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## SERVICE TRAINING PLUS OJT CAN AID YOUR APPRENTICESHIP

By Pvt Joe Taylor, AUS  
(AFPS Staff Writer)

On-the-job training for some K-Vets means returning to the trades they were studying before they entered service and which they followed while in.

Two veterans who are representative of this group are Bill Ostrander and Irwin Levy, both of New York City. They were apprentice electricians before the Korean War; they served in related fields while in service, and now they have returned to take up their apprenticeships where they left off.

The first step they took was to inform the union through which they worked that they were back in civilian life and ready to resume their training. Since they also were entitled to the benefits of the Korean GI-Bill, they also applied through the Veterans Administration to become part of the OJT program.

As the program applies to apprentice training, Ostrander and Levy are eligible for partial subsistence payments for three of their five years of apprenticeship. Payments begin at \$70 a

month and automatically decrease every four months just as salaries automatically increase every six months. The maximum total monthly income from both salary and subsistence which each may receive is \$310.

(Many apprentices reach this maximum figure before the end of their authorized subsistence period and drop the program with the idea of using it to take specialized courses later on.)

In addition to on-the-job training, Ostrander and Levy attended trade school two nights a week. The school is sponsored jointly by the union and the city board of education. Examinations must be passed before an apprentice moves into his next year of training.

In the future, OJT will mean more to veterans engaged in apprenticeships since most of them will be beginning their first year of training instead of resuming it in the middle. The aid of the VA and state employment agencies is an invaluable service to prospective trainees. Most men now being accepted are those who either are draft exempt or who have completed their service obligations.

TI&E CORNER

By M/Sgt Eleazer

Although the educational facilities of our battalion have always been very convenient, they are even more so now, since we have moved into our new quarters here in the NYK Building.

Now that we are so near the Tokyo Army Education Center we are confident that many of you will use the facilities so conveniently located and take advantage of the many opportunities to improve your formal education.

We want to remind you again that the University of California offers many subjects, taught by some of its best instructors, here in the Tokyo Army Education Center.

Now University courses will begin July 6 and 7 in English, Spanish, algebra, and trigonometry. These courses are all taught by excellent instructors and any of you who are qualified will profit by taking these University courses for college credit.

In addition to the university courses conducted by the University of California, many additional classes in high school, vocational, and college subjects conducted by personnel of the Tokyo Army Education Center will begin on July 6, at the Tokyo Center. Some of the subjects to be taught are English, Literature, Japanese, Russian, French, typing, American Government, algebra, history, radio, physical science, chemistry, plane geometry, short hand, auto mechanics and many others. For a complete list of the new subjects to be taught check your TI&E bulletin board or see your TI&E NCO.

Your Battalion Commander together with your other battalion and company officers are anxious that you avail yourselves of the opportunity to improve your education and urge you to enroll in one or more of the courses which will begin in a few days.

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SERVICE CLUB NEWS

By Miss Pat Landry

On June 26th, Army Service Club 11 at the 720th MP Battalion formally closed its doors. This club was opened on April 14, 1948 and many are the fine MP's who have spent pleasant hours here.

The pictures in our scrap book bring back many pleasant memories we have shared, so it is being sent down to your new Club for your enjoyment.

Unfortunately it is not possible for me to move with you, as I would like to do, but Capt Jaeger plans to continue to operate a service Club and to offer as many facilities as possible to the men. PFC Jack Rodon will be the new "hancho" and will be welcoming you to the new location.

I am being transferred to the Camp Drake Service Club and I hope that many of you will come out to see me. Being a part of the MP Battalion was for me a very happy experience and it is a memory I will always treasure. My best wishes to each and every one of you for the future!



## Chaplain's Corner

PRESCRIPTION FOR LIVING  
By Rabbi Abraham Nowak

### SHALOM MEANS PEACE

Shalom means peace. That is true. But it is something more than that. Shalom implies perfection---better yet, the process which leads to perfection. Shalom is dynamic, never static. If life may be pictured as a series of hills rising one above the other, then Shalom is the beacon light shining on the hill beyond. It is the hope of the morrow, the goal of the future.

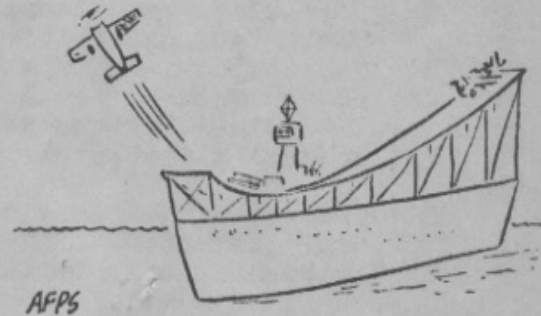
Striving to attain Shalom should be the objective of our life. But how shall we go about it? The Psalmist suggests a simple plan. In the morning when you awake, "pray and look up." The ability to look up is the characteristic mark of man. The best things in life are all above us. With deep understanding did the Psalmist say "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills." He lives only a poor life who cannot see the blue distances in life---the noble, the good, the ideal.

Here is a fact in psychology. The nature of our day depends, in large measure, on the direction given to it in its earliest hours. The first moment of the day is like a tuning fork. It strikes the keynote of the whole day. Just as flowers give forth their perfume in the morning hours, so our first thoughts, when we awake, give coloring to the day.

All who have written on the art of living know this and and so caution us not to rush hastily and heedlessly into the toil of our daily work. For the result is only a feverish mode of living

which wears out the heart and burns up the nerves. The wonder is not that we have so many neurotics but that we haven't many more.

There are countless remedies for tired hearts and shattered nerves but the best and most accessible of all remedies is fellowship with God. Fifteen minutes, even ten or five, of thoughtful tranquility in the presence of the Master of the Universe before taking up our daily tasks, will do more for us than all the tonics and medicines. No wiser thing, be sure of it, was ever said upon the art of living than the saying of the Shepherd Psalmist: "In the morning I will pray and look up." It leads to Shalom. --A. N.



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# June

(From The Vision of Sir Launfal.)

Oh, what is so rare as a day in June?  
Then, if ever, come perfect days:  
Then heaven tries the earth if it be in tune  
And over it softly her warm ear lays.  
Whether we look, or whether we listen,  
We hear life murmur, or see it glisten;  
Every clod feels a stir of might,  
An instinct within it that reaches and towers  
And, groping blindly above it for light,  
Climbs to a soul in grass and in flowers;  
The flush of life may well be seen  
Thrilling back over hills and valleys;  
The cowslip startles in meadows green,  
The buttercup catches the sun in its chalice,  
And there's never a leaf nor a blade too mean  
To be some happy creature's palace;  
The little bird sits at his door in the sun,  
Atilt like a blossom among the leaves,  
And lets his illumined being o'errun  
With the deluge of summer it receives;  
His mate feels the eggs beneath her wing,  
And the heart in her dumb breast flutters and sings;  
He sings to the wide world, and she to her nest,—  
In the nice ear of Nature, which song is the best?

Now is the high tide of the year,  
And whatever of life hath ebbed away  
Comes flooding back, with a ripply cheer,  
Into every bare inlet and crook and bay;  
Now the heart is so full that a drop overfills it,  
We are **happy** now because God wills it;  
No matter how barren ~~the~~ past may have been,  
'Tis enough for us now that the leaves are green;  
We sit in the warm shade and feel right well  
How the sap creeps up and the blossoms swell;  
We may shut our eyes, but we cannot help knowing  
That skies are clear and grass is growing;  
The breeze comes whispering in our ear,  
That dandelions are blooming near,  
That maize has sprouted, that streams are flowing,  
That the river is bluer than the sky,  
That the robbin is plastering his house hard by,  
And if the breeze kept the good news back,  
For other couriers we should not lack;  
We could guess it all by yon heifer's lowing,—  
And hark! how clear bold chanticleer  
Warmed with the new wine of the year,  
Tells all in his lusty crowing!

—James Russell Lowell.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF HEADQUARTERS CO.



This week has found us all in quite a bit of work, what with departing Camp Burness and getting relocated in the NYK building. Looks like it is going to be alright.

SFC Leo West, Hq. Co. was united with his wife Catherine and children Desmond, 3, and Sandra, 1, when they arrived in Japan, on 19 June aboard the Military transport General MM Patrick. We of the 720th Military Police Bn., welcome Mrs West and the children to Japan and hope their stay will be a pleasant and happy one.

We were honored by eight promotions recently, Floyd Higgenbotham, John Konrad, Leo Fisher and Donald Wallace made Corporal while Floyd Dehlin, Patrick Green Leroy Nelson and Lee Byrd made PFC. Congratulations boys and for the rest of you fellows, "see" it can be done.

We want to wish M/ Sgt Erickson the best of luck on his new assignment with "A" Co. and welcome SFC Brooks, Bn Mess Stewart to Hq. Co. Keep up the good work on the chow, Brooks, we know that (Continued on page 8)

By SFC Howes



This is your ace reporter; Pvt Ken Chambers bringing you another Rambling in Able which is for the troops, of the troops and by Ken Chambers.

When you get the news men just come around and let me know -- I am the ace reporter and the best that Able Company has, in fact the only one.

I am sure that a lot of men did a lot of work moving the company to the NYK Building and I am sure that they will all receive their reward for a job well done.

There has been several suggestions that the mess hall should have carrots more often on the menu -- boys, does it really help your vision that much?

By Pvt Chambers  
"Gums" as known by all has received a promotion to Corporal. Congratulations Cpl Staylor.

"Kool Magulo" (PFC C. E. Hall) will be more dap than ever -- now that he has a Corporal's loot to spend.

PFC means first class soldier and two men have proven themselves -- Pvt Angelaccio and Pvt Cozzi were recently promoted to PFC -- Congratulations boys.

We hear the kid from Yoko (Pvt H. L. Lewis) now has a tail gunner who waits for him to get off the track so he can shoot him down. Just remember that as long as you are straight no one can hurt you.

As we go to press the arrival (Continued on page 7)

# BROWZING IN BAKER CO.



By SFC Squibb

Well men this edition is being printed in our new location overlooking the Old Kaijo Hotel and the Palace Grounds. The Bn move took about 5 days and every thing except the motor pool is now located at the NYK Building. Some new men have arrived and we would like to welcome them at this time. SFC Sanderson came in from the 1st Cav. Div., SFC West from the ZI., Cpl Godfrey is back from emergency furlough. We also lost some men this week. Sgt Tucker, Cpl's Searcey and Reaves, all returned to "Ike's Island" and SFC Brooks has been transferred to Headquarters Company.

Cpl Bowers wife has arrived in Japan and we would like to take time to welcome her to Tokyo.

Cpl Kruger of the 1st platoon was chosen Baker Companys Soldier of the Month for June. This is the second time for Cpl Krueger, he was also chosen in May, PFC Gregg has been the Soldier of the Month representation for the 3rd platoon for the month of May and June. While the 2nd platoon has nominated Cpl's Tapley and Whaley.

The willing, cheerful manner in which the entire company responded to the situation requiring us to move was the high point of (Continued on page 8)

# GNATS FROM CHARLIE CO.



By Sgt Mundy

This week finds your reporter back in Camp Zama after three weeks in the MP School as an instructor. It's good to be back again.

The inspection that was held on the 25th of this month by the Post Commander was very good. We want to say "thanks" to all of the men for doing their part.

It looks as if the time is getting short for Sgt Cox. He is to leave for "Ike's Island" in mid July, after he takes a few days leave here in Japan. All of us will miss Sgt Cox and we hope to see him again Sometime, maybe down in the hills of Tennessee.

We still need a few more members in the MPA, and this payday why not join? That is the best way to keep up with what is going on in the Military Police Corps.

I have noticed that there are a lot of men that are making good use of the swimming pool since it opened. That is just one of the many places to go in your off duty time and have a good time. That is it for this week. It seems that the news in Camp Zama is never very much. We have almost 60 days now without an accident, let's see if we can get 100 or even 200.



# DOG-DAZE



By Cpl Jones

Hi gang, this rendition of your news is coming to you from our new home located down in the swank section of down town Tokyo, where the buildings are a mile high. We are getting up in this world, aren't we? I am sure that after we get settled we are going to find our new home is as fine a place to live in as good old Camp Burness.

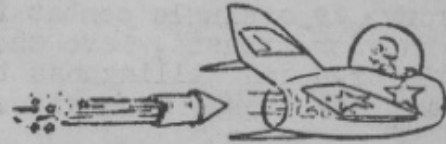
Our congratulations to the members of this company for the splendid job they did in moving the company. There was a very vivid display of fine leadership, planning, and cooperation displayed in the entire process. The entire company was moved and set up in a very short time. Very fine work fellows, done in typical Dog Company fashion.

The Company lost two of its most able NCO's in the persons of Sgt's Mardon and Payne. They departed for Camp Drake on the 29th of last month, the first leg of their journey to "Ike's Island". To them we extend a hearty "Bon Voyage".

I am sure that PFC Shaw, who has had a rather extended stay

in the hospital would appreciate some of you fellows dropping in to see him every once in a while. Come on fellows let's get down to the Tokyo Army Hospital and help Shaw get back to the pound.

Dog Company is still behind in the number of men it has as members of the MPA, but by the next time this paper goes to press I expect us to be on our way to the top where we belong. We are still looking for softball players for the Company. We are in dire need of pitchers so all of you potential Herb Dudleys, let's get out there and pull Old Dog Company out in the front.



## CASUALTY REPORTING

(A Co - Cont'd from page )  
of a certain person will make SGT Gregory, our Supply Sergeant, a mighty happy man. In behalf of the company and myself we wish to welcome Mrs. Gregory and here's hoping her stay in Japan will be an enjoyable one.

At our new location it can not be stressed enough, the need of safety precautions. Sitting on window sills and any type of horse-play cannot be tolerated. Use your heads men, remember, SAFETY FIRST.

The word casualty is not a pleasant one, yet casualties are to be expected when men risk their lives in combat. To those men and their families the Army and you have a great responsibility. When a man becomes a casualty the Army notifies the next of kin, but this casualty report is based upon the eye-witness account of the soldier who was on the scene when the man was hit. Inaccuracy can cause irreparable harm to a man's family and to the Army. Therefore, casualty reporting must be accurate and accuracy is dependent upon how well you know the men in your outfit.





**FIREFIGHTERS OF THE FREE WORLD**  
 Thirty-six months ago the United Nations went into Korea hoping and determined to prevent World War III. We continued to seek that objective on two fronts; on the MLR, where we used our military power to stop Communist aggression, and on the diplomatic front, we use just and reasonable efforts to find peaceful solutions to the problem. Both the soldier and the diplomat are fighting for the same goal--to keep the Red blaze of aggression from spreading to other areas. Korea has proven that free men of free nations can serve as a single combat force, and when aroused, have the determination and willingness to resist unprovoked aggression.

#### SLAVE LABOR STUDY

Witnesses in the UN International Labor Organization investigation of slave labor estimated up to 100,000 forced laborers in Eastern Europe and 15 million inside the Soviet Union.

(HQ Co - Cont'd from page 5)  
 you are working under very difficult conditions. We hear that Mr Myra is progressing very favorably after the emergency operation the other day. Noticed that SFC Walwick looks rested after his stay in the hospital. Last but not least we wish Pvt Stansoll the best of luck in his new job with the Commo. Section.

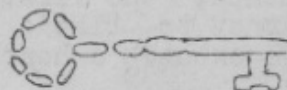
(B Co - Cont'd from page 6)  
 the whole operation. everyone pitched in and made the chore seem easy and got the job done quickly.

Welcome to all the MP School graduates. The duty roster will now be a little longer and those unpleasant duties will come a little less often.

Now that we have moved from the banks of the Sumida a new name for our Unit paper should be in order. Have you a name that might be appropriate?

Several new enrollments in Army Extension Courses have been approved. The excellent's & superior's received by those already enrolled show plenty of study. These courses are open to all. They will increase your military efficiency and further your Army career. The USAFI Courses are available to all. These courses will aid your civilian career. Sign up now, Don't put it off.

An after thought ----- How will Dog Company keep in shape now that they have elevators to get up and down stairs.



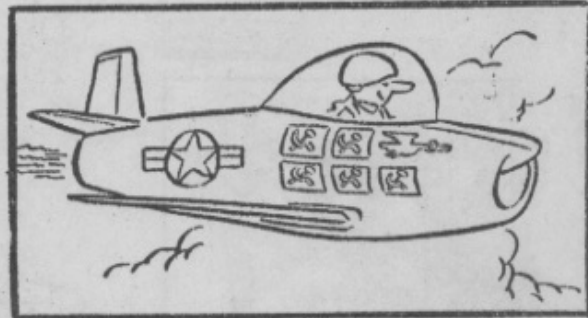
#### RICE---KEY TO ASIA

For the past seven years France and the people of Indochina have been fighting a hot and bloody war against Communism. In this struggle, more than 90,000 Frenchmen and 30,000 Vietnamese have been killed, wounded or reported as missing. At stake in this war are the lives of 67-million people of Southeast Asia, whose existence depends upon the rice of Indochina. Rice means power and Red control of the Rice Bowl would be the key to a continent that would seriously weaken the security of the free world.

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