

Draftee Outlook Is Different From That 10 Years Ago

The 1950 selectee's reaction to military duty is going to be quite different from that of his older

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brother nearly ten years ago. The average inductee in 1940 went into the Army with an attitude closely akin to that of a criminal facing a twelve-month sentence. He was solely intent upon doing 365 days and getting out. There was nothing in the Army he wanted and the Army was going to get even less from him. After all, just when the country was recovering from the worst depression in its history and just when defense projects began offering well-paying jobs, he had to be content with twenty-one dollars a day—once a month.

First of all, this year's draftee is going into the Army in an entirely different frame of mind. Proof of this is in the large number of draft-age men already flooding Army recruiting stations throughout the nation. Secondly, his initial pay will begin at seventy-five dollars per month and will jump to eighty as soon as he completes basic training, usually a period of four months. Few young men today can step into jobs that will leave them this amount of "spending money" after deductions for equal food, clothing and

THE HIGHLIGHTS IN FIRST MONTH OF KOREAN WAR



THE SECOND MONTH of the Korean war is at hand. It finds the United States swinging into true wartime stride after early reverses, and the 49 countries of the United Nations readying aid. Soon a counter-offensive of real magnitude will be under way. Meanwhile, this map briefly outlines what has happened since June 25, when the Communist North Koreans struck, without warning, across the 38th parallel. Seoul fell first; then Sewon. U. S. troops were in combat July 4. The Kum River battle was a bitter one. The invaders crossed it July 14. Taejeon became the battleground and fell in flames July 20. Meanwhile a dramatic amphibious landing was staged at Pohang July 19. Now, seizing the offensive for the first time, American Negro troops have recaptured the key city of Yechon. It marks the first important victory for U. S. ground forces since the start of the war to halt Communist aggression in Korea. (Central Press Association)

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And there'll be no idle moments. Spare time, yes. Idle time, no. When he isn't working or engaged in training activities there will be innumerable forms of recreation and entertainment for his relaxation.

The 1950 selective service model is going to be quite a different man from his 1940 prototype and his reaction to Army life is going to prove it, too.

N. C. Draftees Will Report On Aug. 14

Raleigh — North Carolinians will begin reporting for preinduction examinations on Aug. 14. State Selective Service Headquarters said the examinations will be held here, in Fayetteville and in Charlotte.

The first inductees are scheduled to leave for training camps in late September.

Colonel T. H. Upton, deputy State director of Selective Service, said that on June 30 the State's draft-eligibles totaled 315,295. These men are between 18 and 26 years of age.

North Carolina's initial quota under the new draft law is 610 men.

Captain Joseph M. Pearson of the Raleigh Army-Air Force Recruiting Office said the first round of pre-induction examina-

tions would be staged between Aug. 14 and Aug. 22.

Later new centers may be established to supplement the work planned here at Fayetteville and Charlotte.

Each of the three centers is to supply about one-third of the total State quota.

After the pre-induction examinations, the men will be sent back to their homes to await call to Fort Bragg for final processing.

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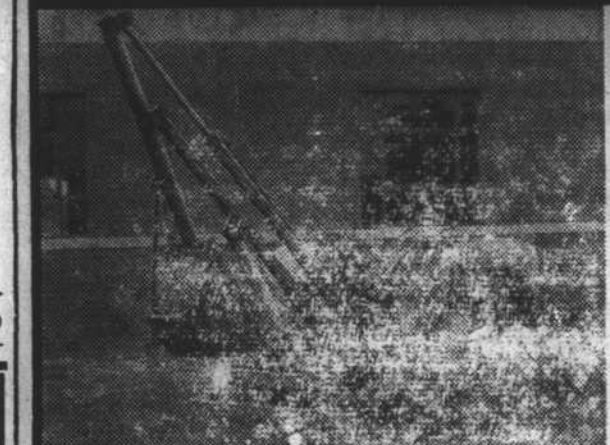


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