

DAILY BULLETIN

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HEADQUARTERS, AFB STATION III

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1. DETAIL FOR OFFICER OF THE DAY:

Note Change

13 Sep - 2nd Lt. N. DAVIS

14 Sep - 1st Lt. V. L. FRANCIS

2. DETAIL FOR OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF LIBERTY BUSES:

13 Sep - Capt. J. DANIEL (2215)

14 Sep - Capt. J. E. BENNETT (2215)

13 Sep - 1st Lt. J. CHAMBERS (2300)

14 Sep - Capt. J. HIRSHGILL (2300)

BY ORDER OF COLGEL WILLIAMS

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IN OBSERVATION

1. MOVIES IN THE POST THEATRE:

Today, Thurs 13 Sep - "JUMP AND LIGHTNING", Henry Goodman
Tomorrow, Fri 14 Sep - Same as today.

2. OFFICERS: Attention is invited to Circular 117 Hq USFET dd 24 Aug 45 in regard to commissions in Regular Army.

3. NOTICE: The American Red Cross at Northampton will close permanently on 17 Sep 45.

SUGGESTION BOX:

SUGGESTION: Why is it that we are not allowed a choice of the cigars that are available at the PX, but, instead must take whatever is placed on the shelves? For the past week there have been only two brands on sale, neither of them a popular make. Yet, in the storeroom in plain view are a number of boxes of one of the best American brands. When asked about them, the clerks state that they're not on sale yet. Yet the pile of boxes has diminished by at least six in the past two or three days. Either somebody's 'friends' or the 'brass' are getting the best, while we have to take what is left. If there are several brands available we should all be given a chance to purchase one of our own choice instead of having to take whatever the PX wishes to throw at us.

I don't know if the PX Officer has any choice in the brands he procures but if he does, I believe that the American brands are much more popular and appreciated than the Cuban cigars that we're getting lately, even tho' the Cuban cigars are more expensive.

Another thing I have noticed. The clerks think that they are doing us a favor. Whenever I buy something I want it to be given to me gently and not as if I was just trash and have it thrown at me. I swear that the next time one of those goofs at the PX throws my cigarettes or candy I will pull him out from behind the counter. They are getting paid half of their base pay and actually working for us all and getting a favor of us and not we from them. THANKING YOU. I'M SURE SOMETHING WILL BE DONE TO CORRECT THE SITUATION.

ANSWER: All the cigars available at the PX are placed on sale over the counter; however all cigars, regardless of type or make, must be sold in order to requisition additional supplies, so the more unpopular brands have to be sold as well as the popular ones. The American cigars, as well as the imported ones, are sold over the counter, and neither "somebody's friends" nor the "brass" get them, as you suggest, unless they buy them along with everyone else. If all the popular brand merchandise were placed on sale at the same time, a "run" would develop on the PX and soon nothing would remain except the more unpopular brands, and those men whose duties prohibit them from visiting the PX at their convenience would invariably have much less choice than everyone has under the present system of rationing the popular brands each day or week.

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ANSWER (cont'):

So far as any choice on the part of the PX Officer is concerned when requisitioning supplies, very little is permitted, since cigars are not requisitioned by trade name; all cigars are classified by price, i.e., class 1, class 2, class 5, etc., and no choice is permitted as far as make is concerned. The depot distributes all cigars on a pro rated basis among the different exchanges served.

You are laboring under a misconception, if you think the employees of the PX receive any additional pay, as they definitely do not receive any pay, other than their regular Army pay. SB agrees that the clerks should be polite and courteous, and they have been cautioned about their actions; however you are not doing them any favor, as you suggest. If any of the clerks do not treat you properly, the PX Officer requests that you report the incident to him at once, and appropriate action will be taken.

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