

Court Tax Rule Favors Servicemen

Servicemen and women are exempt from local taxes on personal property other than in their home states, the United States Supreme Court ruled Apr. 6.

The decision reversed a previous ruling by the Colorado Supreme Court against an Air Force officer, Clairborne Dameron, Denver, Colo. City and county officials attempted to collect personal property tax on household goods belonging to Dameron, a native of Port Allen, La., who was assigned to Lowry AFB, Denver.

Dameron appealed to the higher court after the Colorado Supreme Court held that local tax exemption specified in the 1940 Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act was contingent on proof that the personal property had already been taxed in the serviceman's home state. (AFPS)

DRIVE...

A special Blood Drive will be conducted by the Red Cross aboard ship while we are in Bayonne. Your blood is vitally needed by our servicemen in Korea. The crew should aim for 100% participation in this very worthy campaign.

Navy Announces Test Dates for Academy Prep School Opening

Washington (AFPS) — Navy-wide preliminary tests for qualified men to enter the Preparatory School as candidates for the U.S. Naval Academy, Md., will be given July 6.

All commands will nominate enlisted men to participate in the examinations. Regular Navy and Marine Corps enlisted personnel and members of Reserve components serving on active duty other than active duty for training are eligible for nomination. Those selected for the Naval Preparatory School must have obligated service to July 1, 1954.

Candidates will submit applications on Form NavPers 675. Completed applications and physical examinations will be forwarded to the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Attn: Pers-C1214, in accordance with BuPers Manual, article D-2309(3).

Duty Tour Limits At O'Seas Bases

Washington (AFPS) — The length of overseas duty tours at naval activities has been set forth by the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Instruction 1300.15.

According to the announcement, tours of overseas duty for naval personnel are established at 24 months, except as indicated below:

Alaska (18), Eniwetok (6), Eritrea (12), *Formosa MAAG (18), *Germany (24), Greenland (9), *Iceland (12), Indo China MAAG (12), Kashmir (12), *Japan (24), Kwajalein (12) and Libya (12). Also the Chi Chi Jima, Okinawa (12), Guam, Saipan, Tinian (18), Mid-way (12), *Morocco (18), Newfoundland (18), Persian Gulf (12), Poland Attache (18), Red Sea Area (12), Ryukus (12), Saudi Arabia (12), Tripoli (12), and USSR Attache (18). (*—varies according to dependents status.)

The tour in Korea is set at 12 months followed by rotation to Japan to complete 24 months in the area. A tour as attache in Korea is set at 18 months.

Overseas duty on non-rotated ships and staffs afloat in the Asiatic Area has been set at 15 months while duty with non-rotated ships and staffs afloat in the European area is 18 or 24 months if dependents are on station.

New Records

By BOB McGONAGLE
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All ears are tuned to two new releases that promise big things for vocalists Ella Mae Morse and Mr. Eddie Fisher. They are, first of all, a composition from the pen of Link Davis. It's called "Big Mamou." With musical backing of Nelson Riddle and his orchestra, the dulcet tones of that "cow-cow boogie gal," Ella Mae Morse, should indicate a great future for this rhythmic ditty. From the distaff side of sharps and flats, we turn our musical attention to Eddie Fisher, recently discharged from the Army. After touring many bases the world over, Eddie has concentrated full effort on his latest disc, augmented by the scintillating strings of Hugo Winterhalter and company. Unlike Ella Mae's "Big Mamou," with its fast tempo, Eddie's latest, titled "I'm Walking Behind You," is a relaxed ballad by composer Billy Reid. Yes indeed, despite the fact that both artists record for different labels, plus the fact that Ella Mae has had a head start on Eddie in the recording business, this reporter cannot help but state that both cuttings will be in big demand from music lovers the world over. "Big Mamou" and "I'm Walking Behind You," our elected musical selections for this week's "tops in pops." . . .



What've you been doing since you got out of the Navy, Lt. Bay?