

THE RED BALL EXPRESS

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WELCOME

The Red Ball welcomes Major Hugh E. Rhodes to the Traveling Circus. Major Rhodes was drafted from the 545th Trans Det in Tokyo, Ku in response to the cis posted last week in the Red Ball. The 390th is likely pleased over having a Major as CO again.

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.

It's been our pleasure serving with Sergeant Moon and everyone in the 390th salutes him-----JOSE

Goldwater for 68

APTITUDE 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.

COMMENT

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

AREWELL ADDRESSES

Although it has cost me \$25. for this call section in the Red Ball, I would like to thank each individual in the 390th for their cooperation during the past months of trials. There have been some trying times, but your energy, robbing heart, and my itching has made your job twice as hard. Whether 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. Hell! I could talk all day 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

ORDERLY HOUSE NEWS

The Orderly House is growing short before the start of the 390th's key personnel. If anyone in the 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 time by signing out after 2400 hrs.----- Sp/4 Koski

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 the 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 humor 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. If sure provisions could be made to serve the meals on such days with early flights, even powdered eggs cooked early and kept in storage 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

MOTOR SHOP

The Motor Shop is looking for two privates to fill 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.

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 personal 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 days 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 other peoples comfort, lights could be gotten for the EM Mess hall.

WEATHER

Again for this week-end, the Red Ball predicates 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. Any 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 extend also (Oh hell yes!).

Tech Supply would appreciate if the mechanics would pick up their 979's that are piling 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 Palooka will knock-out Brady.

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

BE CAREFUL WHO YOU LOOK FOR:

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

Michael Clark for jumping low line in the NGO Mess Hall.

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

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

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

WANT ADS

Sp/4 Jeffery is still in need of 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 interruptions 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 Gate
Sp/4 Ashmore
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/3gt Mullins

Sp/5 Andy

Sp/5 Baker

Sp/5 Davis