

HEADQUARTERS 21ST BOMBARDMENT WING
Topeka Army Air Base, Kansas

MEMORANDUM:

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(Destroy all others)

12 June 1943

TO: All Officers and Enlisted Men, Hq & Hq Sq, 21st
Bombardment Wing.

1. The attention of all Officers and Enlisted Men of this Headquarters is directed to Immediate Action letter, file 353, Headquarters Second Air Force, 28 April 1943, Subject: "Wearing of the Gas Mask", and to 2AF Memo 135-1, 10 May 1943, which designates Tuesday of each week as "Gas Alert Day".

2. Effective Tuesday, 15 June 1943, all personnel of this Headquarters, without exception, will observe "Gas Alert Day" by taking the following steps:

a. The gas mask will be carried in the slung position or kept within immediate reach at all times between the hours of 0800 and 1700.

b. The mask will be adjusted to the face and worn adjusted from 1100 to 1130 and from 1400 to 1430, except on the first Tuesday of each month. (Periods to be increased at a later date.)

c. On the first Tuesday of each month (effective July 5), the mask will be worn adjusted to the face from 1030 to 1130.

d. Normal duties will continue in all sections during such periods. Undue interruptions of activities constitute a lack of "Gas Discipline".

3. The beginning of each alert period will be signalled by a rapid, continuous ringing of the gas alarm near headquarters building. No "All Clear" signal will be sounded, but each section head will be responsible that personnel of that section wear the mask for the prescribed 30-minute period (except civilians).

4. Section heads will be responsible that the provisions of this memorandum are brought to the attention of all personnel in their section.

By order of Colonel HEGENBERGER:

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