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PROMOTION POLICY FOR EM

 Much has been said in the past two months regarding the promotion policy for enlisted personnel - favorable, unfavorable and speculative.

Some have verbally indicated supreme disfavor with the policy, and some (those who got promotions) have expressed their appreciation for the standards set up. With the realization that no policy established by this organization nor any organization would mean elimination of gripes, or meet the approval of all concerned, the present policy was adopted. It was not the brainstorm of any one person, but was the product of several persons' efforts, and was adopted only after consideration of all angles with the aim of promoting those most qualified.

QUALIFICATIONS

As general qualifications for promotion to any grade, the soldier recommended must have demonstrated in the performance of his assigned duties his reliability and dependability; by his general attitude and actions in the area, in the barracks, and while on pass or furlough, he must prove his ability to discharge the duties of a non-commissioned officer and his worthiness to take charge of and assume the responsibility for those men under him.

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COFFEY BOILS WITH PEP & HEP
GIVES STACCATO REPORT ON SS

 Tournaments: Great interest is being shown in the various events of Group tournaments... Seems everybody is eager to win, not only for the honor of being Sq. Champ but with their hearts and minds on the famous Riviera Rest Camp, France .. Book of Hoyle being used overtime; settling rules, especially in chess. May the best men win -
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NOTE FOR YOUR NOTEBOOK

 Major BEVERLY V. PEARSON, Executive Officer of the 726th, recently returned from a tour of the southern front with first-hand dope on how the U.S. Infantry is fighting the enemy in northern Italy. He will discuss his experience Sunday at 1400 hours in the group briefing room.

MAN OF THE WEEK

CAPT. MANOOGIAN & RUSSIA

 "...and the Russian armies will break through Poland on a direct route to Berlin!"
 It was over a year ago that the stocky, cigar smoking, ping-pong playing, ex-football star and coach made this prediction to officers and EM of the 724th. As Intelligence Officer, Capt. "Manoog" has briefed his sq. weekly on war fronts with emphasis on the Eastern Front. First hand information on the Russians came to him last Dec. when he bailed out over Oswiacin, Poland, leaving a flak riddled Lib.

Comments: "We landed on a Russian field unhurt... Russian people are great people and top hosts... Treated us like kings... war should be over by June... anxious to get back home to wife... expect to coach football after the war."

Graduate San Jose State College... starred on gridiron... coached college Frosh, San Diego Bomber Pro Team... playing with Brooklyn Dodgers when Air Forces beckoned... has 22 missions... DFC, Air Medal, two clusters for photo-observer work over toughest targets in ETO.

Kanahama School for Boys, Honolulu, wants him to direct athletics when the bombing is over. He'll take it.

HQ. EM MEETING

 A vice-president and a member of the board of governors will be elected tomorrow night, at 2000 hours, at group headquarters enlisted men's club.

"AD LIB" NAME OF PAPER
JUDGES HAVE DIFFICULTY

PVT W. J. MC DERMOTT WINS

 The judges had a tough time picking a name for your group newspaper but after a lengthy and fair conference, last night, selected AD LIB, one of 32 monikers submitted.

This name won the contest but the person who submitted it, does not win the prize of \$5.00. Due to the extreme care taken to avoid unwitting prejudice, names of submitters were not considered in the final decision. THEN IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT AN OFFICER WON.

So, under the rules, he was eliminated. AD LIB, however, still was the choice. Accordingly, it was decided to accept the name and give the prize to the runner-up, Pvt. W. J. McDermott, of the 724th. (Incidentally, the officer is from 724.)

Most of the names were original and evidenced considerable thought. Any one of them would have served the purpose well enough. With only two art entries, the judges decided to extend the deadline another week for the masthead design. When selected, the design will be copied into an engraving and will be used on mimeograph or standard printing. Try to make your design indicate Libs and/or bombing. If you are no artist, submit an idea, and we'll do the rest.

MOVIES:

SUMMER STORM - Tonight

MR. WINKLE GOES TO WAR
 16th and 17th

MARK OF DIMITIOS -
 19th and 20th

TO DROP OUR BOMBS ON A DIME
IS OUR WISH, OH, VALENTINE

Vital statistics note in a country newspaper: "Due to shortage of paper a number of births will be postponed until next week."

WAS YOUR VALENTINE A BOND?

AD LIB is published every Thursday by the Information - Education Section of the 451st Bomb Group (H) -

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Capt. Harry T. Fontaine.....Editor
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Cpl. Sanford Beck.....724th Squadron.
S/Sgt. A. M. Maffetone..725th Squadron.
Sgt. Peter H. Groetsch..726th Squadron.
Sgt. M. G. Weill.....727th Squadron.

COFFEY HOT ON TOURNAMENTS
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Group Show: Rehearsals going along at top speed every Mon.-Wed.-Fri. evenings at 1900 in Group Theatre...Familiar faces seen at rehearsals: Lt. Henshel; Sgts. Clark and Bly of 726th; "Mouse" Grossman and shadow "Shorty" Simaluca of 725th; S/Sgt. Ed Gust, 724th; and Cpl. Jack Dussault of Gp Hq...Very promising new talent on hand and look very good at rehearsals...Show shaping up very well... Want more men for our Glee Club...Previous vocal experience not necessary...Come to next rehearsal.

Band Rehearsals: Band to play big part in Group Show...Rehearsals being held 3 nights weekly...New faces in band...New tunes rehearsed...Sounds big time.

Athletics: Basketball League games every Thursday at Orta Nova High School Gym...Last weeks results:

724th by forfeit (725); 727th 25;
726th 15.

Gym available every Thursday for games between sections, crews, etc. Contact Special Service Officer for available times.

Schedule:

TONIGHT

724th Sq. vs Group Hq. at 1900 hours
725th Sq. vs 726th Sq. at 2030 hours

THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY

727th Sq. vs 724th Sq. at 1900 hours
725th Sq. vs Group Hq. at 2030 hours

THURSDAY 1 MARCH

Group Hq. vs 727th Sq. at 1900 hours
724th Sq. vs 726th Sq. at 2030 hours

THURSDAY 8 MARCH

726th Sq. vs Group Hq. at 1900 hours
727th Sq. vs 725th Sq. at 2030 hours

Wanted: Referees for basketball games.
---Captain Daniel J. Coffey

MESS-REC-THEATRE FOR 725

The combination mess-recreation-theatre at the 725th will be in full operation shortly, according to Sgt. Edgar O. Smith and his building crew.

The recreation hall-theatre measures 40 by 100 feet, and is connected with the mess. The only thing missing now is a roof and that "detail" will be taken care of pronto. A big celebration is planned for the formal opening. Date later.

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Then there is the "T/O"---Table of Organization -- under which this organization operates. For each authorized job there is also an authorized grade. It is to the advantage of all concerned that these authorizations be followed implicitly. Perhaps in some instances the grades authorized seem not commensurate with duties performed, but this is a situation over which we have no control.

RESUME OF GRADES

Following is a brief resume of the minimum qualifications for different grades:

For Master Sergeant or Technical Sergeant - must be performing a job which calls for the grade recommended; for ground personnel in the next lower grade a minimum of three months; for combat crew personnel in the next lower grade a minimum of two months, and have at least ten combat missions; pass a written examination covering general subjects with a grade of 70% or higher; appear in person before the Board of Officers appointed to review and pass on all recommendations for promotion who will observe their appearance, knowledge of military courtesy and discipline, and will ask a varying amount of technical questions with which the soldier recommended must be conversant.

MISSIONS NECESSARY

For Staff Sergeant - must be performing a job which calls for the grade recommended; appear in person before the Group Staff Officer who is in charge of their particular type of duty who will give them either an oral or written examination to determine their technical qualifications; in the case of Assistant Aerial Engineer Gunners or Armored Gunners must have completed a minimum of ten combat missions.

For Sergeant or Corporal - must be performing a job which calls for the grade recommended; must satisfy their immediate commanding officer they are capable of discharging the duties and assuming the responsibilities of the grade for which recommended; a vacancy must exist in the Group "over-all" picture.

For Private First Class - must satisfy their immediate commanding officer they deserve such promotion.

(Next week: "Awards and Decorations for Officers.")

---Clarence E. Campbell, Jr., CWO

BABY PHOTO CONTEST CLOSSES

HUNDREDS AWAIT CG'S WORD

The most exciting contest (for proud parents) of 3-year-olds and under, came to a close yesterday. Brig. Gen. William L. Lee, Wing Commander, will announce the winner on or about the group's 200th mission.

REMEMBER: YOU MAY NOT SEND YOUR GROUP NEWSPAPER HOME, AR SAYS.

LAW'S BARGAIN BASEMENT NOW OPEN - SWANK SUPPLY SHOP IN GRAIN CAVE - LOOK FOR 100-LB. BOMB SIGN ON GROUP HILL. BARGAINS.
---T/SGT. JAMES B. LAW, PROP.

DOC KING TALKS ON BUGS;
"SWEAT, BROTHER, SWEAT"

Capt. Joe W. King, flight surgeon and raconteur of the 727th, put over some strong VD thoughts recently. Here, we publish some excerpts:

"Boys, these 'bugs' that cause the various venereal diseases are tough babies to battle. They don't care whom they tackle. Whether you are big or small, young or old, general or private, they will tackle you with the same tenacity and ferocity. Therefore, if one lays himself liable for attack by them, he must realize their capabilities."

CAN'T TELL

"One must realize that it is sometimes almost impossible for the medical profession to tell whether a woman has VD or not, even with the help of microscopes and other laboratory facilities available - since that is true, it stands to reason that the G.I. can't possibly tell whether she is infected or not by just looking at her. It is the so-called 'clean-looking' girl that is responsible for much of our venereal disease, not the wholesale prostitute."

"The doctors in this outfit are so tired of hearing that age old saying - 'Well Doc, this one looked so clean!' We have heard it so many times that we can probably tell you the course of events of your escapade better than you can tell us. Most G.I.'s have sense enough to protect themselves with all precautions when they have been on a 'party' with a prostitute but somehow they do not see fit to take the same precautions with the 'clean-looking' girl. Occasionally we run across someone too dumb to use any protection whatever with either."

SWEAT

"I still maintain the only way to be positive that one won't contract a venereal disease over here is by abstinence from sexual contact. But, for God's sake, if you must enter the sacred sanctum of those vicious guys, the VD bugs, use every precaution that you have at your disposal - both of them, and then sweat, brother, sweat!"

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS

Space does not permit individual coverage of exploits that have won these high honors for officers and men of this group; accordingly, we list name, award, and squadron: DFC - 725: 2nd Lt. W. C. Anderson, Sgt. R. A. Derringer. 726: 1st Lts. H. F. Durhan, W. H. Hunter, R. L. Barrett. 727: Capt. E. D. Lord, SOLDIERS MEDAL - 724: Cpl. A. J. Becker. BRONZE STARS - Gp. Hq. M/Sgt. D. Street, 726: M/Sgt. G. Cole, S/Sgt. W. A. Cronin, Sgt. C. E. Schroeder, Cpl. C. H. Jerome. 727: T/Sgt. E. M. Arosi. PURPLE HEART - 726: 1st Lt. H. O. Rohde.

WHY BE GOOD?

IT PAYS OFF -- The rewards are natural and supernatural. You taste the natural rewards right on earth; real tangible rewards like good health, clear conscience, self-respect, love from others, peace of mind. And just as real shall be the supernatural - heavenly glory, glorified body, the face to face possession of God. How do we know that natural rewards come to us for being good? Human experience, a common sense view of peoples lives proclaim it. How about the supernatural? It takes faith, and trust in God to believe they come. But it is reasonable faith, sensible trusting. For God makes good. He never lets down friends. Study any crucifix.

TOO LATE -- Smart people play safe odds on happiness. Dopes bust their heads against concrete facts, until experience batters home the lesson. You can't win except by living life God's way. Sure, virtue looks dull, vice seems attractive. But live awhile. Watch the payoffs. Sins catch up with us. The choo-choo shuffling of paralysis shouts the long-ago indiscretion. The wasted brain tissues sing alcoholism's refrain. The jabbing twinge of conscience plagues the thief - the chiseler - the fallen away Christian. Too late they learn. Virtue pays rewards that last.

NOT FAIR -- We all complain at times: "It's not fair; the good suffer, the evil prosper." Wait for the final payoff. Gamblers let suckers win at first. So Satan tricks fools with sin's delights. But suddenly he moves in. As the hang-over follows the binge, death follows sin. The wages of sin is death - death on earth to conscience, death in Hell. Would you seize fleeting rewards, lose eternal? The wheels of God's justice grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly well. Christ apparently lost on Calvary. Satan definitely lost Easter Sunday. Vice plays the king now, but Virtue holds the Ace.

SO DON'T -- Let the bars down. Don't pitch principles away. Only fools swallow that favorite war-time bait of Satan: "What's the use?" Always Satan's strongest argument is a pet passion. His slyest entry into your souls is through "the blues." Yet you don't dissolve difficulties by tears in your beer. Self-pity never helps - it demoralizes. In these days of morale building, remember morale is based on morality from which it stems. It is built on duties to God, to your neighbors, to yourself. It isn't a matter of choice - but of obligation. It is a matter of strict principles that are eternal Men away from home. You must find peace of mind and strength of will with Christ.

---Chaplain Matthew J. Coughlin,
Hq., 49th Bomb Wing (H).

BE SMARTER - ENROLL IN USAFI
SEE YOUR INFORMATION - EDUCATION OFFICER

During the week 7 - 14 February improving weather permitted the execution of three missions plus one three plane PFF Operation.

On 7 February, two forces took off to attack the Korneuburg Oil Refinery at Vienna. The first force, led by Lt. Col. Hoppock laid the bulk of its bombs beyond the refinery by about 2500 feet. This difficulty in killing rate correctly may have been due to an unexpectedly strong tail wind. The second force, led by Major Reichenbach bombed an inland port near an oil refinery at Bratislava, 40 miles east of Vienna. Weather at the target was clear, but an extremely effective enemy smoke screen hampered efforts. The Vienna flak was intense and accurate resulting in the loss of two planes and six missing. The two planes that were lost reached home but one crashed and the other bailed the crew out over the field. Among the missing planes was Major Reichenbach's which received a direct hit. He was seen to regain control of the plane.

On 8 February, a single force of 23 planes bombed the Vienna Central Repair Shops. Lt. Stumpf led this mission. Good results were obtained by PFF methods thru an 8/10 undercast. All planes returned to base.

On 9 February a 3 plane PFF mission bombed the Graz M/Y. No results could be observed.

FLAK

On 13 February a force of 20 planes hit an alternate target, the Maribor M/Y, where fair results were obtained. This mission was lead by Maj. Sanford. No planes were lost but there was considerable flak damage and Maj. Sanford landed at Vis and then arrived at base in a C-47.

Later in the morning of 13 February the remaining 16 planes available were briefed on an unexpected mission and led by Col. Stefanowicz bombed the Maribor Locomotive Repair Shops with good results. The M/Y in the same area had been hit, as an alternate, earlier by the first force. Two flights dropped on the second run on the target and had an excellent pattern of bombs.

No planes were lost but again some flak damage including severe face wounds to Maj. Dooley.

---Major Charles B. Hodges

CHURCH CORNER

Catholic Mass, 1630, Wed. and Sun at Hq. Theatre. Protestant Services Sun., 0915 at 727 EM Club; 1030, Hq. Theatre; Vesper at 1815, Hq. briefing room.

Lt. Harry M. Luhrs, 725th armament officer, opines that the infantrymen live a harder and tougher life than combat crewmen in Libs...flew two missions and spent few days at front with Fifth Army... not more dangerous, but tougher, he says. The boys over at the 726th are "out for blood" come Tournament Day...daily workouts in all entries...Sgt. Jim Gly, opns, says 31 signed for ping-pong, 16 for cribbage, 14 for chess, 26 for checkers, 8 bridge partners and 24 pinochle pairs... Plans going full blast for new 726 day-room... swank furniture already purchased... radio-phonograph, stuff chairs, desks, etc...Lt. Bill Barros, bombardier, and S/Sgt. Clarence Coon, armorer-gunner, of 726th made the Med. Air Trails in the S & S last week...Nice going...

724th is putting on the dog with a "modern" Operations and S-2 "Tufa House" complete with PRO set-up and censoring office... they are also working on a bakery...winged onto the mess hall... pastries before long... S/Sgt. Myron T. Simpson told his Russian bail-out story over Foggia Radio Monday night... Sgt. Ray Schrick and his hard working crew at Gp. PR hit Sertie for 4 yarns and a photo... Capt. Bill Dwyer at Gp. Photo did a swell job on the relief photo of the Liberator...take a peek...S/Sgt. Lauren A. Balzer, 726 gunner, observed his 21st birthday, 1515 hours, two days ago by dodging flak...his Lib was hit... You didn't know but Sgt. Gerald Laracey at group is your "printer"...does a good job on AD LIB, don't you think? You'd better...we just discovered that Capt. Dave Davidson, the "Oscar of the 451st" and group armament officer, can tickle the keys of any borrowed accordion... That tournament status board at the SADDLE CLUB is a dilly...overtime work of Mr. "Hap" Burchell, group tech inspector.

HERE'S A CONTEST TO-END ALL CONTESTS BUT GOOD-----AND NECESSARY

The 451st enjoys one of the greatest bombardment records and reputations in the Air Forces.

We have been thrice cited, publicized in newspapers, magazines and on the radio; our photos have been singled out repeatedly for international reproduction in all types of publications. Yet we, collectively and individually, have no insignia, no sign to tell the cock-eyed world that we are the 451st.

We need such an insignia. We earned it the hard way. Let's get one. Something that will hit the eye pleasantly, quickly, convincingly. Something we can put on anything from jackets to jeeps. (Full details next week.)

BIBLICAL PROOF.

Lt. Harry Collins, transportation officer, will swear this is true.

It seems a brother officer called him from Foggia. Conversation ran along this line:

"I have been riding your trucks for months...Service getting worse. I think the transportation you offer is worse than that enjoyed by people 2000 years ago."

"Hey, you're confused in your history - only transportation a thousand years ago was on foot."

"If you read the Bible, Book of Numbers, Chap. 22, you'll find that Balaam rode into town on an ass. I haven't done that on your trucks in the past 3 months!"