



Demobilization, Reconversion, Tax Plans Open Post-War Door

The war is by no means over, but a series of important domestic developments today reflected confidence of national leaders that one phase of it—the fighting against Germany—is drawing toward a close.

These developments included:

1. The war department disclosed a plan for "partial and orderly demobilization" of the army from its present strength when Germany is defeated. The war department emphasized, however, that the war against Japan will still be going strong and that "millions of fighting men" will be sent immediately to the Pacific when Germany collapses.

Tomorrow's Job—

C. E. D. TAX PLAN CALLS FOR EXTRA 10,000,000 JOBS

'A' GAS BOOKS RENEWAL SET

Registration to Start at
Selected Schools

Sept. 18.

"A" coupon gasoline books will be renewed for local motorists at selected public schools on Sept. 18, 19 and 20. Alex L. Taggart, county rationing administrator, announced today.

Announcement of the list of schools at which applications will be received will be made within the next week after arrangements have been completed with school authorities, he said.

The present "A" coupons expire on midnight Sept. 21.

The schools to be used for the receiving of applications will be open from 3:30 to 7:30 p. m. on each of the three days of registration.

Forms Available Now

Application forms will be on hand at each of the selected school buildings. They may be filled out by the applicant at the school.

A limited supply of the application forms is now on hand at the various rationing boards in the county. They will be available to all persons wanting them as long as the supply lasts.

The applicant must present the signed back cover of his present "A" book along with his application in order to get a new book.

Any applicant not having the back cover of his "A" book must make application for renewal at his local ration board, submitting with his application his certificate of registration card from the state automobile license bureau.

Advice on Mailing

Mr. Taggart says that applicants would get quicker action by presenting their applications at the schools than by mailing them in to local ration boards because the boards are staffed to handle only a limited amount of mail.

He said the period for taking renewal applications had been delayed until Sept. 18-20 because supplies are not now here.

He expects to receive the new "A" books by Sept. 15.

He pointed out that it will not be necessary for the owner of an automobile to present his application in person. It may be presented by a member of his family or anyone else as long as it is properly signed and is accompanied by the signed back cover of the old "A" book.

Plant transportation committees will not handle applications of employees but the committees will have application forms to distribute, the rationing chief said.

1500 WARPLANES STRIKE

LONDON, Sept. 6 (U. P.)—Some 1500 American warplanes struck from Britain and Italy today at harried German transports on a broad arc stretching across the Low Countries, western Germany and the Balkans.

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Lt. Frederick Duhm

**Navigator Is Back Home
After Completing 31
Missions.**

By MILDRED KOSSHMAN

Twenty-four is a lucky number for Lt. Frederick H. Duhm, veteran army air forces navigator.

The 24-year-old airman left here last March 24 for England after winning his silver wings Dec. 24 at San Marcos, Tex., and arrived back home Aug. 24 after safely completing 31 missions without a scratch.

He guided his bomber crewmen in missions to blast Germany, France and the low countries.

Twice he went over Berlin and was in the first stages of the invasion but he couldn't see a thing because of the clouds.

Engines Knocked Out

"Our first mission was the worst," Lt. Duhm said. "We lost one engine and left the formation, flying back just over the tree tops. We saw some beautiful tulip fields over Holland but the ground guns on German soil knocked out our second engine. A bullet went through the window beside me and knocked out the hydraulic line."

In less than three months, Lt. Duhm, son of Mrs. Clara Duhm, Beech Grove, had completed his 31 missions, won the air medal with three oak leaf clusters, the distinguished flying cross and the presidential unit citation.

He flew most of his missions in "Big Time Operator," a Flying Fortress. On June 21 he participated in shuttle bombing of Nazi territory and spent several days in Russia where the Russian hospital was plentiful. All of his crew returned home safely.

Reunited With Brother

And besides seeing the many sights in Europe from a birdseye view, Lt. Duhm visited his brother Capt. Walter Duhm, whom he had not seen for three years.

Capt. Duhm, now serving with the signal corps anti-aircraft section in France, was stationed in England until just recently and married an English girl, Freda.

Lt. Duhm, a graduate of Beech Grove high school, will report to Miami Beach, Fla., for reassignment Sept. 18.

But before he leaves, he will complete some "unfinished business" at home. He will marry Miss Lucille Angrick, 630 E. Terrace Ave., Saturday night and will take his bride with him to Miami.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 6 (U. P.)—Whatever happens in the war against Germany, the navy will continue to expand until it reaches an authorized strength of 3,351,000 officers and enlisted personnel next July because, Secretary James Forrestal said today, "the navy cannot demobilize until Japan is defeated." The navy's strength is now over 3,006,000.

credit"—will apply to all theaters and continental United States, and include WACs.

But although military requirements in Europe "will be drastically curtailed" when Germany has been beaten, the war against Japan will still be going on, the war department emphasized, and that war will receive "first priority" in everything, including men and the ships to move them.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 6 (U. P.)—More than 15,000 four-engined bombers, including B-29 Superfortresses, rolled off the nation's assembly lines in the past 12 months, according to war production board figures.

Lifting the lid on heavy bomber production data, the WPB said in a report late yesterday that the big four-motored planes have been rolling off assembly lines at the rate of 1500 a month since June.

And in any case, regardless of individual priority standards, "certain types of personnel can never become surplus as long as the war against Japan continues."

The war department did not say how many men would be returned to civilian life. Last month, however Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service, estimated that 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 men might be dropped by the armed forces from the time of Germany's defeat to the collapse of Japan.

Discharge will be through army separation centers, five of which already are in operation. A total of 18, including one at Camp Atterbury, are contemplated, so distributed that the army will be able to discharge soldiers close to their homes.

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After Germany's defeat, an adjusted service rating card will be issued to all enlisted personnel. It will be scored four factors which will determine "priority of separation":

"1. Service credit—based upon the number of months of service since Sept. 16, 1940.

"2. Overseas credit—based upon the number of months served overseas.

"3. Combat credit—based upon the first and each additional award to the individual of the medal of honor, distinguished service cross, legion of merit, silver star, distinguished flying cross, soldier's medal, bronze star medal, air medal, purple heart, and bronze service stars (battle participation stars).

"4. Parenthood credit—which gives credit for each dependent child under 18 years up to a limit of three children."

The value of the point credits will be announced after cessation of hostilities in Europe.

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