

of promotion boards



Don't mumble or begin your reply with "Uh....," "I think," or "I believe." This indicates indecisiveness and could cost you points. Never say "I'm sorry" if you don't know the answer.

Mannerisms

Don't display mannerisms such as rolling your eyes, sighing, or making extreme hand gestures. Don't shuffle your feet or cross your legs. NEVER point your finger at a board member to em-

phasize your point or answer.

It is helpful and impressive to repeat the question as part of your answer. For example, "Sergeant, the five colors of the map are..."

When dismissed come to attention in front of the president.

Render a hand salute to the president, holding your salute until it is returned.

Remember, the board members are not out to discourage or frighten you. They understand that you're nervous and uncomfortable and will do their utmost to put you at ease. Don't forget that the enlisted members of the board were in your shoes when they were E-4s and E-5s. Relax. The butterflies in your stomach will disappear eventually. Before you know it, you'll be wishing the next in line, "Good Luck!"

E-8 board will select 4400 in September

Twenty-one thousand sergeant first class soldiers will compete for 4400 E8 stripes in September. Promotion consideration will be restricted to E7s with a primary zone date of rank (DOR) of October 31, 1978, or earlier and a secondary zone DOR between November 1, 1978 and March 31, 1980.

Army officials say E7s in the E8 zone of consideration should begin now to make sure information in their official military personnel files is up to date.

In addition soldiers may write a personal letter to the board to spotlight anything in their careers that may help their promotion chances.

Letters should be mailed by July 17 to

Commander, Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center, ATTN: PCRE-RB, E8 Board, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind 46429.

