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Letters To The Editor

When is the 722nd Enlisted Men's mess hall going to "get on the ball?" What we mean by this is, specifically: when is the 722nd E. M. mess going to equal that of the other Squadrons and Group? We understand that all of the other mess halls in this group have steam tables to keep the food hot while it is being served. The 722nd has only a cold counter made of tuffi and cement. We learned that the group mess hall has been serving ice cream about twice weekly, regularly. The 722nd mess has not had any ice cream since sometime last summer; or was it last spring? Why can't the 722nd cooks try to please the enlisted men occasionally? For instance: when the group mess hall has chicken, no one gets stuck with a neck or a couple of wings. These less meaty parts are saved back to be used in making chicken soup. If you get a wing or a neck in the soup, so much the better. Jello has been served several times.

The 721st squadron has even had hot biscuits for breakfast. The 720th and the 723rd squadrons have had whipped cream on cake for dessert. All mess halls draw the same rations, or are supposed to. Why can't the cooks make some slight effort to make the food more palatable and more appetizing? If all the other squadron cooks can do it, why can't those of the 722nd?

Signed: "Three who don't like the worst food in the group."

Capt. Thomas, 722nd Adjutant, claims that his mess hall feeds no better and no worse than any organization on the field. He suggested that men be shifted around from one squadron to another and report objectively on the relative merits of each mess. The suggestion was carried out with the following reports:

Group Hq: Quality-Excellent Quantity-sufficient, Service-excellent.

720th Sq: Quality-good, Quantity-sufficient, Service-fair

721st Sq: Quality-Good, Quantity-insufficient, Service-Good

722nd Sq: Quality-Poor, Quantity-sufficient, Service-poor

723rd Sq: Quality-good, Quantity-sufficient, Service-very good

Dear Editor,

In your last issue of the "Molto Buono," the editorial which boosted the new bond drive was very inspiring. This is all very well, but-I don't mind buying bonds for it is

just another form of savings, and helps the government out besides. What I do mind is the unfulfilled promise of a day off for all the men in the 720th Squadron.

Unfortunately, only part of the personnel received their reward for their fine showing in the last bond drive. The larger part of us had to work. I, for one, will not buy another bond, solely for that reason. It may seem petty to take this attitude but I am certain that others in the squadron feel the same. If an incentive is offered to a squadron in order to increase their bond purchase, it should be carried out to the limit.

Dupe'd 720th Die-hard.

Due to some difficulties arising from the fact that our planes were flown on the scheduled day off, it was impossible to relieve all ground men from their duties on the same day. However, arrangements have been made to see that every man in the 720th who has not had his well-earned holiday be given it immediately. Announcement will be posted on the bulletin board.

Capt. Quillin, Exc. Off.

Dear Editor:

It seems to me like things in the 450th Group are in a Rut. How come the officers in the 722nd Sq are getting all the liquor? I understand the Master Sergeants get a quart now and then, but what about the Sergeants who make up the largest number of men in the Air Corps? They like a little snort now and then, you know. What does it take to get a chance to buy a shot? Does everyone have to be a wheel? How about having more Indians and not so many chiefs?

Just Another Indian

"Liquor is shipped directly for officers, but they usually allocate several cases for enlisted personnel out of their own rations. While it is true that Master Sergeants have been sold some of those rations, in accordance with military procedure, this month's supply has been made available to the Day Room where "just another Indian" or any "Indian" can drink his share. The men around the bar in the 722nd Day Room gave every indication of having had as much and more than they could hold."

Capt. Thomas, 722nd Adj.

CHAPLAINS'
CHAT

The closing lines to John Magee's sonnet, "Sunward I've Climbed" are both beautiful and profound:

"With silent, lifted mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of
space,
Put out my hand and touched the
face of God"

When flying on happier days, all of us have had that experience. For suspended in space we have seen the world from a new perspective and felt stir within us a response to eternity. In a moment of time we became aware of an affinity between ourselves and the creative spirit of the universe. Even so have generations of sensitive men found a kinship with God when they sought Him midst places of transcendent beauty. But as Dr. Rufus Jones points out in his soul-searching book, "The Radiant Life," being aware of God "isn't done by flying or climbing, or going somewhere. It is done by opening the doors of your life to the Beyond that is within."

"Peak in Darien"

Although men must spend most of their days in the lowlands of life, everyone at some time or other has, like Cortez, "stood silent upon some peak in Darien" and seen stretched out before him the vastness of a world beautiful and enchanting. Mountain-top experiences represent the heights to which the souls of men aspire when they climb sunward to that space where the deep that is within them responds to the deep we know as God.

Words Inadequate

The greatest things in the world are not reached by argument. For argumentation is dependent upon words. And though rhetoric can be brilliant and scintillating, even the most accomplished in its use realizes its inadequacy. There are some emotions within us too deep to be described perfectly. The husband writes to his wife, "If only I could tell you in words how much I love you." The mystic tries vainly to share his religious experience with his friends, yet even as accomplished a writer as St. Francis or Thomas a Kempis falls short of perfection.

The Soul of Man

To sense the beyond that is within us is one thing, to describe it is another. John Magee felt that he could reach out and touch the face of God when he was "suspended in the high, untrespassed sanctity of space" not because he was at a high altitude, but because within his Being there was the consciousness that he could. As with him, so too, with all men? There is within them a great capacity to respond to the God-like stimuli that are at work in his world.

KEEPING UP WITH THE WORLD

As the war in Europe draws to a close it is imperative to remember that the German General Staff, on its own admission, has already begun preparations for World War III. To them, the present conflict is only a phase in the struggle of Germanic peoples for world domination. A phase that has ended unfortunately to be sure; but the result need not be catastrophic for the Herrenfolk.

Objective Analysis

For many months now, German political and military leaders have been analysing the reasons for the defeat being administered to them now. This analysis has been very objective and very critical, and has covered every aspect of the German war effort. Factors of morale, strategy, tactics, production, both within Germany and within the States that oppose her, have been and are being considered. On the basis of this comprehensive analysis, the German General Staff is to lay the groundwork for the new attempt in 1965 or 1970.

No More Hitlerism

The Crimea Conference provides us with an excellent basis for eliminating this danger. Yet between the stating of an intention and the thorough execution of it, lie many opportunities for evasion on the part of a clever and brutal violator. It is up to us, to those of us who have averted the danger of Hitlerism this time to insure that the millions of lives lost in the present effort, the many months of separation from our native land, and the awful spectacle of so much material destruction will not have to be done again by our children,

Danger of Isolation

When we return home the impulse will be toward complete disassociation from wars and rumors of wars. There lies the great danger. For while we clamor for the blessings of peace and the need for isolation, the enemy will continue his plans for eventual conquest. He counts on our moral isolation and knows that moral isolation leads to physical isolation. Our physical isolation is the first prerequisite to Germany's rise again as a great military power.

By: Lt. Thaddeus Cylkowski.

Wise is he who keeps open the doors to the Beyond that is within himself. The beyond is the soul of man. In those moments of purgation when he is made aware of his kinship with his creator doubts and uncertainties vanish, and for a little while he is at peace. A man can become aware of God only to the degree that he has cultivated the depths of his own soul. For to respond to God in the world about us we must keep the doors of our lives open to the Beyond that is within.