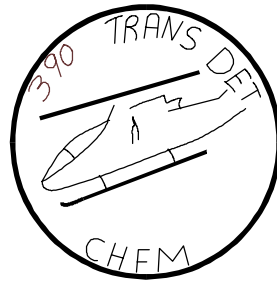


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WELCOME

The Red Ball welcomed Major Hugh R. Rhodes to the Traveling Circus. Major Rhodes was drafted from the 545th Trans Det in Pleiu Ku in response to the ads posted last week in the Red Ball. The 390th is highly pleased over having a Major as CO again.

ORDERLY HOUSE NEWS

We are growing short before the xxxxxxxx the key 390th's key personnel. If anyone at Battalion is listening, please send us some people!

Tips: If you wish to fly standby in the States you must have 6 copies of DD Form 1580 filled out before leaving the Unit.

If you have to sign out of Ft Lewis on leave, you can save yourself a day of leave by signing out after 2400 hrs,

— Sp/4 Koski

COMMENDATION

Our Man of the Week is S/Sgt Charles "Moon" Mullins, Maintenance Sergeant of the 390th Trans Det. His tireless devotion to duty has been a key part to the outstanding operation of the Traveling Circus. Moon is always on the job when there is night work to be done, when problems arise and when a party is in the offing. Moon will be leaving soon for Fort Rucker.

Its been our pleasure serving with Sergeant Moon and everyone in the 390th salutes him——JOSE

EDITORIAL

"Second Class Citizens"

The Red Ball realizes that maintenance isn't the only part of the operation of the 48th Avn Co. However, it seems at times that management doesn't even consider Maintenance as part of the Company at all except when it wants aircraft.

Examples of this neglect are evident when movies are held up for Flight crews but never for late working Maintenance crews and when shows are cancelled because enough Flight personnel won't be present. But the real winner is when the Maintenance people, who may have worked as late as 2400 hrs the previous night, go to chow in the morning and find there isn't any because there was an early flight and chow was served those who were up then. This is true consideration when the Flight personnel add up to such a majority(?) of the Company. I'm sure provisions could be made to serve two meals on such days with early flights. Even powered eggs cooked early and kept in Mormac containers is better than nothing. If the Maintenance people don't get any other consideration, at least they deserve their three meals a day — Editor

Goldwater for 68

HAPPINESS IS:

- A tent that doesn't leak in the Monsoon season.
- A Major for CO.
- Not going on a 45 min Test Flight with the GI's.
- Going to Ninh Hoa and coming back V.D. free..
- A sympathetic medic if you don't.
- Enough Tail Rotor Hubs.
- Working on a ship and finding a case of C Rations.
- Finding "Beans & Franks: still in the case.

MOTOR SHOP

The Motor Shop is looking for two Privates to OJT the glamorous world of gas Turbine Engines.

No previous experience is necessary Opportunity in this field is unlimited. Good pay plus excellent working conditions, fringe benefits, field trips, and excellent chow.

COMMENT

In the dawn's early light, our latrine is still holding out against no-flying pilots in low-flying A/C.

Persons must be able to tolerate a 14 year old growing boy and Willy. Interested persons contact Sp/4 Simpson.

P.S. be the first one on your block to tinker with \$47,000 worth of Government property.

CHANGE OF LOCATION

The Orderly House is now in the maintenance area for your convenience. It will also give Sp/4 Koski some exercise walking back and forth.

RELIGION A GO-GO

More personnel are wanted at Protestant and Catholic services. Same pad for both in the tent behind operations.

Protestant 1000 hrs

Catholic 1900 hrs

FINANCE

Payday is now 12 days away, only 67 shopping day to Christmas.

SUGGESTION

It has been brought to the attention of the Red Ball that the EM Mess Hall does not have any lights. With the Monsoon approaching and the sun going down earlier, we imagine it must be an inconvenience for late eating EM. We at the Red Ball feel that with the many things the 48th has been able to get for their people's comfort, lights could be gotten for the EM Mess Hall.

WEATHER

Again for the week-end, the Red Ball predicts Cloudy with Showers. We recommend keeping Ponchos handy, especially if your tent leaks.

ATTENTION

The newly installed Horizontal Ferris Wheel in the TI Tent is not a play toy. So unless you need to get a book from it, keep your cotton picking hands off.

"JOKERS RULE"

REPAIR WAGON

You get fast friendly service at the Traveling Circus Repair Wagon run by Sp/5 Ward. Ant time you have a machining problem call on Ward.

TECH SUPPLY

The shortest man in tech supply is Sp/4 Couch but it is expected he will follow his co-workers and extended also (Oh hell yes!).

Tech Supply would appreciate if the mechanics would pick up their 979's that are pilling up on the window counter.

Tech supply will always do their best to get the parts that are needed, and remember our motto:

If we don't have it

You don't need it

Sp/4 Ralph would appreciate if all turn-ins are clean and have the necessary paperwork signed by a TI.

UNIT SUPPLY

The Red Ball would like to say a word of appreciation to Moon-Pie Hoy for his outstanding job of getting supplies for the Red Ball as well as other supplies for the Traveling Circus.

SPORTS

It looks like Notre Dame let the Red Ball prediction down last week. This time we are going to predict that Joe Polooka will knock-out Brady.

Do we have any Marble shooters in the Company? It was suggested we have a Marble Match.

CHARACTERS TO LOOK FOR:

Slippery Dees, the most wanted criminal on our lists. Now wanted for completely quitting.

Michael Clark for jumping line in the NCO Mess hall.

Jessie James and his gang operating in the Ninh Hoa area.

Peter pan for stealing peanut butter (when's the last time you've seen some in the mess hall)

Anybody seeing those dangerous criminals contact FBI Agents JOSE and Looker at once and then see an eye doctor.

WANT ADS

Sp/4 Jeffery is still looking in need parts for 64-14096. Any donation will be appreciated.

Wanted: New building before the monsoon comes, contact TI Section

Wanted: Signed extension papers on Sp/6 Dees, contact JOSE

Wanted: A Beach Run, contact the Traveling Circus.

NOTICE

It is becoming very difficult to put out the Red Ball with the many interventions received by the Staff on press Day. Please, if you want to get a paper, stay out of the TI Tent, our temporary office, except for business.

FIELD DUTY

A few days ago a hearty group from the Traveling Circus went into the field with the Blue Star A/C to provide the "always there" support by the 390th.

The members of this adventurous group were:

Sp/6 Cate

Sp/4 Ashmoro

Sp/4 C & C

Sp/4 Miller

Sp/4 Simpson

Sp/4 Watson

Sp/4 West

Sp/4 Yetter

PFC Dwyer

PEOPLE LEAVING THIS WEEK

S/Sgt Mullins

Sp/5 Andy

Sp/5 Dokar

Sp/5 Davis

.FAREWELL ADDRESSES

Although it has cost me \$25. For this small section in the Red Ball, I would like to thank each individual in the 390th for their co-operation during the past couple of months. There have been some trying times XXXX rain, energy robbing heat, and my bitching has made your job twice as hard. No, rather you have done your job in a professional manner that has made my job one of the easiest I have ever had. You might never get a medal for the long hours you put in, but I know you feel proud of the accomplishments we have done. Keep up the good work. Oh Hell! I could talk all day long about the job that Maintenance does but you people know how I feel, I just wasted my \$25. 5 Days

—Moon Mullins

c/o Mrs. W.W. Bishop, 205 Elm St, Ludlow Kentucky.

I haven't much to say. Just like to say I've enjoyed being here but I'm going to enjoy home more — Sp/5 Andy