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On a speed run

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The Shinkansen, Japan Railway's high speed train, will begin service to Hakata Monday. Previously, the line ended in Okayama. This week's cover photo was taken by LCpl. Jeff Siegfried.

VP-46 records safety mark

The "Grey Knights" of Patrol Squadron 46 have recently passed the 11 year mark in consecutive years of accident free flying. The occasion was celebrated at NAS Moffett Field, Calif. Immediately prior to the squadron leaving for Iwakuni.

The impressive safety record compiled by the Knights spanned eight deployments to various Pacific bases, and saw the squadron flying in some of the most challenging flight environments in the world.

The squadron has also been awarded the COMNAVAIRPAC Annual Aviation Safety Award for the last five consecutive years. The award recognizes sound maintenance practices, effective training procedures, and a high degree of air discipline.

Leading the "Grey Knights" Safety Department is LCdr Ron Belanger. His department has been spearheading a drive to make all hands more safety conscious, both in flight and on the ground.



GYSGT RAYMOND H. COLLINS, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LOCAL BOY SCOUT TROOP, ACCEPTS A \$64 CHECK FROM MRS. CAROL MORSE, PRESIDENT OF THE STAFF WIVES CLUB, FEB 26. THE MONEY WAS RAISED BY THE STAFF WIVES FOR A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE BOY SCOUT'S FAR EAST COUNCIL HEADQUARTERED AT YOKOTA. DUE TO POSSIBLE CUTBACKS IN GOVERNMENT FUNDS, BOY SCOUT PARENTS THROUGHOUT JAPAN HAVE HAD TO RAISE MONEY TO SUPPORT THE COUNCIL.



LTCOL. WILLIAM M. PETTIGREW, AIR STATION OPERATIONS OFFICER, AND HERBERT H. VENABLE, SENIOR ADVISOR FOR THE FAR EAST DIVISION OF THE BOEING-VERTEL COMPANY, LOOK OVER CITATIONS WHICH WERE PRESENTED LAST FRIDAY TO 1STLT. DALE D. JACOBY, 1STLT. JESSE SKINNER, SGT. JAMES J. CLARKE AND SGT. LOUIS J. MALLION (LEFT TO RIGHT) A CREW OF THE AIR STATION'S SEARCH AND RESCUE HELICOPTER. THE CREW RECEIVED THE CITATIONS FOR RESCUING THE TWO-MAN CREW OF A VMFA-115 PHANTOM THAT CRASHED INTO THE INLAND SEA LAST OCTOBER.

FEN switches to network radio news

The Far East Network has announced that a test program of providing U. S. national and international news direct from Washington, D. C., will begin tomorrow. The test is expected to continue for 60 days.

During testing, all hourly radio newscasts, now originating within the Far East Network, will be replaced by U.S. newscasts fed to Japan from American Forces Radio and Television Service in Washington, D. C.

Listeners are being encouraged by FEN officials to write their com-

ments to the Far East Network, APO 96328, or the U. S. Forces Japan Press Liaison Office, APO 96503.

Far East Network officials said that the majority of newscasts will originate with the major U. S. radio networks, CBS, NBC, ABC and MBS.

Following the 60-day trial, AFRTS officials will evaluate the test. "Of particular importance to us," said Air Force Maj. James R. Lapp, Far East Network commander "will be the technical quality of the circuit, plus the reaction of our American audiences here in Japan to the change from locally originated newscasts to use of those from the United States."

Admiral pays visit to newest arrivals

Iwakuni's newest unit, Patrol Squadron (VP)-46, received a visit from Rear Admiral Wycliff Toole, the commander of Seventh Fleet Patrol Reconnaissance Forces, Feb. 18.

Toole welcomed the Grey Knights back to Japan and also spoke on various aspects of the unit's mission here, anti-submarine warfare.

During his visit, the Admiral presided at a promotion ceremony for two new petty officers, Hospital Corpsman Second Class Phil Owens and Mess Man Technician Second Class Leo Gonzales.

Tax help offered

In an effort to help Iwakuni residents accurately compute their federal tax returns, SSgt. H. L. Rankin of the Joint Law Center has extended his office hours.

Rankin's door will be open during lunchtime and until 6 p.m. and he will assist those with tax related problems of whatever nature. This service will end April 15. His extended hours will only be for the benefit of those with tax problems.

For further information contact Rankin at ext. 4409 or 3830 or at the Joint Law Center wingside.

'SeaBees' mark 33d year

SeaBees here from Naval Construction Battalion-40 and the Military Construction Teams attached to the Public Works Department will celebrate their 33d anniversary with a SeaBee Ball tonight at the Staff NCO Club. The highlight of the Ball will be the crowning of the SeaBee Queen, Mrs. Rosalind Norman, at 8:30 p.m.

Formed during war to build bridges, shelters and bases, the SeaBee mission is the same in peace. The unit was born March 5, 1942, when the Navy saw the need to recruit well trained, skilled construction men.

These men, trained to fight as well as to build, were formed into the Naval Construction Battalions. Long before the war was over the SeaBees' almost legendary construc-

tion achievements had won them a towering reputation among the American Armed Forces.

The "Can Do" tradition of the SeaBees was born at Guadalcanal where SeaBee and Marines fought side by side. During World War II the most versatile "weapon" of the SeaBees was developed, the pontoon.

After the war the SeaBees remained a permanent part of the Navy and were reorganized into mobile construction battalions. These mobile construction battalions were ready to meet the needs of "cold war" encounters.

Today's SeaBees are opening new frontiers in almost every corner of the globe; the Indian Ocean, the Caribbean, Trust Territories in the Pacific Islands, Asia, Europe, and on the ocean too.



SEABEES FROM NMCB-40 INSTALL WIRING AT THE PP&K BUILDING.

Where did Lent go?

By Chaplain B.T. Gallagher

Not too long ago calendars prepared for Catholics had every Friday marked with a fish. There were also countless semi-secret codes for fast and abstinence on ember days and the days of Lent. Dispensations from the penitential observances were discussed and sought. Then the breezes of change struck the old church and specific fasting regulations disappeared. Lent went or did it?

Lent, the annual time of renewal marked by the discipline of self-denial, went nowhere; it was made more personal. The age of self-control, self-discipline by means of personally determined penance began. Individually we must confront the human tendency to self-indulgence and try to make the words of St. Paul, "I chastise myself and bring the appetites and drives of my body under control of my mind," a way of life. We must try for that fully human balance where the needs of body and spirit are met in our lives. We strive to become something more than just another fat cat in the jungle.

Lent went no way. Staying in shape physically and spiritually is in for every man.



A PUBLIC WORKS SEABEE RIVETING.

New FEN program

Maj. Norman W. Gourley, 1stMAW CG, will be the guest on "Man to Man" to be rebroadcast Sunday at 5:30 p.m. on FEN-TV.

The interview program, produced by the Public Affairs Office here, will feature commanding officers from the 1stMAW and the Air Station. The series host is Sgt. Lee A. Buchschacher.



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Southbound (Tokyo-Hakata)

Train	Dpt. Tokyo	Dpt. Nagoya	Dpt. Kyoto	Dpt. S.Osaka	Dpt. Okayama	Dpt. Hiroshima	Dpt. S.Iwakuni	Dpt. Tokuyama	Dpt. Ogori	Dpt. S.Shimonoseki	Dpt. Kokura	Arr. Hakata
Kodama 443						0634	0653	0713	0733	0756	0807	0841
Kodama 431					0617	0729	0748	0808	0828	0851	0902	0936
Hikari 51				0602	0702	0800		0833		0911	0922	0956
Kodama 391				0606	0727	0839	0858	0918	0938	1001	1012	1046
Hikari 53				0702	0802	0900		0933		1011	1022	1056
Kodama 393				0649	0812	0924	0943	1003	1023	1046	1057	1131
Hikari 41		0703	0753	0812	0912	1010					1122	1156
Kodama 195				0741	0859	1014	1033	1053	1113	1136	1147	1221
Hikari 21	0600	0803	0853	0912	1012	1110			1158		1227	1301
Kodama 399				0836	0954	1114	1133	1153	1213	1237	1249	1325
Hikari 101	0612	0815	0905	0924	1035	1146	1205	1224	1244	1307	1317	1351
Hikari 1	0700	0903	0953	1012	1112	1210					1322	1356
Hikari 121	0648	0851	0941	1000	1100	1219	1238	1258	1318	1342	1354	1430
Hikari 3	0800	1003	1053	1112	1212	1310					1422	1456
Hikari 105	0736	0939	1029	1048	1159	1316	1335	1355	1415	1438	1449	1525
Hikari 23	0900	1103	1153	1212	1312	1410			1458		1527	1601
Hikari 107	0848	1051	1141	1200	1317	1429	1448	1508	1528	1551	1602	1636
Hikari 5	1000	1203	1253	1312	1412	1510					1622	1656
Hikari 109	0948	1151	1241	1300	1417	1529	1548	1608	1628	1651	1702	1736
Hikari 7	1100	1303	1353	1412	1512	1610					1722	1756
Hikari 111	1048	1251	1341	1400	1517	1629	1648	1708	1728	1751	1802	1836
Hikari 9	1200	1403	1453	1512	1612	1710					1822	1856
Hikari 113	1148	1351	1441	1500	1617	1729	1748	1808	1828	1851	1902	1936
Hikari 11	1300	1503	1553	1612	1712	1810					1922	1956
Hikari 115	1248	1451	1541	1600	1717	1829	1848	1908	1928	1951	2002	2036
Hikari 25	1400	1603	1653	1712	1812	1910			1958		2027	2101
Hikari 123	1348	1551	1641	1700	1800	1919	1938	1958	2018	2042	2054	2130
Hikari 13	1500	1703	1753	1812	1912	2010					2122	2156
Hikari 117	1448	1651	1741	1800	1917	2029	2048	2108	2128	2151	2202	2236
Hikari 27	1600	1803	1853	1912	2012	2110			2158		2227	2301
Hikari 119	1548	1751	1841	1900	2017	2129	2148	2208	2228	2251	2302	2336
Hikari 15	1700	1903	1953	2012	2112	2210					2322	2356

When and where for the bullet

Northbound (Hakata-Tokyo)

Train	Dpt. Hakata	Dpt. Kokura	Dpt. S.Shimonoseki	Dpt. Ogori	Dpt. Tokuyama	Dpt. S.Iwakuni	Dpt. Hiroshima	Dpt. Okayama	Dpt. S.Osaka	Dpt. Kyoto	Dpt. Nagoya	Arr. Tokyo
Hikari 100	0606	0639	0651	0714	0740	0800	0819	0931	1044	1103	1153	1356
Hikari 20	0619	0652		0721			0810	0907	1008	1027	1117	1320
Hikari 104	0644	0717	0729	0752	0812	0832	0851	1003	1120	1139	1229	1432
Hikari 4	0724	0757					0910	1007	1108	1127	1217	1420
Hikari 106	0744	0817	0829	0852	0912	0932	0951	1103	1220	1239	1329	1532
Hikari 6	0824	0857					1010	1107	1208	1227	1317	1520
Hikari 108	0844	0917	0929	0952	1012	1032	1051	1203	1320	1339	1429	1632
Hikari 8	0924	0957					1110	1207	1308	1327	1417	1620
Hikari 110	0944	1017	1029	1052	1112	1132	1151	1303	1420	1439	1529	1732
Hikari 22	1019	1052		1121			1210	1307	1408	1427	1517	1720
Hikari 120	1054	1127	1139	1202	1222	1242	1301	1419	1520	1539	1629	1832
Hikari 10	1124	1157					1310	1407	1508	1527	1617	1820
Hikari 112	1144	1217	1229	1252	1312	1332	1351	1503	1620	1639	1729	1932
Hikari 12	1224	1257					1410	1507	1608	1627	1717	1920
Hikari 114	1244	1317	1329	1352	1412	1432	1451	1603	1720	1739	1829	2032
Hikari 24	1319	1352		1421			1510	1607	1708	1727	1817	2020
Hikari 116	1344	1417	1429	1452	1512	1532	1551	1703	1820	1839	1929	2132
Hikari 14	1424	1457					1610	1707	1808	1827	1917	2120
Hikari 122	1454	1527	1539	1602	1622	1642	1701	1819	1920	1939	2029	2232
Hikari 26	1519	1552		1621			1710	1807	1908	1927	2017	2220
Kodama 394	1536	1609	1621	1644	1704	1724	1743	1855	2016			
Hikari 118	1554	1627	1639	1702	1722	1742	1801	1921	2032	2051	2141	2344
Hikari 16	1624	1657					1810	1907	2008	2027	2117	2320
Kodama 396	1636	1709	1721	1744	1804	1824	1843	1955	2116			
Hikari 40	1724	1757					1910	2007	2108	2127	2227	
Kodama 400	1736	1809	1821	1844	1904	1924	1943	2055	2213			
Hikari 50	1824	1857	1909		1946		2020	2117	2218			
Kodama 402	1849	1922	1934	1957	2017	2037	2056	2211	2334			
Hikari 52	1924	1957	2009		2046		2120	2217	2318			
Kodama 430	2020	2053	2105	2128	2148	2208	2227	2339				
Kodama 442	2130	2203	2215	2238	2258	2318	2337					

Super train: faster than a speeding 'bullet'

Iwakuni travelers will have a new opportunity for speedy surface travel both northeast and southwest of the Air Station beginning Monday when the Bullet Train (Shinkansen) opens its new line.

The line is nicknamed the "Tunnel Shinkansen" because more than 50 per cent of the track from Okayama to Hakata (Fukuoka) runs through tunnels.

The Shin (new) Iwakuni Station for the Bullet Train is located about 30 minutes drive from the Air Station, off Highway 2 in back of Iwakuni Castle. However not all trains stop at Shin Iwakuni, faster trains with fewer stops should be boarded at Hiroshima.

A complex of computers at the central traffic center in Tokyo regulates the movements of all trains running on the Shinkansen Line. It is the fastest scheduled commercial train in the world and has never had a passenger casualty in its 10-year history. The average speed is 105 mph with a top speed of 130 mph.

There are two types of Bullet trains, Hikari and Kodama. The Hikari train has a buffet car which serves western style food as well as bentos (box lunches) at a stand up



PULLING INTO THE IWAKUNI STATION ON A PRACTICE RUN FROM THE NORTH, THE HIGH SPEED SHINKANSEN IS AN IMPRESSIVE SIGHT

counter. Also located in the buffet car is a speedometer in kilometers per hour and a pay phone where calls can be placed just as if passengers were at a stationary phone. The dining car also has western food and has tables for two or four people. Kodama trains, the locals of the Shinkansen, have train stores that sell box lunches only.

Both the Hikari and the Kodama trains have 16 cars, including engines. Also, each train features reserved and unreserved passenger seating. The difference between reserved

and unreserved seating is 100 yen. Seating in second class is five across, while first class (Green Car) seating is four across with reclining backs.

To aid Americans in boarding the Bullet, signs are posted in English at each station to indicate where the train will stop next. Weekend train travelers can leave Shin Iwakuni at 4:42 p.m. and arrive in Kyoto at 7:39 p.m. or Tokyo at 10:32 p.m. However a 5:10 p.m. train departs from Hiroshima and arrives in Kyoto at 7:27 p.m. and Tokyo at 10:20 p.m. The trip to Hakata (Fukuoka) to renew passports and visas or do a little sightseeing takes one hour and 48 minutes and costs 2,480 yen for an unreserved seat. Trains depart approximately once hourly in the morning, afternoon and evening. The Bullet Train does not run between midnight and 6 a.m.

Fares from Iwakuni to:

Dest.	1st Class	2d Class
Hakata	4,080 ¥	2,580 ¥
Kokura	2,870 ¥	1,870 ¥
S. Shimonoseki	2,870 ¥	1,870 ¥
Ogori	1,990 ¥	1,490 ¥
Tokuyama	1,250 ¥	750 ¥
Hiroshima	1,220 ¥	720 ¥
Okayama	3,880 ¥	2,390 ¥
S. Osaka	4,990 ¥	3,490 ¥
Kyoto	6,100 ¥	4,100 ¥
Nagoya	7,110 ¥	5,110 ¥
Tokyo	11,310 ¥	7,310 ¥

For unreserved seats deduct 100 ¥



THE SHIN (NEW) IWAKUNI, TERMINAL FOR THE BULLET TRAIN, WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS MONDAY.