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## Correspondence Courses in Perspective

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*To develop mentally and morally, especially by instruction. Thus, Webster defines the word "educate."*

Education is the keystone of the moral and mental development of the military officer, and he probably has a greater variety of educational opportunities than those in most other professions. These opportunities range from the broad experience of world travel to the narrow confines of advanced technology. As a result, the military officer is in an enviable position. He can "write his own educational ticket." He can specialize or generalize, but learn he must.

Less enviable are the demands on a military officer's time and his susceptibility to remote assignments. These requirements are seldom predicated upon the continuing need for moral and mental development. In many cases they impose severe restrictions upon this development.

How, then, do the military services bridge the gap?

*By correspondence.*

This is why the Naval War College offers a variety of correspondence courses. At a postgraduate level, these courses emphasize the full gamut of moral and mental development. They bridge the gap between the officers in attendance at the Resident Schools and their contemporaries whose operational duties preclude the choice of locale or the strict budgeting of time. They are tooled to accommodate the military officer in areas remote or local, or with an excess or a dearth of time.

It behooves each military officer to look closely at his moral and mental development.

Have you neglected yours?

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Congratulations are extended to Captain John R. Lindsay, U.S. Navy, who has received a diploma for the Correspondence Course of Naval Command and Staff.