



ARRIVING IN LONDON, Duke and Duchess of Windsor are center of speculation on possibility Queen Elizabeth II may receive the former Wallis Warfield, for whom Duke relinquished the throne of England. (International)

Man Blind for 48 Years Sees Wife for First Time

Chicago — (U.P.) — Ernest Ek wept when he told how the miracle of modern surgery reclaimed him from a life of semi-darkness and let him see his wife's face clearly for the first time.

Ek, 50, Wauwatosa, Wis., had been semiblind since the age of 2.

He told his story at a news conference at Weley Memorial hospital, where last June a delicate corneal transplant opera-

tion restored full sight to his one remaining eye.

Before the operation, he could perceive only light and dim shadows. He could count his fingers only if he held his hand six inches from his eye.

For most of his life the cornea

of his right eye had been scarred, inflamed and painful, his medical history showed. At the age of 6, his left eye was removed.

As an adult he worked at the workshop for the blind in Milwaukee for a time. Nine years ago he got a job at a shoe factory. The company trained him to run a hydraulic last-pulling machine.

said. "It's a lot easier now that I can see."

A prematurely white-haired grandfather, Ek now is learning to write. His wife, Hildgard, to whom he has been married 29 years, is teaching him. "Most things are beautiful," he said. "My wife's face. I had never really seen it. And she has helped me through the years, never letting me feel I was a burden."



Fighting Men Declared Better Off Than Civilians

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Uncle Sam's fighting men with their good salaries and fancy fringe benefits, are better off than Uncle Sam's civilians, according to what you hear on the Army radio or read in the Army paper here.

Those who join up and stay in, can count on good pay, bonuses, promotions, exciting work, housing, medical benefits—plus a lot of other nice things—and job security not to be found elsewhere, the Army says.

Furthermore, a promise made by the Army is kept and this can not always be said about offers and promises made by private industry. At least that is what the troops here are told.

A series of four articles on why it is advantageous to be a member of the armed forces rather than a civilian has just been published in Pacific Stars and Stripes.

Attention is called to an enlisted man serving with an anti-aircraft in Japan. He was a radar repairman and had toyed with the idea of getting out and taking a job in private industry.

Big Re-enlistment Bonus
A bit of investigating, however, showed him what he could get by staying in the service.

With five years of service behind him, he would be eligible for a six-year enlistment bonus of \$1,000.00. He also could be assigned to the metropolitan area of his choice.

He also could get more education at a special school and be in line for further promotions and pay increases.

The American serviceman gets all this because of the military career incentive program drawn up by the Department of Defense to match military opportunities with opportunities on the "outside."

Its features provide for a re-enlistment bonus, a firm system of rank and pay, medical care and financial assistance, for dependents and survivors, plus other benefits.

The serviceman is fed, housed

and clothed. He can buy at below commercial prices at the post exchange and commissary. There is guaranteed retirement pay.

Survey Results
Stars and Stripes called attention to a survey made earlier this year by the U.S. Air Force which covered ex-servicemen who left the military to take what they expected would be high-paying civilian jobs. Most planned to cash in on the skills they had learned in the service.

The poll revealed that only 20 per cent of 3,000 ex-airmen got jobs based on what they had learned in the service. And for these, the average beginning wage was \$60 a week and the average current wage was \$73 a week. Stars and Stripes said this was "less than Air Force salaries and benefits for the same skills."

More benefits are being added all the time. Pay boosts ranging from six to 25 per cent came through for the regulars in 1955. Survivor benefits are up. Effective next Jan. 1, all active duty personnel become eligible for Social Security benefits, too.

It's not just the enlisted man who enjoys all this superior life in the services. The officers have it good, too, and that includes extra pay—as much as \$100 per month—for some doctors and dentists.

Ohio Community Shows All Shakespeare Plays

Yellow Springs, O. — (U.P.) — This community of 3,000 reached a goal with the opening of the production of "Hamlet" by the Antioch Shakespeare Festival.

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