

# Seven Army Service Forces Represented in ROTC Here

TODAY'S installment concludes The Battalion discussion series covering the various Army and Air Force branches in which ROTC training is offered at A&M.

Freshmen cadets now taking first year military science will have an opportunity to select their service and branch of study at drill tomorrow afternoon.

This presentation has been published as a service to our Freshmen cadet readers and to our Sophomore readers in the process of deciding in what service and branch they wish to take a contract—The Editor.

## Army Service Forces

### Corps of Engineers

THE Corps of Engineers has a war time mission "to facilitate the movement of our own troops and to hinder the movements of the enemy." Within this simply stated mission operates one of the most important and complicated branches of the Army. The Engineers also contribute greatly to the combat effectiveness of troops by constructing and maintaining such facilities as hospitals, field shower units, and rest centers.

Officers in the Corps of Engineers have a never-ending parade of projects before them, come war or peace. They help to pick sites for new buildings, prepare plans and estimates, direct construction and repair of fortifications and airfields, install and maintain utilities, make maps and sur-

veys, and lay land mines. These are only a few of the many Engineer projects.

In peace time, the Corps of Engineers also has many continuing jobs such as maintaining and improving our navigable rivers and harbors, protecting various communities from floods, and increasing the use of water power. These civil responsibilities, added to those which are purely military in nature, make the Corps of Engineers unique among the branches of the Army.

Students pursuing any course in engineering are permitted to enroll in the Engineer branch advanced ROTC at A. and M. College, provided the course is approved by the Engineer Society for Professional Development. Civil engineering or mechanical engineering courses are recommended for students who plan to enter advanced ROTC in the Corps of Engineers.

### Signal Corps

THE mission of the Signal Corps is to operate the Army's communications network; to do photographic work; to develop, procure, and repair communications equipment and weather forecasting equipment; and to furnish trained signal troops to elements of the Army that maintains communications, that is, message carrying activities, down to and including division headquarters. In short, signal communications in the Army are like the nerves of the body, nerves that enable the entire Army or any portion of it to act as an integrated unit.

Any student pursuing courses leading to a degree in engineering, electronics, or physics may be admitted to a senior division Signal Corps ROTC unit by selecting and completing one or more courses in electrical engineering as requirements or electives prior to graduation. However, as a second priority, the PMS&T may admit students pursuing courses other than those mentioned above at his discretion.

### Chemical Corps

THE Chemical Corps is charged with the investigation, research, design, and development of chemical warfare items. It is concerned with smoke and incendiary materials, toxic gases, all war gas defense appliances, and all biological warfare and radiological defense activities.

It furnishes advice to all elements of the Department of Defense on chemical and biological warfare and radiological defense. It is responsible for the supervision of training of the army in chemical and biological warfare and radiological defense.

### Ordnance Corps

THE Ordnance Corps provides the Armed Forces of our country with material for firepower and mobility—rifles, machine guns, artillery, ammunition, tanks, and trucks. Ordnance material ranges from time pieces to radar controlled automatic anti-aircraft guns; from jeeps to ponderous tank transporters; from pistol cartridges to twenty ton bombs, pyrotechnics, and guided missiles.

A large part of this type material used by friendly foreign armies is supplied by the Ordnance Corps. The Ordnance procurement program involves more expenditure of funds than all other Army services put together. Ordnance research projects require millions of dollars annually. The handling of its material requires the Army's largest depot system.

Ordnance officers perform work closely related with business and industry. They must be business men but the technical nature of Ordnance Corps activities calls for an engineering or scientific background.

Mechanical and industrial engineers particularly will find a large amount of related work in the Ordnance Corps, and all engineers, physicists, and chemists will find Ordnance a fertile field in which to utilize their regular college courses both before and after graduation.

### Quartermaster Corps

ONE of the world's largest business organizations, the Quartermaster Corps supplies over 70,000 items to a million men all over the globe; and in time of war this may be expanded to 85,000 items to ten million men.

Quartermaster officers of outstanding executive caliber and sound business sense design, produce, test, and supply clothing for every climate, food for every mealtime situation, and petroleum products for all purposes. These officers are at once merchants, importers, exporters, ware-

house managers, purchasing agents, and expeditors.

Activities of the Quartermaster are diversified to such an extent that students majoring in any of the courses given at this college can fit well into the regular or reserve establishment upon graduation.

### Transportation Corps

ONE of the youngest of all services, the Transportation Corps, performs transportation functions for the Army and provide such transportation service to the Air Force or Navy as may be agreed to jointly. Transportation officers are the Army's traffic managers as well as highway and railroad executives.

Constant improvement in the movement of men and supplies throughout the world challenges the initiative, leadership, and ingenuity of transportation officers in command or staff capacities, many of which are closely allied with civilian occupations.

The academic courses which more nearly parallel this type of work are industrial engineering and business administration. However, no special academic course is necessary for admission to this branch.

### Army Security Agency

THE Army Security Agency, a field agency of the Intelligence Division, has two broad interlocking functions. These two functions are signal intelligence, which comprises the production of intelligence from enemy communications, and communication security, which comprises the protection of information which might be derived by others from our own communications.

To accomplish the mission of communication security, the Army Security Agency is responsible for the preparation, publication, storage, distribution, and accounting of all crypto-systems employed by the Army; the development and maintenance of cipher machines, the promulgation of community security doctrine; the monitoring of friendly radio traffic in order to detect and correct violations of communications security; the inspection of cryptocenters; and the surveillance of programs of cryptographic instruction.

Any major academic course is acceptable, subject to the demonstration of necessary aptitudes for Army Security Agency work.

## Battalion Editorials

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## Right Choice . . .

FRESHMEN Military science students must make an important decision tomorrow afternoon.

They will decide, for the most part, how and in what capacity they will serve their country when called into the armed forces.

Cards will be distributed so that each man may indicate his choice of service and the branch he wishes to study within that service.

There is a considerable tendency for students to choose a unit on the basis of its

standing at A&M and according to the people who are to command it and live in it.

The imminence of military service today makes evident the necessity for making a right choice in the selection of a service and branch of study. It was to encourage a right choice that The Battalion yesterday and today published a discussion of all military science courses offered at A&M.

That right can hardly be based on whether a best buddy is going to be living in the outfit, or on whether it is expected to win some award next year.

The three years in a military unit at A&M will seem short and unprofitable indeed to the man who finds himself in a field of military service unfitted to his temperament and training.

These freshmen will do well to read and study carefully the mission and activities of each of the courses of instruction offered. They may profit by discussing their choice of service and branch with their military counselor or present military instructor.

It will be wise for each of them to carefully consider how his personality and his field of study will best fit into military service.

He might ask himself:

- How will I like commanding a tank platoon or artillery unit, or being responsible for aircraft maintenance, or communications, or what have you?

- Will my course of study be profitable to me when I am called in?

- Will what I do in military service be profitable to me when I return to civilian life?

These questions, not "Roommate what are you going to get into?" are the ones he should ask himself.

Some active thought will produce a choice that will make military service valuable to the individual and the individual valuable to his country in time of emergency.

## Fight Crime

### With Local Opinion

THE LATEST issue of U. S. News and World Report devotes eight pages to an interview with Senator Estes Kefauver. This long interview gives a very interesting and enlightening report of the findings and real purpose of the Senate crime investigating committee.

Senator Kefauver gives a good picture of all the ways now used to prosecute big-time gangsters. The same legal maneuver—prosecution for income tax evasion—that was used to break the big names back in prohibition days is being used against the national crime leaders today.

But time after time Senator Kefauver returns to the essential principle discovered by the recent crime investigation—unless local public opinion is aroused against crime, laws can do no good.

The person who sadly cries, "What can I, an ordinary powerless citizen, do to prevent organized crime?" should consider this statement by Kefauver:

"If you go to a city where you have good churches and schools and interest in government, you don't have any big-time organized crime."

## The Battalion

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## Doctor Draft May Fill Call For Medics

Washington, April 24—(AP)—Twelve hundred doctors will be drafted into the armed forces in July, August and September unless volunteers fill the gap in 10 weeks.

The Defense Department issued a draft call yesterday for 1,202 priority one doctors. These are medical men who have received their scientific education at government expense or were deferred during World War II to attend medical school, and who have served less than 90 days in the armed forces.

The requisition will not be necessary, the department said, if enough doctors come in voluntarily to meet the growing needs of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

A draft call for 1,522 physicians, dentists and veterinarians was issued last Oct. 10, but subsequent volunteering made inductions unnecessary.

Twenty-one thousand medical men of all categories registered last October 16. They included 12,845 doctors, of whom 2,910 have volunteered.

Enlisted Air Force volunteer reservists (those who do not get drill pay) were promised today releases from active duty after 12 months service.

Harold C. Stuart, assistant secretary of the Air Force, reported to a House Armed Services Subcommittee the bulk of men in this category will be released in August if they do not wish to remain on active duty.

For the time being, he said, the Air Force plans to hold all its reserve officer and airmen of the Organized Reserve for the full 21 months of active service allowed by law.

Stuart said nearly all the Air Force Organized Reserve will have been recalled to active duty by July 1. Seventy-one per cent of active Air Force officers today are reservists, he said.

## Open House

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take place. At 8:40, the Best Drilled Sophomore Award will be given in each unit. And five minutes later, the commanding officers will receive their appreciation gifts from outfits.

The Cadet Corps will strut its stuff before parents and guests at 9:20 on the Main Parade Ground. Two hours later, a special program honoring mothers and dads will begin in Guion Hall. Master of ceremonies will be David Haines. Roddy Peoples will give the prelude, and Ken Wiggins will supply the invocation. President M. T. Harrington will then welcome the guests in an address, followed by a talk entitled "To Our Parents," presented by Cadet Colonel of the Corps DeLoach Martin. Allan Eubank will then present the Aggie Mother of the Year.

Bill Turner is to direct the Singing Cadets through a prepared selection, and Corps Chaplain Curtis Edwards will offer the meditation. Ken Wiggins will end the program with a benediction.

Lunch will be supplied in Duncan Mess Hall at 12:30.

The Awards and Merit Day Program will begin at 1:30 p. m. The Ross Volunteers, half an hour later, will provide an exhibition of precision drill on the Main Drill Field.

From 2:30 until 4:30 p. m., President and Mrs. Harrington will hold an open house reception in their home. And at 3 p. m., the Aggie Band will furnish a concert on the lawn in front of the president's home.

## Bible Verse

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. —Psalms 121:1-2.

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