

COPY OF TELEGRAM

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Commanding General,
Central Department,
Chicago, Illinois.

Following telegraphic instruction to presidents of institutions repeated for your information "Supplementing announcement of the Secretary of War, dated May eighth providing for comprehensive system of military instruction in institutions of collegiate grade, beginning with the next fall term, a plan for carrying out this policy has been approved and will be mailed you shortly. Plan includes provision for sixty day training camps. July eighteen to September sixteen, for selected students and faculty members who will be trained as assistant instructors to help officers who will be assigned to institutions. No commissions issued but certificates of qualification as instructors. Majority of selected students from institutions now having Reserve Officers' Training Corps units will be chosen by commanding officers of R.O.T.C. camps now in progress these selected students to remain for further instruction in new camps. In addition presidents of R.O.T.C. institutions may select one student for each fifty students and one faculty member for each two hundred fifty students or less in attendance last academic year. Presidents of institutions not having R O T C units are requested to select one student for every twenty five in attendance last academic year and one faculty member for each one hundred fifty or less. Notify them to report to commanding officer at Fort Sheridan Illinois on July eighteen. Five days leeway in reporting permitted if necessary. Selected students attending July unofficial college military camps may report late, not after August tenth. Select men of highest type physically and mentally and most capacity for leadership. Must be citizens and men who expect to return to college next fall. Minimum age limit students eighteen with no maximum age limit. Maximum age limit faculty forty-five. Emphasize great value of opportunity offered. Advise those selected have physical examination by reliable physician to determine physical fitness for severe training. Selected students and teachers will be under temporary enlistment for sixty days. They will be discharged. They will receive housing, uniforms, subsistence, equipment and military instruction at Government expense. Also pay of private (thirty dollars per month) and reimbursement of transportation to and from camp at three and one half cents per mile. Wire Commanding General, Central Department, Chicago, Illinois number to attend from your institution". Above telegram sent to presidents of institutions having one hundred fifty or more male students the last academic year, located in your department and in Kansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Oklahoma and Texas.

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