Army Seeks to Recruit 6,318 Under New Program

Sets Up Quota System for Enlistments in Ground Forces, Technical Services

WASHINGTON

In what has been announced by the Department of the Army as a new program, a drive to obtain 6,318 enlistments of specially qualified colored men for duty with specialized Army units has been opened.

The vacancies exist in units of the Army Ground Forces and technical services and will be filled on a weekly quota basis from the specific Army area the enlistees come from.

Under the program, men may join the specific unit of their choice, although placement in the chosen unit will be for initial assignment only and will not be made for any definite period of time.

Strict Eligibility Standards

If the individual is assigned to a unit and that unit is transferred to a new geographical location, including transfer to an overseas command, the individual will be transferred with his unit.

Veterans who have completed high school, or been awarded one of various medals while in the service, and civilians who can attain a score of 13 or higher on the standard Army test, who can also pass the physical examination, are eligible to enlist.

All enlistments will be by men who are now in civilian life and will have to be made for a period of three years at least. The program, now in force, will be continued until March 1, 1948.

Men May Select Unit

The following list of special units and quotas for enlistment have been set up for the various areas:

FIRST ARMY—Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Manhattan, Upper New Jersey and Delaware, quota 85 weekly to a total of 979—30th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C., 66 men; 79th Engineer Construction Battalion, Camp Campbell, Ky., 420 men; Quartermaster Field Service Company, Fort Bragg, N.C., 30 men; 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion, Fort Benning, Ga., 100 men; 375th Medical Collecting Company, Fort Benning, Ga., 56 men; 665th Transportation Corps Truck Company, Fort Benning, Ga., 100 men; 2340th Transportation Corps Truck Company, Camp Bell, Ky., 46 men; Quartermaster Company, Camp Bell, Ky., 46 men.

SECOND ARMY—Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, quota 115 per week to a total of 1260—320th Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C., 200 men; 218th Transportation Corps Truck Company, Fort Knox, Ky., 53 men; 539th Transportation Corps Truck Company, Fort Knox, Ky., 27 men; 2340th Ordnance Evacuation Company, Fort Knox, Ky., 123 men; 2340th Ordnance Bakery Company, Camp Lewis, Wash., 30 men; 2nd Battalion, 25th Infantry Regiment, Fort Lewis, Wash., 207 men; 14th Transportation Corps Car Company, Fort Monroe, Va., 25 men; 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion (now 3rd Battalion, 82nd Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division), Fort Bragg, N.C.

THIRD ARMY—Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, quota 135 weekly to total of 1382—420th Medical Collecting Company, Fort Bragg, N.C., 27 men; 871st Quartermaster Laundry and Bath Company, Camp Gordon, Ga., 30 men; 596th Transportation Corps Truck Company, Fort Benning, Ga., 27 men; 43rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Fort Meade, Md., 508 men; 350th Company, Camp Campbell, Ky., 149 Quartermaster Salvage Collecting men; 369 Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, Fort Lewis, Wash., 207 men; 2nd Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Sill, Okla., 298 men; 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion (now 2nd Battalion, 505th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division), Fort Bragg, N.C., 35 men.

All troops but one in South Fourth Army—Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, quota 100 weekly to total of 1040—2nd Battalion, 25th Infantry Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga., 231 men; 29th Signal Light Construction Battalion, Fort Lewis, Wash., 39 men; 348th Transportation Corps Truck Company, Camp Stewart, Ga., 27 men; 3rd Battalion, 25th Infantry Regiment, Fort Lewis, Wash., 207 men; 1148th Transportation Corps Truck Company, Camp Campbell, Ky., 149 men; 2nd Battalion, 3rd Battalion, 25th Infantry Regiment, Fort Lewis, Wash., 207 men; 2nd Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Sill, Okla., 298 men; 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion (now 2nd Battalion, 505th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division), Fort Bragg, N.C., 35 men.

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FOURTH ARMY—North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Wyoming, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, quota 105 weekly to total of 1148—2nd Tank Battalion Corps Car Company, Fort Bragg, N.C., 99 men; 2nd Chemical Depot Company, Camp Campbell, Ky., 133 men; 23rd Engineer Combat Battalion, Fort Hood, Tex., 198 men; 73rd Engineer Combat Battalion, Camp Hood, Tex., 193 men; 305th Quartermaster Salvage Company, Camp Campbell, Ky., 97 men.

Third Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, Fort Lewis, Wash., 266 men; 508th Engineer Bridge Company, Camp Hood, Tex., 27 men; 1st Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Riley, Kans., 139 men; 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion (now 3rd Battalion, 505th Airborne Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division), Fort Bragg, N.C., 30 men.

SIXTH ARMY—Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California, Arizona, quota 135 weekly to total of 1404—2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry, Fort Lewis, Wash., 100 men; 25th Artillery Battalion, Fort Lewis, Wash., 195 men; 539th Engineer Pontoon Bridge Company, Fort Lewis, Wash., 142 men; 969th Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Sill, Okla., 53 men; 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion (now 3rd Battalion, 505th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division), Fort Bragg, N.C., 35 men.

Evans Lauds Program

The program should pave the way for larger training opportunities in technical and occupational specialties for colored soldiers, James C. Evans, civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army, points out.

"This project provides for increased enlistments higher qualifications for enlistments and more closely integrated employment in the service, three features recommended in the Gillem Board Report," he advised.

The Gillem Board Report called for fuller integration and utilization of colored manpower in the postwar Army.

Little Integration Planned

Mr. Evans neglects to point out, however, that the only opportunities for integration afforded by the program are offered in "few units that happen to be stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash.; all other outfits being those with all-colored enlisted personnel.

He also neglects to point out that, with the exception of Fort Lewis, every camp or station to which troops recruited under the program are to be sent is located in the South.

Segregation Continued

The announcement from the Department of the Army, in addition to setting up a quota system for racially separate units, failed to specify educational or other qualifications for white enlistees.

It thus is continuing the policy of segregation and discrimination against colored youths which it has been practicing all along, despite the recommendations of the Gillem Board in its report.

AMERICA'S NUMBER ONE FISH—The fishermen above, at Beaufort, N.C., are using a net worth $5,000 to haul in a mass of menhaden, a shad-like fish also called moss bunker or moss hunker. Replacing the Pacific sardine, the menhaden, as the nation's most valuable fish, the menhaden in 1946 yielded some $10,000,000 worth of oil, meal and dry scrap. Spotters in airplanes find the tell-tale "slicks" in the ocean indicating menhaden schools and then report by radio to 68 trawlers, like the one here, operating for 10 menhaden plants in North Carolina. These trawlers form the largest fishing fleet ever assembled on the Atlantic coast.

HAIL KING MOMUS—Randy Walker (arrow), with sax slung over his shoulder during lull in playing, struts up Broad Street with the Fire Fighters' string band in the colorful string band section of Philadelphia Mummers parade. Rain on New Year's Day caused string band units to postpone their march until Saturday. Ironically, the Fire Fighters featured the tune, "Is It True What They Say About Dixie?"

Navy Welcomes All Young Men for Radio Training

Recruiting Drive Emphasizes Need for New Electronics Specialists; Program Integrated

WASHINGTON

The United States Navy, now in the midst of an extensive recruiting campaign, which started January 1, is placing much stress on applicants for its Radio Electronics Schools, reputed to be the best in existence.

The electronics course gives expert training in sonar, radar, lorron and television. Young men eligible for the course must meet these qualifications:

They must be between the ages of 17 and 31; meet the regular Navy physical standards, which have been modified somewhat from peace-time requirements; and pass the Electronics Technician Selection Test, formerly known as the Eddy Test.

Electronics Schools

Three specific schools for these course are maintained, Great Lakes, located near Chicago; Treasure Island, Calif., and the Aviation Electronics Technicians Mate School in Memphis.

An applicant who pass the selection test is sent to Great Lakes where he spends 27 weeks in the Electronic Material School, and from there to the Naval Research Laboratory, Bellevert, D. C., near Washington, for 15 more weeks of training.

Upon completion of the course, a graduate becomes an Electronic Technician Mate, third class (first rank petty officer), and some outstanding graduates obtain second class rank.

Outranks Private School

Commander Robert C. Jackson, Navy public relations officer, told the AFRO that the Navy School is the best available.

"We have considerable difficulty keeping our electronics personnel, as they are in great demand by laboratories in private industry because of the excellent training they get," he declared.

Outstanding graduates often become warrant officers in the Navy. Regular Navy men become eligible for the electronics course after 28 weeks' service or one year of sea duty.

Good Salaries

Electronics technicians earn as much as $350 per month, and the Navy gives every assistance to those who are interested in taking the course.

Applicants must make a score of at least 40 on the test which covers mathematics, shop practice, elementary electricity and radio, with particular emphasis on the first two subjects.

When an applicant goes to a recruiting station he is given all the necessary material concerning the requirements, and may even secure refresher books on the subjects to be tested, free of charge.

Course Open to All

Lt. Commander R. T. Fahy, who is in charge of the Washington Recruiting Station, said:

"While the 7-way, because of its program of complete integration of all personnel has no way of telling how many colored applicants are taking the course, or have completed it, there have been several graduates, and there are come now at Treasure Island and Great Lakes.

"The course, however, is open to all young men between the ages of 17 and 31, regardless of race."

Technicians' Responsibility

After training, an electronics technician will be assigned to duty on surface craft, and shore station, aircraft, with pilotless aircraft, guided missiles, and air based electronics equipment is located.

Nowadays electronics equipment is located wherever the Navy is afloat, ashore, sub-surface or in the air.

The electronics technician is responsible for maintenance and repair of all shipboard equipment including radio, radar, sonar and other types of communications, navigation, aids, and ranging equipment, employing electronic circuits.

Helpful Training

Many pieces of precision test equipment are used in making the operational adjustments, determinations, measures, and checking performance. This test equipment includes cathode-ray oscilloscope, frequency meters and vacuum-tube testers.

The technician understands circuits and circuit theory, direct alternating currents, various kinds of vacuum tubes, and much electronic and wave theory.

High school courses in mathematics and physics, experience in an aural-visual centre mb m m amateur radio and in any mechanical or electrical trade are of great value to applicants.

Can Select Course

Because of the inevitved nature of electronics technician training, applicants for the class "A" school are usually given tests in addition to those of the basic test battery to determine aptitude for this type of work.

Successful applicants who will be transferred to the Naval Training Class at Great Lakes, and San Diego, Calif., for circuit training will be able to select the service course they desire from these courses:

Electricians' mates, 14 weeks; machinist's mates, 12 weeks; motor machinist's mate, 10 weeks; radiomen, 16 weeks; yeomen, 14 weeks; storekeepers, 9 weeks; sonar operators, 24 weeks; fire controlmen, 13 weeks; radarmen, 20 weeks; electronic material (ETM), 42 weeks; aviation electronic material (AETM), 44 weeks; basic submarine, 8 weeks; cooks and bakers, 9 weeks.

Dr. George Kennard To Be Honored Sunday

Memorial services for the late Dr. George W. Kennard, former dean and pastor of Christ Institute Church, 704 Exeter St., will be held Sunday at 8 p.m.

The day-long program, sponsored by Mrs. Bertha Jones, will include a sermon at 11 a.m. by the Rev. Mrs. Susie Crump, platform remonies by Mrs. Jones, and the musical services at night.

The Rev. Elmer Johnson is acting pastor of the institute.

Women Enter Race for Mayor of Harlem

NEW YORK—Two women have declared their intentions to enter the race for the post of the first mayor of Manhattan's most unique district—Harlem.

They are Mrs. Madeline McCoy, president of the Beauty Shop-Owners' Association, whose campaign is being run by Mrs. Lillian S. Hunter; and Mrs. Esther Payham, key figures in the National Association of Business and Professional Women.

Assembly Opens; Minorities Hope

By SAMUEL HOSKINS

TRENTON—Laws to implement the new constitution, especially its civil rights provision, top the type of legislation the State's minorities hope to see enacted this year.

With the 172nd Legislature of the State of New Jersey only three days old, persons in positions to know the sentiment of voters of these groups list as the most desired laws which would do the following:

1. Prohibit and provide penalties for violations of the Civil Rights Clause of the Constitution, which bans denial of civil rights, segregation and discrimination in public schools and State militia on basis of race, creed or color.

2. Abolish restrictive covenants in deeds, as well as outlaw discrimination or segregation because of race or color in renting and sale of property.

3. Amend the Fryser Rehabilitation Law to provide:

A. A statement of the extent and effect of rehousing of families which may be made necessary from the redevelopment area plan, and the manner in which such rehousing may be accomplished.

B. Prohibition of discrimination in the use, sale or lease of any part of a redevelopment project on grounds or race, color, religion or national origin.

A bill which would have effected this was introduced in the Assembly last March by Assemblyman J. Hill, but never came up for a vote.

Thousands Threatened

Such legislation was sought as a result of proposed redevelopment plans in East Orange and Montclair which would have, if put into effect, caused removal of over half the colored and low-income families in these municipalities.

Another proposed law whose enactment is important to minority groups of the State is one which would prevent practices of discrimination in non-sectarian educational institutions against persons for reasons of race or creed.

In the two previous Legislatures such a bill has been sponsored by Assmblyman Reuben H. Wilson of Passaic County, but has never come up for vote.

Could Block Exemption

If passed, it would have the effect of withdrawing tax exemptions from institutions of higher learning where such discrimination is practiced.

This "desired legislation" has the support of most of the groups whom composed the Joint Committee on Constitutional Bill of Rights which appeared before the Constitutional Convention last July urging adoption of the anti-discrimination clause.

The combined membership of these affiliated groups totals more than one million.

They include:

The American Jewish Congress, New Jersey State Conference of NAACP Branches, which has 33 affiliated units; New Jersey Committee on Constitutional Revision; State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, State CIO Council, Greater Newark CIO Council, Essex Colored Republicans Council, New Jersey Urban League, and Urban Colored Population Division of New Jersey.

While these groups will be looking to the Law Revision Committees of both the Senate and Assembly to enact the type of legislation they desire, the final responsibility rests with Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll.

Took to Governor

It is the Chief Executive to whom they look to give life and meaning to the Bill of Rights and the State's avowed policy of non-discrimination.

Not only is he leader in fact, as well as titular head of the state Republican forces, but his party has a clear majority in both Houses.

He recently declared that he expects to use his full powers to see that the new Constitution is lived up to in letter and spirit, and that he proposes to wipe out segregation and discrimination in the National Guard and remove Bordentown School from the category of a "colored school."

These pronouncements offer advocates of full citizenship for all Jerseyans hope that the State Government will make avowed policy of equality and democracy a living program.

Wilberforce Grads Intervene in Split

WILBERFORCE, Ohio—A committee from the executive board of the National Alumni Association met with administrative officers and officials of the Wilberforce University Corporation in an effort to reconcile the differences that have led to the split at Wilberforce.

The committee from the executive board consisted of Dr. J. S. Smith, national president and member of the Executive Board, Mdncie, Ind.; Roberts Pinn, member of the Executive Board, Cleveland; Leonard I. Holland, member of the Executive Board, Columbus, Ohio.

The University committee composed of Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, 3rd AME District, chairman of Wilberforce University Board of Trustees, Bishop John Gregg, Fourth Episcopal District; Dr. J. A. Charleston, Detroit; the Rev. John Bright, Pittsburg; the Rev. Joseph Gomez, Cleveland, and Dr. D. O. Walker, Buffalo, N.Y.

After much discussion, it was agreed that three representatives from the national alumni group would meet later in January with three representatives from the Wilberforce University Board of Trustees and three representatives from the State Board of Trustees.

GIRLS' CHOIR TO BEGIN BROADCAST SERIES.—Adding to its program of varied activities the Girls' Choir of East Baltimore, Edward Stancil, director, this week will begin a series of Saturday broadcasts at 4 p.m. over WBMD, the city's newest radio station.

AME'S QUESTION THIS—Several AME's in Tennessee are questioning the church legality of this letter sent out by bands for a testimonial for Bishop R. R. Wright Jr. They contend that it violates the AME Discipline which strictly forbids the acceptance by a bishop of any money other than his salary, plus $100 for each conference held. According to the letter, it was originally intended to have the preachers send their assessment directly to F. D. Coleman, chairman, and D. V. Kyles, secretary, at 362 Beale St., Memphis. The Rev. Mr. Coleman is chairman and a presiding elder. The arrangements were later changed as the letter indicates, and the various ministers were ordered to send their money directly to their presiding elders.

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RICHMOND — Miss Rachel C. Boone, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Tharpe of this city and student at Boston University Medical School, placed highest in the nation in a biochemistry test given recently by the National Board of Medical Examiners.

According to Dr. James M. Faulkner, dean of the B. U. School of Medicine, Miss Boone's grade of 86 out of a possible 100 is one of the highest ever recorded in a national biochemistry test.

The test is one of three which qualifies physicians to practice in 46 States where the National Board's certifications are accepted. The young woman will take the second before receiving her medical degree and the third during her internship.

Miss Boone, a sister of the Rev. C. C. Boone of this city, was born in Monrovia, Liberia, where their parents were missionaries. She came to the States at an early age, received her B.A. degree from Houghton College, N.Y., and attended Virginia Union University.

Later, she studied scientific subjects for a year at Brown University and in 1944 accepted a laboratory position under Dr Phillip H Mitchell. She entered Boston U. the following year and will receive her M.D. degree with the class of 1948.

Miss Boone makes her home at 221 Oaklawn Ave., Meshanticut Park, with her aunt, Dr. Bessie B. Tharpe, a 1916 graduate of the B.U. School of Medicine. Mr. and Mrs. Tharpe, her uncle and aunt, here, are owners of Hope Haven Riding Academy.

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Chapmans Given Wedding Party

RICHMOND, Va. — Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Q. Chapman were honored with a wedding reception Dec. 31 following their marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Faldes of N. Sixth St.

Standing with the couple in the receiving line, in addition to their parents, were Mesdames Alma G. Johnson, Ruth T. Jackson, Ida Letitia W. Peterson, Misses Geraldine E. Dandridge, Eleanor Clarke, Ann Faldes, sister of the bride, Jean Chapman, sister of the bridegroom, and Louvenia Mintz.

David L. Temple announced the guests.

Other guests included:

Mesdames Mary L. Brooks, Minnie Fauntleroy, Dorothy Clarke, Thelma Jackson, Josephine Morrow, Alma Wyatt, Elnert Clarke, Mary Geraldine E. Dandridge, Elsinore Clarke, Ann Faldes, sister of the bride, Jean Chapman, sister of the bridegroom, and Louvenia Mintz.

David L. Temple announced the guests.

Other guests included:

Mesdames Mary L. Brooks, Minnie Fauntleroy, Dorothy Clarke, Thelma Jackson, Josephine Morrow, Alma Wyatt, Elnert Clarke, Mary Geraldine E. Dandridge, Elsinore Clarke, Ann Faldes, Mesdames Alma G. Johnson, Ruth T. Jackson, Ida Letitia W. Peterson, Misses Geraldine E. Dandridge, Eleanor