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## Army Discloses Point System For Muster Out

Gives Top Rating to Parenthood, Combat Duty, Other Credits for Length of Service, Wounds, Medals

WASHINGTON, May 10 (UP)—A soldier is eligible for immediate discharge under the army's partial demobilization plan if he has 85 credit points based on length of total service, overseas and combat duty, decorations, wounds and parenthood, the war department announced Thursday. Combat duty and parenthood got top ratings.

The army plans to discharge 1,300,000 men under this point system during the next 12 months and more later. It applies to soldiers in all theaters. Immediate eligibility, however, does not insure immediate discharge. And any man—even though he has enough credits for discharge—will be kept in the service if his work is deemed vital to the war against Japan. The navy is not affected.

### How Points Are Tallied

1 point for each month of service since Sept. 16, 1940.  
1 point additional for each month of overseas service since Sept. 16, 1940, computed from departure from U. S. port to return.  
5 points for each battle participation star.  
5 points for each wound.  
5 points for each decoration.  
12 points for each child under 18 up to a limit of three children.  
No extra credit is given for having been a prisoner of war.

Officers need the same number of points as enlisted men, but there is less chance of them being discharged. They have received longer training and possess specialized skills and their eligibility under the point system will be subordinated to the need for them in the war against Japan.

WACs need only 45 points to be eligible. Furthermore, if their husbands have been discharged, they themselves will be released automatically upon application.

**Medal of Honor Tips**  
Enlisted soldiers who have been awarded the medal of honor also are automatically eligible for immediate discharge.  
All men serving anywhere outside continental United States are considered in overseas service. This includes serving in Puerto Rico, Alaska, Panama and Hawaii, are eligible. Soldiers eligible for discharge who have been overseas without foreign duty will be given special consideration in assigning shipping space.  
Won't Be Delayed  
The 85-point eligibility quota is only temporary. The point system will be revised as soon as all men are classified and a separate quota will then be established for men in the ground and service forces and another for those in the air force. The revised quotas (See Page Two, Column Four)

### Here's How It Works

WASHINGTON, May 10 (UP)—A soldier needs 85 credit points to be eligible for discharge. Here is an example of how the army's point system works:

A soldier has been in the army 36 months, has served overseas for 18 months, has won the silver star and the purple heart and taken part in three major campaigns and is the father of a child under 18.

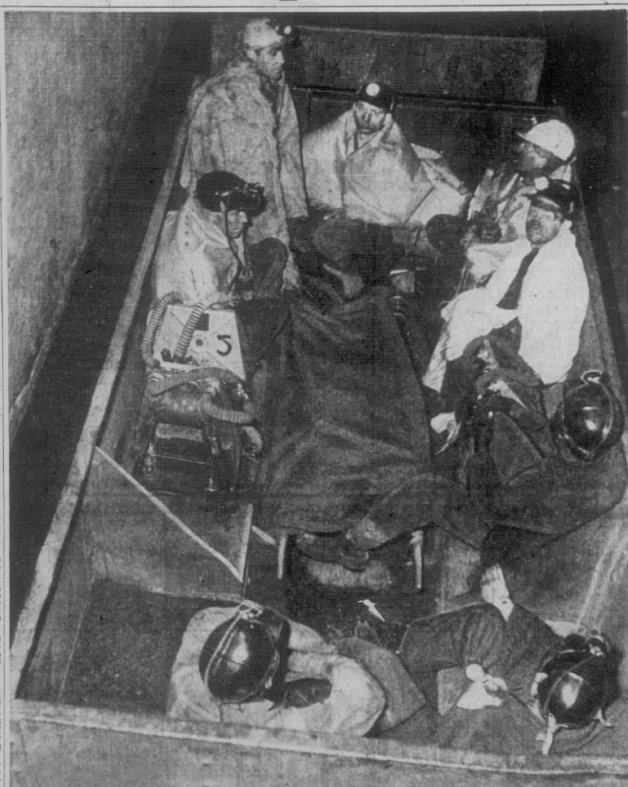
He would receive 36 points in service credit, 18 points in overseas credit, 25 points in combat credit and 12 points for parenthood. His total score would be 91 points.

WASHINGTON, May 10 (UP)—The battle participation stars which are one of the factors for combat credit under the army's discharge system are based on 30 campaigns and battles listed so far by the war department.

They are: Rome-Arno; southern France; Germany; air offensive, Japan; Naples; Sicily; Normandy; East Indies; Guadalcanal; northern Solomon Islands; Burma, 1942; China; Aleutian Islands; air offensive, Europe; Egypt; Libya; Algeria-Financial; Tunisia; Sicily; Bismarck archipelago; northern Burma, 1945; Ardenne central Pacific; Philippine Islands and adjacent waters; Papua; New Guinea; India-Burma; eastern mandate; western Pacific; southern Philippines; Luzon.

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## Toll Reaches 23 in Mine Blast; Three Separate Probes Open



Eight weary rescue workers, one of nine crews that have worked tirelessly since Carbon explosion Wednesday afternoon, return to the portal after exhausting the body of one of the victims. The stretcher, carrying the body, is in the center of a coal trip. The rescuers, used in an attempt to revive the miners, also are visible below the men.

## Goering May Be First Criminal Tried; 4 Bodies Found Similar to Hitler's

LONDON, May 10 (UP)—Hermann Goering, whose air force once terrorized Europe, may be the first big Nazi to face the international bar of justice, a responsible source close to the war crimes commission said Thursday.

His statement that Goering might be tried soon came as a vast manhunt was pressed for other top-flight members of the Nazi gang and a pooled dispatch from Berlin said the Russians had established a list of two other bodies found in Czechoslovakia fought on savagely 38 hours after the official end of hostilities rather than surrender to the Russians.

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Associated Press Correspondent Louis P. Lochner in Berlin (See Page Five, Column One)

## Soviets Hem In Nazi Outlaws Still Fighting Near Prague

LONDON, May 10 (UP)—British forces Thursday recaptured the channel islands, only part of an expedition by Germany during the war, as German troops in Czechoslovakia fought on savagely 38 hours after the official end of hostilities rather than surrender to the Russians.

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## Igniting of Gas In Deep Pit Caused Tragedy

Rock Dusting Sunday Restricted Disaster to Area of Origin; Seven Injured Gain in Hospital

By O. N. Malmquist, Tribune Staff Writer  
SUNNYSIDE, Carbon County, May 10—A gas explosion in the Utah Fuel Co.'s Sunnyside coal mine which brought sudden and violent death to 23 miners Wednesday afternoon was the subject of three separate investigations Thursday.

The company, the Utah industrial commission and the U. S. bureau of mines all had their safety men studying the effects of the terrific blast with a view to determining the cause and making recommendations to prevent future repetitions.

But the nature of the tragedy left little that was not clear to the miners and company officials. Methane gas accumulated in one or two of the entries off the second dip and in some manner was ignited. It exploded with a roaring flash and a concussion that pulled smoke out of the mine portal and sent an air current some two miles away on the other side of a mountain.

**Rock Dusting Sunday**  
The mine had been thoroughly rock dusted Sunday night and the dust served to prevent fire and confine the destructive blast to a relatively small area. Claude P. Heister, vice president and general manager, and James Thorpe, veteran mine superintendent for the company, credited the rock dusting with saving the lives of 60 other miners who were underground when the gas was ignited at 3:12 p. m. The day shift was preparing to come out and the rescue eight shift still getting ready to go underground.

The unusual question was what ignited the gas. It was not blasting, according to Mr. Heister, because no shooting was being done at the time. It might have been caused by someone striking a rock, but the fact that matches were found on some of the victims. But the violence of the explosion in the area of its origin probably destroyed any evidence as to its cause.

Of the 23 men killed, bodies of all but one—Bud Walton, 35, Sunnyside—had been recovered Thursday night. Seven miners who were hospitalized were all showing marked improvement at the Dragoon hospital.

**Numerous Heroes**  
The tragedy produced numerous acts of individual courage and a notably successful cooperative effort on the part of communities and coal mines in the area to cope with just such an emergency. Under the supervision of Dr. P. V. Colombo, the Dragoon hospital was cleared of all but two patients and made ready to receive the massed number of injury cases that could be anticipated within two hours of the blast.

Nine mine rescue teams from Goetz's House canyon mine, Kaiser mine, Columbia, Castlegate and Kinletworth responded promptly and some of the men remained put off a shoveler vote.

**Russians Lose Out**  
The council is the core of proposed world mechanism for keeping peace, and small nations want to expand its membership from 13 to 14 or 15, so they will have a bigger hand in maintaining international security. Present plans are to have five big powers members, six smaller ones.

The Russians lost out in their proposition when the conference steering committee rejected the idea of letting world trade union leaders into deliberations of a committee working on economic and social problems.

**Two Other Proposals**  
Moves were under way toward compromise on two major issues—trusteeship for strategic or dependent areas of the world and letting Pan-America solve its own peacekeeping problems without allowing a new world league into rival hands.

An American delegate, Sen. Nick Sandwell, 27, Sunnyside, Joe Montana, 29, Sunnyside.

**Dead, Missing, Injured**  
SUNNYSIDE, Carbon County, May 10—Here is the list of dead, missing and injured in Wednesday's explosion in the Utah Fuel Co.'s No. 1 mine.

**DEAD**  
C. Della, 36, Sunnyside.  
Dennis Nitts, 40, Sunnyside.  
James Wyckoff, 37, Sunnyside.  
H. H. Bradely, 36, Sunnyside, safety engineer.  
James Redlin, 40, Wellington.  
James Bailey, 40, Sunnyside.  
Teddy Loveland, 33, Sunnyside.

**MISSING**  
Ethan Mannarone, 39, Sunnyside.  
Manuel Trujillo, 27, Sunnyside.  
Tom Vigil, 28, Sunnyside.  
Nick Sandwell, 27, Sunnyside.  
Joe Montana, 29, Sunnyside.

**INJURED**  
Tony Leger, 54.  
Tony Trujillo, 31, Pryce.  
J. B. Gutter, 36.  
Edmund Edwards, 32.  
James Galloway, 21, all of Sunnyside.  
Martin Dean, 36, Sunnyside.



Sunnyside, scene of disastrous mine explosion Wednesday in which 23 miners were killed and seven others, though seriously injured, were rescued.

## Colliers Laud Heroism of Mine Foreman

Tribune Internationals Wire  
SUNNYSIDE, Carbon County, May 10—Frank Markhouse, Sunnyside mine foreman on shift at the time 23 men were killed by a gas explosion, was a hero to the miners Thursday, although he firmly but politely declined to discuss his own activities.

Mr. Markhouse was at the outer edge of the explosion area when the blast came. If he experienced the normal urge to get above ground, he would have been rescued. Instead of rushing out, he stayed in the area where the explosion was violent, well aware of the danger from carbon monoxide gas.

**Turns Men Over**  
Running his lamp along the floor of the mine in the smoke, he discovered that several men had been knocked unconscious. Thrown forward and their faces buried in the black coal. He turned them over to save them from suffocation in case they were still alive. As a result the seven men in the Dragoon hospital, all of whom are expected to recover, can probably thank Foreman Markhouse for the fact that they are not among the death victims.

**Men Sense Disaster**  
The mine foreman remained underground searching for bodies for 24 hours before, after coming up for a brief rest, a cup of coffee and a sandwich, he returned to the job.

It may be a bit of coal miners' (See Page Eight, Column One)



