

Slate Belt Trio Meet In Tokyo

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Tokyo—Three Slate Belt servicemen recently discovered they had been working for some time in the same office without knowing of the proximity of their homes.

Assigned to the Legal Section of General MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo, they are: Pvt. Darien R. Smith, 16 South First St., Bangor; T/5 Nicholas A. Bucci, Columbus Ave., Roseto, and Lt. Ralph A. Jones, 921 George St., Pen Argyl.

Since the Japanese surrender, the Legal Section has been actively engaged in the investigation of war crimes and the prosecution of war criminal suspects, some of whom now are on trial before Eighth Army military commissions in nearby Yokohama.

Lt. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anson J. Jones of Pen Argyl, was graduated from Pen Argyl High School in 1935, Penn State College in 1938 and received an AM degree from Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Medford, Mass., in 1939.

Prior to entering the army, Lt. Jones was an officer in the Foreign Service Department of State at the American embassies at Santiago, Chile, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Lt. Jones was inducted at New Cumberland, Pa., March 18, 1944. He received Military Police basic training at Ft. Custer, Mich., and was commissioned December 29, 1944, at the Provost Marshal General's School, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. Prior to shipping overseas in July, 1945, he served with the 165th Prisoner of War Processing company at Ft. Sam Houston, the 728th MP battalion at Detroit and was a student at the school of Military Government at the University of Virginia.

He was assigned to the War Crimes Investigation Detachment, GHQ, AFPAC, Manila, September 12, 1945, and was transferred to the Legal Section, SCAP, Tokyo, September 30, 1945.

Pvt. Smith, son of Mrs. Edith M. Smith of Bangor, was graduated from Bangor High School in 1944 in the same class of T/5 Bucci, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bucci of Roseto. Both men were inducted at New Cumberland, Bucci December 21, 1944, and Smith on March 22, 1945. They also both received basic infantry training at Camp Blanding, Fla.

T/5 Bucci sailed for the Pacific Theater May 19, 1945; served with the 6th Ranger battalion of the Sixth Army on Luzon, and landed with that unit at Wackayama Bay, Honshu, Japan, September 25, 1945. After deactivation of the Sixth Army, he was assigned to the Legal Section, SCAP, Tokyo, January 28, 1946.

Pvt. Smith worked as a life guard at Bangor Municipal park prior to induction into the army in March 1945. He was stationed at Camp Maxey, Tex., prior to shipping overseas to Japan. He was assigned to the Legal Station, SCAP, Tokyo, November 14, 1945.