresponding times have been established on Saturday for the attendance of persons of the Jewish Faith. Post Chapels will be utilized for the majority of the services, but Theatre No. 2 will house Catholic ceremonies.

Captain James M. Tainter Post Chaplain welcomed the innovation as a great opportunity to nearly double the enviable record of church attendance on the field. He said: "To fight the serious battle before us is vain without God protecting ourselves and those we love. We came into the Army

good men with fine associations delicate tie of a fine home, with out God in our lives we cannot assure ourselves that we will return home good men—having won our freedom after we return conquered ourselves."

Pick up box

Hitherto training schedules on the field have made it difficult for all men who wished to attend services. Many men have gone to church however in the face of these inconveniences. It is now believed that with obstacles removed a fuller attendance will be realized.

That there are times in the life of a soldier when religion is a vital necessity has been realized by Army officials. This latest innovation is a step in making avail-

able the solace and teaching of the church.

The new project is also intended to solidify religious feeling between field personnel and carries with it the hearty endorsement of all Squadron Commanders. The hours for services will be heralded by the blowing of "Church Call."

over the post public address system as a reminder that the hour is about to begin.

Chaplain Tainter in a conference with all chaplains on the field this week made special plans to accommodate the expected crowds. He estimated that more than two-thirds of the field's personnel would be free to attend the Sunday hour of devotion, and said that ample arrangements had been made for all worshippers.

Congress May Increase GI Allotments

On Sept. 14, Congress comes back from vacation. It will find itself confronted with a number of proposals affecting servicemen. Among them are:

1. Easing voting procedure for use of a V-mail ballot.
2. Increasing the allotment for and assuring discharges of jobless men.
3. Establishing a procedure of demobilization which would include some sort of mustering - out pay.
4. Extending the social security laws so that time spent in the service will be included in computing pension benefits.

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