

All those with 85 were scheduled to go home - in fact a month ago were held back to be sent home. This group is increasing daily - by the thousands back in Philippines & Okinawa, and I suppose many other places. No ships are available - (They say).

Today the point system has been reduced to 80 and by Oct 1st to 70. They say this applies to Officers & Enlisted men. Up to the present the Field Officers (Lt Col rank) had to have 100 - (I only had 85) Companies Grade (Capt & Lt) had to have 85 - In spite of all these reductions we are being ordered elsewhere. I really have been playing the merry-go-round. I landed in Okinawa Aug 22 went thru three three organizations there - land in Manila Sept 13 - and so far have passed thru three organizations here. This is not the end. I was told yesterday I was going back to Okinawa - All this while there are about 50 young priests waiting in a Replacement pool in Manila for over 3 weeks.

My whole purpose is this. We need an army! But we surely don't need one that calls for compulsory service. If anyone feels he can stand it well let him. Let's not make our land a militaristic affair - war is hell but better a war than a life with militaristic government - I am opposed to compulsory military training.