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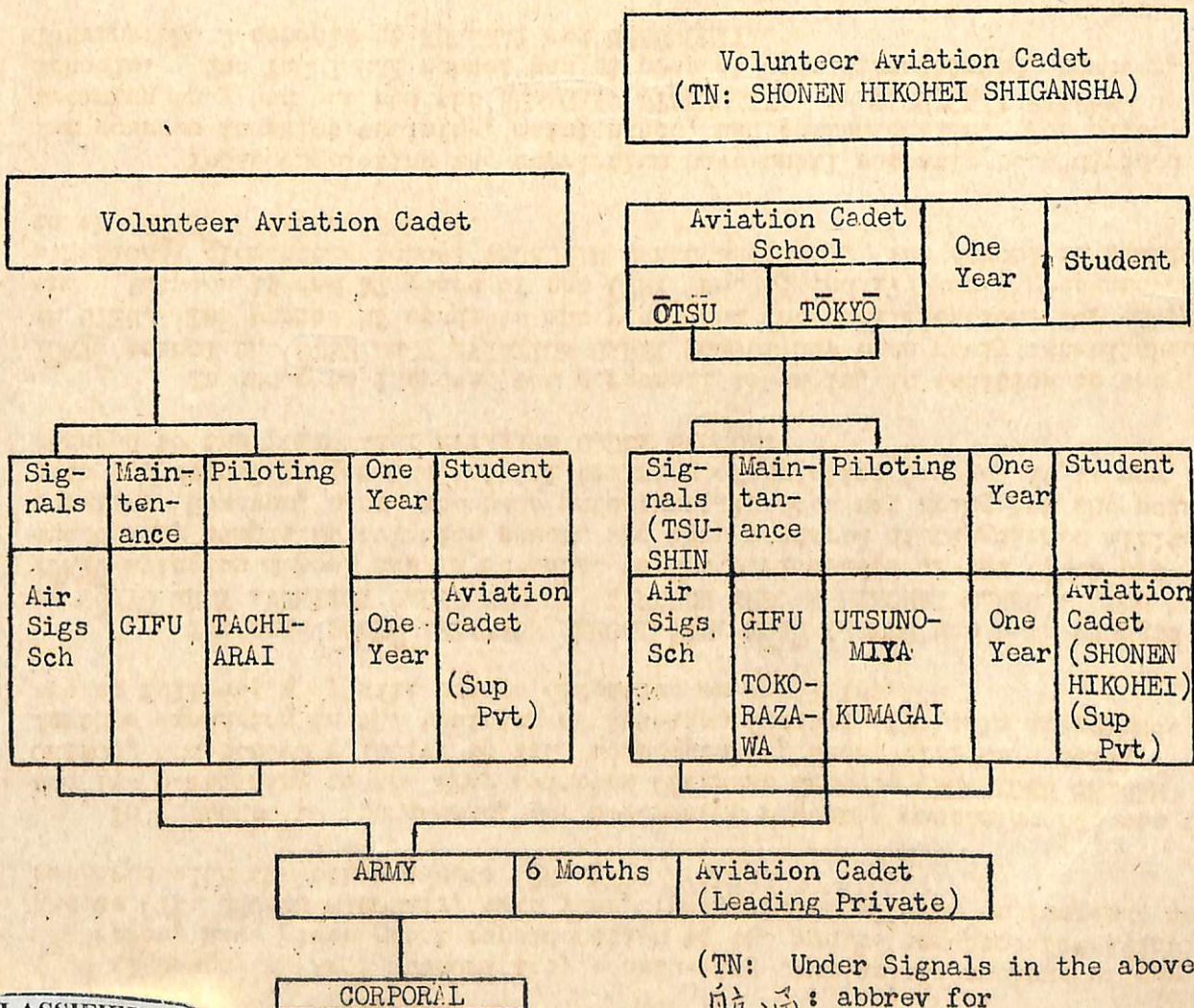
SCHOOL NEWLY ESTABLISHED IN ŌTSU

Maintenance School (SEIBI GAKKO) Expanded
in GIFU
Opens April 1st

Training of Aviation Cadets (TN: SHONEN HIKOHEI) Intensified.

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航空通信学校

Although the Army authorities, considering them as the nucleus of our Air Force, have given great consideration to the youths accepted for Aviation Cadets (TN: SHONEN HIKOHEI), this year, again, there will be an increase as compared with the other cadets (TN: SHONEN HEI).

In response to the demand, the Government recently passed amendments to the law pertaining to the Army Aviation Officers Schools (TN: KOKU SHIKAN GAKKO), and others relative to it. Consequently, there will be a still further expansion in the training of Aviation Cadets. The main amendments are as follows; they will become effective on April 1st:

The name TOKYO AVIATION SCHOOL (TN: KOKU GAKKO) has been changed to TOKYO ARMY AVIATION CADET SCHOOL (RIKUGUN SHONEN HIKOHEI GAKKO). The TOKYO Aviation School has in response to the seriousness of the times produced many competent aviation cadets who have rendered distinguished military service. However, since the name unfortunately does not bring out the point that the school is for the initial training of Aviation Cadets, it is now changed to the TOKYO ARMY AVIATION CADET SCHOOL.

In order to increase the personnel taken in, in addition to the TOKYO school the OTSU ARMY AVIATION CADET SCHOOL has been newly established in OTSU. The period of study is one year, and the qualifications for entry are: Between 15 and 17 years of age (TN: True 15 and 17) and a graduate of a National elementary school (KOKUMIN GAKKO SHOTOKA). The school is similar to the TOKYO Aviation School.

Those completing the curriculum have until recently been divided for courses in pilot training, maintenance, and communication. For pilot training they had entered the KUMAGAI, UTSUNOMIYA, or TACHIARAI Flight Schools. The TACHIARAI school has at present been discontinued, however, leaving the 2 schools at KUMAGAI and UTSUNOMIYA.

For maintenance training, in addition to the school at TOKOROZAWA, the GIFU Army Aviation Maintenance School has been expanded. There are no changes in communication training, and the /personnel/ will receive instructions at the Army Air Signals School as previously. Upon graduation, they will be attached to a unit. Six months after induction into the Army as leading privates they will be promoted to corporal.

Applicants for Aviation Cadet have been limited until recently to graduates of the TOKYO Aviation School; however, at present new opportunities have been opened in obtaining specialized technical training, and it has been made possible immediately to enter the TACHIARAI Army Flight School, the GIFU Army Maintenance School, or the Army Air Signal School without having previously attended the /TOKYO/ Aviation School. This opportunity will be limited to this year only and new recruitments will not be made. Opportunities for immediate advancement to non-commissioned officers have been opened to the Aviation Cadets, who will be appointed according to age in response to the demands of the Army.

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