

20 March 1944

First Freeman Contingent Seen in City While on New Training Program

Troops seen marching along Walnut street Saturday afternoon formed the first contingent of men from Freeman Field to participate in a training program of marches bivouacs, and maneuvers. The program is under the direction of Major Cecil N. Rogers, post schools officer.

The group consisted of approximately 300 officers and men. The marches will continue until all personnel have participated.

The line of march extended down Walnut street and out Sixth street to White River where the

men stopped to pitch tents and eat supper. On the return march, the troops underwent a "surprise" gas attack as they were crossing the covered bridge and had to don gas masks in order to progress.

The group returned to Freeman Field at 9 o'clock Saturday night and although a few men complained of sore feet, the march was without "casualties."

Capt. Julian F. Lytle, commanding officer of the 320th squadron, led the troops on the march.

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3,500 Persons Expected Tonight at Greensburg Freeman Field Benefit

According to advance ticket sales, approximately 3,500 people are expected to attend the second annual benefit program for Freeman Field which will be held tonight at the community gymnasium in Greensburg under the auspices of the Greensburg Music Club.

The program, which will include musical numbers, also will feature a talk by Arthur Reilly, Cincinnati news commentator, and will be concluded by Mr. Reilly's nightly news broadcast, "News From the Four Corners of the

World," which will take place in the gymnasium.

Bernard J. Woods, Red Cross Field Director at Freeman Field, Sgt. Albert Banoon, of the field special service office and Capt. William Hartman, public relations officer at Freeman, will appear on the program.

The Greensburg High School Band, the Greensburg Music Club chorus, and special members of the groups will present the musical phases of the program.

Proceeds of the benefit are to be used to help furnish day rooms at Freeman Field.

4 April 1944

Indians Rout Flyers, 17-1

FREEMAN FIELD, Ind., April 3 (AP)—The Indians routed the Freeman Flyers, 17 to 1, in their second exhibition game of the season today. The Tribesmen collected only twelve hits, but seven errors and nine passes aided in the run-making.

Freeman Field made five hits, three off Recruit Hurler George Hooks in the fourth when the Flyers tallied their run. Ambrose Palica and Steve Gromek set the opposition down runless, though Gromek had to fan the side with the bases loaded to pull out of a jam in the ninth.

The score by innings:

	R	H	E
Ind (A)...	15	10	4
Flyers...	1	11	1
Palica, Hooks (4) and Lyon:	0	0	0
and Schwartz.	1	6	1

Freeman Field Personnel Will be Saluted in National Broadcast Here

Officers and enlisted personnel of Freeman Field will receive nation-wide publicity next Tuesday night when they are given a national salute by Louis Prima and his famous orchestra on "The Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands," it was announced today.

The national broadcast will originate from Freeman Field here where the Prima orchestra will present the radio show and will later play for a dance for military personnel from 9:15 o'clock until midnight. Former Seymour and Jackson county men overseas will hear their home city featured as they listen to the program.

Arrangements for the program, which will include the national salute, were made Wednesday by Norman F. Ludford, of the D'Arcy Agency, New York, who with representatives of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company, of Louisville, sponsor of the broadcast, visited Freeman and conferred with officers.

The famous orchestra is ex-

pected to begin with a "warmup" session about 8 o'clock, followed by a twenty-five minute coast-to-coast broadcast over 173 Blue network stations, focusing attention on the field, its personnel and what is being accomplished there, the 8:30 o'clock, central war time. The broadcast will be beamed shortwave to soldiers overseas.

Louis Prima, one of the outstanding trumpet players and top flight band leaders of the country, has an unusual background in many respects. His parents wanted him to embrace serious music as a career and with this object in view he studied the violin until the age of fifteen. But Louis was born in the neighborhood of Basin street, New Orleans, the birthplace of jazz, and apparently absorbed the tempo of the locale. He dropped the violin, picked up the trumpet and started on the path to fame. He never was employed as a "side man." He always led his own organization even during

his kid days. Prima is also known to moviegoers for his work in such box-office attractions as "Manhattan Merry-Go-Round," "Start Cheering," "Rhythm On The Range," "Rose of Washington Square," and "You Can't Have Everything."

"The Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands," sponsored nationally by the Coca-Cola Company, is heard six nights a week from Navy, Army, Marine, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine bases and from war production plants. The series is now in its eighty-second week and has traveled more than 599,000 "spotlight" miles.

7 April 1944

Colonels Defeat Freemen, 6 to 0

The Louisville Colonels baseball team bunched seven of their nine hits in the sixth and seventh innings to defeat the Freeman Field nine, 6 to 0, in their first exhibition game of the current season at Freeman Field Thursday afternoon.

Jim Higgins, pitcher for Freeman, held the Colonels scoreless and to two hits for five innings. The visitors then jumped on Albright for one run in the sixth and five in the seventh. Only twice did Freeman get a man as far as third and two of their four hits came off Wilson in the first inning.

In the crowd of several hundred spectators watching the game were Bruce Dudley, president of the Louisville Baseball Club; Mrs. Dudley; Mr. and Mrs. Toporec and Harold Waller, executive director of the Middletown club in the Ohio State League, one of the four Red Sox farm clubs. All were guests of Col. E. T. Rundquist.

After the game here, the Colonels left for Camp Atterbury where they were to meet the Atterbury team this afternoon in their second exhibition game. The game here gave the executives a first chance to see some of their new players in action and they were well pleased, particularly with Frank "Strick" Shofner, former semi-pro from Texas, who performs at shortstop.

11 April 1944

Freeman To Play Detroit Tigers

Although rain the past few days has turned the Freeman ball diamond into a small edition of a lake, players were limbering up indoors today for the coming game against the Detroit Tigers on April 13.

The visit of the Tigers will mark the third exhibition game to be played on the field since the baseball season opened. First game against the Cleveland Indians on April 3 was dropped by the Flyers by a score of 17-1. Next came a visit from the Louisville Colonels who also routed the Freeman Club 11-0.

The Tigers are now in spring training at Evansville, and are slated to arrive at Freeman Field on Thursday in time to begin a game at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Both the coach and manager of the Freeman team, Capt. C. D. Nichols and Sgt. Al Schwartz, were reshuffling the batting order of the team today and hoped by doing so they would be able to turn the power on against the Detroit. They haven't named the pitcher for the game, but it was expected that either Higgins or Heselton would get the nod to open the game.

Line-Ups.

Freeman		Detroit	
Wolan	cf.	Hostetter	cf.
Madrid	ss.	Metro	3b.
Schwartz	c	Outlaw	1f.
Schwarz ...	1f.	York	1b.
Leahy	2b	Mayo	ss.
Crimmins ...	3b	Higgins	2b.
Tiemann	1b	Volan	rf.
Miles	rf	Swift	c.

Manager Steve O'Neill of the Tigers didn't reveal whom he had chosen to pitch the game against Freeman, but instead mailed a roster of his entire pitching staff to the local manager.

7 April 1944

RED CROSS AID ACCEPTS 'KITCHEN'



Official A.A.F. Training Command Photo.

Freeman Field, Ind., April 7.—“This mobile canteen is now officially presented to the Red Cross and Freeman Field,” Mrs. Bliss Fox, Bloomington, worthy grand matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, said when she presented the “traveling kitch-

en” to Bernard Woods, Red Cross Field Director, Freeman. Maj. William N. Coxe, left, executive officer at Freeman, and Otto W. Cox, right, Indianapolis, worthy grand patron of the Eastern Star, witness the presentation.

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Freeman Field
Participating

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Freeman Field Participating In AAF Change

Manpower Saving Program Developed— "Deputy Commanders" Here Named

Fort Worth, Texas, April 30—A streamlined system of organization, which officially carries into effect a manpower-saving program already developed at the nation's far-flung Army Air Forces training schools, has been announced by Lt. Gen. Barton K. Yount, commanding general of the AAF Training command. Freeman Field will participate in the reorganization plan.

The new plan of operation consolidates personnel of individual squadrons and detachments into a single "Base Unit" to conduct administrative, operational and training functions at each station within the training command. Miscellaneous organizations formerly required to maintain training station activities will be disbanded and personnel integrated to form the all-inclusive "Base Unit," headed by a single commander.

Base Unit, Sections Formed.

To preserve close supervision of enlisted personnel, authority has been granted for the creation of alphabetically identified "sections" within each "Base Unit." While fewer in number, sections will correspond to the former squadrons and detachments and will be sufficiently small to assure each enlisted man personal contact with his commanding officer and first sergeant.

2139th AAF Base Unit Here.

At Freeman all squadrons and units will be designated as the 2139th AAF Base Unit. However, the field will continue to be referred to as an AAF advanced two-engine pilot school.

Tactical units and AAF bands, which operate under established tables of organization, will not be affected by the "Base Unit" plan.

In a concurrent directive, which went into effect today, the Training Command initiated a four-way grouping of responsibilities at each station. The commanding officer will be assisted by "deputy commanders" for administration and

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—AAF Training Command Photo.

A Red Cross mobile canteen unit, presented to Freeman Field by the Indiana Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, this week, is now serving personnel at the field. A group of grand officers and Seymour Chapter officers at the presentation are pictured above with Bernard J. Woods, field Red Cross director (center, rear) and Major William M. Coxe, executive officer (second from right), who received the canteen from Mrs. Bliss Fox, of Bloomington, Worthy Grand Matron, and Otto W. Cox, of Indianapolis, Worthy Grand Patron.

10 April 1944

Seymour, Freeman Field to Receive International Publicity Tuesday

Seymour and Freeman Field will receive international publicity Tuesday night when Louis Prima, his band and entertainers are featured in the "Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands" originating from the post gymnasium at the field.

The broadcast is sponsored by the Coca Cola company and will be heard over the Blue network with 180 stations carrying the program. The program will also be beamed by short wave to service men overseas.

The broadcast is from 8:30 to 8:55 p. m., Central-War Time. For the broadcast, only military personnel and immediate members of their families will be admitted. Doors for the broadcast will open about 7:30 o'clock and close promptly at 8:15 o'clock.

After the broadcast, the entertainers will rest twenty minutes. They will play for a dance in the gymnasium from 9:15 o'clock until midnight for military personnel and their guests.

Easter Bonnets 1944 Style



Bowing deeply and doffing our flight caps to them, we dedicate this Easter issue to the hundreds of thousands of army nurses and Air Wacs now serving with the Army Air Forces. They, symbolized here by Lts. Evelyn Langdon, ANC and Verena Simpson of the Air Wacs, will not be able to exercise the feminine prerogative of choosing a new spring bonnet this year—but we hope that each and every one of them will be able to perch one of those goofy Lily Dache hats atop their heads before another Easter rolls around.

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From Freeman Field, 5-4

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

14 April 1944

DETROIT WINS IN TENTH.

Seymour, Ind., April 13.—(P)—The Detroit Tigers were compelled to overcome a four-run lead in the eighth and ninth innings today before staging a four-run 10-inning rally to defeat the Freeman Field Fliers, 9 to 5, before 2,000 soldier spectators.

The soldiers obtained two runs in five innings off Zeb Eaton and scored three more off young Emery Hresko to gain a substantial lead on the major leaguers. Sergt. Al Albright stopped the Tigers with one run for six innings, but after he departed Detroit worked Sergt. James Higgins for three runs in the eighth and one in the ninth to square the count.

Second Baseman Al Anser's fly with the bases loaded scored the winning run in the 10th. Eddie Mayo singled for his fourth hit of the game and Chuck Hostetler doubled to produce the other three runs. Score:

Detroit..... 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 3 1 4—9 15 0

Freeman Field 1 0 0 0 1 2 1 0 0 0—5 9 5

Eaton, Hresko (6) and Swift, Miller (6); Albright, Higgins (7) and Schwartz.

SEYMOUR TRIBUNE

May 4

Two Baseball Games at Freeman Scheduled

The Freeman Field baseball team is scheduled to play the 106th Infantry team from Camp Atterbury at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon at Freeman Field, it was announced today. At 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, the team will play the Notre Dame University nine on the local diamond.

Freeman Wins Two Straight

The Freeman Field Blue Devils won two straight on their home diamond during the week end, defeating the 106th Infantry team from Camp Atterbury Saturday afternoon by a score of 3 to 0 and trouncing the Notre Dame University team, composed of sailors, marines and civilian students, on the field's diamond Sunday afternoon, 4 to 0.

In Sunday's game, which was attended by a number of local fans in addition to officers, enlisted men and Wacs, Notre Dame made eight hits off S/Sgt. "Al" Albright as compared to seven made off Martin, the Notre Dame hurler, but the local pitcher was given excellent support.

Madrid, soldier shortstop, knocked a homer in the fifth, scoring Leahy, who had walked, ahead of him, to make the final two runs for the local team, adding to runs made in the third and fourth. Notre Dame's only error came in that inning but Freeman didn't make a single mistake to be recorded on the scorebook.

Tribe Wins Last Exhibition

UPRISING AT START LEADS TO VICTORY

Indians Make Four of Six Safeties In First Two Innings In Gaining Decision—Woody Rich, George Diehl Share Mound Duties for A.A. Club.

By W. BLAINE PATTON, Sports Editor The Star.

SEYMOUR, Ind., April 17.—The Indianapolis Indians won their final exhibition game of the spring training season here this afternoon from the Freeman Field soldiers by a score of 5 to 4. The Redskins looked none too impressive in winning and showed a lack of practice games caused by many postponements. They managed to make four of their six hits in the first two innings to set up the victory.

Woody Rich worked the first five innings on the rubber and held the soldiers to one run and three hits while George Diehl finished and granted five blows and three markers, with errors figuring in on all of the runs.

In the first inning a single by Blackburn, a double by Heltzel, an error, a single by Poland and a fly by Aliperto gave the Tribe a three-run lead, never to be headed. In the next, two walks and a single by Cotelle added another marker, while in the seventh the last run was made without the aid of a hit, with two errors paving the way.

A double by Madrid after a walk gave the locals a tally in the first, while in the seventh a two-base error by Burns and a single by Crimmins accounted for another. The game in figures:

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	A	B	R	H	O	A	E
Blackburn, lf ...	4	1	2	2	1	0	
Heltzel, ss	4	1	1	4	3	0	
Cotelle, cf	5	1	1	1	0	0	
Burns, 3b	5	1	0	2	2	1	
Poland, c	3	0	2	3	1	0	
Schlueter, c	2	0	0	3	1	0	
Aliperto, 2b	5	0	0	0	2	2	
Wint, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	
Kane, 1b	4	0	0	12	1	0	

Hezelton. Umpires—Bertucci and Herdon. Time—1:58.

KIRBY FARRELL, who served as the Boston Nationals' regular first baseman last season after Johnny McCarthy injured his ankle, was purchased by the Indians today. In 85 games he batted for a .283 average. He is 32 years of age. The purchase will release Eddie Morgan to outfield duty. Another addition to the Hoosiers will be Ed Smoller, a recruit second sacker from Boston, coming on a "30-day look."

THE INDIANS will go through their first workout of the year at Victory field tomorrow. Manager Bush has ordered the players to report at 11 a.m.

THE FINAL spring training averages of the Indians show the following:

	G	AB	H	Pct.
Schlueter	4	6	3	.500
Poland	5	14	5	.357
Cotelle	2	9	3	.333
Burns	5	18	6	.333
Heltzel	3	9	3	.333
Blackburn	5	17	5	.294
Morgan	4	14	4	.286
Rhabe	4	14	3	.214
Moore	3	5	1	.200
Wint	5	11	2	.182
Little	2	6	1	.167
Aliperto	5	22	3	.143
Cora	2	2	0	.000
Kane	2	5	0	.000

THE CRIMMINS playing third for the soldiers is George, formerly of the Notre Dame baseball team. He is not the Crimmins who played football for the Irish.

SCHWARTZ, the Freeman Field catcher, is Al Schwartz who was a member of the St. Paul Apostles.

Col. A. Burnap Gives Address At Graduation

Twelfth Ceremony Held at Freeman Field Since April 29, 1943—Son in Class

Advising graduates of Class 44-D at Freeman Field to keep on with the same thoroughness, the same singleness of purpose they have demonstrated in the past, Col. Arthur E. Burnap, of the Inspector General's Office in Washington, D. C., addressed the twelfth class to be graduated from the local twin-engine training school shortly before noon today.

Col. Burnap, whose son, Arthur E., Jr., is a member of the graduating class, addressed the group as a parent and as an officer who had been in the service more than most of the graduates could remember. He was introduced by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer at Freeman, who presided at the ceremony, which followed the formal pattern inaugurated a year ago when the first class was graduated on April 29, 1943 in connection with dedication exercises formally naming the field in honor of the late Capt. Richard S. Freeman.

Ex-pastor's Son in Class.

J. Wendell Garrison, son of the Rev. James H. Garrison, former pastor of the Seymour Church of the Nazarene and now pastor of the Nazarene Church at Norfolk, Va., was a member of today's graduating class, receiving the commission of a second lieutenant. The Rev. and Mrs. Garrison and their daughter, Mrs. Donald E. Coombs, of Pittsburgh, were here for the ceremony.

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Graduation to Be Saturday At Freeman

Col. Burnap, Whose Son Is Member of Class 44-D, Will Address Twelfth Ceremony

Graduation ceremonies will be held for Class 44-D of Freeman Field Saturday morning in hangar number five at 11 o'clock. Colonel Arthur E. Burnap, Inspector General Department, Washington, D. C., will be the speaker.

Class 44-D will be the twelfth class to be graduated from Freeman. The first class, 43-D, was graduated April 29 last year, the same date the field was officially dedicated in honor of the late Capt. Richard S. Freeman, Winamac, Ind.

Has Varied Background.

Colonel Burnap has an interesting and varied military background. During World War I he saw action as an infantry officer with the 103rd Infantry, 26th Division.

The son of Colonel and Mrs. Burnap, Arthur E. Jr., is a member of class 44-D.

Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer, will be in charge of the event.

Basketball awards were presented by Mr. Englehardt. Walter York and Frank Thompson were awarded manager's sweaters and Thomas Kutch, Howard Rundquist, Harlan Kroeger, Gene Cornea, Don Steinberger and William Goddard were awarded sweaters. Letters went to Alex Demas, Paul Taylor, and John Keach. William Willey and Harry Montel are to receive sweaters later this year. They received certificates of awards.

AMUSEMENTS

THE COMING OF GEORGE

UNIVERSAL PICTURE

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Col. Burnap spoke of the orders which an officer, like a father, must give. "The unsuccessful officers have failed because they thought, too often, that when they received their bars, they were on the home stretch and could glide the rest of the way," he said.

The army officer pointed out that at this point in the graduates' service, they have completed part of their mission, but have farther to go before they reach their final objective as an outstanding officer.

"You have earned the right to accept your bars and wings, for the course you have travelled over the past several months has been tough," the graduates were told. "You are to be congratulated upon the successful completion of this portion of your mission. However, your future service will be a continuous school in which you will be either the instructor or the student. The standards that you require of the men in your unit will be reflected in everything they do, whether on the ground or in the air. The bars and wings, which you so patiently are waiting to pin on, indicate that your instructors believe that you are qualified to continue your training. The manner in which you apply yourself will prove whether their selection of you as an officer has been warranted."

Many relatives of members of the graduating class from all parts of the nation were here for the ceremonies.

To Form At 1 O'clock.

The parade will form promptly at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Chestnut and Bruce streets and will be scheduled to arrive at Riverview Cemetery in time for the ceremony there at 2 o'clock.

H. G. Schenk, of Indianapolis, has volunteered to have a public address system installed at the cemetery, Mr. Montgomery said, so that everyone may hear the program. For two hours before the ceremony, he will play suitable Memorial Day selections over the public address system.

Details of the program at the cemetery will be announced later this week. The observance is expected to be attended by the largest crowd in many years, exceeding that of last year, which was the largest recorded in many years.

Decoration of graves of war veterans in the cemetery will be completed by members of the Legion post prior to the Sunday afternoon observance and many out-of-town people returning to decorate the graves of loved ones are expected Sunday even though the Memorial Day holiday will not be until Tuesday.

Freeman Field Units to Aid In Observance

Parade Sunday Afternoon to be Followed By Memorial Program At Riverview Cemetery

Units from Freeman Field will add color and snap to the annual Memorial Day parade to be held next Sunday, May 28, as a feature of the local observance, it was announced today by Coulter M. Montgomery, chairman of Memorial Day for Seymour Post No. 89, American Legion, which is arranging the program to pay tribute to those who have lost their lives in defense of their country.

Although previous announcement was made more than a week ago that Seymour's official Memorial Day observance will be held on Sunday instead of on the regular holiday Tuesday, many local residents still seem to be under the impression the local program will be on May 30. The observance is being held on the Sunday prior to Memorial Day, Mr. Montgomery explained, so that persons working in war plants and those employed or stationed at Freeman Field, may take part.

Urges All to Participate.

"Every individual and every organization which is patriotic should be in the parade next Sunday afternoon," Mr. Montgomery said. "Anyone who is unable to march may ride in his automobile in the parade. They should decorate their cars and join in the line of march to Riverview Cemetery."

Organizations in the parade will include the Shields High School Band and the army band from Freeman Field. Also from Freeman Field will be a firing squad, a platoon of white troops and a platoon of colored troops and possibly other groups. The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion, Boy Scouts of the city and fraternal organizations also will be in the parade, of which Phil Cordes is in charge.

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Freeman Field Hands DePauw 3-0 Trimming

Greencastle, Ind., May 18.—(Special)—Freeman Field took advantage of scoring opportunities in the fourth and sixth frames to defeat DePauw, 3 to 0, in a baseball game here this afternoon. Higgins throttled the Tiger attack with two hits and escaped trouble in the seventh and ninth innings to blank the hosts. Score:

Freeman Field	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	—	3	9	2
DePauw	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	2	2

Higgins and Schwartz; Montgomery and Lohdon.

Freeman Makes Excellent Record

Government Tire Inspector Finds Post Out in Front

Freeman Field has established a tire conservation record which places it way out in front of all other military installations in the region, according to H. V. Hutchens, government tire inspector who inspected the tires of motor pool vehicles last week. Hutchens works out of the 5th service command and makes his headquarters at Camp Atterbury, Columbus, Ind.

Mr. Hutchens said he estimates the tire conservation program followed at Freeman has accounted for at least a twenty-five per cent material saving. "This is a record for which the field can be proud," he said.

"When I made my first inspection trip here several weeks ago," he explained, "the tire conservation program was above ninety per cent efficient, which is unusually high. I thought I had just checked at an opportune time for the motor pool. But on this visit the tire efficiency report is again in the 90's."

When asked how he accounted for the fine record of the motor pool he said, "The methodical and thorough spot-check test conducted every morning here is an invaluable tire insurance." The spot-check lists includes under and over inflation, rotation of tires, matching plys of tires, repairing and retreading when need arises, and wheel alignment.

"Civilian tire users could profit well by the spot-check procedure used here at the motor pool," Mr.

Freeman Pilot Listed Missing

Lt. Stuart Freeman, pilot of a B-26 bomber who received his wings at Freeman Field, and the husband of the former Miss Juanita Hull, of Columbus, well known in Seymour, is missing in action over Europe, according to word received Tuesday by Mrs. Freeman from the war department.

Mrs. Freeman was in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., visiting her aunt, Mrs. Rovena Saxton, formerly of Seymour, whom she visited here, when the telegram was relayed unopened to her. She telephoned the bad news to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hull, of Columbus.

Lt. Freeman had been stationed in England and in a recent letter wrote that he had completed sixteen missions. Twenty-two years of age and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Freeman, Jr., of New York City, Lt. Freeman was stationed at the Atterbury Army Air Base last October and November with a squadron of B-26 Marauder bombers. He met his wife, who was employed at the Columbus USO, during that period and they were married January 22 at Kellogg Field, Battle Creek, Mich., where his unit had headquarters. He left soon afterward for overseas.

SPEAKER



Comdr. C. E. Briner.
Addresses Freeman Graduates.

Freeman Field, Ind., May 23.—Graduation exercises for members of Class 44-E at Freeman Field are being held today on the flight line. Comdr. Charles E. Briner, commanding officer of the U. S. Naval Ordnance plant, Louisville, was to deliver the address. He was graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1926 and served on the U. S. S. Mississippi and the U. S. S. Mervine until December, 1929. He was in private industry for eleven years and returned to active duty in February, 1941.

Plane Is Forced Down, None Hurt

Neither of the occupants was seriously injured when an AT-10 training plane from Freeman Field was forced down two and one-half miles east of the field early Tuesday morning, according to field officials. The plane was damaged.



Boasting a winning streak of nine straight games, the Freeman field baseball team will meet the Lafayette Red Sox at Lafayette today. From left to right are (front row) Staff Sergeant Allen Albright, Lieut. Joseph K. Heselton, Private First Class F. Bruce Campbell, Lieut. Charles Crimmins, Private Edward Gittens, Sergt. Alfred Schwartz, coach; (second row) Lieut. William Schwartz, Sergt. Raymond Wolan, Col. E. T. Rundquist; Lieut. Robert Tiemann, Sergt. Sol Madrid; (third row) Technical Sergeant James Higgins, Lieut. Warren Olde, Sergt. Joe Miles, Sergt. John R. Leahy; (fourth row) Private Andrew Matosky, Maj. Roger C. Carroll, coach; Capt. C. D. Nichols, manager; bat boy (in front) is Peter Rundquist, son of the commanding officer.

SEYMOUR TRIBUNE
June 1

Cadet Wives To Organize Club

Wives of cadets in training at Freeman Field are to meet Tuesday afternoon of next week at 1:30 o'clock at the Cadet Club, South Chestnut street, to form a Cadet Wives Club. Officers are to be elected and a formal organization is to be set up.

Club meetings will be held regularly and a series of delightful parties will be arranged for the members.

Hostesses for the meeting Tuesday afternoon will be Mrs. Frank Brookings and Mrs. John A. Hubbard, whose husbands are members of the Class of 44-G at Freeman.

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SEYMOUR TRIBUNE
June 2

Major W. Coxe Is Lt. Colonel

Promotion of Freeman Administration, Services Deputy Is Made

Announcement was made today by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer at Freeman Field, of the promotion of William N. Coxe, deputy for administration and services, from major to lieutenant-colonel.

Col. Coxe was one of the first officers to report to Freeman Field, coming here from Craig Field, Selma, Ala. For several months after his arrival at Freeman, he was the administrative inspector.

Col. Coxe was graduated from high school at Watson, La., in 1926 and from Louisiana State University in 1933, with an A. B. degree. Col and Mrs. Coxe and their young daughter, Alice, live at 705 South Walnut street.

JEFFERSONVILLE NEWS
June 2

16 Air Officers at Freeman Win Higher Ratings

The Times Special Service.

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John A. Dorer, East Orange, N. J., was promoted from captain to major. Promoted from first lieutenant to captain were Norman Hurwitz, Clinton, N. C.; Lewis Liddle, Wyandotte, Mich.; Robert E. Crozier, White Plains, N. Y.; Donald Doyle, Cuba City, Wis.; King C. Matthews, Nashville, Tenn.; Huel H. Morrison, Harrison, Ark.; Robert E. Maggart, Gary; Morris W. Zoogman, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Kermit J. Koening, Louisville.

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Boasting a winning streak of nine straight Sox at Lafayette today. From left to right are Private First Class F. Bruce Campbell, Lieut. coach; (second row) Lieut. William Schwartz, Sergt. Sol Madrid; (third row) Technical Sergt. R. Leahy; (fourth row) Private Andrew Matos; (in front) is Peter Rundquist, son of the

SEYMOUR TRIBUNE
June 1

Promote Sixteen Army Officers

One Man Advanced to Major in Changes At Freeman Field

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The promotions follow:

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SEYMOUR TRIBUNE
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INDIANAPOLIS STAR
June 7

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Four Hours Next
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People of Seymour and vicinity are cordially invited to attend the event which will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon, Colonel Rundquist said. This will be the second "open house" in the history of the field, which was activated December 1, 1942. The first "open house" to which the public was invited was held April 29, 1943, the day the first class, Class 43-D, was graduated and the field was officially dedicated.

Three Features Planned.

There will be three highlight features of the day: formation flying at 1:30 p. m.; aviation cadet field day at 2:30 p. m.; formal retreat parade at 4:30 p. m.

In addition to the three main highlights, visitors will be permitted to visit the various departments to see the actual operation of the training program of the advanced two-engine pilot school. Guests will have an opportunity to get a close-up view of the AT-10 training planes. Upon entering the field visitors will be provided a schedule and directions on how to reach the various places of interest.

Formation Flying Set.

The formation flying, which may be viewed from the ramp on the flight line, will include approximately thirty-six planes in several types of formations. The

field day, which will be held on the parade ground in the cadet area, will include games and maneuvers testing the physical skill and endurance of the men. The formal retreat, considered to be the most impressive ceremony held at an Army air field, will include officers, aviation cadets, enlisted men and members of the Women's Army Corps.

AAF Began Aug. 1, 1907.

"Open house" at Freeman will be one of the many held throughout the United States at Army air fields. The formation of what is now the AAF had its beginning August 1, 1907 when an aeronautical division was created in the office of the chief signal officer of the Army, charged with the responsibility for all matters pertaining to military aeronautics.

The first plane purchased by the Army was the "Wright Flyer" on August 2, 1909. Prior to the purchase, an aeronautical board, which had been appointed at Fort Myer, Va., examined the plane and put it through certain tests, including the ability to fly more than an hour carrying pilot and passenger.

The "Wright Flyer" was a bi-plane with a wing span of about forty feet and a wing area of some 500 square feet. It weighed about 800 pounds. The light propellers were driven by chains from a small gasoline engine; they were of the pusher type mounted in the rear. The landing gear consisted of two runners, or skids, and the airplane was launched from a monorail.

COLON

I want to go back to Colon
By the Caribbean Sea.
I want to go back to Colon;
Ahi that is the place for me;
Where bougainvillea and hybiscus bloom
Where nights are filled with sweet perfume
And seventeen niggers live in one room
Down Panama way.

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By the Caribbean Sea.
I want to go back to Colon
It's home sweet home to me;
Where over the mountains the gold sun sinks,
While all the tourists are lapping up drinks
And every street in the damn town stinks
Down Panama way.

When the sidewalks fry and sizzle
I would like to drink a swizzle
In the Tropic or Atlantic Cabaret.
Where the radios are raucous
and the gentle gonococcus
Carries on, and on, impervious to pay.

For the evening breeze is fragrant
And the yaller gals are pregnant
Where I listen to the bold bomberos play.
In the lovely old "puh-lazza"
Where the youngsters quite "bar-azza"
Shout and skip about and yell like hell all day.

Son of Ex-Gov. Fuller Gets Wings



IT WAS PROUD MOMENT for Lt. Alvan T. Fuller, Jr., USAAF, as he graduated from Freeman Field, Ind., and had his silver wings pinned on him by his wife with his mother Mrs. Alvan T. Ful-

ler, Sr., looking on. Former Gov. Fuller gave the graduation address. Lt. and Mrs. Fuller reside at 100 Coolidge Hill, Cambridge.

Official U. S. Army Air Forces Photo

SEYMOUR TRIBUNE
JULY 26

Day Nursery at Freeman Field Is Opened For Military Personnel

The Freeman Field Day Nursery under the auspices of the Women's Volunteer Branch officially opened today with an open-house to all military personnel from 2 until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Planned by Mrs. E. T. Rundquist, wife of the commanding officer, Colonel Rundquist, and head of Freeman WVB, the nursery is designed for the comfort of the children. The play tables, water fountain, and toy shelves are all built to small scale.

There are two rooms, a play-room and a quiet room both decorated with colorful murals executed by Karl Reinbold, a civilian employee of Freeman Field.

For the convenience of all military personnel of the field, the nursery will be open daily from

8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. and on Sundays, from 9:15 a. m. to 12:15 p. m. A Wac, Pvt. Jean Crabtree, is supervisor, on duty daily from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., while eighteen volunteers from the WVB will conduct kindergarten and Sunday School classes. Mrs. William Poe, wife of Major William B. Poe, is in charge of the nursery.

A charge of twenty-five cents for a half day or part thereof, and fifty cents for a hole day is made for running expenses. Toys, the icebox and furniture were donated by the Red Cross, while the curtains were made by the sewing committee of the WVB headed by Mrs. Robert Tiemann.

Children from three months to seven years will be taken care of in the nursery.

Freeman Heavy Hitting Brings 14 to 4 Win

Two home runs, with two men on the bases, helped Freeman Field to a 14 to 4 baseball victory over Stout Field of Indianapolis at the local field Thursday.

Freeman made seventeen hits as compared with eight for Stout Field but the local men also made four errors compared with one for their opponents.

Lavoie, Albright and Schwartz formed the local battery while the Indianapolis team used four pitchers in an effort to stem the heavy hitting of the local airmen. Freeman scored once in the second after trailing, 2 to 0; twice in the third, three times in the fifth, five times in the seventh and three times in the eighth.

Former Freeman Flier "In on One"

Lt. Clair Wyrick, age twenty-five, pilot of a flying Fortress bomber, "Pegasus", who brought his ship in on a No. 4 engine and a prayer on the last 200 miles from Czechoslovakia May 12, is a graduate of Freeman Field with a class of cadets who received their wings last September, it has been learned here.

His wife, Mrs. Hazel Zeiler Wyrick, with whom he lived on South Walnut street while a student here, now resides in Toledo, O., with her parents. She and her husband formerly lived in Hillsdale, Mich. They are the parents of a daughter, Claire Ann, whom the young pilot has never seen.

The "Pegasus" lost its No. 1 and 2 engines over France when German planes roared head-on through the bomber formation. The No. 3 engine cut out for lack of gasoline 200 miles from the English base. Lt. Wyrick worked frantically to transfer fuel from the left side to the right tank, but discovered enemy bullets had pierced the fuel lines.

Massachusetts Ex-Governor Class Speaker

Father of Member of Class 44-F to Address Freeman Commencement Tuesday

Alvan T. Fuller, a former governor of Massachusetts and father of a member of the class of 44-F at Freeman Field, will be the guest speaker at the class' graduating exercises to be held in Hangar five at the field at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Class 44-F will be the fourteenth class to graduate from Freeman Field. Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer, will preside at the ceremonies.

Prominent in Politics.

Mr. Fuller is well known in political and business circles in Massachusetts, having served two terms as lieutenant-governor and two terms as governor, in 1924 and in 1926. During the last war, he served in Congress and retained his seat for eight years until a call came from his home state to assume the duties of lieutenant-governor. He retired from political life in 1930 and since has been active as president of the Packard Motor Car Corporation in Boston, Mass.

Mr. Fuller is a trustee of Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Boston University, Newton Theological Seminary and is a member of the Masonic order and a number of private clubs.

A/C Alvan T. Fuller, Jr., who is scheduled to receive his wings Tuesday, kept the fact his father was a former governor from his classmates. "It's not that I'm not proud of my dad," he said, "but why try to ride through something like cadet training on a family name?"

His brother, Peter, is a private in the U. S. Marine Corps. Besides his father, his mother, wife and brother will be his guests on graduation day.

Ex-Local Cadet German Prisoner

Lt. J. D. Coyner, of Staunton, Va., who received his second lieutenant's commission and pilot's wings at graduation ceremonies at Freeman Field last fall, is now a prisoner of the Germans, according to word received by his wife Mrs. Becky Coyner, now residing at Staunton.

On May 15, Mrs. Coyner received a telegram from the war department saying her husband had been missing in action since April 29. On June 1, she received a second wire stating he was a prisoner of the Germans.

Lt. Coyner had been overseas several months as a bomber pilot. While training there as a cadet, he and Mrs. Coyner stayed at 212 Emerson Drive.

Ex-Local Cadet Dies In Action

Word has been received here that First Lieutenant David Foley, formerly an aviation cadet at Freeman Field where he was graduated as a second lieutenant last August, was killed in action on May 4 while on a mission. He had been stationed in Italy.

The message was received by his wife, Mrs. Edna Foley, now living at Boston, Mass. While a student here, Cadet and Mrs. Foley stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. McBride, 619 West Fourth street. His home was in Ensfield, New Hampshire.

Lt. Foley, who was expecting to be promoted to the rank of captain the last of May, had been on thirty-three missions and was training to be a wing commander.

Three Freeman Promotions Made

Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of Freeman Field, announces the promotions of the following officers: second lieutenant to first lieutenant—Sadie E. Reading, Truett C. Gowan, Henry E. Skusa.

Lt. Reading, a nurse at the station hospital, is from Louisiana, Mo. Prior to entering the service in January, 1943, she acted as pediatric nurse for the Childrens' Hospital, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Lt. Gowan, of the department of training, reported to Freeman Field, March, 1943, after completing his cadet training at Columbus, Miss. Gowan is from Mathews, Ala. and before entering the service was parts manager for a machine company.

Lt. Skusa of the department of training arrived at Freeman in May 1943. Prior to his assignment at this station Skusa was an instructor at Moody Field, Ga. His home is in Decatur, Ill.

Two Killed In Airplane Crash North of City

Two aviation cadets, members of class 44-G, were killed about noon today when their AT-10 training plane crashed seven miles northwest of Seymour. The men were stationed at Freeman Field, according to an announcement made by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer.

The men are: A/C John J. McCambridge, twenty-two, Chicago, and Robert M. Roberts, nineteen, Pittsburgh.

Colonel Rundquist said an army board of inquiry has been appointed to investigate the accident. The men were on a combat training flight. The next of kin has been notified.

In relation to the number of hours and miles flown, training accidents are disproportionately low, Colonel Rundquist said.

A cadet friend of each of the deceased will be selected to accompany the bodies to the places

Freeman Field Graduate Killed

Lieutenant Frank White Bartlett, Jr., of Elmira, N. Y., who was graduated from Freeman Field with the class of 43-K on December 5, 1943, was killed in England on May 28, according to word received here.

Lt. White, who was twenty-three years old, was only in England twenty days at the time of his death! The plane which he was piloting collided with another plane, resulting in the death of both pilots, according to word received by friends here.

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Advanced to the rank of captain from that of first lieutenant is James H. Estes, statistical officer who has been stationed at the field since it first was located here. Prior to entering the army, Capt. Estes was a mortgage examiner for the Federal Housing Administration in Washington, D. C. His home is at Redlands, California. He and Mrs. Estes are residing in the Voss apartments, Fourth and Chestnut streets.

Promoted to the rank of first lieutenant from that of second lieutenant was Joseph C. Anderson, classification officer. Lt. Anderson, whose home was in Springdale, Ga., entered the army in February, 1942, and after attaining the grade of sergeant, he received an appointment to Officers Candidate School at Fort Washington, Md., from which he was graduated in April, 1943, with the commission of second lieutenant. He is an adjutant general department officer on duty with the air force and his promotion came from the adjutant general's department.

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Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer at Freeman Field, announced today the promotion of the following officers by the War Department:

Captain to major — Jacob C. Shively, Fayetteville, Pa.; Robert M. Noonan, Columbus, Miss.

First lieutenant to captain— Charles Gohde, Chicago, Ill.; Robert R. Rector, Conneaut, O.; John Olson, Jr., Wharton, Ill.

Second lieutenant to first lieutenant—Edward Kovacic, Chicago, Ill.; David Lovitt, Memphis, Tenn.; Francis Gulló, White Plains, N. Y.; John Willey, Melrose, Mass.; Melvin Lybarger, Vermont, Ill.; Glen Dolan, Rushville, Ind.; Egbert Close, Upper Darby, Pa.; James Bellamy, Watska, Ill.; Mervin Liedtke, Falls City, Ore.; William Ronaldson, Stratford, N. J.; John Knight, Gretna, La.; Joseph Shepherd, Shively, Ky.; Roy Jarman, Quincy, Ill.

Freeman Wins Holiday Game at Muncie, 6-1

Staff Sergeant Allen Albright not only held the Muncie All-Stars to six hits, but obtained three hits himself and drove in three runs in pitching the Freeman Field Blue Devils to a 6 to 1 baseball victory at Muncie Tuesday afternoon. Freeman's only error of the game robbed him of a shutout.

A. Schwartz caught his offering for the local fliers. Freeman made two runs in the second inning and was never threatened. The local boys chalked up eleven hits.

Father Speaks To Graduating Class of Son

Alvan T. Fuller, Ex-Massachusetts Governor, Addresses Ceremony at Freeman Field

"You young men of the air are about to join that group Winston Churchill referred to when he said, 'Seldom have so many, owed so much, to so few,'" Alvin T. Fuller, a former governor of Massachusetts, said at Freeman Field today when he addressed the graduates of aviation cadet class 44-F.

The ceremonies were held in a hangar on the flight line. One of the largest crowds of friends and relatives to attend a graduation at the field was present.

Distinguished Guests

Senator David Walsh, of Massachusetts, a friend of ex-Governor Fuller, attended today's ceremony and presented the wings to the pilots.

Here to see his son, Robert W. Bruce, get his wings, was Lt. Col. Aubrey M. Bruce, who flew from Teheran, Persia, where he has been stationed nineteen months with the Army Transportation Corps. He arranged his first leave so he could see his son graduate. They live at Alton, Ill.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller, Alvan T., Jr., was one of the members of the class, the fourteenth group to be graduated from Freeman, an advanced two-engine pilot school.

Education Is Continuous.

In his address Mr. Fuller told the graduates that when they re-

ceived their silver pilot wings and were commissioned second lieutenants or appointed flight officers, they had achieved a particular goal but their learning had not ceased. Education is a continuous process and graduation indicates a foundation has been constructed upon which to build for the future. Much of this education will come from self-application, he said.

Mr. Fuller cited a personal experience to illustrate his point on how one may learn by self-application. "When I was graduated from business college," he said, "I asked the principal how best I could continue my education and self-improvement. He advised me to read the editorial page of four or five newspapers every day and at the end of a certain period I would have a liberal education. I have made it a practice to do that all through the years."

The speaker said he had been told the graduation ceremonies at Freeman Field are streamlined, impressive and dignified. "I can say in closing, that this ceremony has in every way lived up to my highest expectations," he concluded.

Governor Two Terms.

Mr. Fuller was governor of Massachusetts for two terms from 1924 to 1928. In his second term, Sacco and Vanzetti were electrocuted in Charlestown prison. He made an outstanding record while he was governor of the state.

Twenty-one men from Indiana were graduated and received their pilot wings at the ceremonies. They are: Second Lieutenants Harold Snow, Anderson; Robert Nedele, Angola; Raymond Clark, Brookville; Richard Morgan, Carthage; Joseph Evans, Felix Price, Fort Wayne; Phillip Swan, Gary;

Charles Miller, Robert Burns, Harold Paetz, Harry Waggoner, Indianapolis; Maurice Hand, Madison; Wendell Roberson, Mooresville; Glen Howard, Muncie; Eugene Roberts, New Albany; Ray Clinton, Plainville; Charles Brotherters, Roachdale; Hubert Cleveland, Terre Haute; William Seat, Washington.

Flight Officers: Roy Bechman, Columbus, and Lewis Harper, Tipton. Lt. Nedele had previously received his commission and was a student officer training in grade.

Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer, was in charge of the graduation.

SEYMOUR TRIBUNE
JULY 29, 1944

Coach Kirwan Will Address 44-G Ceremony

U. of K. Football Mentor to Talk at Fifteenth Freeman Field Graduation

Coach Ab Kirwan, football mentor at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, will be the graduation speaker at exercises to be held at Freeman Field Friday, August 4, for members of aviation cadet class 44-G. This will be the fifteenth class to be graduated from the two-engine advanced pilot school of the AAF.

Coach Kirwan has been the head football coach at Kentucky for the past seven years. Prior to going to the university, he coached at duPont Manual and Male High Schools in Louisville. He was graduated from the University of Louisville in 1926.

Col. Rundquist in Charge.

Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer at Freeman, will be in charge of the exercises.

Relatives and friends of the graduates are invited to the ceremonies.

SEYMOUR TRIBUNE
JULY 13, 1944

Public Invited To Style Revue Tuesday

An invitation to the public has been extended to the fall style revue to be presented by members of the Freeman Field Cadet Wives' Club at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the post theater, as one of the highlights of the "open house" to be held at Field Tuesday afternoon.

The revue is to be a benefit for the day nursery which was opened at the field recently under the auspices of the women's volunteer branch and a silver offering is to be received.

Mrs. Frank Brookings, president of the Cadet Wives' Club, will introduce the models and give a brief description of their various costumes.

The newest in fall fashions will be shown with emphasis being given to suits, both two and three piece, toppers, sports costumes and cocktail frocks.

SEYMOUR TRIBUNE
AUGUST 1, 1944

Crowd at Open House at Freeman

All roads for those who could get away from their homes and work this afternoon led to Freeman Field to attend the second "open house" in the local field's history.

At 1:30 o'clock a large formation of planes was to maneuver and at 2:30 o'clock, aviation cadets were scheduled to compete in a field day. The third big event of the afternoon was to be a formal retreat on the parade grounds at 4:30 o'clock.

Guests were permitted to see the various areas on the field and interesting phases of the training program.

The open house was arranged, through arrangements by E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer, to commemorate two important dates in the history of aviation—August 1, 1907, the beginning of what is now the AAF, and August 2, 1909, when the first military airplane was purchased by the War Department.

Field Day Events by Cadets to Feature Freeman's "Open House"

One of the features of the "open house" to be held at Freeman Field Tuesday, August 1, will be the Field Day in which aviation cadets will participate. The event will be held at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon on the parade ground in the cadet area.

SEYMOUR TRIBUNE
JULY 28, 1944

SEYMOUR TRIBUNE
JULY 31, 1944

Freeman Is Ready For Open House

Public Invited to Visit Airfield Tuesday Afternoon

Freeman Field will be open to visitors Tuesday from 1:00 to 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon as the advanced two-engine pilot school of the Army Air Forces joins other Army air fields throughout the United States to commemorate two important dates in the history of aviation. August 1, 1907 was the beginning of what is now the AAF, and August 2, 1909, the first military airplane was purchased by the War Department.

There will be three main features of the afternoon program at Freeman. At 1:30 a large formation of planes will maneuver; at 2:30 aviation cadets will participate in a field day and at 4:30 a formal retreat parade will be held. Formation flying will be observed best from the flight line. The field day and the formal retreat will be held on the parade grounds in the aviation cadet area.

Guests will be permitted to visit the various areas on the field to see the many interesting phases of the training program. Field personnel will be available to answer questions and direct visitors to places of interest. Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer, said.

Other highlights of the "open house" to which the public is invited include formation flying at 1:30 o'clock and the formal parade at 4:30 o'clock. In addition, guests will have the opportunity to view the various phases of the training program.

The celebration which is being held at Army Air Force installations throughout the United States, commemorates the thirty-seventh anniversary of the beginning of what is now the AAF and the thirty-fifth anniversary of the purchase of the first military plane.

Events of the Field Day which will be under the direction of Lt. Stanley Czajkowski, physical training officer, include mass calisthenics, double time parade, tug-of-war, 100 yard dash, 400 yard shuttle run, football throwing contest, chariot race and crab race.

The field will be open to visitors from 1:00 to 5:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

SEYMOUR TRIBUNE
JULY 29, 1944

Promotions Are Made at Freeman

Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of Freeman Field, announces the promotions of the following officers: from first lieutenant to captain—Robert C. Camaish, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Alexander Winick, Fall River, Mass.; Stanley N. Collins, Arlington, Va.; Jesse W. Cogley, Jr., Pittsburgh Pa.; Charles A. Hayden, Norwood, Mass.; Joseph A. Deveney, Lynn, Mass.; Fred A. Kelly, Gallatin, Tenn.; David M. Fairburn, Chicago, Ill.; Fred A. White, Minneapolis, Minn.

From second lieutenant to first lieutenant—Frederic R. Shaffer, Michigan City, Ind.; Harry W. Mitchell, San Francisco, Cal.; Henry K. Vye, Providence, R. I.

'Open House' To Be Held At Freeman Field Tuesday

In Commemoration Of 37th
Anniversary Of Establish-
ment Of Army Air
Force—Event To Be Held
From 1 To 5 P. M.

An "open house" commemorating the thirty-seventh anniversary of the establishment of what is now the Army Air Force and the thirty-fifth anniversary of the purchase of the first military airplane will be held at Freeman Field, Seymour, Ind., Tuesday, August 1, according to an announcement made by Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer.

People of Brownstown and vicinity are cordially invited to attend the event which will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 p. m., Colonel Rundquist said. This will be the second "open house" in the history of the field, which was activated December 1, 1942. The first "open house" to which the public was invited was held April 29, 1943, the day the first class 43-D, was graduated and the field was officially dedicated.

There will be three highlight features of the day: (1) formation flying, 1:30 p. m.; aviation cadet field day, 2:30 p. m.; formal retreat parade, 4:30 p. m.

In addition to the three main highlights, visitors will be permitted to visit the various departments to see the actual operation of the training program of the advanced two-engine pilot school. Guests will have an opportunity to get a close up view of the AT-10 training planes. Upon entering the field visitors will be provided a schedule and directions on how to reach the various places of interest.

The formation flying, which may be viewed from the ramp on the flight line, will include approximately 36 planes in several types of formations. The field day, which will be held on the parade ground in the cadet area, will include games and maneuvers testing the physical skill and endurance of the men. The formal retreat, considered to be the most impressive ceremony held at an Army air field, will include officers, aviation cadets, enlisted men and members of the Women's Army Corps.

"Open house" at Freeman will be one of the many held throughout the United States at Army air fields. The formation of what is now the AAF had its beginning August 1, 1907, when an aeronautical division was created in the office of the chief signal officer of the Army, charged with the responsibility for all matters pertaining to military aeronautics.

The first plane purchased by the Army was the "Wright Flyer" on August 2, 1909. Prior to the purchase, an aeronautical board, which had been appointed at Fort Myer, Va., examined the plane and put it through certain tests, including the ability to fly more than an hour carrying pilot and passenger.

The "Wright Flyer" was a bi-plane with a wing span of about 40 feet and a wing area of some 500 square feet. It weighed about 800 pounds. The light propellers were driven by chains from a small gasoline engine; they were of the pusher type mounted in the rear. The landing gear consisted of two runners, or skids, and the airplane was launched from a monorail.

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400 Cadets at Freeman Field Study Air Arm

August 21-44

State, Regional Commanders Strong in Praise of Local Branch Of Army Air Forces

After an interesting week end of becoming familiar with the Army Air Forces, approximately 400 cadets of the Third Regional Group, Indiana Wing, of the Civil Air Patrol, returned to their homes Sunday after a one-day study of the training activities of Freeman Field.

The cadets, both boys and girls, were accompanied by officers and about forty planes were flown to the field by CAP members.

Both Lt. Col. Walker W. Winslow, of Indianapolis, commander of the Indiana Wing, and Lt. William T. Brackett, of Evansville, regional commander, were strong in their praise of the hospitality and facilities of Freeman Field and for personal interest taken in their visit by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of the field.

From Five Cities.

A majority of the cadets were from Indianapolis, Evansville, Terre Haute, Bloomington and Madison.

Members of Lt. Col. Winslow's staff accompanying him included Major W. B. Smith, executive officer; Capt. Earl M. Armbrust, wing personnel officer, and Lt. Lloyd Pruitt, training and operations officer, all of Indianapolis. Accompanying Lt. Brackett was a member of his staff, Lt. James L. Shouse, of Evansville, regional executive officer.

The cadets arrived at the field late Saturday afternoon and remained overnight, leaving Sunday afternoon. Members of the cadet corps are boys and girls from fifteen to eighteen years of age. Most of the men and women of the CAP are civilian pilots who own their own planes and who have pledged their planes and services to the government for the duration. CAP members pay for their own gas and oil and must keep their planes in first class flying condition at all times.

All CAP members wear a regulation uniform consisting of a khaki shirt and trousers with red gilet tabs and the distinctive CAP insignia. Non-commissioned officers in the organization wear regulation army chevrons on a dark background.

Since the CAP is open to both boys and girls, approximately twenty girls are expected to be in the group today.

The visitors will tour the field getting an inside view of the advanced trainers, link trainers, flight operations and the numerous mock-ups of airplane mechanisms at the Troop Training department. The group will leave the field late Sunday afternoon.

Indianapolis STAR
August 19, 1944

CAP Maneuvers Will Open Today

Two hundred Indianapolis Civil Air Patrol members and cadets, with 20 airplanes, will take part in a regional maneuver in which group No. 527 of Indianapolis and squadrons from Bloomington, Terre Haute, Evansville, Vincennes and Madison will participate at Freeman army air field at Seymour today and tomorrow.

Approximately 400 persons and 50 planes will arrive at Freeman field at 4 o'clock this afternoon for inspection of the equipment and installations there. The trip has been planned as an educational venture for 15, 16 and 17-year-old Civil Air Patrol cadets and as training for the older members.

The inspection was made possible by Col. Elmer T. Rundquist, commanding officer of Freeman field, Lieut. Col. Walker W. Winslow, state wing commander of the CAP, will attend with four of his aids. The Indianapolis group will be commanded by CAP Captain Carl F. Meyer and CAP Lieutenant W. T. Brackett, commander of Squadron 6212-1 of Evansville, will be regional CAP commanding officer of the day during the maneuvers.

INDIANAPOLIS
AUG. 20

CAP Makes Tour To Freeman Field

Seymour, Ind., Aug. 20. — (P) —

Approximately 400 boys and girl cadets of the third regional group of the Indiana wing, Civil Air Patrol, and 40 officers spent the week end here observing Army Air Force activities at Freeman field.

Fort yplanes were flown here for the visit. Cadets from Indianapolis, Bloomington, Evansville, Terre Haute and Madison formed the majority of the group.

Lieut. William T. Brackett of Evansville, regional commander, and Lieut. Col. Walker W. Winslow of Indianapolis, Indiana wing commander, praised Freeman field and its facilities.

Lieut. James L. Shouse of Evansville, regional cap executive officer, also attended.

SEYMOUR TRIBUNE
AUGUST 19 '44

Indiana Civil Air Patrol to Be at Freeman

August 19-24

Approximately 400 Members, Forty Planes To Arrive Late Today For Airfield Study

Approximately 400 Indiana Civil Air Patrol cadets and forty CAP officers will arrive at Freeman Field by bus and by plane late this afternoon to make a one-day study of the training activities at the field, Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer has announced.

Approximately forty CAP planes are expected to be flown here for the study which is to continue Sunday.

Prime objective of the visit, according to Lt. Col. Walker W. Winslow, of Indianapolis, commander of the Indiana Wing, is to familiarize members of the CAP cadet corps with the Army Air Forces. Members of the cadet corps are boys and girls from fifteen to eighteen years of age.

Pay Own Expenses.

The Civil Air Patrol was founded soon after the outbreak of the war as an auxiliary of the AAF. Its duties were and still are to act as liaison with the parent organization, patrolling the waters off the coasts and regular inland routes. On the inland routes the members watch for fires in wooded areas. Most of the men and women in the CAP are civilian pilots who own their own planes. For the duration they have pledged their planes and services to the government to use as it sees fit. The CAP members pay for their own gas and oil and must keep their planes in first class flying condition at all times.

Some months ago the CAP set up a training program to educate young men between the ages of fifteen to eighteen in the courses which would prove of value to them if they served in the Army Air Forces. Courses of instruction, which are taught by licensed pilots of the CAP, include military discipline, first aid, meteorology, communications and allied subjects.

All CAP members wear a regulation uniform consisting of a khaki shirt and trousers with red epaulet tabs and the distinctive CAP insignia. Non-commissioned officers in the organization wear regulation army chevrons on a red background.

Since the CAP is open to both boys and girls, approximately seventy girls are expected to be in the group today.

The visitors will tour the field getting an inside view of the advanced trainers, link trainers, post operations and the numerous mock-ups of airplane mechanisms at the Troop Training department. The group will leave the field late Sunday afternoon.

SEYMOUR TRIBUNE
AUGUST 21

Class of 44-G Graduates at Freeman Field

Address Is Delivered By Ab Kirwin, Foot- ball Coach at Univer- sity of Kentucky

Members of Class 44-G of aviation cadets at Freeman Field received their silver wings as pilots and their commissions at graduation exercises held this morning at Hangar 4 at the field.

Many relatives and friends of the graduates were here for the ceremonies from many states.

Bella Regas, well known vocalist who sang at the first inauguration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and appeared for seven years as singer on the RKO vaudeville circuit, sang "The Star Spangled Banner" at graduation exercises for Class 44-G, at which her son, Arthur Sidereas, was commissioned a flight officer, at Freeman Field today.

Her husband, Louis Sidereas, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the youth's fiancée, Patricia Montgomery, also attended the exercises.

Ab. Kirwin, football coach at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, delivered the graduation address. He said in part:

You are now passing an important milestone in the series of experiences which will make up your lives. You are prepared, or shortly will be, to go out as did the knights of old, to do battle in the clouds against the enemies of your country, your homes, your people, and what we have been taught to believe is the right. You have triumphed over a rigorous course of training, where many have fallen by the wayside. You have come through your preliminary ordeals. Your major

Lions To Entertain Wacs, Soldiers From Freeman Field, Ladies, at Be

President Frank Mattox announced at the regular meeting of the Seymour Lions Club Thursday night, that the regular monthly ladies night meeting would be held August 31, at the Freeman Field Beach, on the West Sixth street road. The Lions and ladies will be hosts to a group of Wacs and soldiers from Freeman Field. The entertainment will consist of a program, dancing, swimming and movies.

Lt. Peter Matteau, a member of the local club who has been an in-

structor at Freeman Field past fifteen months, made a farewell speech. He will today for a new assignment to the west coast.

Program Chairman J. Beldon introduced two recent successful fishermen who recently returned from a fishing trip in Northern sin. Lion DeWitte Ogan detailed account of the trip was followed by a fittingly composed and recited by Harlan Montgomery.

Freeman Graduate Gets Air Medal

Second Lieutenant Estel G. Burns, 0-551063, a first pilot on a B-17 bomber based in England, has been awarded the Air Medal and an accompanying citation which reads: "For exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these officers and enlisted men upon these occasions reflect great credit upon themselves and the armed forces of the United States."

The citation was dated July 21.

Lt. Burns, who enlisted in the Army Air Forces on August 1, 1942, upon graduation from Butler High School, Butler, Missouri, received his wings and commission at Freeman Field in October, 1943, with the class of 43-I. While at Freeman he was married to Miss Dorothy Perrin, who resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Perrin, in Brownstown.

After graduation from Freeman Field, Lt. Burns was stationed briefly in Illinois, at Salt Lake City Utah, and at Sioux City, Iowa. Mrs. Burns accompanied her husband to these stations.

Lt. Burns left for England in May of this year.

Rain Cancels Part of Freeman "Open House", But About 2,500 Attend

Scores of visitors from Jackson and nearby counties were among the visitors at Freeman Field Tuesday as the two-engine advanced pilot school held "open house." The event was to commemorate the thirty-seventh anniversary of the beginning of what is now the AAF and the the thirty-fifth anniversary of the purchase of the first military airplane by the War Department.

A crowd estimated at between 2,000 and 2,600 people entered the field during the afternoon. Most of the visitors assembled on the flight line at 1:30 o'clock to ob-

serve formation flying of the AT-10's.

The field day, which was scheduled to begin at 2:30, was cancelled because of rain, but the formal retreat parade was held beginning at 4:30 o'clock. Observers said the crowd that saw the parade was the largest to ever witness a similar formation at Freeman.

The hospitable Freeman personnel gladly directed visitors to the points of interest and answered questions concerning the various phases of the training program.

Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer, was in charge of celebration.

Promotions at Freeman Field

Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of Freeman Field has announced the promotions of the following men:

First lieutenant to captain: Frank B. Brooks, Philadelphia, Pa.; Robert Holloway, Upper Montclair, N. J.; Emil Scott, New York.

Second lieutenant to first lieutenant: R. P. Epke, Holley, N. Y.; D. G. Goldfain, Gering, Neb.; W. G. Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind.; O. R. Hubbell, Jr., Rochester, N. Y.; J. L. Sanford, Los Angeles, Cal.; Henry Michalski, W. Nanticoke, Pa.; H. P. Ryan, Flushing, N. Y.; J. R. Pallis, Duquesne, Pa.; F. L. Neff, Edwardsville, Pa.; J. S. Terrell, Moultrie, La.; W. M. Lucas, Williamsport, Pa.; K. G. Miller, Allentown, Pa.; S. N. Walker, Milwaukee, Wisc.; F. A. Roy, Jamaica, N. Y.



LT. ESTEL G. BURNS

CAP "Invasion" To Center Here

1,200 Personnel, 125 Planes in Maneuver— To Stay at Freeman

Freeman Field southwest of Seymour will be the nucleus of a wing maneuver of the Civil Air Patrol Saturday and Sunday in which 1,200 CAP personnel and 125 planes will take part, it was announced today. A campaign of the CAP to enlist seventeen-year-old Indiana youths in the Army Air Force Cadet Enlisted Reserves will be opened with the maneuver.

The feature of the program will be a simulated war between Indiana (Blue) forces and Kentucky (Red) forces in which the Kentucky forces will attempt to "invade" Indiana.

Operations in the simulated war will cover most of the Ohio River bounding Indiana on the south and will extend northward to the Freeman Field base.

Lt.-Col. Walker W. Winslow, commander of the 52nd Wing Civil Air Patrol in Indiana, has appointed Captain D. T. Canfield commander of the Lafayette CAP squadron, head of the general staff for the maneuver. Captain I. W. Baldwin of Fort Wayne will be second in command while second Lt. Lucien G. Jones of Lafayette will be maneuver adjutant.

Officers of the CAP will be guests at the officers' Club at the field and the enlisted personnel will be quartered on the field.

Col. Vermilya Will Fly Here

Lt. Col. Wright Vermilya, formerly of Brownstown, and Col. Earle L. Johnson, commander of the Civilian Air Patrol, will fly here from New York Saturday for the aerial maneuvers at Freeman Field Saturday and Sunday. E. L. Vermilya, of Brownstown, received a wire today from his son, stating that he would be home for the week end.

Last In Series of Cadet Dinners Held

Last in a series of four dinners given for members of Aviation Cadets of Class 44-H of Freeman Field, and their wives, was held Tuesday evening in Section H mess hall at the Field.

Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer, and Mrs. Rundquist, were honored guests and other special guests were Major Albert E. Hughes, commandant of cadets, and Mrs. Hughes, Captain Lewis Liddle, assistant commandant of aviation students, and Mrs. Liddle; Captain Daniel O'Connell, director of ground school Lt. Lewis Boone, flight instructor and Mrs. Boone and Lt. John Willey, Section H Mess officer and

Mrs. Willey.

One of the features of each dinner was the cutting of a large cake, decorated in the Army Air Forces colors, each baked by Pvt. Morris Simon, baker for Section H. At one of the four dinners the cake was cut by Cadet and Mrs. Robert Rieff, who were married Saturday afternoon at the Post chapel.

The Post orchestra presented a musical program during the dinner hour and other entertainment features of the evening were presented by A/C William Sullivan, tap dancer; PAC Robert Showalter, facial characterization interpreter and Sergeant Erwin Klocko, singer.

A/C William Taylor was master-of-ceremonies Tuesday evening.

Col. Vermilya has been in charge of the CAP along the Florida coast and his trip here for the maneuvers will be his first visit to Jackson county in almost two years.

"Invasion" of Indiana by an air force of 125 planes and 1,200 personnel will highlight the maneuvers here during the week end. Activities will focus at Freeman Field. The maneuvers will be the center of the fall campaign to enlist seventeen-year-old youths as air cadet reserves.

First Army Helicopter School Is At Freeman

Officers Here Make Aviation Trip History

Fly Rotary-Type Planes To Field From East—Trained Instructors, Mechanics at Field

Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of Freeman Field, today announced that the first U. S. Army Air Forces helicopter training school has been established at the field near this city. The field is also used as an advanced two-engine pilot training school.

Freeman Field, one of the schools of the AAF Training Command, is in the Eastern Flying Training command, commanded by Major General William O. Butler.

Fly 725 Miles.

Recently two officers of the helicopter training section at Freeman, Major John J. Sanduski, of Omaha, Nebr., director of helicopter training, and Lt. Norbert T. Guttenberger, of Chicago, helicopter instructor, made aviation history when they flew two R4-B type helicopters 725 miles on the longest formation flight ever made by rotary-type planes in the United States. The flight was from Bridgeport, Conn., home of the Sikorsky plant, to Freeman Field.

On the trip they set new cross-country helicopter speed records, despite the fact that they encountered strong head winds and crossed the Allegheny mountains in Pennsylvania.

Personnel of the helicopter section are the officer instructors

who are rated pilots, and the mechanics who are enlisted men. Both the officers and the enlisted men received their training at the Sikorsky plant and at Freeman Field.

Freeman Field was named for the late Capt. Richard S. Freeman, a native of Winamac, Ind., who lost his life when his "flying laboratory" crashed in Nevada in 1941. He won fame for his pioneer aviation work in Alaska and his "mercy flights". In 1939 he flew Red Cross supplies to relieve earthquake sufferers in Chile, and earlier participated in the flight across the Kaiwi Channel to the leper colony at Molokai in the Pacific, to remove the remains of the founder of the colony, Father Damien.

Helicopter "Mercy Plane."

Although other reasons governed establishment of the helicopter section at Freeman Field, it was a fitting choice since the helicopter has proved to be a "mercy plane". A helicopter from the Coast Guard air station at Floyd Bennett, N. Y., dropped out of gale-whipped skies last winter to rescue a fifteen-year-old boy marooned on a sandbar.

In another emergency assignment, a Coast Guard helicopter carried blood plasma to the survivors of the U. S. S. Turner explosion in New York harbor.

Recently it was announced by the Southwest Asia headquarters at Kandy, Ceylon, that helicopters were used in the airborne invasion of Burma by American units.

Football Game Here Friday

Coach Announces Tentative Line-up For Friday Night

Next Friday night, September 15, Shields High School will open its 1944 football season under the lights on the local gridiron at Emerson Field against the strong northern conference New Castle High School team.

Although last year's conference champion, the Seymour high school team this year will be minus many of its outstanding players, among whom were Alex Demas, Dale Schrenk, Bill Dunker, Johnnie Otte and Dallas Hohnstreiter. These outstanding players leave big gaps in the team which will be hard to fill.

Tentative line-up as viewed a week before the first game will be Don Steinberger, center; Scoville Helt, right guard; George Osbourne, left guard; Bill Spray, right tackle; Paul Taylor, left tackle; Harlan Davidson, right end; Bill Goddard, left end; Howard Rundquist, right half; Gene Coryea, left half; John Keach, quarterback, and Don Smith, full back.

The reserves, as a whole, seem more promising to Coach John M. Van Liew, beginning his second season as a coach of football, than last year. Bob Carpenter at center, with Carl Preuss, Storey, Bob Foist, and Joe Mellenkamp at guards; Dean Padavon, Hubert Fox at ends, and a backfield composed of Jim Fox, John Williams, "Peanuts" Maher, Roland Nichter, Bob Kriete and Peter Rundquist all are being groomed by Coach Van Liew to fill in gaps that may appear.

Francis Roemmel and Don Goddard are managers.

Practice has been very irregular and unsatisfactory because many of the boys are working on different shifts.

Effort is being made to schedule some games for both the freshman and junior high school teams. The freshmen will be handled by Joe Gili, teacher of industrial arts, and the seventh and eighth grade team will be coached by Coach C. H. Englehardt, principal of junior high.

Major Rogers Is Rotary Speaker

Inspirational Talk Given—Precht Discusses "Rotarian"

An inspirational plea to mix, with modern commercialism, things that are everlasting and invisible, was presented to members of the Seymour Rotary Club at its weekly dinner meeting Monday night by Major Cecil N. Rogers, director of troop training at Freeman Field.

Two former members, Frank Spanagel and John M. Van Liew, who have been out of the club for several weeks during the summer months, were welcomed back to membership, and Theodore Precht, of the Rotary magazine committee, gave an interesting talk on the contents of the September "Rotarian", which is

one of the outstanding publications in the United States today. Arthur S. Kaufman, president presided during the business session.

Major Rogers was introduced by Francis J. Birge, chairman of Monday night's program. In one of the most excellently delivered talks given at a Rotary meeting in recent months, the army officer quoted dramatically from statements of many famous Americans in expressing his hope and urging that America be kept free.

"It is well to sit in silence and think, that the future might be more secure," Major Rogers told the Rotarians. Stating what famous men might say if he could call them to the table where he was speaking, the officer quoted utterances of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, Daniel Webster, Abraham Lincoln and Woodrow Wilson, which contain important truths for the perpetuation of the United States.

The program was thoroughly enjoyed by the club members.

Freeman Needs Civilian Help

Freeman Field has an urgent need for men and women to keep their men in fighting trim, and believe it or not, they need a "butcher", a "baker", and even a "corn stick maker," it was announced today.

"Feed 'em and Keep Them Flying at Freeman Field" is the slogan for the new recruitment drive launched today in Seymour for the Army Air Base. The following are some of the positions open: counter girls, waitresses, kitchen workers and porters.

The above are urgently needed to work in the Officer's Club, Bachelor's Officers Quarters and Cadet Messes.

Mess and Club officers will interview applicants at the United States Employment Office in Seymour in the City Hall today and Saturday.

WAC Recruiting Conducted Here

With less than four months left in which to recruit more than 48,000 women for vital jobs in the Women's Army Corps, an extensive campaign for more Wacs is now being conducted in Jackson county by officers and enlisted personnel from the Bloomington sub-station.

In an urgent appeal to women throughout the nation to enlist in the WAC, the War Department in

Soldiers to be Taught at Pool

A fifty hour water safety, life-saving, and functional swimming course under the direction of the American Red Cross will be given to qualify Freeman Field military personnel at the Seymour Municipal Swimming Pool beginning September 4.

Purpose of the course, which will be personally directed by George Lewis, member of the field staff of national headquarters, Washington, D. C., will be to train men and women for a Red Cross life-saving instructor's certificate.

In addition to the regular swimming course, Capt. C. D. Nichols, Lt. Henry Vye and members of their staff will teach the use of life-saving equipment.

Capt. Nichols is in charge of physical training and Lt. Vye is in charge of the personal equipment office.

Washington has cited the great need for hospital technicians who will play an important part in the rehabilitation of thousands of wounded veterans being returned to this country from combat zones daily. Approximately 20,000 women are wanted for these jobs, and another 28,000 are required for important assignments in clerical, photographic, motor transport, and more than 230 other jobs in the Army Air Forces, the Army Service Forces and the Army Ground Forces.

For the period ending December 31, 1944, a quota of six recruits has been established in Washington for Jackson county, and although recruiting personnel will travel throughout the county seeking interviews with interested women, those who are not contacted but desire further information about the WAC, are urged to write, wire or telephone the U. S. Army Recruiting Office, 205 S. Walnut Street, Bloomington, Indiana.

Under current regulations, women between the ages of twenty and fifty and with no dependent children under fourteen years of age, may enlist in the WAC, choosing their branch of service, their job, and also their initial station assignment within the Fifth Service Command, embracing the state of Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky.

CAP Maneuvers Here Successful

Talks Given at Retreat Ceremony at Freeman Field—Many Here

More than 1,000 members of the 52nd Indiana Wing of the Civil Air Patrol began recruiting seventeen-year-olds for the Air Force Reserves today after an extensive wing maneuver at Freeman Field over the week end.

Lt. Col. Walker W. Winslow, commander, said the maneuver was very successful and paid tribute to Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of the field, and to others for the reception and welcome here. A retreat ceremony Saturday afternoon was received

by Gen. William D. Olds, commanding officer of the First Troop Carrier Command, who made a short talk. Other short talks were made by Col. Earle L. Johnson, national commander of the Civil Air Patrol and by Col. Rundquist, who welcomed the group. All spoke of the value of the CAP to the Army Air Forces and the U. S. Army.

During the retreat, a flight of planes from the Troop Carrier Command flew over the field.

The CAP members toured the field, visited the offices and learned how an army air field is conducted during their stay over the week end.

More than 100 planes from over state were flown here for the meeting. The planes patrolled the area south of Seymour and along the Ohio River in a mock war with an imaginary force from Kentucky. Simulated bombs were dropped on bridges at Madison and Louisville to prevent "invasion" forces from entering Indiana.

Those in charge of the boy cadets included Lts. Orion Reed, Marion, commanding officer; Harold T. Miller South Bend, executive officer; Shannon D. Buntin, Terre Haute; J. I. Hoch, Richmond; Sylvester Yaney, Fort Wayne; and girls, Sgt. Nola Fred, Kokomo.

Officer Marks Anniversaries

Capt. William H. McLeod, who August 31 marked his second year at Freeman Field and next month will observe his seventeenth anniversary in the U. S. Army, has gone to take a six weeks' administrative air inspector's course at Orlando Fla., and upon completion of the course will return to Freeman Field, where he is post adjutant.

Capt. McLeod was the first officer to be permanently assigned to the field and arrived here from Maxwell Field on August 31, 1942. He and his wife, Mrs. Ruth McLeod, have since been prominent in field activities.

The army officer, during his long service, has been stationed at many different points. Entering the service as an infantryman, he spent two years at Fort Moultrie, S. C., and then went to Nichols Field in the Philippines on foreign duty. In 1932, he again left the United States and arrived at Albrooks Field in Panama, where he spent two years. Upon returning to the United States mainland, he spent a year at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he was assigned to a lighter-than-air squadron. Wheeler Field in Hawaii was his next station where he served from 1935 to 1937. Upon completing his tour of foreign duty Capt. McLeod, then a sergeant, went to Randolph Field in Texas. He was stationed at Americus, Ga., when the southeast Air Force Training Center was formed and reported to Maxwell Field in December, 1941, a few days after Japan attacked at Pearl Harbor.

Freeman is the fifth field Capt. McLeod has helped to organize. He was in "on the ground floor" at Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Americus, Ga.; Jackson, Miss. and Dorr Field at Arcadia, Fla. He was personnel officer at Freeman, assuming the duties of adjutant on October 17, 1943.



—(Official Photo U.S. AAF by AAF Training Command)

This picture was taken recently at Freeman Field upon the completion of the longest helicopter formation flight in history—725 miles from Bridgeport, Conn., to Freeman. Lt. Norbert T. Guttenberger, Chicago, second from left, and Maj. John J. Sanduski, Omaha, third from left, were met by Col. E. T. Rundquist, extreme left, commanding officer of Freeman, and Maj. William B. Poe, extreme right, deputy for training and operations. The two airmen made the flight in two R4-B type helicopters. Major Sanduski is director of the helicopter training school recently established at Freeman. Lieutenant Guttenberger is a helicopter instructor.

CAP Officers See Freeman Win

Officers of the Civil air patrol, including a general and several colonels, were included in the group of spectators witnessing a baseball game Saturday afternoon at Freeman Field, when the Freeman team defeated the Camp Campbell, Ky., team, 4 to 3.

Al Albright pitched for the Freeman team, which managed to make the winning run in the last half of the eighth, when a walk forced the run in.

In a Friday afternoon game at Freeman, Camp Campbell defeated the Freeman team, 8 to 2. T/Sgt. Jimmy Higgins pitched and Camp Campbell made fifteen hits while the Freeman team was making seven.

Satchel Paige, great Negro pitcher, hurled his first full game Sunday afternoon at Parkway Field, Louisville, flinging the St. Louis Stars to a 4-0 win over the Freeman Field team. The Stars also won the second game from Freeman, 7-0.

SEYMOUR TRIBUNE
SEPT. 8, '44

Air Graduates Hear Veteran At Exercises

Capt. Maggart, Pilot During the African, Sicilian Campaigns, Addresses Cadets

Coloring his address generously with his personal experiences as a pilot of a B-25 bombing plane in the African and Sicilian campaigns, Capt. Robert E. Maggart, of the department of training at Freeman Field, addressed the Class of 44-H at graduation exercises held today in Hangar No. 4 at the field.

The graduates receiving their wings today were members of the sixteenth class of aviation cadets to be graduated from Freeman Field.

Veteran of fifty combat missions and wearer of the Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, Capt. Maggart told the graduates that the German is a tricky and skilful fighter in the air, but lacks resourcefulness "when the chips are down."

Praises U. S. Training.

The speaker praised the superior training given the American airman, temporizing it with a word of caution. "Overconfidence has spelled the doom of more than one combat pilot," he said. "Don't think you're a better man than your enemy. Prove that you are by keeping a level head and taking advantage of every opportunity to increase your knowledge."

Capt. Maggart, whose home is in Gary, Ind., has been stationed at Freeman Field since February, 1944. He served in Africa and Sicily for a year before being assigned to duty in the United States again.

A large number of visitors were in Seymour from all parts of the United States to see their relatives and friends receive their wings at the ceremony.

Eight From Indiana.

Eight men from Indiana were among the graduates. They included Flight Officers Clarence E. Miller, Elkhart; Albert Young, Evansville; Arthur L. Warner, Huntington; Carl Speckhardt, Jr., Jeffersonville; Richard Genth, Marion, and Hollace E. Wright, Mitchell.

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CAP Members Arriving Here For Maneuvers

To Carry Out Simulated Bombing of Ohio River Bridges While Planes Base at Freeman

Planes and members of Indiana's Civil Air Patrol, who successfully completed a regional maneuver at Freeman Field on August 19 and 20, will begin arriving at 4 o'clock this afternoon at Freeman Field in full force, 1,200 strong with 125 airplanes, to participate in a wing maneuver today and Sunday.

The maneuver here, which is attracting wide interest, will open the CAP's fall campaign in Indiana for enlistment of Army Air Force Cadet Enlisted Reserves.

On hand for the event will be Gen. Robert W. Harper, Headquarters Office, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.; Gen. William D. Olds, Commanding Officer First Troop Carrier Command, Stout Field; Col. Earle L. Johnson, National Commander Civil Air Patrol; Col. Earl F. Baskey, Liaison Officer, Fifth Service Command, Fort Hayes; Col. Henry E. Tisdale, Commanding Officer, Fort Harrison; Col. Weldon Modisette, Commanding Officer, Camp Atterbury; Col. R. Walter Evans, Commanding Officer AAF Specialized Depot, Indianapolis Fairgrounds and many other military officers and civilian officials of high rank. Lt. Col. Wright Vermilya, formerly of Brownstown, in charge of CAP along the Florida coast, also flew here.

Host officers will be Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of Freeman Field and Major John F. Morris, field supervisor of supply who has worked with CAP personnel in making arrangements for the maneuver.

General Staff Named.

Lt. Col. Walker W. Winslow, commander of the 52nd Wing Civil Air Patrol in Indiana, has appointed Capt. D. T. Canfield, commander of the Lafayette CAP Squadron as field commander, head of the general staff for the maneuver. Second in command will be Capt. I. W. Baldwin, Ft. Wayne, while 2nd Lieut. Lucien G. Jones, Lafayette, will be maneuver adjutant.

Other members of the general staff for the maneuver will be Captains E. F. Rodefled, Richmond; C.E. Shockley, Muncie; Carl F. Meyer, Indianapolis; C. H. Smith, Gary; Rex Paxton, South Bend; and Clifford M. Rigsbee, Indianapolis, and Lieutenants J. F. Erichsen, Lafayette; Robert Hogue, South Bend; M. C. Topping, Terre Haute; Martha Hogue, South Bend; L. K. Hufford, Lafayette; Roger Hartsock, Bloomington; R. W. Hodgers, Madison; A. S. Richards, Lafayette; William T. Brackett, Evansville; Ray Katter, Lafayette; Leon Teetor, Indianapolis, and F. Morrow, Gary.

Both Boys, Girls Here.

Among those attending will be both boy and girl CAP Cadets under the direction of Capt. J. V. Somes, Indianapolis, member of the Indiana Wing Staff. Other

Wing Staff members are Major Walter B. Smith, executive officer and Captains I. M. Kersey, adjutant; Earl N. Armbrust, operations and personnel; Irving M. Fauvre, intelligence; Newton M. Goudy, public relations; Charles W. Roller, Medical; Clifford M. Rigsbee, Communications; A. M. Toms, Equipment & Supply and Lieut. Lloyd Pruitt, Asst. Training.

Feature of the maneuver program will be the beginning of a simulated war between Indiana (Blue) forces and Kentucky (Red) forces. It is presumed, in the war game, that the Kentucky forces will attempt to invade Indiana and capture Indianapolis. Neither force will have regular troops available, and the Commanding General of the Indiana force has asked the Civil Air Patrol aerial and ground forces to bivouac at

Freeman Field and carry out such delaying and harrassing actions as may be deemed advisable.

The Indiana force, therefore, will carry out simulated bombing of the bridge at Louisville and Madison and Bowman Field, Louisville and carry on reconnaissance flights along the Ohio River, send up fighter and bomber planes and patrol the north and south road net thirty miles east and west of Seymour. If enemy troops are found in force, ground detachments will be sent out to delay their advance.

Operations in the simulated war will cover most of the Ohio river bounding Indiana on the south and extend northward to the Freeman Field Base.

Enlistment of cadets for the Air Force Enlisted Reserve, Forest Patrol, Military and Industrial Courier Services are the principal functions of the Civil Air Patrol together with the training of young men from fifteen to seventeen years of age in pre-aviation subjects.

B-25 Planes Assigned to Freeman Field

**Three Arrive Here
—Two Officers Have
Fifty Combat Missions
On Similar Planes**

Three B-25's have been assigned to Freeman Field to be used in familiarizing supervisory flying personnel and instructors with a heavier type of aircraft than the AT-10. The B-25 is the Mitchell bomber.

Two officers at Freeman Field are expert B-25 pilots and have had foreign duty. They are Capt. Robert E. Maggart, who was recently appointed post operations officer, and Capt. Lawrence L. White of the advisory training board.

Have Parallel Careers.

Both men have had parallel careers in the Army Air Forces. They received their training at Greenville Army Air Base, Greenville, Miss., and then went overseas to the European theater of operations. They participated in fifty combat missions in the North African and Sicilian campaigns, winning recognition for their meritorious service.

Capt. Maggart is from Gary, Ind., and Capt. White is from Minneapolis, Minn.

The mechanics and crew chiefs who are servicing the B-25's, have had specialized courses in B-25 maintenance at either the factory where the planes are manufactured, or at an accredited AAF mechanics' school.

Injured Freeman PAC Succumbs

**Youth Stationed
Here Was Hurt in
Private Plane Crash**

A pre-aviation cadet from Freeman Field, who was injured late Sunday, September 17, when a private airplane in which he and two other pre-aviation cadets from Freeman were flying at Franklin, died in the Wakeman General Hospital at Camp Atterbury, according to word received here.

The cadet, Calvin F. Orwig, age twenty-three, of Phillipsburg, Pa., sustained a severe head injury when the plane, which they had rented at the Franklin airport, crashed while flying low above the airport. He was the most seriously injured of the three occupants.

The other two, Gabriel St.

Clair, age twenty-six, of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Paul Stahlman, age twenty-five, of Bridgefield, Pa., are taking treatment at the Wakeman Hospital.

The cadets were off duty when the crash occurred. The flight was not a part of their training program.

PAC Orwig is survived by his widow, Mrs. Marian A. Orwig, of Phillipsburg, Pa.

Freeman Pilot Killed Overseas

Lt. Robert Clark Koper, of Beloit, Wis., who received his silver wings as a pilot and his commission as a second lieutenant in the second graduating exercises held at Freeman Field, was killed over Germany on March 6, according to word received by friends here.

Lt. Koper and his wife, Mrs. Carolyn Koper, stayed in the home of Mrs. Grace P. Taylor and daughter, Miss Rosemary Taylor, 528 West Fourth street, while he was a cadet taking training at the field here.

Mrs. Koper and their year-old son, Robert, born since they moved from this city, now reside in Savannah, Ga.

Major A. Hughes To Leave---Name New Commandant

Announcement was made today by Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of Freeman Field, that Major Albert E. Hughes, commandant of cadets, would leave soon for an assignment to Atlantic City, N. J. Major Edward Tyminski will become commandant of cadets.

Major Hughes, who came to Freeman soon after it was activated December 1, 1942, has been the commandant of cadets since the inception of the training program in March, 1943. Sixteen classes of aviation cadets have been graduated during his tour at Freeman.

Prior to assignment here he was stationed at Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Tuscaloosa, Ala. He entered the service in July, 1941 as a first lieutenant.

In civilian life Major Hughes was a coach and educator. He was graduated from the University of Alabama in 1933 with a bachelor of science degree. Major and Mrs. Hughes and their two daughters, Marianne and Virginia who are students in the Seymour public schools, have lived at 622 North

Park street. Their permanent home is at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Major Tyminski reported to Freeman in July, 1944, and has been assigned to the troop training department. Prior to coming to Freeman he had been assigned to Keesler Field, La., Gulfport, Miss., and Selman Field, La. He received his silver pilot wings from Barksdale Field, La. in 1941.

A resident of Philadelphia, he was graduated from Pittston, Pa., high school and attended Penn State College and Temple University. In civilian life he was social worker. In civilian life he was in social welfare work.

Major Tyminski, his wife, Emma, and two children, Edward Francis, Jr., and Malaska Ann, live at 814 Ewing street.

Freeman Grad Awarded DFC

Lt. William S. Bruce, of Guilford, Conn., who was graduated from Freeman Field here last December, receiving the wings of a pilot and his commission as second lieutenant, has received the Distinguished Flying Cross for flying his plane back to its base after it was hit and severely damaged over France on August 14, according to word received here.

When the plane was hit, the leg of Lt. Bruce's co-pilot was blown off but so far he is recovering satisfactorily. His physician says it is the first cast of its kind he has known where the injured man is recovering. Lt. Bruce was not hurt, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Vyrlin Avery Bruce, of Guilford.

While Lt. Bruce was a cadet at Freeman Field, he and Mrs. Bruce lived at 619 West Fourth street in this city and made many friends here.

New Cadet Class Reports at Field

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Major W. Poe Is Transferred-- Successor Named

Major William B. Poe, deputy for training and operations, will leave Freeman Field soon for an assignment at Smyrna, Tenn., according to an announcement made today by Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer. Major Robert J. DuChaine, who has been post operations officer will become the deputy for training and operations. Captain Rob-

ert Maggart will become post operations officer.

Major Poe was assigned to Freeman Field in January, 1943, as head of pilot training, the post he has held during his tour here. Prior to coming to Freeman, Major Poe was stationed at Maxwell Field, Ala., and Hendricks Field, Fla.

A veteran of aviation, Major Poe was a pilot for Eastern Airlines for eight years, three of which were on the Atlanta to Chicago run. At that time the route was over Seymour.

After being graduated from Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., in 1929 with a bachelor of science degree, he went to Brook and Kelly Fields, Texas, where he took his pilot training. He was commissioned a second lieutenant and was assigned to Selfridge Field, Mich. Later he joined the Eastern Airlines.

Mrs. Poe and their young son Billy, Jr., plan to accompany the major to Tennessee. Their home is Atlanta, Ga.

Major DuChaine entered the service in October, 1940. He received his primary training at Spartan School, Muskogee, Okla., basic training at Randolph Field, Texas, and advanced training at Barksdale Field, La. After he was commissioned and received silver pilot wings, he remained at Barksdale as an instructor. From Barksdale he was assigned to Columbus, Miss. At Freeman he has been a flight commander and a member of the advisory training board. He became operations officer June 2, 1943.

After being graduated from Petoskey, Mich. high school, he attended the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and Michigan Tech, Houghton.

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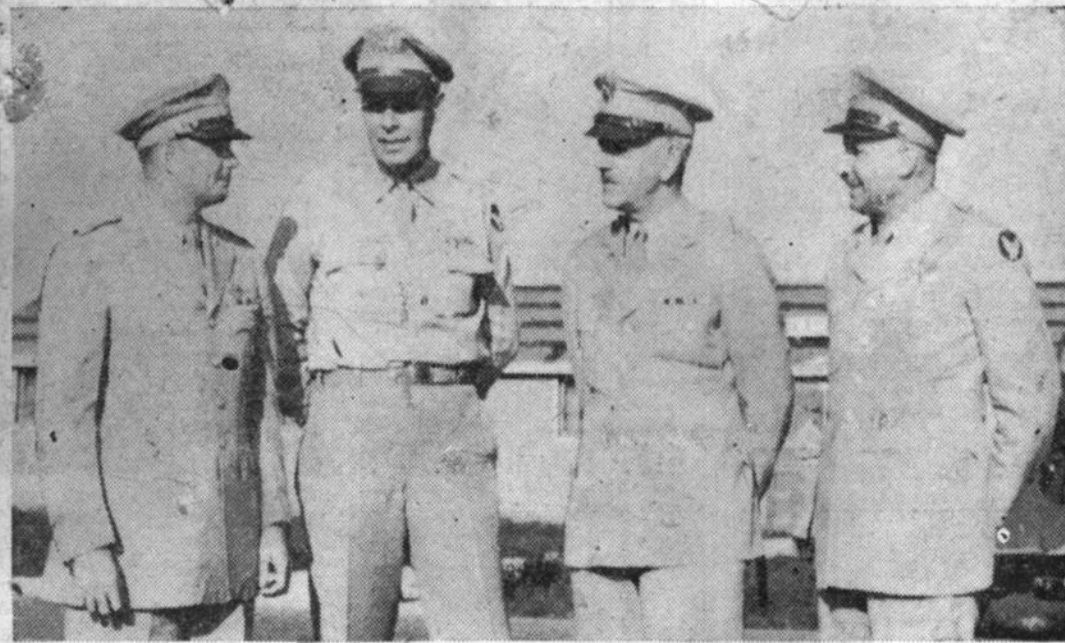
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A native of Gary, Ind., he was graduated from the Horace Mann high school, Gary. Later he attended Purdue University. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Maggart, live in Gary.

Capt. and Mrs. Maggart live at 107½ East Second street.



ARMY OFFICERS AT FREEMAN FIELD—These four top-ranking regular Army officers were guests at the maneuver of more than 1,060 Indiana civil air patrol members at Freeman field, near Seymour, Saturday and Sunday. Left to right, they are Brigadier General William D. Old, commanding officer of Stout field; Colonel E. T. Rundquist, Freeman field commanding officer; Colonel Henry E. Tisdale, commander of Ft. Harrison, and Colonel Earl F. Baskey, air officer of the 5th service command.

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Instructor at Freeman Field Dies in Crash

Other Occupant Para- chutes to Safety From Plane East of Way- mansville Late Friday

Lt. Charles L. Knuth, age twenty-two, of Worthington, Minn., a flying instructor at Freeman Field, was killed late Friday afternoon in a plane crash one mile east of Waymansville, northwest of Seymour, according to an announcement by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of Freeman.

The other occupant of the plane, whose name was not released, parachuted to safety.

Planes Contact in Air.

The training plane in which the two men were passengers and another plane from Freeman Field are reported to have contacted in midair. The second plane returned to its base and neither of its occupants was injured.

Col. Rundquist said the plane was on a routine training flight.

A board of qualified officers has been appointed to investigate the crash.

Lt. Knuth was graduated from Freeman Field on May 28, 1943, and lived with his wife, Betty, and their infant son in Brownstown. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Knuth, live at Worthington, where he was graduated from Worthington High School in the class of 1940. He also attended Worthington Junior College and the University of Minnesota.

Navy Planes Here to Evade Florida Storm

Two, Four-Engine Bombers, Transports From Lake City and Jacksonville at Field

A large group of U. S. Navy planes from the Jacksonville and Lake City, Florida, air stations were evacuated to Freeman Field seeking refuge from the tropical hurricane reported to be lashing the Florida coast. The planes arrived at Freeman Wednesday afternoon and night.

Planes at other stations in the wake of the storm are reported to have been evacuated to fields in the interior.

The planes which have arrived at Freeman are two and four-engine bombers and transports.

Lt. Comm. J. H. Kilker is in charge of the group from Lake City, and Lt. Comm. H. B. Blunt heads the Jacksonville group.

Both the navy officers and enlisted men are being quartered and messed at the field.

SEYMOUR TRIBUNE
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Attract Much Attention.

The strange planes, appearing much larger in the air than the AT-10 Freeman training planes which local residents are accustomed to seeing in this vicinity and making more noise, attracted much attention from residents of the vicinity as they came into view from the southeast in formation, passed over the city as they circled and left formation to land, one behind the other, at Freeman Field late Wednesday.

Within a short time, Navy pilots and crew members were in the city, and Seymour was "taken over" temporarily by the sea-going branch of the armed forces, with more officers and blue-clad enlisted men being seen on local streets, in restaurants and at the local USO center than at any previous one time.

Associated Press reports from Miami, Florida, said the severe tropical hurricane which reached the Florida west coast before dawn, was headed rapidly across the state at a velocity of eighteen to twenty miles an hour and was scheduled to pass into the Atlantic ocean near Jacksonville. In view of those reports, it is probable that the planes and their crews will remain here yet tonight.

SEYMOUR TRIBUNE
OCT. 20

Navy Planes Take Off Here For Own Bases

Residents Hear Drone Of Powerful Motors Today as Bombers Return to Florida

(C.A.)
Local residents this afternoon heard the roar of powerful motors overhead as the large group of U. S. Navy planes, flown to Freeman Field late Wednesday, flew over the city after taking off to return to their bases at Jacksonville and Lake City, Florida.

The planes did not leave the field here, however, until after the tropical hurricane which they had been flown here to avoid, had passed Jacksonville on its swing through Florida and continued up the east coast, where the diminishing intensity of its winds was no longer regarded as dangerous.

Men Like Seymour.

Navy officers and enlisted men who flew here with the large two-engine and four-engine bombers and transports, reported that they liked Seymour and enjoyed the hospitality shown them during their two-night stay here. Lt. Comm. J. H. Kilker was in charge of the group from Lake City and Lt. Comm. H. B. Blunt headed the Jacksonville group.

Both the officers and enlisted men were quartered and had mess at Freeman Field while their planes were at the local field.

Planes at other stations in the path of the storm also were evacuated to fields in the interior and the public relations office at George Field, near Vincennes, announced that sixty two-engine bombers from the naval Air Base at Beaufort, S. C., landed there late Thursday to remain indefinitely.

Cadets Escape When Freeman Plane Crashes

**Two Parachute to
Safety Near Redding-
ton After Planes
Contact in Flight**

Two aviation cadets of Freeman Field parachuted to safety early Saturday night ten miles north of Seymour when their AT-10 training plane is reported to have contacted another AT-10 training plane when they were on a combat training flight.

The plane from which the two cadets parachuted was badly damaged but neither of the men was injured. The second plane involved in the accident returned to Freeman Field and neither of the two men was injured.

Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer at Freeman Field, said an Army board of inquiry has been appointed to investigate the accident.

Near Baldwin Residence.

The plane is reported to have crashed on the Maggie Johnson farm a short distance west of the residence of John Baldwin, approximately one-half mile north and one-half mile west of Reddington.

Cadet Training Program Given An Extension

**Freeman Students Told
Of Plan—Classes
Will Continue Current
Phase 5 More Weeks**

Montgomery, Ala., Oct. 2—Students in Eastern Flying Training Command pilot schools will be retained in the phases of training in which they are currently engaged for additional five weeks commencing October 16, it was announced today by Brig. Gen. William S. Gravely, Commanding General.

Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer at Freeman Field, announced the extension of the training program at an assembly held this morning at 10 o'clock in the post gymnasium for members of aviation cadet classes 44 I and J who are in training at Freeman.

A War Department announcement from Washington, D. C., said that the temporary retention in phase was directed by Army Air Forces Headquarters "because the Army's reservoir of pilots is filled."

The order applies to all phases of undergraduate pilot training throughout the AAF Training Command's nationwide network of flying schools including pre-flight, primary, basic and advanced, officials here said. Ten weeks is the normal period for each of these phases.

Graduations Postponed.

By this action, graduation ceremonies in which advanced students get their wings and appointments as flight officers or 2nd Lieutenants, are postponed from October 16 to November 20.

The War Department's announcement from Washington included an explanation of the action by Gen. H. H. Arnold, who

Col. Rundquist Here Two Years

Oct. 14

Freeman Commanding Officer Marking Anniversary Today

Col. E. T. Rundquist today marked his second anniversary in command of Freeman Field.

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Colonel and Mrs. Rundquist have three children, Howard and Peter, students of the Seymour schools, and infant daughter, Mary Ellen.

Football Boys Are Guests of Rotary Club

Nov 7
**Col. E. T. Rundquist
Addresses Group—
“History of Helicopter”
Movie Shown**

Seymour Tribune
Citing the value of organized athletics, Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of Freeman Field, told thirty-six members of the Shields High School football team, members of the Seymour Rotary Club and guests Monday night that competitive athletics work for teamwork, so necessary in the world today.

The army officer was the speaker at the annual football night of the Seymour Rotary Club of which John M. Van Liew, coach of the high school team and chairman of Monday night's program for the Rotary Club, was in charge.

In addition to Col. Rundquist's talk, a moving picture, "The History of the Helicopter," was shown and a short program in observance of American Education Week, now being observed, was presented.

Presiding at the meeting was Arthur S. Kaufman, club president. Several guests attended, including C. W. McClain, a former member, who now holds an executive position with the state highway commission at Indianapolis, George Henderson, home on leave from the U. S. Navy, and Richard G. Lauf recently discharged after service with the Marines in the South Pacific.

Education Week Discussed.

Doris Pfaffenberger, of Shields Junior High School, sang a solo, accompanied at the piano by Margaret Lou Taskey and Gay-

lord Brooks, also of junior high school, spoke of American Education Week, inviting visitors to the schools on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and particularly to "open house" Thursday night.

President Kaufman welcomed the football players and Coach Van Liew introduced each of the players, Joe Gili, freshman football coach, C. H. Englehardt, seventh and eighth grade coach, and DeWitte Ogan, high school principal. Mr. Ogan spoke briefly, expressing the gratitude of the school for the invitation to the team and commended the Rotary Club. John Keach spoke briefly in behalf of the team.

Col. Rundquist, introduced as one of the "all-time greats" on the football squad at the University of Illinois, congratulated the team on the fact that, win or lose, they were "always in there plugging." He said it is necessary to live, breathe and think football all the time to become a star. Anyone, he said, can play ordinary football, but a star has to give that "extra" something. He pointed out how football training had prompted Tommy Harmon, flier shot down three times, to keep fighting against overwhelming odds and escape from jungles after being listed missing.

Maneuverability of Helicopters Explained, Shown to Rotary Club

One of the newest types of aircraft, the helicopter, was interestingly explained and was demonstrated — through the use of movies — to members of the Seymour Rotary Club at its weekly dinner meeting at the Elks' Home Monday night.

Major John J. Sanduski, director of helicopter training at Freeman Field, where the first U. S. Army Air Forces helicopter training school is located, who was the speaker at the meeting, explained the principle of flight of the helicopter and gave other interesting

unrestricted information concerning the modern craft.

Following Major Sanduski's talk, a moving picture, "The Sikorsky Helicopter," which demonstrated the plane's ability to stop virtually motionless in the air, to rise or land vertically, to take off backward and to perform many other feats hitherto impossible with aircraft, was shown with Major Edgar H. Tieman, of the USO center, operating the projector.

Major Sanduski was introduced by H. Hobbs Miller, chairman of

Monday night's program. Guests included Major Paul H. Harrison, post intelligence officer at Freeman Field; Capt. William F. Hartman, public relations officer at the field; Lt. Owen Q. Niehaus and Lt. H. W. Mitchell, of the helicopter training staff; Paul Quinn, a Rotarian from the Mitchell club and William Steinwedel, of the Navy, who is on leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin W. Steinwedel. Arthur S. Kaufman, president, presided during the meeting.

The helicopter differs from the autogyro inasmuch as the latter uses whirling blades as the supporting surface and has both a conventional motor and conventional propeller, Major Sanduski said. The helicopter has no conventional motor or propeller but the rotor blades above the plane are its wings and propeller combined. It is a part of its control system, including the rudder and the "tail rotor" which aids its turning in the air.

The film showed the plane landing in almost inaccessible spots and revealed its possible application as transportation to and from work in the post-war world. It can be landed on parking lots beside automobiles or on rooftops with equal ease, the moving picture showed.

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Capt. McLeod Returns From Special Training

Captain and Mrs. W. H. McLeod have returned to this city after an absence of several weeks in Orlando, Florida, where Captain McLeod went to take special instruction courses in an army school.

They also have been guests of Captain McLeod's father, A. R. McLeod at Jasper, Florida.

Captain McLeod is adjutant at Freeman Field and he and Mrs. McLeod live at 507 Homestead Avenue.

Football Squad to Be Honored by Club

The Shields High School football team members will be guests of the Seymour Rotary Club at its annual football night dinner meeting to be held tonight at 6:15 o'clock at the Elks' Club.

Thirty-six members of the squad and Coach John M. Van Liew, who is a member of the Rotary Club, will attend. Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer at Freeman Field, who was formerly a college football star, will be the speaker. A brief program also is to be given in the interests of National Education Week, which opened today.

South Pacific Veteran Talks At Graduation

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Motion Picture Starlet Here To Attend Freeman Field Graduation

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Among guests in the city today to attend graduation exercises at Freeman Field is petite, blonde, blue-eyed Sally Barth Bliss, Columbia motion picture starlet, whose fiancé, Cadet John D. Martin, received his silver wings and second lieutenant's commission.

Miss Bliss, who will be nineteen years old Wednesday, is a daughter of Captain and Mrs. H. A. Bliss, of Washington, D. C. She was graduated from Baldwin High School, Long Island, N. Y. and following her graduation began playing with a stock company in the East. While playing in "The Beautiful People" in Rhode Island she was discovered by a Howard Hughes talent scout and went to Hollywood where she has played in "Swing In The Saddle"; "Meet Miss Bobby Sox", "Eadie Was a Lady" and carried the leading role in "Renegade Round-Up" and "Tonight We Dance", not yet released.

She has been a Conover model in New York and has studied dramatics with Boris Marshalov and dancing with Polly Korchien.

She is now under suspension contract with Columbia and may return to Hollywood to continue her motion picture career.

Lieutenant Martin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Martin, of Bellmore, Long Island, New York. He also is a graduate of Baldwin High School, attended Manhattan College on a track scholarship for two years and took his junior year at Ohio State. He was a member of the R.O.T.C. when called to active duty in April, 1943. He took his pre-flight at Maxwell Field, Alabama, his primary at Lakeland, Florida, basic at Courtland, Ala., and came to Freeman for his advanced training.

Miss Bliss and Lieutenant Martin, whose romance dates back to high school days, are to be married at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the Garden City Cathedral, Long Island.

Miss Bliss' sisters, Miss Lois Bliss, a junior in the University of Maryland, and Miss Joan Bliss, a cadet nurse taking graduate work in Yale, will be co-maids-of-honor.

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Policeman at Freeman Field Dies of Wound

Soldier Accidentally Shot By Bullet Which Passed Through Hand Of Man Holding Pistol

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Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer, said a board of officers is investigating the accident.

Friends may call at the Tower Funeral Home after 7 o'clock tonight.

BROWNSTOWN BANNER

Nov 22

Two Helicopter pilots of Freeman Field stole the show at the second annual national aviation clinic held at Oklahoma City, Okla., Saturday. The two officers who flew the Helicopters to Oklahoma were Captains Lothrop Withington and John B. Peterson. Freeman Field is the first Army Air Force training field.

Seymour to Get Second Field Under Program

Five Types of Ports Recommended by CAA In Federal Aid Aviation Project

Freeman Field is slated to become one of the important airports in Indiana under a huge postwar aviation program outlined to Congress by Jesse Jones, secretary of commerce, through the Civil Aeronautics Administration. The field here is designated to handle the largest craft now used or planned for the immediate future. Some changes may be made, according to the recommendations, but definite plans were not revealed.

The program proposed to Congress suggests the location of airports throughout the United States. Indiana will get sixty-eight if it is understood, if the plan is adopted.

An Associated Press dispatch to The Tribune today gives details of the plan:

A billion-dollar postwar program of airport construction and improvement, providing for construction of 3,050 new airports and improvement of 1,625 existing fields, was recommended to Congress yesterday by the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

The report recommended an immediate federal appropriation of \$3,000,000 for surveys and other preparatory work. The agency intimated there would be 400,000 civilian aircraft in this country within ten years after the war ends, compared with 25,000 now.

For Indiana, the CAA recommended construction of sixty-eight new airports at a cost of \$8,270,000, improvement of twenty-eight airports at a cost of \$7,762,000, and no improvement of twenty-eight other existing ports.

The report proposed three airports for Evansville and two each for Fort Wayne, Kokomo, Madison, Muncie, New Castle, Peru, Richmond, Seymour, South Bend and Terre Haute. Fields built to serve the largest aircraft now in use or planned were recommended for Columbus, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Gary, Indianapolis, Madison North Vernon, Oaktown, Peru, Port planes; 3, fields equipped to serve present-day transport planes and 4, fields

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Five types of fields were proposed—1, small fields for light planes; 2, fields for light transport planes; 3, fields equipped to serve present-day transport planes, and 4 and 5, fields for the largest craft.

Expenditures of \$305,000—in some cases for re-engineering of existing airports and in others for construction of new ones—were recommended for Elkhart, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Frankfort, Hartford City, Huntington, Marion, New Albany, Valparaiso, Washington and Winchester.

The report also recommended: \$370,000 to convert Auburn's class two port to class three; \$370,000 each for Bedford, Brazil, Crawfordsville and Lawrenceburg to build class three ports; \$1,170,000 for South Bend to improve a class four port \$800,000 to be spent for paving); \$735,000 for Vincennes to build a class three port; \$735,000 for Logansport to build a class three port; \$1,400,000 for Gary to convert a class one to a class four port; \$960,000 for Michigan City to convert a class one to a class three port, and \$960,000 to Muncie for a class three "tri-city" port.

Helicopters at Air Show Create Mild Sensation

Two pilots flying helicopters from Freeman Field practically took over the second annual aviation clinic in its closing session at Oklahoma City, Okla., according to a press dispatch from that city.

They are Captains Lothrop Withington, Jr., and John B. Peterson, who flew the ships to Oklahoma City from Freeman Field, the only U. S. Army Air Forces helicopter school in the country, and landed on the lawn of the Oklahoma State Capitol building, where clinic sessions were held.

The helicopters nearly broke up the show. Everybody, including hundreds of office workers in the state building, rushed out to see the strange birds, hovering just a foot or two off the ground, flying sidewise and rising and descending vertically. Later the helicopters were taken to downtown Oklahoma City for a demonstration on lawn of the City Hall, the dispatch continues.

Soldier to Escort Body Of Slain Policeman

Cpl. James C. Shahan, of Section A at Freeman Field, will accompany the body of Pvt. John Conley, age twenty, to England, Ark., where funeral services and burial rites will be conducted.

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Freeman Field Plans Second Anniversary

Civilian, Military Personnel to Participate in Program Friday—Name Committees

Celebration of the second anniversary of Freeman Field will be observed Friday, December 1, with the civilian and military personnel of the field participating in the ceremony.

Beginning at 4:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, a formal retreat will be held on the parade grounds in the cadet area to which civilian employes and visitors will be special guests. Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer, will take the retreat and will speak briefly commending both the civilian and military members of the command for their work and cooperation in making Freeman Field one of the outstanding installations in the AAF Training Command.

USO Show Scheduled.

In the evening, festivities will be held in the post gymnasium and in the Section F recreation hall. A USO show, "Just for the Ride", will be presented in the post gymnasium beginning at 8 o'clock and will be followed by dancing. The same show will be staged in the Section F. recreation hall at 9:30 o'clock and will be followed by dancing. Refreshments will be served at both places.

A giant birthday cake will be made by Cpl. Morris Simon of Section A. The cake he prepared for the occasion last year was a miniature relief map of the field.

War Bond Sale at Dances.

A feature at the dances will be the sale of War Bonds. Booths will be established and personnel wishing to buy bonds may get immediate delivery.

Members of the program committee in charge of arrangements for the celebration are Capt. Julian Lytle, chairman, Capt. William H. McLeod, Capt. Russell Wenzel, Capt. William Hartman, Lt. Kenneth Knight and T/Sgt. Frank J. Masterson.

Major Cecil N. Rogers and Major Edward Tyminski will be in charge of the review.

Other committee members are, refreshments—Lt. Leland Jackson, Lt. George Graff, Lt. Oscar Komeo, S/Sgt. Jack Greenberg, Sgt. William Baxter, Cpl. Morris Simon; dance—Major Raymond Howard, Lt. Verena Simpson, Mrs. Dorothy Riley, Mrs. Kathryn Hudson, Miss Helen Demas, Miss Pat O'Connor and enlisted members of the Special Service council; War Bonds—Lt. Richard Ehrlick; publicity—S/Sgt. Edward Squitteri.

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Weather Cancels Field Retreat

Post Open to Visitors For Two Hours Today On Anniversary

Although the lowest temperature of the present winter season and occasional snow flurries borne on a biting wind caused cancellation of a formal retreat ceremony planned at Freeman Field this afternoon in observance of the field's second anniversary, the post was open to visitors without passes from 3:30 to 5:30 o'clock this afternoon as originally announced.

The retreat was scheduled to have been held on the parade ground in the cadet area.

Dances and a USO show will be held at the field tonight for military and civilian personnel of the command, it was announced in plans for the second anniversary observance. Col. E. T. Rundquist has been commanding officer of the field since its activation.

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Pre-Aviation Cadets At Field Donate Blood

Responding to an emergency appeal for blood donors for a local patient at an Indianapolis hospital, four pre-aviation cadets at Freeman Field Wednesday afternoon gave blood needed at the hospital.

The young men, procured through the efforts of B. J. Woods, Red Cross field director, were Robert Vanstory, Jose Norsworth, Robert Vande Bough and Jimmy Williams. They were taken to Indianapolis in a group to donate the blood, needed in a serious post-surgical case.

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Two Officers at Freeman Moved

Two Freeman Field officers who have recently been assigned to new duties are Chaplain Daniel A. McGuire and First Lt. Henry K. Vye.

Chaplain McGuire, son of Mrs. Mary McGuire, 72 West 88th Street, New York City, has been ordered to Washington D. C., for subsequent reassignment. He had been chaplain of the Catholic chapel at Freeman Field since May 9. Before entering the service in April, 1943, Chaplain McGuire was assistant pastor at Incarnation Church, New York City, New York.

Lt. Vye, personal equipment officer at Freeman since February 2, 1944, is to report to a replacement center, pending movement overseas. While stationed here, he and his wife, Marjorie Duckworth Vye, lived on U. S. Highway 50, west of Seymour. Lt. Vye is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. H. K. Vye, 89 Park street, Providence, Rhode Island.

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Private "X", From Freeman Field, Is Participant in Real Life Drama

Real life drama, the kind that's stranger than fiction, was enacted in Canton, Ohio, recently when a private from Freeman Field, who wishes to remain anonymous, was one of the principal actors.

Private "X" had gone home to Canton, Ohio, on an emergency pass to get a first glimpse of his nine-pound son. It was 10:30 in the morning, and he was feeling in an expansive mood after seeing his offspring. The missus was doing fine, too. The world was a pretty good old place, after all.

But, leaving the hospital, he noticed a soldier seated on the steps, his head held in his hands. Going over he patted him on the shoulder and asked, "What's up, soldier; are you sweating out the same thing I just did?"

"No," was the weak reply, "the baby's all right — fine girl — but my wife's pretty bad. She needs a blood transfusion. The hospital doesn't have her type. They're trying to find a donor, but if he doesn't show up soon, I'm afraid it'll be too late."

"Gosh, that's too bad," said the private. "What type blood is it?"

"Type 4."

"That's what I have," replied the Freeman man. "I'll be glad to give a transfusion."

That evening the soldier rushed up to Private "X" and grasped his hand. "Thanks, thanks a lot; you've saved her life. Thanks!"

Embarrassed, the Freeman Field private hurried away without even stopping to learn the name of the soldier or the woman whose life he'd saved.

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705th AAF Band Plays At H. S. Convocation

Students of both Shields High School and Shields Junior High School had a welcome treat this morning, when the 705th Army Air Forces Band from Freeman Field presented an enjoyable miscellaneous program at a convocation in the girls' gymnasium at Shields High School.

The band, under the direction of W/O Mitchel Chetel has proved to be a popular organization, and never fails to delight its bearers.

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Newsy Paragraphs

Lt. and Mrs. August J. Cronin, of this city, are the parents of a son, John Patrick, born December 3 at the station hospital at Freeman Field.

Mary Joyce is the name selected for a daughter born December 4, at the station hospital at Freeman Field, to Lt. and Mrs. George J. Kelly, Indianapolis avenue.