

Seymour Daily Tribune  
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## Maj. Weiland Is Executive Officer

Major George W. Weiland has been named post executive officer at Freeman Army Air Field according to an announcement made by Colonel E. T. Rundquist commanding officer. Major Weiland succeeds Lieutenant Colonel Ora M. Baldinger who has become post engineer liaison officer.

Before his entry into the service, Major Weiland was employed by the Pan-American Airways and at one period of this employment he was in Brazil where he built airfields for the company. During the first World War he saw action overseas with the French army and was in several major engagements.

# Freeman Field Dedication On Thursday

**“Open House” from  
8 a. m. to 4 p. m.,  
Planned—Ceremony  
To be at 10 O'clock**

Freeman Army Airfield today was a bee-hive of bustle and activity as the finishing touches were being put on plans for the graduation-dedication day program which is to be featured by an “open house” at the field Thursday.

Brigadier-General Bob E. Nowland, commanding general of the 28th Army Air Forces Flying Training Wing, is to be present to give the dedication address, and Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of Freeman Field, will deliver the graduation address.

The graduation-dedication ceremony will begin at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, and will be held in or in front of one of the big hangars on the field.

#### **Air Review Scheduled.**

At the conclusion of the ceremony an aerial formation, headed by Capt. Robert Tyler, Freeman Field's director of flying, will fly in review.

“Open house” hours, during which the public will be admitted to the air field, will be from 8 o'clock Thursday morning until 4 o'clock that afternoon.

#### **Program Is Announced.**

Opening the graduation-dedication ceremony will be the National Anthem, played by the 405th AAF Band. Chaplain Phillips B. Henderson will give the invocation, after which Col. Rundquist will introduce Gen. Nowland. Following the general's dedication address he will present Ab Freeman, father of the late Capt. Richard S. Freeman, of Winamac, Ind., for whom the field has been named.

The band will play “March Freeman Field,” dedicated to Col. Rundquist, after which Major William B. Poe, director of training, will present Col. Rundquist for the graduation address.

#### **Will Present Wings.**

Major Poe will then present the wings to members of the graduating class of cadets, after which Major Albert E. Hughes will administer the Oath of Office. The Rev. C. W. Burkart, pastor of St. Ambrose Catholic Church, will pronounce the benediction, after which the band will play “The Army Air Corps.” The aerial review will conclude the ceremony.

Officers of the school are as follows: Col. Rundquist, commandant; Lieutenant-Colonel O. M. Baldinger, assistant commandant; Major George W. Weiland, executive officer; Major Poe, director of training; Major Peter P. Leone, senior flight surgeon; Major Hughes, commandant of cadets; Captain Tyler, director of flying; Captain Henry F. Bailey, director of the ground school, and Captain James Moore, school secretary.

Guests during the day will be allowed to visit the unrestricted sections of the field during the “open house” period, and will have an opportunity to inspect one of the trainer planes which will be placed on exhibit.

#### **Special Guards Planned.**

Special guards will be on duty on the field, on highways leading to the field, and in Seymour, both to direct traffic and to provide information for visitors to the field and city. In addition to members of the field's guard squadron, the service will be provided by state police, city police and members of Seymour's civilian defense organization. Members of the civilian defense drivers' corps, of which Mrs. John L. Blish is chief, will meet all incoming trains and busses to provide information service and to direct visitors to the air field.

Traffic enroute to the field will be routed west on U. S. Road 50 to what used to be known as the old airport road. It is now a newly paved highway, leading south from Road 50 to the main entrance to Freeman Field. Traffic to the field will use that route, and traffic leaving the field will use both the main entrance and the Walnut street gate.

Indianapolis News  
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## Captain Freeman's Air Exploits Won Him a Page in Army Annals

SEYMOUR, Ind., April 28 (Spl.)—Pioneering Alaskan skyways, Capt. Richard S. Freeman, for whom Freeman army airfield, advanced twin engine flying school is named, blazed a historic trail in the frozen wastes.

The field will be dedicated Thursday, when the first class of cadets is graduated. Brigadier-General Bob E. Nowland, commanding general of the 28th army air forces advanced training wing, with headquarters at George field, will give the dedication address. Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer at Freeman field, will give the graduation address.

Captain Freeman, born at Winamac, was killed in the crash of his "flying laboratory" plane February 6, 1941, near Lovelock, Nev.

His flying career was marked by many honors, and when the air forces were given the difficult assignment of conducting experiments in the arctic, Captain Freeman was named commandant of Ladd field near Fairbanks, Alaska, where the United States' first experimental air field was established.

The first army pilot to fly non-stop from McChord field, Washing-

ton, to Fairbanks in a B-17 Flying Fortress, Captain Freeman made the flight over perilous peaks and rutted gorges.

Ladd field provided adequate accommodations for the men, but there were no hangars. The planes were lashed to the snow when not in use in winter. Temperatures of 60 degrees below zero are not uncommon at Fairbanks, so the fliers' first problem was the business of tethering planes in the open.

Captain Freeman went on numerous experimental flights into the far north country, and having earned a reputation as a "high altitude" pilot, it was not unusual for him to take a plane out for cold weather tests. He also made flights over the Aleutian islands and snow-covered Mt. McKinley, which juts up 20,000 feet. Despite only a few hours of daylight during the months of December and January, full working orders were a part of the routine. Experimental flights were made to Ft. Yukon and to the Arctic sea.

Captain Freeman and his men did much to further the cause of military aviation and insure the safe and efficient operation of aircraft in the Alaskan territory.

## City to "Close Up" Half a Day To Attend Airport Dedication

Seymour will have virtually a half-holiday Thursday as local residents "move out" to Freeman Army Air Field to the dedication-graduation ceremonies.

Schedule at the Seymour postoffice has been changed so that city carriers and those employed at the office may go to the airport Thursday morning. The Seymour city schools and part of the parochial schools, will remain closed until noon and drug stores, which normally are open both on Sundays and holidays, have been added to the list of downtown business establishments which will not open until 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

City mail carriers will make one complete delivery Thursday, W. H. Droege, Seymour postmas-

ter, said today, but this delivery will be in the afternoon instead of in the morning as is the usual schedule.

The general delivery and stamp window will be open from 7:30 until 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning to accommodate early mailers and it will open again at 12 o'clock noon, to remain open until 6 o'clock Thursday afternoon, the usual hour. All other service windows of the postoffice will not open until noon and will close at 5:30 o'clock, the usual time. Rural carriers will make their deliveries as usual and outgoing mail will be dispatched as usual.

### To Stamp Collectors

A new cancellation stamp, reading "Freeman Army Airfield, Ind." will be used for the first time Thursday in the branch post office at Freeman Field, W. H. Droege, Seymour postmaster, announced today.

All mail deposited in the branch postoffice at the field will bear that cancellation for the first time. Postmaster Droege now has ninety-one covers that have been sent him so they will get the first day's cancellation and it is expected many local stamp collectors will want to mail letters at the field Thursday to get a first day-cover for their collections.

No school sessions will be held Thursday morning at any of the city grade schools, it was learned from N. J. Lasher, city school superintendent, in order that students and teachers may attend the ceremony at Freeman Field. The classes will convene after noon as usual.

Drug stores today were added to the list of downtown business establishments which will remain closed Thursday morning for the ceremony. It had been previously announced by William Topie, secretary of the Seymour Business Men's Association, that practically all establishments except restaurants, drug stores and similar establishments would remain closed until 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Banks and other financial institutions will be closed.

As a result of the general half-holiday in the business section, downtown Seymour is expected to head for Freeman field Thursday morning to take advantage of the opportunity to see the army post which has been constructed near Seymour so quickly. It is understood it is seldom the public is permitted to attend an army airport dedication in war time.

# Air Forces to Dedicate Freeman Field Today

## General Nowland To Be Speaker



CAPT. RICHARD S. FREEMAN

Seymour, Ind., April 28 (AP)—Officials at the Freeman Army Air Field, named for a native Hoosier, Capt. Richard S. Freeman, said today plans were complete for a formal dedication of the field tomorrow.

The dedication will be in connection with the graduation of the first class of cadets trained at the field's Advanced Twin Engine Flying School.

The principal address will be given by Brig. Gen. Bob E. Nowland, commanding the 28th Army Air Forces Advanced Training Wing, with headquarters at George Field, Lawrenceville, Ill. Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of Freeman Field, will give the graduation address.

The field a year ago was rolling Indiana farm land. A topographical survey, began April 11, 1942, marked its first development into the present field. On May 6 last year the Army announced the area had been selected as an air base, and it was activated officially December 1, 1942.

Captain Freeman, a pioneer of the Alaskan Airways, was born at Winamac, Ind., and died when his flying laboratory plane crashed near Lovelock, Nev., February 6, 1941.



Official Army Air Forces Photo.

Brig. Gen. Bob E. Nowland, Left, and Col. E. T. Rundquist.

## Graduation-Dedication Exercises Lure Throng

**15,000 On Hand As 1st Class At Freeman Finishes Course.**

The Times Special Service.

Seymour, Ind., April 29.—Between 15,000 and 20,000 persons were expected to attend the graduation-dedication exercises at Freeman Army Air Field here today.

Many of the visitors are relatives and friends of members of the first graduation class here, but the bulk of the crowd are persons from Southern Indiana who came to see the field for the first time. The public has been invited to "open house" at the field between 8 o'clock in the morning and 4 o'clock this afternoon. All Seymour business establishments were closed until 1 o'clock so their employes could visit the field and attend the graduation ceremony at 10 o'clock this morning with Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of the field, delivering the address to the field's first class of cadets. Gen. Bob E. Nowland, commanding general of the 28th Army Forces Flying Training Wing, headquarters George Field, Vincennes, was to deliver the dedication address.

### ONE-WAY TRAFFIC.

The air field's regular guard squadron was augmented by city

and State police and members of Seymour's auxiliary civilian defense police for the event. Information centers were set up downtown and special parking arrangements prepared. A State police car equipped with a public address system cruised through the airport during the day to aid in traffic handling. All traffic was routed into the field on one road and left by another entrance.

Freeman Army Air Field is named in honor of a flying diplomat, Capt. Richard S. Freeman. An honored guest at the ceremony was the late flyer's father, Ab Freeman, Winamac, Ind.

### FLIERS THRILL CROWDS.

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At the conclusion of the ceremony, an aerial formation, lead by Capt. Robert Tyler, Freeman Field's director of flying, flew in review. The ceremony took place in front of a hangar at the field.

## Dedication Speaker



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# 1ST CLASS LEAVES FREEMAN FIELD

### General Dedicates Bomber School in Honor of Hoosier Flyer

SEYMOUR, Ind., April 29 (Spl.)—A general who knew the late Capt. Richard S. Freeman Thursday dedicated the new army post near here as Freeman army air field in honor of the pioneering flyer who was killed in the crash of his "flying laboratory" in Nevada in 1941. An honored guest at the ceremony, attended by more than 15,000 persons, was the flyer's father, Ab Freeman, Winamac, Ind.

Brigadier General Robert E. Nowland, commanding general of the 28th army air forces flying training wing, George field, Vincennes, made the dedication address, urging the men to carry on with the four qualities which characterized Capt. Freeman—courage, the pioneering instinct, love for fellowmen and fighting spirit. General Nowland was post adjutant at March field, California, when Captain Freeman reported there for duty late in 1939.

Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of the field, presented General Nowland and Capt. Freeman's father. He later gave the graduation address for the first cadet class of the twin-engine bomber pilot training field.

The 405th A. A. F. band played for the ceremony and Chaplain Phillips Brooks Henderson, stationed at the field, gave the invocation. Colonel Rundquist was introduced by Major William B. Poe, director of training, who later presented wings to the cadets. Major Albert E. Hughes, commandant of cadets, administered the oath of office. The Rev. C. W. Burkart, pastor of St. Ambrose church here, pronounced the benediction.

After the ceremony, an aerial formation led by Captain Robert Tyler, Freeman field's director of flying, flew in review. Hundreds of relatives and friends of the cadets from almost every state in the union attended the ceremony.

Open house was held in the unrestricted areas. Seymour business establishments and schools were closed during the forenoon.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1943.

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# WELDED DEDICATED TODAY

## High-Ranking Officials Are Present to Take Part in Ceremony—Visitors Are Admitted To Field During "Open House" Period

The vanguard of a crowd of several thousand people thronged into Freeman Army Air Field at 8 o'clock this morning when the gates of the new airport were thrown open to the public for the first time in connection with the graduation of the first class of aviation cadets and the formal dedication of the field.

With the actual ceremony starting at 10 o'clock this morning, high ranking army officials as well as leaders in civilian life were among those present.

Brig.-Gen. Bob E. Nowland, commanding general of the 28th Army Air Forces Flying Training Wing, was present to deliver the dedication address, and Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of the field, delivered the graduation address to the members of the class.

### Downtown Business Halts.

Although downtown business was at a standstill during the morning hours, such was not the case with traffic, for automobiles by the hundreds moved through the streets of the city during the morning hours, bound for the field. Stores, banks and offices—just about every business establishment in the downtown section except restaurants—were closed during the morning, and were reopened at 1 o'clock this afternoon to resume business.

While the largest number of people were on the field during the graduation-dedication ceremony, it was believed the area would be well filled with visitors from this vicinity and from cities even in other states through the entire "open house" period, which was to end at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

### General Speaks.

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family. Mr. Freeman was introduced during the program.

Included in Mr. Freeman's party which came here for the ceremony were the following in addition to himself:

Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman of Winamac; Captain and Mrs. Robert Cissel, of Cincinnati; Mrs. Henry Shank and her daughter, Grace, and son, the Rev. Bernard Freeman, of Michigan City; The Rev. Fred Rothmel, of St. Johns, Ind., and Miss Anne Murray, secretary to Mr. Freeman.

Special guards were posted both on the airport and on highways leading to the field to direct traffic and provide information service for the visitors. Other guards were on duty in the downtown section of the city. The regular guard squadron at the field was augmented by state and city police and members of the Seymour civilian defense auxiliary police, auxiliary fire and air raid warden services. Members of the civilian defense drivers' corps met all incoming trains and busses to provide information service for out-of-town guests.

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#### **Mr. Freeman Is Presented.**

Ab Freeman, father of Captain Freeman, was present, with some other members of the Freeman

# Thousands at Dedication of Freeman Field

## Cadets Receive Wings in Impressive Ceremony Thursday At New Field

Favored by excellent weather conditions and a big crowd which numbered several thousand people, Freeman Army Air Field's graduation - dedication program which was held Thursday in connection with "open house" at the field, was a decided success from every standpoint.

The many thousands of people who had been wanting to get a look inside the big advanced twin-engine training center got their chance, and officers, cadets and enlisted and civilian personnel to show their pride in the new school.

### Gen. Nowland Is Present.

Closing with an aerial review in which eighteen planes put on a thrilling show of formation flying, the graduation - dedication ceremonies were held in one of the large hangars where a crowd estimated at some 5,000 people had gathered.

Brig. - Gen. Bob E. Nowland, commanding general of the 28th Army Air Forces Flying Training Wing, delivered the dedication address, and Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of Freeman Field, gave the graduation address.

In the crowd were families and friends of the cadets who received their wings, as well as many others who were on hand just to witness the ceremony. Among the most interested civilians present was Ab Freeman, of Winamac, Ind., and a party of members of his family and their friends.

Freeman Field was named in honor of Mr. Freeman's son, Captain Richard S. Freeman, who was killed with members of his crew when their "flying laboratory" crashed in Nevada in 1941.

### Impressive Scene.

An impressive scene was enacted as the members of the field's first graduating class received their wings after completing their course of advanced twin engine training.

A large platform, decorated in bunting, was situated in the rear of the huge hangar, and members of the class were seated in front of the platform. There were hundreds of seats for others who attended the ceremony.

### Fliers Receive Oath.

After Col. Rundquist had completed the graduation address, Major William B. Poe, director of training, presented each man with his wings as the class members marched onto the platform. Major Albert Hughes, commandant of cadets, administered the oath of office to the men. Most of them received second lieutenant's commissions, while some in the group already held commissions.

The 405th Army Air Forces band played while the class members sang The Army Air Corps song, after which there was a rush of parents, wives and friends to congratulate the newly graduated officers.

### Many Tour Field.

During the "open house" hours from 8 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, thousands of visitors looked over the field, inspected three twin-engine planes which had been set up for exhibition purposes, and had a peek into many of the buildings.

### Colonel Extends Thanks.

Today Col. Rundquist said he was highly appreciative of the fine spirit of cooperation on the part of both the military personnel at the field and the residents of this community for helping to make the day a success. Field officials also expressed appreciation to those townspeople who opened their homes to accommodate visiting relatives and friends of cadets.

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Four-year-old Gary Nathaniel Moody pins the wings on his daddy, Lt. William N. Moody, a member of the class of cadets graduated from Freeman Army Air Field Thursday. The Moodys are from Caldwell, Calif., and Mrs. Moody and Gary Nathaniel came here to attend the graduation.—(Army Air Forces Photo).

Indianapolis News  
April 30 1943

## Crowd at Freeman Airfield Dedication



—Official Air Forces Photo.

**SEYMOUR, Ind., April 30 (Spl.)—A cross-section of the huge crowd which attended the official dedication Thursday of Freeman army airfield, advanced twin engine flying school, is shown here. Typical were the family reunions held after the exercises, many fathers, and mothers, young wives and husbands being united after many months' separation.**

# Air Field Officer Goes Up as A Captain, but Comes Down A Major

Robert A. Tyler, director of flying at Freeman Army Air Field, took to the air a captain when he led the aerial review at the dedication-graduation Thursday, but he came down a major.

Notice of his promotion awaited his arrival back at his office "on the line."

Major Tyler, a native of Fresno, Calif., formerly lived at 156 Vine street, Delrey, Calif. He attended Selma high school, Selma, Calif., and Fresno State college at Fresno, and prior to entering the service Dec. 26, 1939 at March Field, Calif., he was an aircraftsman at Lockheed Aircraft, Burbank, Calif.

He has served as an instructor at Kelly Field, Texas; Maxwell Field, Ala., Turner Field, Ga., and at Moody Field, Ga., he was group operations officer, group comman-

der and school squadron commander.

Mrs. Tyler, the former Lila Martin, and their young son, Robert Gary, are living at 520 East Seventh street with Major Tyler.

Other recent promotions include that of Lieut. Lewis R. Liddle, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Liddle, 553 Forest street, Wyandotte, Mich. Lieutenant Liddle was promoted from second to first lieutenant. He is cadet physical education instructor. Lieutenant Liddle is a graduate of Roosevelt high school Wyandotte, and later received a B. S. degree from Wayne university, Detroit. Prior to entering the service Feb. 14, 1942 he was a member of the Auburn Heights, Mich., high school faculty, where he was a coach.

Mrs. Liddle and their two children, Jill and Lewis, Jr., are living in Seymour.

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## ***Mrs. Rundquist Honored At Birthday Party***

Wives of the officers stationed at Freeman Army Air Field entertained informally Wednesday afternoon in the Officers' Club at the Post as a birthday anniversary compliment to Mrs. E. T. Rundquist, wife of Colonel Rundquist, commanding officer at the Field.

Mrs. Rundquist's birthday anniversary was Thursday.

Mrs. Beckam Garrett and Mrs. Thomas Peterson, of this city, were guests.

# Throngs of Visitors Attend Freeman Field Dedication

Special to The Courier-Journal.

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The Freeman Field guard squadron was augmented by State and City police and members of the Seymour Civilian Defense auxiliary fire, police, air raid warden and drivers' corps services in helping to handle traffic, patrol the field and streets and highways leading to it, and provide information service at bus and railroad stations in the downtown section.

## Hoosier Flier Given Praise.

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# Walter Camp III Receives Wings

A member of a famous sports family, Walter Camp III, received his silver wings and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces at Freeman Army Air Field Thursday.

Lt. Camp celebrated the acquisition of his bars and wings with his wife, the former Charlotte Murphy of New York City, and their twin sons, Walter IV and William Graham Sumner, who will be eight months old May 3. Mrs. Camp and sons have been living in Seymour while Camp was taking his advanced training. Camp's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Camp II are dead.

All three Walter Camps, I, II, III, attended Yale University at New Haven, Conn., and all were prominent in athletics. The fame of the original Walter Camp is universal and a position on his All-American Football team is still the most coveted of athletic honors. Construction is under way at the Richmond Shipyard in Virginia of several Liberty ships to bear the names of a time sport's immortals. Walter Camp will share in that honor along with Knute Rochne, George Gipp and James J. Gorbett.

Indianapolis  
April 30, 1943

# Father Hears Deeds of Capt. Freeman Eulogized at Dedication of Army Airfield

Seymour, Ind., April 29.—(Special)—Thousands visited Freeman army airfield today for the graduation of the first class of aviation cadets and to inspect the new flying school formally dedicated today.

From Winamac came Ab Freeman, father of the late Capt. Richard S. Freeman, for whom the field was named and he heard his son's deeds eulogized by Brig. Gen. Bob E. Nowland, commanding general of the 38th Army Air Forces flying training wing.

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Southeast Training  
Center News  
May 1, 1943



**"SHOT" BY A BEAUTIFUL NURSE**—Such is the luck of Cpl. Dana Blodgett in the hospital at Freeman Army Air Field, Seymour, Ind. Lt. Helen E. Taylor, who handles the needle, tried out for the part of Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone With the Wind."

# FREEMAN FIELD'S FIRST LADY TAKES ARMY LIFE IN STRIDE



The family of Col. and Mrs. E. T. Rundquist shown in their quarters at Freeman army air field, Seymour, where the colonel is commanding officer. Standing are (left to right), Mrs. E. T. Rundquist, Col. E. T. Rundquist and Howard Rundquist. Sitting, Peter Rundquist, Mrs. Emily Rundquist and baby Mary Ellen Rundquist. (Official Air Force Photo.)

The life of the average army family is just one move after another. That has been the experience of Col. and Mrs. E. T. Rundquist of Freeman army airfield at Seymour. Col. Rundquist is the commanding officer of the field, which is a twin-engine advanced flying school.

Freeman field, which is used to train pilots, was the scene of dual ceremonies Thursday when the field was dedicated officially and the first class of aviation cadets to train at the field was graduated.

Army life is not a new story to Mrs. Rundquist, for she was born the daughter of a colonel on the now-abandoned Indian post of Fort Wingate, New Mexico.

### Is Widely Traveled.

Mrs. Rundquist, as well as the other members of her own family, has traveled widely. She has lived in the Philippines, Honolulu, Australia and Panama, and, with Col. Rundquist, sailed from Panama on that fateful Dec. 7, bound for the

United States; their ship following a zigzag course because of the possibility of prowling axis submarines.

Col. and Mrs. Rundquist met at a party in San Antonio, Tex., at the time the colonel was stationed at Kelly field, and later were married there. Their children, Howard, 17 years old; Peter, 13, and Mary Ellen, 4 months old, and Mrs. Emily Rundquist, the colonel's mother, comprise the first family of Freeman field.

### Works Miracle With Home.

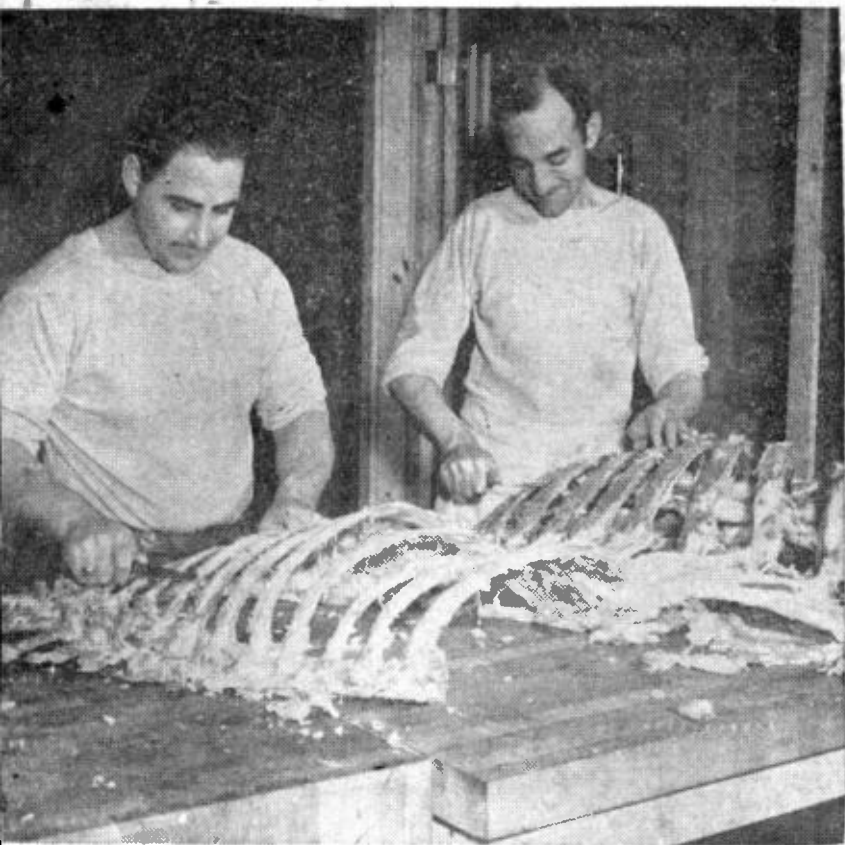
Mrs. Rundquist has worked miracles with their home at the field; her experience as a stylist in Sydney, Australia stands her in good stead. Already their spacious ivory frame house has that enviable "lived in" appearance. The combination living-dining room is painted a soft sage green, a striking contrast to thick pile Chinese rugs in burgundy shade. Hardy ivy plants trail over the white brick fireplace, and the draperies pick

up the sage green of the walls and the warm red of the rugs.

Incidentally, if those draperies could talk, they'd have some mighty exciting tales to tell, for they were purchased in Panama a year ago by Mrs. Rundquist's brother, Lieut. Hugh H. Lewis, commander of a submarine. Lieut. Lewis stowed them away in his locker aboard ship, where they remained through seven or eight major sea battles before he reached a port from where he could mail them to his sister.

Col. Rundquist's flying career has run a close parallel to the development of army aviation. In 1924 and 1925 he was a student, first at Brooks field and then at Kelly field. He later served at fields including France field, Panama; Fort Riley, Kansas, and Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland.

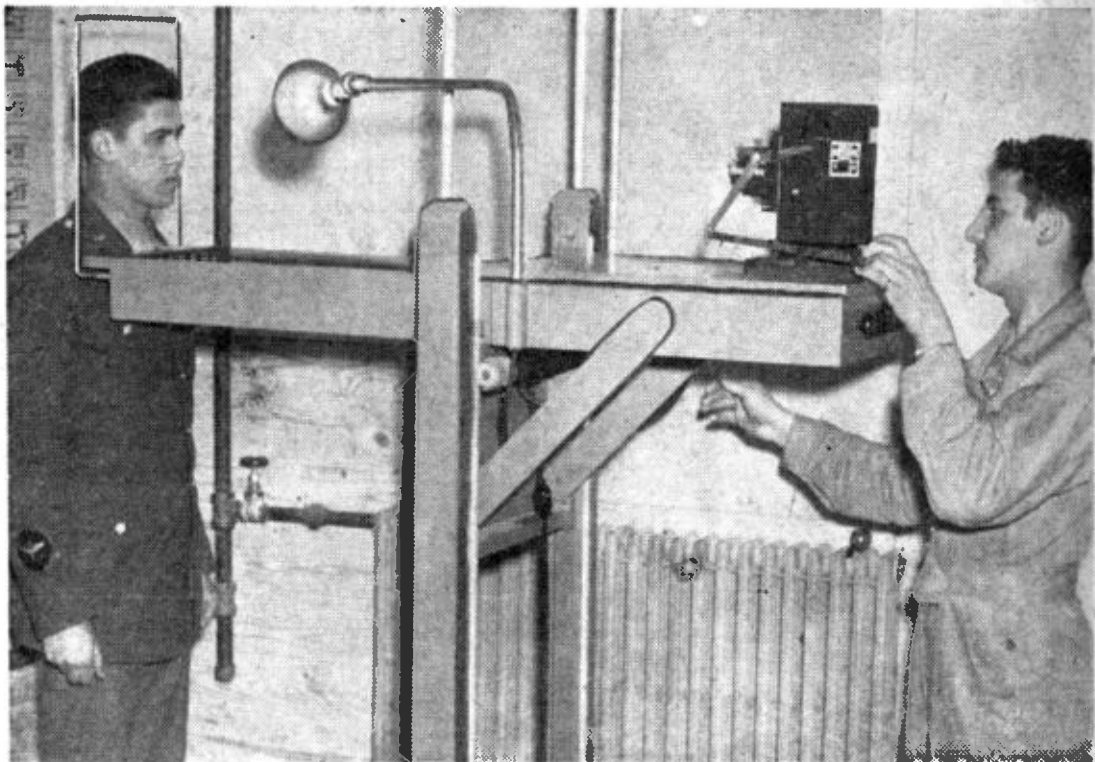
A native of Harvey, Ill., the colonel was all-Western tackle and captain of Illinois football team in 1917 and the same year won all-American honors.



**ARMY WARS ON WASTE**—War on waste is a watchword with the pots and pans division at Freeman army air field at Seymour, Ind. Private First Class Vincent R. Caputo (left) and Corporal Francis F. Farina are shown scraping the last vestiges of meat from two front quarters of beef. (United States Army Photo.)

Louisville Times  
May 12, 1943

## 'MUGGING' PART OF CADET'S LIFE



Official Air Force Photo.

Photo Is Used On Identification Passes.

Seymour, Ind., March 12.—The processing of new cadets at the Advanced Flying School here includes "getting mugged" for identification purposes. Cadet Joseph F. Meder, Northampton, Mass., is shown here being photographed. He was one of the first cadets in the initial class to go through the base photo processing station. The photographer is Pfc. James Orlando, Buffalo, N. Y.

# Freeman's Chief Has Had A Colorful Life In Service

## Colonel Rundquist Knows Most Minute Details Of His Job

This is the twenty-fifth in a series of weekly illustrated articles on the commanding officers of the various posts and training detachments throughout the Southeast Training Center.

SEYMOUR, Ind. — A veteran Army man, Col. E. T. Rundquist, who has had many varied and colorful experiences in his career, is the commanding officer of Freeman Army Air Field which was the scene of graduation and dedication ceremonies April 29.

The field was named in honor of Capt. Richard S. Freeman, who was killed in a crash in Nevada early in the war. Brig. Gen. Bob E. Nowland, commanding general of the 28th Wing, with headquarters at Vincennes, Ind., gave the dedication speech.

Colonel Rundquist made the graduation speech to the first class of aviation cadets to train here.

The Colonel's Army career has been packed with years of study, training and command, which qualify him to guide the destinies of



COL. E. T. RUNDQUIST

this field. Because of his untiring energy and interest, he is familiar with the most minute details of his command.

Colonel Rundquist is keenly aware of the welfare of the personnel of his command. Choice entertainment is provided for the leisure hours of the men, featuring USO shows, motion pictures, dances and athletics. Under his guidance and participation a complete sports program has been organized with an emphasis on inter-group and inter-squadron competition.

He began his Army service as an aviation cadet in the first World War. He took his ground school training at the University of Illinois, his alma mater, in May, 1918, and received his first flight training the same year at Carruthers Field, Texas. On completion of flying training he was rated a Reserve Military Aviator. In 1919 he became a member of the Air Service Reserve and was rated Junior Airplane Pilot. He remained on reserve status until 1924, when he joined the Regular Army as a second lieutenant.

His flying career closely parallels the development of Army aviation. In 1924 and 1925 he was a student first at Brooks Field and then at Kelly Field, Texas. After completing his pilot training, he was rated an airplane pilot and became assistant operations officer and Air Corps supply officer at Langley Field where he remained until 1927. His next move was back to Kelly Field as assistant post engineering officer from 1927 to 1931.

Subsequent assignments and duties were France Field, Panama, tactical officer, 1931 to 1934; Marshall Field, Texas, commanding officer of 61st School Squadron, 1938 to 1939; France Field, operations officer, 1939 to 1941; Howard Field, Panama, operations officer and administrative inspector, August to December, 1941; Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, commanding officer of the Army Air Forces Detachment, December, 1941 to October, 1942. During these periods he advanced through Senior Pilot to Command Pilot and Combat Observer.

Colonel Rundquist was assigned to Freeman Army Air Field early in October, 1942, when it was in the formative stage of development. Before the field was activated he was the project officer. He became commanding officer Dec. 1, 1942, when the field was activated.

May 17, 1943

# Aviation Cadet Is Killed in Plane Crash

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## Co-Pilot Escapes With Minor Injur- ies in Mishap at Freeman Field

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An aviation student was fatally injured this morning at Freeman Army Air Field when a training plane in which he was the pilot crashed. The co-pilot of the plane escaped with minor injuries.

Name of the student killed will not be released until the next of kin has been notified.

### Board to Investigate.

Cause of the accident has not been determined, but a qualified board of investigators has been appointed to investigate the accident.

It was the first major accident and the only fatality to occur at Freeman Field.

Flight training was started at the field early in March and thousands of hours of flying time have been recorded by the aviation cadets and the instructors.

# VIGILANT GUARD AGAINST WASTE



Official Air Force Photo.

## Freeman Airfield Men Sort Paper Bags.

The Times Special Service.

Seymour, Ind., May 18.—“Salvage will help win the war” is the theme at Freeman Army Air Field, where salvage crews are always on guard to save materials. The men shown here are preparing paper bags for the paper baler. When a sufficient amount is collected, the paper is shipped out to paper mills where it is reprocessed. The bags had contained fertilizer used on the Victory Garden.

May 18, 1943

# Seymour Greets Waac Vanguard

## Enlistees to Follow 2 Officers to Freeman.

The Times Special Service.

Seymour, Ind., May 18.—Two Waac third officers, Martha T. Riley and Elizabeth R. Houpt, have reported to Freeman Army Air Field and enlisted Waac personnel is expected soon.

Arrival of the officers was coincidental with the first anniversary of the W.A.A.C., celebrated Sunday.

Third Officer Riley will command the detachment. She is from Lexington, Ky., a graduate of the University of Kentucky and prior to entering the service was a school teacher at Versailles, Ky.

She entered the service at Cincinnati on September 5, 1942, and attended officers' candidate school at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. Third Officer Houpt's home is Ben Avon, Penn.

Daily Tribune  
May. 19, 1943



Col. M. E. Jennings (right) who is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Jennings, North Walnut street, Thursday afternoon made his first visit to Freeman Field where he met Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer. This is Col. Jennings' first visit to Seymour since 1940.

Col. Jennings is director of the War Department Civilian Protection School at Occidental College, Los Angeles. He was on duty at Hickam Field, near Pearl Harbor, at the time of the Japanese attack.

He was called to Washington for a conference and is on his way back to Los Angeles. (Army Air Forces Photo).

Seymour Daily Tribune  
May 22, 1943

# Rundquist Fourth In State Meet

Howard Rundquist, son of Colonel and Mrs. E. T. Rundquist of Freeman Army Air Field, placed fourth in the state track meet held at Indianapolis Saturday and won the only points garnered by the Shields high school team.

Running in what is considered to be the most select high school track company in the entire country, Rundquist displayed plenty of ability and fight to push the winners. In the finish drive, just a shade separated the first, second, third and fourth place performers.

This is the first year Rundquist has competed in a state meet.

Indianapolis News  
May 22, 1943

## Seymour Air Officers Boost Bond Sales



SEYMOUR, Ind., May 22 (Spl.)—Hastening the day of victory, Lieutenant Colonel Ora M. Baldinger, engineering liaison officer at Freeman army air field here, is shown adding to his fast-growing collection of War bonds. Lieutenant Jack Elkan, War bond officer, is making the presentation. Both officers and enlisted men at Freeman field are doing their stint to help the American Legion of Jackson county go over the top in its May War bond drive.

Louisville Times  
May 24, 1943

# WAACS REACH FREEMAN



Official Army Air Forces Photo.

## Post Adjutant Greets New Arrivals.

The Times Special Service.

Seymour, Ind., May 24.—A warm welcome is extended the first contingent of Waacs to arrive at Freeman Army Air Field. Shown being greeted by Capt. Rudolph Brannan, post adjutant, are Lieut. Martha T. Riley, left, commanding officer of the detachment, and Lieut. Elizabeth R. Houpt, mess and supply officer. Lieutenant Riley's home is in Lexington, Ky., and Lieutenant Houpt is from Ben Avon, Penn.

Daily Tribune  
May 26, 1943



—(Army Air Force Photo.)

It's mail call for the Waacs at Freeman Field. Here's one of the first group photos of the newly-arrived Waacs. It appears that they're about as anxious as soldiers to get letters from home.

# Pilot Class at Freeman Field Is Graduated

## Ceremony Is Held In Post Theater— Address Is Given By Rep. Wilson

Freeman Army Air Field graduated Class 43-E its second class of advanced twin engine pilots, in a ceremony held in the post theater at 10 o'clock this morning.

Rep. Earl Wilson, Ninth Indiana District Congressman, delivered the graduation address, after being presented by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of the field.

The 405th Army Air Forces Band opened the program by playing the national anthem, after which Chaplain Phillips B. Henderson gave the invocation.

### Wings Are Presented.

Following Congressman Wilson's address the fliers received their wings from Major William B. Poe, director of training, and Major Albert E. Hughes, commandant of cadets, administered the oath of office. Dr. A. A. Cohn, pastor of the First Baptist Church, gave the benediction, after which the band played "The Army Air Corps."

In addressing the members of the graduating class Congressman Wilson told them:

"You are not really just pilots of twin engine planes, you know you are the "pitchers" in the greatest baseball game of all times.

"You are the key men, you flying men, and you are playing to the greatest gallery the world has ever seen. The cheering section for your side includes every man, woman and child who dares to lift his voice in the cause of liberty, freedom and justice. Confidentially, there are a lot of rooters in the stands on the other side who are praying our team will win, too.

"It is an old and established truth, in fact the statement is as old as baseball itself, that "as the pitching goes, so goes the game." As I said before, the ball is in your hands, you are ascending the pitcher's mound, ready to let go with all you have. The eyes of every spectator and every other player will be focused on you. You, the men who have learned to "set her down" on a tablecloth, are the fellows who will "call signals." You will control the scoring of the other side, and most important of all, you are the boys who will "strike 'em out!"

"I know you are going to spread your wings eagerly. I know that you will take to the skies, confident that you are the best-equipped, best-trained, best-informed fliers in all the world. The courses you have just completed have equipped you in every way to "dish it out," and since you are American boys, of American stock, remember, you are born and bred of people who have always been able to "take it."

"Your task as the nerve center of our Air Force, is not going to be an easy one, but if you had been frightened by hard assignments, you wouldn't be here today to graduate, therefore, I don't think that the difficulty of the job will worry you any.

"You do have one serious obligation upon your shoulders and that is to be worthy of the flying men who have blazed trailways in the air before you. They have covered themselves with honor and glory by their magnificent deeds of valor, so, their's is a record for you to aim at. They have, at the same time, created a respect for their abilities which is shared alike by the Allies and enemies of the United States.

"To summarize the deeds of your predecessors, we may say that the fliers before you have proven to the world that American airmen can fly the paint off the fins of the best ships in the world and they can whip the pants off anything or anybody whom the enemy cares to put in the same sky with them.

"You are backed and supported by the best backers in the world. First of all, there is your own

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Mom and Pop and your kid sister and your freckled faced brother who ranks you right along with Jimmy Doolittle or Eddie Rickenbacker. There is your girl, who wears your wings and maybe has learned to put rivets in those planes you have learned to fly. That's a winning combination for each of you individually right there, but that's not where en-

thusiasm stops in this country. In fact, that's only the beginnin', fellows, only the beginnin'.

"You've really got a cheering section on your side, there's the butcher, the baker, the candlestickmaker; the farmer, the bookkeeper, the clerk and the druggist; the housewife, the school teacher, the editor and hairdresser; the artist, the singer, the bartender and salesman; the lumberjack, the policeman, the preacher and barber. Mist'ers, you have plenty of folks who believe in you and whose chests will be swelling with pride when you are "givin' 'em hell" all over the world. Those folks know that in your sensitive hands and clever minds you hold the key to our kind of civilization and they'd do anything to provide you with the planes, guns and other equipment you may need to whip the yellow devils who started this fight.

"You men, as pilots of our ships of air and space have brought Europe and America as close as Indiana and Illinois. The space between continents all over the world is shrinking through your activities.

"Like busy little spiders you are leaving a web behind every flight you make and when enough of these aerial cables are woven, we will find that the land of the Earth has been tied forever together and that the water of the Earth has been spanned with indestructible bridges of fellowship, friendship, and a great spirit of community feeling.

"This is the beautiful picture which we hope to see come true after the war and after certain criminal tendencies of certain uncooperative nations have been controlled. But immediately, you must answer the cry of "help" which is rising from the throats of thousands of your countrymen who search the skies for signs of deliverance. You are the angels of release for whom they are waiting. Before we can build aerial commerce for the enrichment of man's life, we must deal death to those who refuse to believe in freedom as the right of the common man. Before we can fly for the joy of flying, we must answer a call to duty, dirty duty, it's true, but the boys left on Bataan; our captured brothers of Corregidor and the men who tried to hold Java will rise up, both the dead and the living, and call you "blessed."

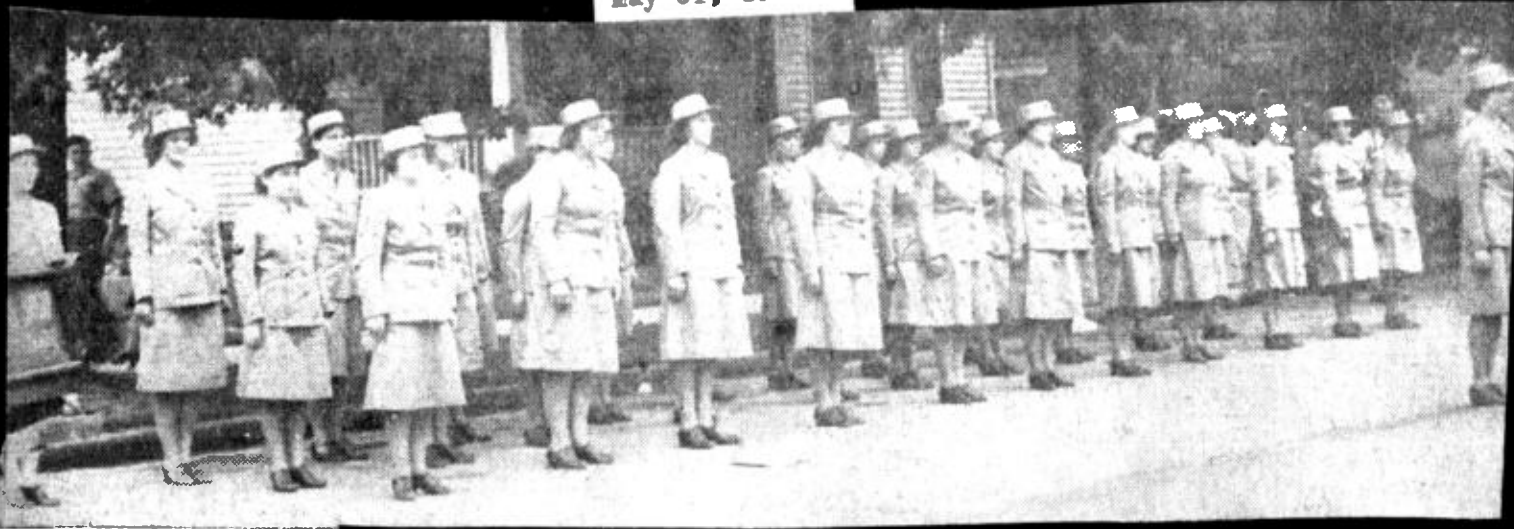
"There's no doubt but that the stage is set, the baseball diamond gleams white and precise in the

Daily Tribune  
May 31, 1943



Presentation of the Colors took place immediately before the Memorial Day parade started towards Riverview Cemetery Sunday afternoon. Capt. Rudolph Brannan, adjutant at Freeman Field, (foreground) was parade commander. Members of the Color Guard (left to right) Forrest Herrmann, Harry Kreite, Elgin McConnell and a soldier from Freeman Field.

Daily Tribune  
May 31, 1943



The Women's Auxiliary Army Corps for the first time in Seymour participated in the Memorial Day services Sunday. The group shown above is from Freeman Field. In the foreground is Lt. Martha Riley.

Daily Tribune  
May 31, 1943

# CHARTING AIR COURSE TO TOKIO



Official Air Force Photo.

## Busy Scene In Chart Room At Freeman.

The Times Special Service.  
Seymour, Ind., May 31.—Here is one of the reasons navigation course which is a part of their pilot training at Freeman Army Air Field, a twin-engine advanced flying school. Lieut. Byrl King (center) is teaching the men how to plot a course on a map. These young men, future pilots who will help bomb the Axis powers into submission, are students in a

# Newsman Tells Of Doolittle Raid On Tokio

**Robert Bellaire, U. P.  
Correspondent,  
Thrills Audience at  
Freeman Field**

The score which the United States has to settle with Japan is not only with a small handful of militarists, but with the Japanese people, asserted Robert Bellaire, United Press correspondent, in an address at Freeman Field today. He was living in Tokio when war was declared and immediately was placed under guard and hustled to a concentration camp. He was held prisoner for six and one-half months.

Bellaire was introduced to the officers, cadets and men at the field by Col. E. T. Rundquist.

Within an hour after war was declared, Bellaire said, all Americans then in Japan were placed under arrest. He was told that as a correspondent his privileges under international law would be respected, but that he would be under constant guard. The mere statement, he asserted, was as far as any respect of international law went. Policemen were thrown around his home and the first night one police officer slept across the foot of his bed while two others slept on the floor on either side of him. The next day under guard of sixteen policemen he was taken to a concentration camp where prisoners were grouped according to nationality. Thirteen Americans were placed in a small room where living conditions were congested. Food was meager, consisting of a little fruit, fat whale meat, alfalfa, a little rice and barley soup and occasionally meat balls, which prisoners suspected were made of cat and dog meat which were served in the principal hotels in Tokio.

The Japanese are masters of mental torture Bellaire said. They endeavor to strip their prisoners of self respect and confidence and then give them bits of poison propaganda in an effort to break their will.

The American prisoners were told at different times that California had surrendered, that Detroit had been leveled, that the President had been assassinated and the United States government taken over by forces friendly to Japan. Americans, Bellaire said, seem to hold up better than other nationalities, due to their sense of humor. Many times, he said, after hours of cruel torture some member of the group would come forward with a 'wise crack' and their morale would again be lifted. One Japanese guard remarked that he could not understand the Americans for the worse they were treated the more they laughed.

Bellaire described the water cure, and told how prisoners were beaten with rubber hose until their bodies were swollen with welts and cuts. He said the Japanese insisted that American war correspondents send out dispatches telling of the splendid treatment they received. When he refused to comply with their demands they gave him what he described as the wall bouncing punishment. Two or more men threw him against a wall in a small room with such force that his body would rebound to the opposite wall before settling to the floor. After one of these treatments he said he wrote a story which he thought would be so fantastic that the public would understand the circumstances under which it was written. It seemed to please the censor, however, particularly his statement that the Japanese had extended friendly hands to all nations of the world.

Bellaire described the motion pictures of the surrender of Singapore which were released for propaganda purposes. In these scenes everything possible was done to humiliate the enemies of Japan.

He gave a vivid description of the bombing of Tokio, declaring it followed a practice attack of the city. He said the thirteen American prisoners looked up and saw the planes coming low over the city and recognized them as

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American ships. All were silent for three or four minutes as each thought he had lost his mind. The raid lasted ten minutes and none of the American bombers was shot down in Tokio. Several Japanese planes attempted to down one American bomber and Bellaire said that the civilians who were killed lost their lives because of the machine gun fire of the Japanese planes.

Bellaire expressed confidence that Japan will be leveled and that the Doolittle raid was only a sample of the heavier and more destructive attacks to follow.

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# SPUR AIR GRADUATES



Official Air Force Photo.

## Col. E. T. Rundquist With Representative Earl Wilson.

The Times Special Service.

Seymour, Ind., June 4.—Principals in the recent graduation exercises at Freeman Army Air Field, advanced twin-engine flying school, were Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer, and Representative Earl Wilson, Ninth Indiana District Congressman, commencement speaker, who reminded his audience that their task as the nerve center of America's Air Force is not going to be an easy one.



**GETS OFFICER BROTHER'S DOLLAR**—The first enlisted man to "highball" his newly commissioned officer brother was the honor of Private John A. Manter (right). He is also receiving a dollar bill from Second Lieutenant Harold Manter, who recently re-

ceived his commission and silver wings after being graduated from advanced pilot training at Freeman army airfield at Seymour. It is customary for all newly commissioned officers to give \$1 to the first enlisted man who salutes them.



**"WE LOOKED UP AND COULD HARDLY BELIEVE WHAT WE SAW,** for the planes were those of the Doolittle raiders coming into Tokio." Robert Bellaire (right), foreign correspondent, who was imprisoned in Tokio at the time of the raid, told a group of aviation cadets and Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of Freeman army airfield at Seymour. The cadets (not identified by field officials) are in the advanced phase of their pilot training and soon will join the legion of American fliers who are making it "hot" for the axis powers. Mr. Bellaire, who spoke recently to a large group of military personnel at Freeman field, was a prisoner of the Japs for over six months. He said the score the United States has to settle with Japan is not with just a small group of militarists but with the entire population, for they are convinced the white race is on the downgrade. (Official Army Air Force Photo.)

## Bumper Radish Crop Produced at Airfield



—Official Air Force Photo.

**SEYMOUR, Ind., June 9 (Spl.)—**The Victory farm at Freeman army air field is producing top-quality vegetables for consumption by the personnel of the field this summer. Here Major Ralph E. Hollister, supervisor of messes, is inspecting a bumper crop of radishes freshly picked by Pfc. Curtis S. Stripling, left, and Private Oliver W. Heath.

# 'UNDER' I FLAG' BROUGHT TO LIFE



Official Air Force Photo.

## 4 Nations Represented In Group At Freeman Field.

The Times Special Service.

Seymour, Ind., June 14.—“We're all fighting under one flag now,” say Freeman Army Field soldiers born in four different countries of the United Nations. They are, from left, Staff Sergt. Jose A. Escamilla, Coahila, Mexico; Sergt. Samuel Sall, Kiev, Russia; Auxiliary 1st Class Irene M. Wood, a Waac, Nova Scotia Province, Canada; Sergt. Martin Portner, Russia, and Pvt. Aaron J. Liachoff, France.

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# WASTE BACK IN SERVICE

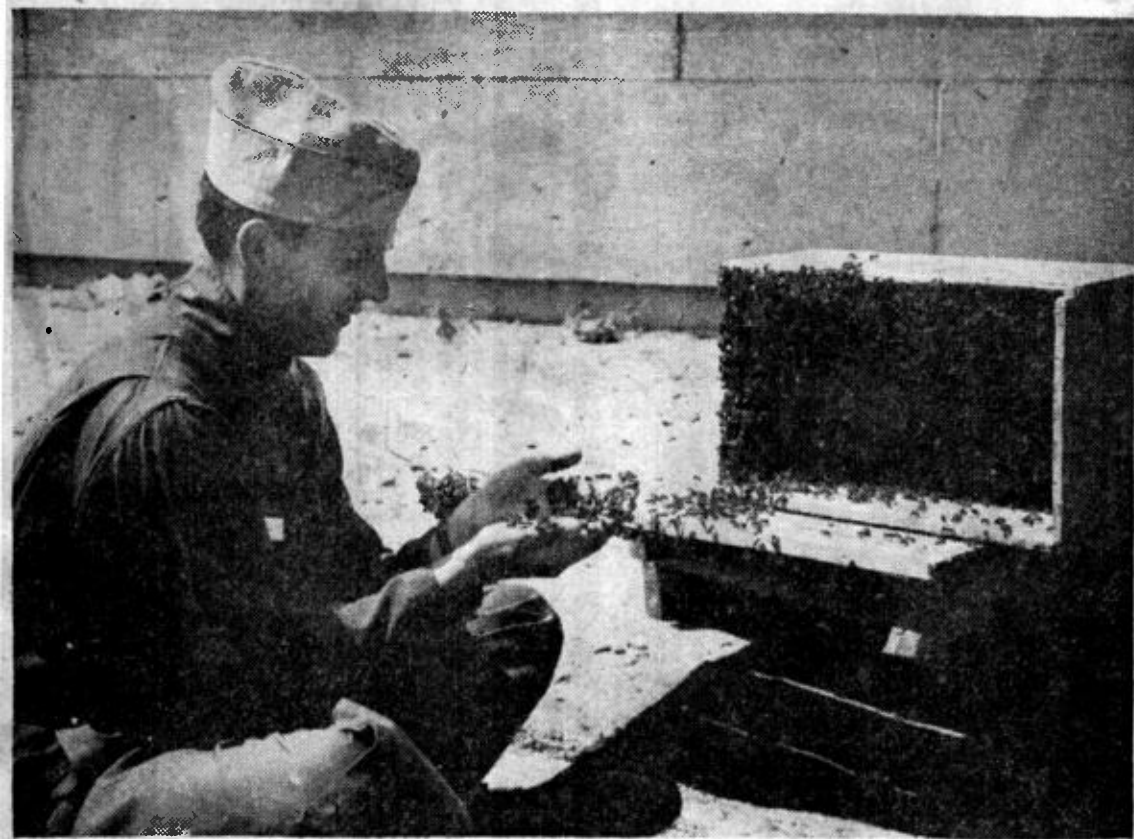


Official Air Force Photo.

## Freeman Salvage Crews Busy.

The Times Special Service.

Seymour, Ind., June 15.—Off to the paper mills goes a truckload of waste and corrugated paper and craftboard collected by salvage crews at Freeman Army Air Field from squadrons, warehouses, property warehouses and the sales commissary. The paper is re-processed and proceeds turned in to the Treasury Department's general fund. Lieut. Louis Albanese, at right, is inspecting the load.



## Aviation Cadet Gathers in Swarm Of Honey Bees at Freeman Field .

When Aviation Cadet John H. Doyle, of Buffalo, N. Y., saw a swarm of bees flying toward him on the flight line the other day, he was only three stings away from becoming the official bee keeper at Freeman Army Air Field.

For Cadet Doyle remembered that someone had once told him that bees could be "inveigled" to light, so he set to work, suffering only three bites in the attempt, and lured them into a makeshift hive of old box crates where the bees are now contentedly at work manufacturing honey.

The young cadet, shown here in a picture made by a photographer of the Base Photo Section at Freeman Field, has other flight interests too. His hobby is birds and he used to train hawks for falconry. After the war he hopes to study either ornithology or engineering at Cornell university.

A graduate of Kensington high school in Buffalo, Cadet Doyle enlisted in October, 1942. He has a brother, James Doyle, 17, who is going into the Navy submarine branch in July.

## War Bonds Displace Cigars at Airfield



—Army air force photo.

**SEYMOUR, Ind., June 24 (Spl.)**—The climax of "sweating out a promotion" by soldiers at Freeman army airfield used to be celebrated by handing out cigars. But now the men have adopted a patriotic procedure and pass out War stamps. Shown here are two soldiers demonstrating the old and the new. The soldier on the left with the War stamps is Sergeant Wilbur Shaheen, Louisville. Sergeant Robert Schlosser, Brooklyn, N. Y. (center), has the cigars. Sergeant Forrest E. Duray, Fayette, Ia. (sitting), accepts a War stamp which he will add to his book. Shaheen and Schlosser were recently promoted from the rank of corporal.

# Class 43-F to Graduate Soon

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## Exercises at Freeman Field Set for Wednesday, June 30

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Graduation of aviation cadet class 43-F at Freeman Army Air Field will be held Wednesday, June 30, at 10 a. m. in the post theater, according to an announcement made by Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of the field. This will be the third class of pilots to be graduated from the twin-engine school.

Major William B. Poe, director of training, will give the address. Invocation will be given by Chaplain Daniel A. McGuire, and benediction will be by Chaplain Phillips B. Henderson. Wings will be presented to the graduates by Major Poe and oath of office will be administered by Major Albert Hughes, commandant of cadets. The program is subject to change.

Friends and relatives of the graduates, many of whom have already arrived in Seymour, have been invited to the ceremonies.

Class 43-G, now the lower class in training at the field, will become the upper class after the graduation of 43-F and a new class of cadets will be assigned to the field.

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## More Insurance Sold At Freeman Field

Nearly one million dollars worth of additional National Service Life Insurance was sold by a single squadron in the drive at Freeman Army Air Field., to have every enlisted man and officers subscribe to the maximum amount of \$10,000 worth of insurance.

Pointing out the many advantages of this insurance, squadron commanders at the field personal-

ly interviewed every man who either did not carry any insurance, or who carried less than the maximum. Emphasizing the low cost, the benefits to the men themselves, as well as their families, and the temporary waiver until August 10 of the physical exam, the concerted campaign will continue at Freeman, with interviews, poster displays, and daily and weekly spot announcements in the field publications. At present, nearly 84 per cent of the men carry either National Service or United States Government Life Insurance, and the campaign will continue on a com-

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petitive basis—to see which squadron will be first to have 100 per cent \$10,000 cooperation.

# Youths Will be Freeman Guests

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## 17-Year-Olds In- vited to "Open House" At Field on July 4

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There is a real treat in store for seventeen-year-old young men of Seymour and vicinity Sunday, July 4, according to an announcement just made by Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of Freeman Army Air Field, for on that day an "open house" and conducted tour of Freeman Field will be held just for them.

At the "open house" which will be held from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, the young men will be taken on a conducted tour of the post where they will be able to inspect the twin-engine ships used in the advanced flying training program. They will have the opportunity to meet and talk to Colonel Rundquist and other flying officers of the command who have colorful aerial backgrounds. They will talk with the aviation cadets who are in training at the field, learning to pilot the sleek twin-engine ships, and they will be treated to a special aerial review, planned just for them.

In addition to these features, there will be a review and parade by cadets and a mass calisthenics program of cadets. Also on the schedule will be a tour of the many interesting areas on the field including line production maintenance hangars where ships are completely serviced in a chain of activities, a typical mess hall, barracks, theater, gymnasium and chapels.

The "open house" and conducted tour will familiarize seventeen-year-olds with the U. S. Army Air Forces. Men who are now seventeen but who have not yet turned eighteen are eligible to volunteer for enlistment in the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve for future training as aviation cadets. As a member of the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve, one may remain on inactive status until he is eighteen. In the meantime he may continue with his education or civilian occupation. When he becomes eighteen he will be eligible to begin pre-flight training. If he is a college or high school student, call to active duty may be postponed until the end of the current semester, provided it is completed not later than six months after the eighteenth birthday.

Enlistments in the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve may be made at any Aviation Cadet Examining Board or United States Army Recruiting Station. There is an Aviation Cadet Examining Board at Freeman Field.

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# Schricker Names Col. Rundquist

Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer at Freeman Field, has been invited by Henry F. Schricker, governor of Indiana, to serve on a general committee for nurses' recruitment week in the Central Indiana area.

Governor Schricker has designated the week of June 27 to July 3 as recruitment week, which will be climaxed by a nurses meeting July 3 on the Ball estate in Indianapolis. Colonel Rundquist, Capt. George E. Crum, chief of medical service at the base hospital, and Lieut. Winifred J. McKinny, chief nurse have been invited to attend the July 3 program. Capt. Crum will be one of the speakers. A total of 500 more nurses from the Central Indiana area is the goal set to meet the yearly quota for the area.