



EDITORIAL

Motivation

One of the chief requirements in a member of aircrew is strong motivation. This is necessary successfully to complete the difficult phases of training, whether it be for Air Gunner, Air Bomber, Navigator, or Pilot. The courses are difficult, long, tedious, but interesting to those who are motivated with the desire to be the best in their particular portion of aircrew. There is no place in the air force to-day for those with an indifferent knowledge of their subject.

Motivation is important in all military activities, but especially so in the air force. In a Bomber crew each member is not only responsible for his own life but for all those in his small group. The Pilot is responsible for the safety of his crew while flying. The Air Gunner is responsible for their safety in protecting them from attacking aircraft. The Navigator's responsibility is to take his aircraft to and from the target with the greatest accuracy. The Bomber is responsible that the dangerous flight has not been in vain. To complete their mission successfully, each member of the crew must be motivated with the idea that their mission will assist in the successful termination of the war, and consequently must be at their best.

It is noted that the majority of aircrew failures can be traced to faulty motivation. They lack the toughness of spirit which is built up by good motivation. It is true that the pilot who is unable to land his machine in the manner prescribed may be traced to the failure of the airman to see it through, come what may. It has been proven that the answer to the simple question "Why did you join aircrew?" will usually show the underlying reasons for the airman's failure successfully to complete his aircrew instruction.

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