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SECOND OFFICERS' TRAINING CAMP

War Department Will Establish a Second Camp August 27.

Uncle Sam has decided to establish a second officers' training camp. It will be located at the Presidio in San Francisco. The Mist has received a letter from the Military Training Camps Association setting forth full details. The letter is as follows:

San Francisco, June 18.
 "St. Helens Mist, St. Helens, Ore.
 "Gentlemen: Your paper is requested, as an act of patriotism, to publish the Official Information Bulletin, which gives full information regarding the coming camp for the training of applicants for commissions in the line sections of the officers' reserve corps. The request is made by the Military Training Camps Association of the United States, which is a volunteer civilian organization devoting its energies to securing the most suitable men to be trained to lead our new armies."
 The information bulletin is as follows:

General Plan
 To provide officers for the drafted forces of the national army the war department has adopted the policy of commissioning all new officers of the line (infantry, cavalry, field and coast artillery) purely on the basis of demonstrated ability after three months' observation and training in the officers' training camp.

A second series of officers' training camps will be held beginning August 27, 1917, with the definite mission of producing a body of line officers (infantry, cavalry, field and coast artillery) capable of filling all places in the grades above lieutenant and many of the places in the grade of lieutenant in the second 500,000 troops.

The second camp for the Western department will be held at the Presidio reservation, San Francisco, Cal., and will open on August 27, 1917, and close November 26, 1917.

Qualifications—Classes Eligible to Apply—Age Limits

- (a) Members of the officers' reserve corps (line sections) who, through no fault of their own, were unable to attend the first series of camps; also reserve officers of staff corps under 50 years of age with at least two months' service in war and who have had experience in infantry, cavalry or artillery.
- (b) Non-commissioned officers of the regular army recommended in March, 1917, for temporary appointment in case of war, and who, through no fault of their own, were unable to attend the training schools for regular army non-commissioned officers in April, 1917. Maximum age limit 50 years.
- (c) Resigned officers of the regular army. Maximum age limit 50 years.
- (d) Men of proper qualifications made eligible for the officers' reserve corps by the army appropriation of May 12, 1917. Maximum age limit 50 years.
- (e) Men who have qualified for commissions under General Orders No. 42, war department, 1915. Maximum age limit 50 years.
- (f) Citizens of the United States who have had war service in the present war as officers or non-commissioned officers of the line in the armies of allied powers. Maximum age limit 44 years.
- (g) Men of exceptional qualifications who tendered their services to the government prior to June 5, 1917, and who have been listed under G. O. 37, war department. Maximum age limit 50 years.
- (h) Citizens with valuable military experience and adaptability for commissioned grade, or citizens who have demonstrated marked ability and capacity for leadership, and are clearly adapted for military service in commissioned grade. Maximum age limit 44 years.

Employees of the United States must inclose the signed recommendation and consent of their chiefs.
 Note.—Men who applied for the first series of camps must reapply whether or not certified as suitable for the first camps. They will have no preference in selection for these camps but will be on an equal basis with other applicants.

The minimum age limit for all applicants is 20 years and 9 months. However, in order to obtain the experienced class of men desired, preference will be given to men over 31 years of age other things being equal. Because of the anticipated large number of applications, it will probably be difficult for men under that age to qualify except in instances where the applicant has preeminent qualifications or unusual military experience.

No Letters of Recommendation
 Note particularly that letters of recommendation are not wanted but only the names of three responsible citizens who know the applicant best. Each applicant must be examined physically at his own expense by a reputable physician who will fill out the physical report forming part of

the official application blank. This preliminary examination is subject to review and the examining officer may require another examination. Men who submitted physical examination on the army blank for the first series of camps may submit these reports in lieu of a new examination.

Applications will be received up to July 15, 1917. Under no circumstances will an application be considered if received after July 15.

Obligation
 Accepted applicants, unless they are reserve officers or members of the regular army or national guard in federal service, will be required to enlist for a period of three months, under Section 54, national defense act, and will agree to accept such commission in the army of the United States as may be tendered by the secretary of war. The enlistment obligates one to service in the training camp only.

Pay and Expenses
 The government will pay the men in training \$100 per month during the three months' course and will provide transportation, uniforms and subsistence except that reserve officers in training will receive the pay of their grades and will provide uniforms and subsistence at their own expense.

Character of Men Desired
 Since the special object of these camps is to train a body of men fitted to fill the more responsible positions of command in the new armies, every effort will be made to select men of exceptional character and proved ability in their various occupations. While it is desired to give full opportunity for all eligible citizens to apply no man need make application whose record is not in all respects above reproach and who does not possess the fundamental characteristics necessary to inspire respect and confidence.

How to Make Application

Every candidate must file his application in person with the local committee of the Military Training Camps Association in the town in which he resides. A Military Training Camps Association committee will be appointed in every town having a population of not less than 2,500 within the eight states from which candidates are to be drawn for the Presidio camp. From these committees application blanks can be secured. Information as to the identity and address of the above mentioned local committees can be had from the cashier of any bank. Do not mail your application.

The headquarters of the Military Training Camps Association for the Western department can be addressed as below.

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