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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Education Subcommittee  
APO 394

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18 December 1945

SUBJECT : Promotion of Pfc. William P. Froom

TO : Commanding Officer,  
2675th Regiment,  
Allied Commission

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3. While with the Education Subcommittee he proved to be loyal, efficient, and intelligent. He has initiative and takes a genuine interest in his work.

4. His grade is definitely below that which would be appropriate for a man with his background, responsibility, capacity, and achievement.

5. The new T/O of the Education Subcommittee calls for one Sergeant. The Sergeant previously assigned (S/Sgt. Thos. Rizzuto) has returned to the United States.

6. It is therefore recommended that Pfc. Froom be promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

CARLETON W. WASHBURN  
Lt. Col., A.U.S.  
Director of Education.

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*Carlton W. Washburne*  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Education Subcommittee  
APO 394

ED/CWW/rg

3 October, 1945

TO : Pfc William P. Froom, 36089131,  
Hq. University Training Command  
Faculty Section  
APO #49 U.S. Army (Local).

Dear Bill:

On my return from Switzerland and Paris, I was very glad to get your letter of 18 September, and the interesting photographs. I was also glad to get some inside dope on the UTC.

I have submitted the enclosed recommendation for your promotion. Sorry I didn't do it earlier - I didn't know any promotions were being considered.

Since the UTC is not, apparently, in serious need of your services, and since we are, is there any possibility of your being lent back to us, provided we agree to let you return to UTC on five days notice. We've lost Corporal Woodward, and are about to lose Sgt Rizzuto, and are in desperate need of a good E.M. There are none available in G-1. Can you enquire there as to whether a loan of you to the Education Subcommittee is possible?

We miss you, Bill. Miss Rombo and the rest of the gang send you cordial greetings.

Good luck!

CARLETON W. WASHBURN  
Lt. Col. A.D.S.  
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HEADQUARTERS UNIVERSITY TRAINING COMMAND  
FACULTY SECTION, PRINCETON HALL  
APO 49

Florence, Italy  
18 September 1945

Lt. Col. Carleton W. Washburne  
Director, Education Subcommittee,  
Allied Commission  
APO #394 U. S. Army

Dear Col. Washburne:

I am unable to offer the excuse of too much work as the reason for my not having written you earlier, because to date I haven't taught a single class. It seems that when I arrived they had two journalism-English instructors on hand from the states, one was a civilian and the other a Sgt. That meant I was surplus for the remainder of the term; but today another term has begun and I am not teaching. It seems that, at the time they sent for me, they were in dire need of journalism teachers; and so they sent out SOS orders and collected on every count. I have asked twice now to be returned, but it seems as though Dean Wentworth Williams, Boston University man, is holding me as insurance against some 70-80 pointers who may be called to go home. He hasn't come out in the open with that statement, but that's about it.

By waiting I had hoped to give you some data on my duties as a teacher and also my impressions on the attitudes and perhaps the aptitudes of my students. Since I have none, that is out. However, I should like to say a few words about the University Study Center, as it is popularly called. We have a staff of "Big Three": the Commanding General or President, the Vice-president, and the Dean. Then there's a Secretary to the Faculty (Capt.) and an assistant, (1st Lt.) department heads, (Lt. or higher) and the individual instructors. There is no distinction in rank either in the classroom or at the faculty meetings. However, instructors of different ranks are not allowed to drink together. The Officer-Instructors are billeted at the Majestic Hotel, and the E. M. instructors live here on the campus in slightly better quarters than the students. In fact, our quarters are identical to the officer-students. I shall send you a copy of the USC Catalogue under separate cover.

Through my friend Frank Bauman, who inquired for me at the Nord Nuova Roma, I have learned that my name was not on the list of those promoted from Pfc to T/5 in Hqs. Co., 2675th Regt. I should like to ask if there's going to be another list of promotions and, if so, whether you could do anything to get it through for me. The reason I ask is two-fold: (1) With men going home every week or so there are more ratings vacated, and (2) I should like so much to go home with something beside an insignificant Pfc's rating to show for my efforts over here.



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Ratings here are being given out like water, but the faculty is one the small end. Then too, I am here on T. D. for 90 days, and so I don't have a chance. It seems that this Major Thompson, Adjutant here to whom you talked, has his favorite Replacement Depot Cadre whom he pushes. There are several men here who were Corporals as clerks three weeks ago, who, now, are Sgts. and Staff Sgts., doing the same job. They have a promotion list at least twice a week. Yet, to my knowledge there have been the names of only four ( of 80 E.M's.) instructors on the lists. It's a nitiful situation. It was a decided mistake to staff this university with "Repple Denplers" because there's some friction. The station compliment is billeted in tents while the students and instructors live in warm buildings. That is a situation which, I feel, could have been avoided.

The only attraction for me here is the photographic dark room and its abundance of photo supplies for printing and developing films. I have acquired some 300 feet of good Air Corp 35mm black and white film. I may include a few samples of my work, if I can find some good ones. For two weeks they had me writing stories for the Public Relations' Officer, and now I am more or less assigned to the position of third assistant supervisor of the weekly paper, "U. S. Collegian". I shall send you a copy with the catalogue.

While I am sweating out whatever task they intend giving me, I am enjoying my hobby; but I would prefer to be back with you in Rome. ( I had a better bed in Rome, but I didn't have a lovely outdoor swimming pool and tennis courts across the street from my billet ). I would appreciate hearing the latest information or prediction on when the Allied Commission is folding and whether those remaining at the end (with more than 45 points) will go home as a unit or as individual casuals. With everyone getting a rating, I would deeply appreciate anything you could do convince Col. P. that he has skinned one deserving man.

Give my regards to Miss Rombo and the rest of the staff. Tell them I miss my friends. You won't have to tell Capt. Vella for I am writing him a letter similar to yours, only not so much of a book.

Again my thanks for a most enjoyable six month's spent with the Education Subcommittee under your leadership.

Sincerely yours

*"Bill Froom"*

Pfc. William P. Froom, 36689131,  
Hq. University Training Command,  
Faculty Section  
APO #49 U.S. Army (Local)

US 334 5 civilian instructors  
here are paid \$590. per  
month!!



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Education Subcommittee  
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ED/1C/1.3/AC

3 August 1945

SUBJECT: Promotion of Private First Class William P.  
Froom, ASN 36689131.

TO : Commanding Officer,  
2675th Regiment, (Ovhd),  
Allied Commission.

1. I recommend Private First Class William P.  
Froom, ASN 36689131, for promotion to Technician 5th  
Grade.

2. Pfc Froom has been in grade since 15 January  
1945 and has been clerk and librarian in the Education  
Subcommittee since 15 February 1945.

3. He is a university graduate, a high school  
teacher of merit in civilian life.

4. In the Education Subcommittee Froom has shown  
initiative energy and capacity. He is faithful, loyal,  
competent and intelligent, and worthy of immediate  
promotion.

*Carleton W. Washburne*

CARLETON W. WASHBURNE  
Lt. Col., A.U.S.  
Director of Education.

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THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL  
AND JUNIOR COLLEGE

WILLIAM E. MCVEY, SUPERINTENDENT

HARVEY, ILLINOIS

August 30, 1944

Major C. W. Washburne, 0518332  
Co. D 2675th. Regiment  
Allied Control Commission  
APO 394, c/o PostMaster  
New York, New York

Dear Major Washburne:

A member of the faculty of the Thornton Township High School is in the Mediterranean theater of war and he is interested in an assignment which will enable him to assist in the type of work in which you are engaged. His name and address follow:

Private William P. Froom, 36689131  
Protestant Chaplain's Office  
APO #776 c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

Mr. Froom was a member of our English department and supervised the publication of our school paper. He received his Bachelor and Master's degrees from Northwestern University with a major in Journalism and minors in English and Sociology. He is thirty-one years of age. Mr. Froom is very proficient in the field of English and Journalism. We found him to be a capable instructor and a most conscientious worker. He is a cultured gentleman with a very pleasing personality. I am certain that he would be of valuable assistance to you if you have a position on your staff to which you may assign him.

With kindest, personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*William E. McVey*  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Education Subcommittee  
APO 394

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Tel. 489081-236

SUBJECT: Reassignment of Enlisted Men.

TO : G-1, American.

6 March 1945

1. You are hereby requested to reassign two Enlisted Men as follows:

2. Pvt 1 Cl Joseph A. Di Marco, 12156558, now assigned to Education Subcommittee, to be assigned to Education Division, Lombardia Region and attached T/D to Headquarters, Education Subcommittee subject to recall on 48 hours notice and/or assumption of duties of Education Officer for that region.

3. Private William P. Froom, 36689131, assigned to Piemonte Region and further attached to Education Division, Lazio-Umbria Region, to be assigned as of 15 March to Education Subcommittee, vice Pvt 1 Cl Joseph A. Di Marco.

CARLETON W. WASHBURN  
Major, A.U.S.  
Director of Education



Name William P. Froom Serial No. 3689131 Organization 2675th Regiment Co. D  
Born Feb. 27 1913 Place of birth Chicago, Illinois  
Permanent address 9 Western Avenue, Aurora, Illinois  
Name of wife Catherine H. Froom Her address 309 N. Main St., Monmouth, Ill.  
Ages of children \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Educational beyond secondary school (with dates):

Northwestern University 15 June 1935 B.S. in Journalism  
Northwestern Univ. Summer Sessions '37-'40 (and) M.S. Journal Aug. 1940

Educational experience (with dates):

Teacher English, Journalism, Monmouth (Ill.) High School 1936-40 (4 yrs)  
Teacher English, Journalism, Horton Prop. H. S., Harvey, Ill., 1940-'43 (3 yrs) Supervised School paper (weekly) both schools

Military record:

First commissioned \_\_\_\_\_

Present rank Private Date of present rank 9/23/43

Date assigned to Education Subcommittee 2/15/45

Assignments in Education Subcommittee (with dates):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Signed William P. Froom

Do not write in this column <sup>1</sup>	APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS WARRANT OFFICER			Do not write in this column <sup>2</sup>
ASN	1. Last name, First name, Middle initial <b>Froom, William P.</b>		2. Army Serial No. <b>36689131</b>	WOSN
ARM	3. Arm or Service <b>Infantry</b>	4. Warrant Officer classification and Number for Which Applying <b>Administrative-clerical, general</b>	5. Grade <b>WO (jg)</b>	ARM
CLASS				CLASS
GRADE				GRADE
EXAMINATION DATE	6. Date of examination (Examining board will complete this space)			APPOINTMENT DATE
COMPONENT	7. Been a member of the R.A. <input type="checkbox"/> N.G. <input type="checkbox"/> A.U.S. Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8. Marital Status Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widow (widower) <input type="checkbox"/>		COMPONENT
MARITAL STATUS				MARITAL STATUS
DEPENDENTS	9. Number of dependents <b>One</b>	11. Country or State of Birth <b>Illinois</b>		DEPENDENTS
BIRTH DATE	Parents (Country or State of Birth) Father <b>Illinois</b> Mother <b>Kentucky</b>			BIRTH DATE
BIRTHPLACE				BIRTHPLACE
RACE - CITIZENSHIP	12. Race <b>White</b>	13. Legal residence (City, County, State) <b>Flossmoor, Cook, Illinois</b>		RACE - CITIZENSHIP
RES. STATE - COUNTY	Citizen of U. S. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			RES. STATE - COUNTY
OCCUPATION <sup>1</sup>	14. Civilian occupations in order of candidate's efficiency and skill			OCCUPATION <sup>1</sup>
	Name of Firm <b>Board of Education, Thornton Twp. High, Harvey, Ill.</b>			
	Position held <b>High School Teacher of English, Journalism.</b>			
	Dates of employment From <b>9/1/40</b> To <b>6/15/43</b>			
	Type of business <b>Public High School.</b>			
	Nature of work <b>Teaching 5 classes daily, 4 English and 1 Journalism. Supervising the publishing of a 4-page commercially printed weekly newspaper. Directing school Camera Club.</b>			
	Total Time (Years, Months) <b>Also 4 years, Monmouth, Ill. 3 years. (Total teach. exper. 7 years)</b>			
OCCUPATION <sup>2</sup>	Name of Firm <b>General Electric X-Ray Corporation.</b>			OCCUPATION <sup>2</sup>
	Position held <b>Public Address System announcer, program arranger, and assistant to photographer.</b>			
	Dates of employment From <b>7/1/43</b> To <b>9/1/43</b>			
	Type of business <b>Manufacturer of Equip.</b>			
	Nature of work <b>To arrange and execute two 45 minute daily programs of records and late news over P.A. system to 2,000 employees. Help in Photographic Department one-half day for 6-day week.</b>			
	Total Time (Years, Months) <b>2 months.</b>			
1. This column for coding for IBM cards for the eligible lists.	W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 61 1 June 1944 This form supersedes W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 61 3 July 1943 and W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 70, 29 June 1942, which will not be used after receipt of this revision.			2. This column for coding by (for) machine records Branch. AGO.

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16. State last two military duties performed with dates: Chaplain's Asst. at 2nd Repl. Depot. Duties: office, clerical, typing reports, letters. Assisting in services, choir.  
(Now) Clerk typist, Adj. Gen. dept, 3rd Inf. Div. asst. in dist. of WD Publ.

Yes or No

If yes, State Name of Party

No.

Yes or No

No.

Hdqs. Co. 3rd Infantry Division APO 3

2602 Publications Depot, APO #790

Signature of Applicant

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*License (Mine Planter and Maritime)*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Education Subcommission  
APO 394

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Tel. 489081-269

SUBJECT: Assignment of Enlisted Man.

TO : G-1, American.  
(Att: Lt. THEODORE)

22 February 1945

In accordance with conversation this morning, it is requested that Private William P. Froom, ASN 36689131, be assigned to Piemonte Region, Education Division, further attaching him temporarily to Lazio-Umbria Region, Education Division.

For the Director of Education:

J. V. VELLA  
Captain  
Executive Officer

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