

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF MARINE
CORPS SECTIONS OF STUDENT ARMY TRAINING

CORPS.

Marine officers detailed to certain colleges in the United States for the purpose of organizing Marine Sections under the organization of the Student Army Training Corps are charged with the duties of induction, administration, training, and discipline of the Marine Sections. These duties will supplement the general instructions authorized by the War Department and the commanding officers of respective college organizations.

The purpose of this organization is to give college men a preliminary course of training, in connection with their college studies, for service in the Marine Corps, and to select, from time to time, the best qualified men from the Marine Sections for designation for training in aviation or for assignment to our Officers' Training Camps.

At the present time, the Marine Corps is in especial need of officers for the Marine Corps Reserve Flying Corps. Therefore, special effort should be made by the marine officer to induct into the Marine Sections those men who desire to become aviators and who are best qualified for that service. As the Marine Corps is also in need of line officers, well qualified men in the Marine Sections will also become available for designation to the Officers' Training Camp at Quantico, Va.

It should be thoroughly understood, however, by all concerned that no promises whatever are made to applicants desiring to join the Marine Sections that they will be made commissioned officers in the U. S. Marine Corps. After a man is once inducted into the Marine Section, he is a marine and is no longer under the jurisdiction of his draft board. He is subject to military orders and is available for any military duty in the service of the Marine Corps at any time. Those men who for any reason fail to qualify as candidates for officers in the Marine Corps will be ultimately ordered to aviation duty or to one of our recruit camps in the status of enlisted men, upon the recommendation of the marine officer in charge.

The first requisite for a student desiring to be inducted into the Marine Corps by joining the Marine Section of the Student Army Training Corps is the presentation of conclusive proof to the officer in charge of the Marine Section showing that his academic standing in the institution is that of sophomore or third-classman, i. e.,

he must have successfully completed one year of standard collegiate work. Second, he must pass the usual physical examination which we have heretofore made a prerequisite for enlistment in the Marine Corps. Arrangements are being made whereby medical officers in the Navy will make these examinations. In case naval officers are not available for this service when needed, the marine officer in charge is authorized to obtain the services of a marine medical examiner from the nearest recruiting station. Third, all applicants must be over 18 years of age on date of induction.

Students who apply for induction with the desire to qualify for commissions in the Marine Corps Reserve Flying Corps should be thoroughly instructed that the following prerequisites are necessary before they can be recommended for further special training by the marine officer in charge. The first recommendations will probably be made during the month of January 1919.

- (a) Compliance with "Instructions Regarding Proof of Citizenship";
- (b) Age: Must be over 19 and under 33 years on March 1, 1919;
- (c) Weight: Minimum 130 pounds; maximum 170 pounds (stripped);
- (d) Height: Not less than 5 feet 4 inches;
- (e) Vision: 20/20 on the Snellen test, uncorrected by glasses;
- (f) Must pass a general physical examination;
- (g) Must submit proof that he has successfully completed the following mathematical studies in either a preparatory college or college:

Elements of Algebra;
Plane Geometry;
Solid Geometry;
Trigonometry;
Physics;

NOTE: The requirement of completion of course in physics may be waived at the discretion of the marine officer in charge, provided the applicant has undergone an unusually complete course in other mathematical studies.

- (h) Such other educational or physical qualifications as Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps might deem necessary to impose.

Students who are recommended by the marine officer in charge to attend special aviation training schools, to be designated later, will be required to receive satisfactory marks in the aviation course and prove themselves to be competent aviators before they are finally commissioned in the Marine Corps Reserve Flying Corps.

Students who apply for induction with the desire to qualify for commissions for general service in the Marine Corps should be thoroughly instructed that the following prerequisites are necessary before they can be recommended by the marine officer in charge for further special training. The first recommendations will probably be made during the month of January 1919.

- (a) Compliance with "Instructions Regarding Proof of Citizenship";
- (b) Must be over 19 and under 30 years of age on March 1, 1919;
- (c) Must pass a general physical examination;
- (d) Must have such other educational and physical qualifications as Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps might deem necessary to impose.

Students who are recommended by the marine officer in charge to undergo preliminary training for general service will be ordered to one of our recruit camps. At these recruit camps, they will not be subject to the regular procedure of selection for the Officers' Training Camp but will be ordered to complete the course of recruit training with the distinct understanding that, if their work is satisfactory, they will be ordered direct to the Officers' Training Camp. After successfully completing the prescribed course at the Officers' Training Camp, they will be duly commissioned as officers of the U. S. Marine Corps.

In all matters concerning the procedure and details of induction, the marine officer in charge will be governed by the orders issued from the Provost Marshal General's Office. Special attention is directed to the letter addressed to the Commanding Officer of the Student Army Training Corps -- Subject: Individual induction of registrants in the Student Army Training Corps -- dated September 9, 1918.

Blank forms for induction and full instructions will be obtained from the commanding officer of the college organization.

The final decision in regard to all applications

for induction into the Marine Section of the Student Army Training Corps will rest entirely with the marine officer in charge. His decisions should be guided by the recommendations of the medical officer of the Navy who makes the physical examinations, and, in general, by the standards and present needs of the Marine Corps.

After a student has been duly inducted into the Marine Section of the Student Army Training Corps, the marine officer in charge will proceed to enlist him in the Marine Corps according to instructions which will be forwarded.

Enlistment papers now in force will be used as heretofore, with the exception that there will be inserted in a conspicuous place on the face of the enlistment paper (by rubber stamp or otherwise) the following notation:

"Inducted into the Marine Section, Student Army Training Corps by Local Board No. _____, (Address of Local Board)."

The same notation will be made on the outside front cover of the service and health record books. Enlistment papers will be forwarded to Headquarters, Marine Corps, immediately, and the service and health record books will be retained in the office of the marine officer in charge.

Officers in charge of Marine Corps Sections will receive copies of instructions which have been sent to recruiting officers, and all parts of these instructions referring to selective draft and volunteers must be most carefully observed; and the spirit indicated in these instructions followed in every way, particularly in regard to induction of applicants for Marine Sections.

Marine Sections will follow, in general, the same course of instruction and training as outlined for the Student Army Training Corps by the War Department and the Commanding Officer of the college organizations. In this connection, the particular attention of the officers in charge of Marine Sections is directed to the absolute necessity of the fullest cooperation with the Commanding Officers of the college organizations.

The details of instructions and organization for company and battalion drills should be worked out by conference with the Commanding Officer.

Members of the Marine Sections will receive the pay, commutation of quarters, rations, heat, and light allowances as prescribed for enlisted men of the Marine Corps.

These allowances will total about \$87.00 per month. They will be messed and quartered with the Student Army Training Corps, or in such manner as the Commanding Officer shall prescribe. From their pay and allowances they will pay for their lodging, subsistence, and tuition. Such payments will be based on the per diem rate contained in contract between the Army and the institution.

Rifles and military equipment will be issued to all members of the Marine Section by the Commanding Officer of the Student Army Training Corps.

Members of the Marine Section, as enlisted men of the Marine Corps, will wear the prescribed uniform of their rank. Uniforms and clothing will be supplied from the nearest depot of supplies, recruiting station, or marine barracks. These articles will be provided as soon as practicable.

The total allotment of students authorized for the Marine Corps under the organization of the Student Army Training Corps is 1,500. This total has been divided into quotas for twelve universities and colleges and allotted as follows:

<u>Marine Sections</u>	<u>Quota.</u>
Leland-Stanford Jr. Univ.	110
Georgia School of Technology	100
Harvard University	120
University of Minnesota	110
Cornell University	170
University of Washington	160
University of Texas	100
Yale University	100
University of Kansas	140
University of Wisconsin	190
Virginia Military Institute	100
University of North Carolina	100

The number of students inducted into the respective Marine Sections will not exceed the designated allotment without authority from Headquarters, Marine Corps.

You will acknowledge receipt of these instructions immediately.
