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HEADQUARTERS SOUTHERN NEW YORK RECRUITING DISTRICT

39 Whitehall Street, New York, N.Y.

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with your recent request, we wish to acquaint you with the following conditions for Army enlistments now in effect:

1. ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES.
2. Young men 18 and 19, inclusive, are permitted to enlist in any of the eight combat arms of the United States Army.
3. Enlistments for all other applicants shall be into the Army of the United States, Unassigned, for the duration of the war plus six months. Every man enlisted at this station is sent to a Reception Center where his individual qualifications are determined through an interview and trade tests. He is then classified according to his occupational experience and abilities and his assignment to an organization or unit is made accordingly. (Any man possessing a radio operator's license may be assigned to the Signal Corps.)
4. Men between the ages of 18 and 30 may\* volunteer for Parachute Troops, provided they possess a minimum vision acuity of 20/40 in each eye (without glasses) and their weight does not exceed 185 pounds. There must be no trace of high blood pressure. Moreover, volunteers for Parachute Troops must be alert, supple, with excellent physique and great endurance. Enlisted men in Parachute Troops receive \$50 a month in addition to base pay.
5. The original enlistment and re-enlistment of married men whose dependents are self-supporting is now authorized. The applicant must, however, sign a statement certifying that his dependents do not require his support.
6. Men will be enlisted at this station only if they receive a release from their Local Selective Service Board (Form 190) stating that they are in Class 1A, which implies that they are not employed in technical or key positions in war production for the Army or Navy and they have not been ordered to report for induction. If the applicant is in a class other than 1A, he must apply to his Local Board for voluntary classification in 1A. (The Local Boards have the authorized forms.) This does not, however, apply to men desiring appointment as Aviation Cadets and applicants for enlistment who have not yet reached the registration age for Selective Service.
7. The age limits for Army enlistment are 18-45, but men with previous service who have been honorably discharged from the Army in a rank above that of Private may, if otherwise qualified, re-enlist regardless of age.

Men planning to enlist in the Army will be interested in the following excerpt from a statement by the Secretary of War made January 15, 1942 on the subject of Officer Candidate Schools:--

".....Every man in the Army will have an opportunity to qualify for admission to one of the Officer Candidate Schools and any young man not now in the Army who desires to seek a commission in the combat services can enlist and attend a replacement training center with the knowledge that at the end of his training he can

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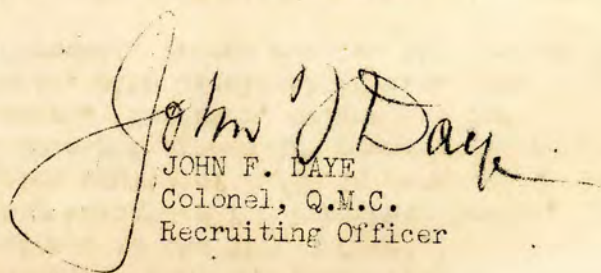
compete with his fellows for an opportunity to attend a further three months' course for a commission.

"He will thus have had service in the ranks with the Army, and, based on the performance he delivers and the record he presents, he may be selected as a candidate for a commission. In cases where the applicant has a limited formal education, this can be outweighed by practical experience, self-education and most important of all, outstanding leadership ability."

Men deferred from Selective Service training because of dependency will be given an opportunity to qualify for Officer Candidate Schools. They may volunteer for induction, after which they will be sent to a replacement center for basic training and finally assignment to an Officer Candidate School. Men who are disqualified during this training will be relieved from active duty and returned to civilian life. To make application for this training, or for further information, men should communicate with their Local Selective Service Board.

Vacancies often exist in the Air Corps for which qualified men are being enlisted. Requirements for this branch of the service are the same as for the Army itself. Although men are enlisted into the AIR CORPS, Unassigned, they may, after receiving the initial recruit training, apply for intensive training in one or more duties, most of which are associated with the servicing of planes---metalworker, machinist, welder, bombsight maintenance, electrical specialist, radio operator, parachute rigger, propellor specialist, photography, carburetor specialist, link trainer instructor, etc. These men are enlisted personnel and have opportunity to advance through the various specialist and non-commissioned officer ranks. Do not confuse Air Corps enlisted men with Aviation Cadets. The latter are young men between the ages of 18 and 26 in training to become pilots, navigators, bombardiers, meteorologists, engineers and communication officers. Upon completion of this training these men are commissioned as second lieutenants in the Air Corps. Further information on the Aviation Cadet Training program is available at this office upon request.

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JOHN F. DAY  
Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Recruiting Officer