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Holiday Furloughs Cut 5 Per Cent This Year

(Army Times) Furloughs and Dec. 25 nor later than Dec. 26. Passes up to only 10 per cent of strength, instead of the 15 per cent permitted last year, will be granted during the holiday season, the War Department has ruled.

From Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving) to Dec. 10, 1943, furloughs may be authorized in accordance with provisions of Army Regulations.

From Dec. 11 to Jan. 11, inclusive furloughs of 14 days may be authorized provided not more than 10 per cent of the strength of any post, camp or station is on furlough at any time during this period. No furlough will permit enlisted men to commence travel from either their station or home Dec. 7, or 25.

One-day passes only may be granted to enlisted men not to exceed 10 percent of the station strength for Thanksgiving Day.

Passes granted to men authorized by paragraph 15, AR 615-275, 615-275, will be issued to not exceed 10 per cent of the strength of the station for Christmas Day, and will be so issued as to require enlisted men to commence their travel not later than Dec. 24 and return to station not earlier than Dec. 27, or 25.

Flight Of The Bee Brings Honey To 793d Laddies

"What's doing," said the boys in the 793d T. S. S., "Honey?"

They weren't trying to snag themselves a date for that night. Merely checking up on the progress of the squadron's beehive, which is ripe to overflowing with the luscious, golden sweet.

Under the able eye of Cpl. John P. McCarthy, the little insects have been busily busying about.

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SJF Student Engaged To Hometown Beauty

Pfc. Leonard Kucakowski, 794th T. S. S., laid down his wrench out in 1-4 a few days ago and smiled proudly as he received the news that his fiancée back in Buffalo, N. Y., had just been crowned, "Queen of Heart-Busters" in a contest at the Curtiss-Wright Airplane Corporation.

Picked from a crowd of 80 dazzling workers in the airplane factory, she had just been crowned, "Queen of Heart-Busters" in a contest at the Curtiss-Wright Airplane Corporation.



'Air-Wac' Recruiting Drive Opens As AAF Seeks Qualified Workers

"Air-Wacs," recruited in a special nationwide drive beginning this week, are being sought by the Army Air Forces to replace and supplement existing personnel now engaged in numerous capacities, it was announced by Colonel Donald E. Smith.

Directed from the headquarters of the AAF Training Command at Fort Worth, Texas, the drive will allow women with sufficient qualifications to enlist in the Women's Army Corps and designate the AAF as their choice.

Among the various specialized jobs which WAC's might perform here at Seymour Johnson Field, Colonel Smith said, were: telegraph operators, communications workers, automotive electricians, motor-cycle mechanics, motor vehicle dispatchers, photographers, photolaboratory technicians, blueprinters, photo-interpreters, telephone repairers, drafters, cartographers, cryptanalysts, and finger-printers.

More than 100 AAF jobs in 18 different fields have been listed, but no effort will be made merely

to get a large number of volunteers. The campaign, however, will stress the fact that qualified women with suitable backgrounds in their field are to be accepted.

Women who enlist will, through on-the-job training and experience, become integral parts of a smoothly functioning war machine. It was believed. On the basis of a close study of Army jobs, it has been found that women are as well, or better, fitted for many positions as men. And increase in the general efficiency of AAF posts is therefore anticipated as a result of this new drive.

During the course of the recruiting campaign, it was stated, interested women will be given the opportunity to visit AAF posts and see for themselves how jobs they may qualify for are being handled. They will also inspect WAC barracks, mess facilities, and recreation rooms. Interviews with women now working in the Air Forces have been scheduled, and women will be able to get first-hand information on Army life.

Women volunteering under the new program will be subject to the same rules and regulations of other branches of the WAC, and have the same opportunity for OCB training.

At least half of the specialized jobs for which qualified women are being sought will be clerical ones, but in addition to the already name classifications, such positions as Link Trainer operator, air mechanic, weather observer, and controller tower operator, are also open.

The plan of the entire drive is such that women with sufficient qualifications will have a chance to know precisely what will be expected of them after they have enlisted in the Corps. In every case, the suitability of the woman for the available job will be the fundamental fact which decides her acceptance.

Post Theatres Celebrate First Year of Operation



Customer 1, 190, 964

Last week, as Ticket Number 1,190,964 passed through the cashier's window, the Post Theatres celebrated exactly one year of operation here at Seymour Johnson Field.

The doors of Number 1 and 2 Theatres opened to a crowd of several thousand soldiers on October 18th, 1942 and since then has shown some of the best that the motion picture industry has produced, as well as countless U. S. G. Campbaw Circuit plays, revues, and musicals.

It was the picture "My Sister Ellen," that opened the theatres last October, but customer 1190964 walked in to see "Flesh and Fantasy," thus bringing the gap between last and this year's presentations.

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Day Nursery At Project

A day nursery for children between two and five years of age has been set up in the Seymour Johnson Field Housing Project just off the field. It was announced this week. Headed by Miss Florence Falson, a social worker at the project, the nursery plans to take care of small children belonging to families in the project or off the field—and soldiers living in town with their families.

Careful, expert supervision will be given to all children enrolled in.

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Gain Ten Miles In Italy Push; Nazis Crack On Dneiper Front!

Pursuing the retreating enemy too close to permit him to establish new defense positions, American troops of the Fifth Army captured the important road junction town of Alife in a 10-mile advance and beat off a furious German counter-attack, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Headquarters said Friday.

The town of Piedimonte D'Alife, near Alife, also fell before the American assault while on the Fifth Army's left flank British troops beat off a massive German attack aimed at Cancellino on the north bank of the Volturno eight miles from the sea.

Allied fighters and fighter-bombers swept over the battle area in force, bombing and machine-gunning.

Balkans News
Fearing Allied attack from three sides on the 'Under-Belly' of Europe, the Germans were making frantic anti-invasion preparations Friday in the already nervous Bal-

kanes. Field Marshal Erwin Rommel has established headquarters in Zagreb, and a German report to the Black Sea against Rumania and Bulgaria.

Nazis Retreat
German positions north of Krievol Rog, iron ore center in the great Dnieper Bend, have lost all semblance of a line before a massed Red Army Drive, and the retreating Nazis are fighting hastily improvised actions from first one point and then another, a Russian

dispatch from Moscow said Friday. German broadcasts said German naval forces were bombarding Soviet positions on the north coast of the Sea of Azov in an effort to halt the squeeze offensive toward the throat of the Crimea.

The Swiss radio reported that Dnepropetrovsk, the Dnieper Bend was now completely encircled by Russian forces.

Southwest Pacific
Japanese soldiers, imperiled by Australian forces on the island in the jungle northwest of Finschhafen are battling savagely in an attempt to reach the New Guinea coast, an Allied spokesman at Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, said Friday. Australians on the Ninth Division experienced in battles both in North Africa and on New Guinea, have thrown back frontal attacks but the Japanese have achieved some progress by night infiltrations of small patrols.