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WHAT IS YOUR VOCATION?

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE SCHOOL

FOR

HANDICAPPED EX-SERVICE MEN

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TO THE DISABLED EX-SERVICE MEN WHO HAVE VOCATIONAL HANDICAPS

You will be interested in the Vocational Guidance School at San Luis Obispo, where disabled men, who find that they cannot follow their former occupations because of disabilities incurred in, or traceable to service, may determine their new vocations.

The Government has provided through the Rehabilitation Law that you can receive training to enable you to return to a good position. If you are like many others, you have this question: "What can I do?" The Vocational Guidance School will help you to find what you can do, and then give you, at Government expense, the necessary training to carry on successfully the vocation you best fit.

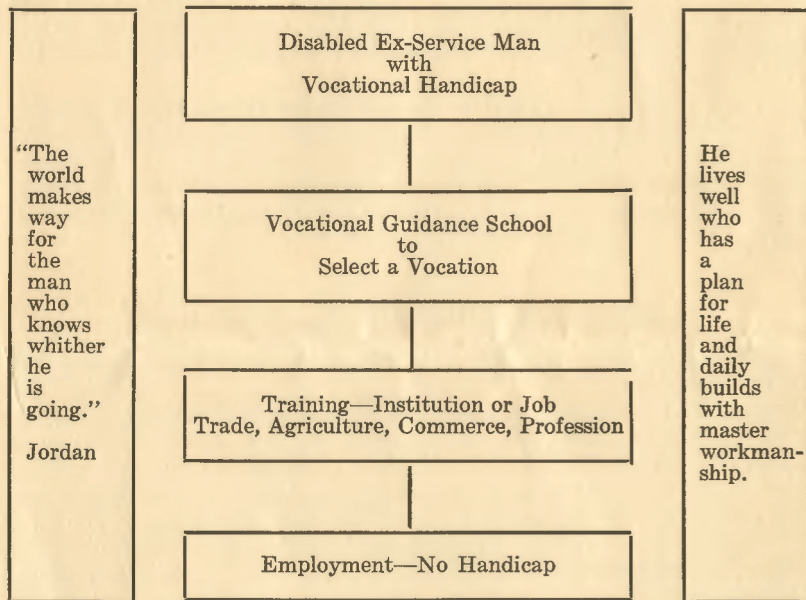
How does the Vocational Guidance School Help?

This question may be answered by telling you what will happen when you arrive at the school.

You will be met by one of our men who has a wide practical knowledge of various occupations and knows life as you do. You and he together will talk over your former experiences, education, and abilities in the light of your present physical condition, and then you will be given an opportunity to test your abilities in different occupations—actually work with tools. If you have been a laborer and have heart trouble, it will be necessary to train for an occupation in which there is no heavy strain; if a mail carrier with a leg amputation, you must change to a work in which you do not have to walk much; if a grocery clerk with a weak back, to work that does not require the lifting of boxes. Here in this school you find what the new work is—a work which may offer even greater opportunity for advancement than your former occupation. Instructors who are experienced in their lines will train you. By this method you will select wisely the work you can do. It may take you one month, two months, even six months to make the selection definitely. But how important! The whole future of your life depends upon it. Your value as a citizen is governed by it. For this reason we have the Vocational Guidance School.

Is Training Completed at This School?

The following chart shows how you will receive your training:



You will see from the chart that, as soon as your vocation is known, you will be given special training in that line in an institution or on the job. Suppose electro-welding is the selected vocation; you may be sent to a school where electro-welding is taught or placed with some firm doing electro-welding. In either instance training will be without cost to you.

What Try-Out Courses are Given at the Vocational Guidance School?

Here you have an opportunity to try your abilities and receive training in agricultural, commercial, and trade occupations. The school, located on 965 acres of land, is stocked with cattle, hogs, poultry, and horses, and is equipped with farm machinery and apparatus for manufacturing dairy products. The forge, machine and carpentry shops, occupying separate buildings, furnish splendid opportunity for training. Here, too, are the power generating and transforming machines—electric, gas, and steam—used in furnishing heat, light, and water for the school. The commercial department of the school offers try-out training in business, typewriting, salesmanship, and commercial art. Some vocation will be found that you can follow without handicap.

Can Training be Obtained in Foundational Subjects?

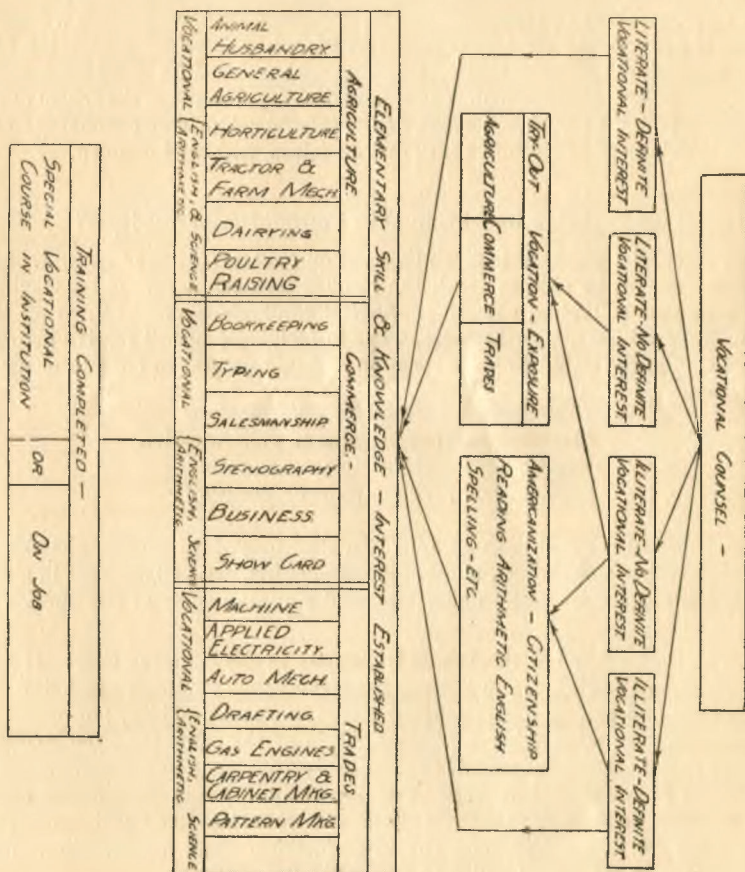
Yes, special emphasis is given these. You may never have been in school, or you may not be able to speak the English language well. If so, teachers will give you individual attention. Special emphasis is placed upon all the elementary subjects. Furthermore, while in training you will receive instruction in subjects related to your vocation and so essential to advancement:

Drawing that pertains to your vocation
Mathematics that pertains to your vocation
English that pertains to your vocation
Science that pertains to your vocation

These courses are given in short units. In electricity, for instance, one unit is wiring, another electric bell, another electro-plating, etc. Given thus in short units, the courses are easily understood and you may enter at any time.

The work offered at this school is pictured in the following chart. If you had an occupation when you entered the service that you hoped to follow for some time and can no longer follow because of your disability, you may try your abilities in some other work and obtain at the same time the English, science and mathematics related to your chosen line. If you never were really interested in any special work, you may try yourself first in the different occupations until you find one that you can do and would like to do well. Then you may train for it, receiving also the English, science and mathematics. Our coordinator at the school will help you select your work.

Vocational Guidance School for Handicapped Ex-Service Men



What are the Living Conditions at this School?

The story is told that two years ago suits were ordered for the young men at this school. The order was placed with an Eastern house and six to eight weeks passed before the suits were received. Upon their arrival it was found that they did not fit. The reason became known when the young men were weighed, for each had gained on an average of twenty pounds. This is told as a true story, but whether overdrawn or not it shows how young men thrive at this place.

The school has its own cafeteria supplied in part with the produce of the farm. Rich milk from Jerseys is served at cost. The climate too is good. The school is about eighteen miles from the ocean, which makes the climate mild; yet it is far enough inland to be free from heavy fogs.

You will have a place to live at reasonable rent. Our counsellor will direct you to the secretary of the Red Cross who knows of over a hundred homes. She will see that you find a good place and will look after your immediate financial needs, if necessary.

Can Medical Treatment Be Obtained?

A public health service physician will care for you if you are sick. Arrangements have been made for dispensary treatment and for hospital care. Our counsellor at the school will tell you where to go.

What Else Should One Know?

1. While in training under Section II, you will receive \$80 a month, if single; with a dependent wife, \$115, and more up to \$150 if you have other dependents.
2. The length of your training will depend upon the vocation you select and the time required to prepare for it. It will vary with different individuals.
3. When your training is completed, we will help you find employment in your new vocation.

What are Some of the Vocations Selected?

There are too many to be mentioned here. You may be trained for any worthy vocation that you can follow with your ability and disability. The following are some of the courses that other disabled men are following:

Building trades, as:

Carpentry
Plumbing
Estimating, etc.

Electrical trades, as:

Bench work
Installation
Testing
Welding
Wireless, etc.

Mechanical trades, as:

Tractor operation
Machine shop
Tool making
Designing, etc.

Woodworking trades, as:

Carpentry
Cabinet making, etc.

Printing trades, as:

Linotyping
Lithography
Type-setting, etc.

Garment trades, as:

Leather work
Tailoring
Shoe making, etc.

Railway occupations, as:

Car inspection
Station agent, etc.

Manufacturing occupations, as:

Cigar making
Instrument making
Rubber manufacture, etc.

Crafts, as:

Engraving
Lens making, etc.

Advertising trades, as:

Sign painting
Showcard writing, etc.

Repair work, as:

Typewriter repairing
Piano tuning, etc.

Business and Commercial positions, as:

Advertising
Banking
Office management
Salesmanship
Bookkeeping
Clerking, etc.

Farming occupations, as:

Horticulture
Dairying
Poultry husbandry
Bee culture
Forestry, etc.

Professions, as:

Engineering—various kinds
Assaying
Medicine
Dentistry
Architecture
Music—various kinds
Art, etc.