

January 1940 as a Sgt. Recommended for a commission in 1941 17
he was turned down because he only had two years High School
education. As a result he studied at Brighton Tec in his spare
time and finally in 1942 was sent to O.T.C. in Canada. He
had difficulty getting back overseas because of his age but
finally returned in September 1944 and landed on the Continent
in February 1945. He served with 1st Corps Troops and then
later with CAOP. He applied for Interim Army but was rejected
again because of age.

This is a long outstanding record of service. Is it to be
wiped out entirely because of these unfortunate episodes?

What has been misapplied of public property? We bought
cigarettes until recently at the rate of 300 for one dollar.
At that rate the 24000 which he has told you about would cost
eighty dollars. Forty-eight thousand would cost double that.
Is that small amount something for which this man's outstanding
record should be wiped out-- for which he should lose his rank--
should have a stigma attached to his name--and should lose all
those rehabilitation benefits, the value of which for an officer
with his service is so very great?

Consider the nature of this offence, its common occurrence,
the fact that it has been ignored if not condoned as a general
rule by superior officers, the fact that there was no intention
to do anyone an injury or to deprive the men under his of any-
thing to which they were entitled---and taking all this into
consideration along with the effect of the punishment which
you decided to award, and having done that Gentlemen I trust
that you will be lenient with this officer.