

Witte Jr., George W.

## OFFICER IN ALLENTOWN TO OPEN NEW CENTER

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**Capt. G. W. Witte, Jr., in Charge  
of Army Induction Station—  
To Use Many Doctors.**

Captain George W. Witte, Jr., new commander, arrived in Allentown Wednesday to prepare for opening of the new Army induction center in the Old Sherman school building, July 1.

The officer was transferred here from Philadelphia where he has been stationed at the headquarters of the Philadelphia Recruiting and Induction District.

Three other officers will soon join Captain Witte. Two will be lieutenants and the third, a captain, will serve as president of the medical board in charge of the civilian doctors who will conduct the examinations.

About 15 doctors will be needed daily, though the same 15 will not serve each day. A system of rotating will probably be adopted, with 30 or 45 different doctors serving on the board.

The center will operate six days a week, Monday through Saturday, handling 199 young men per day. This will mean approximately 1,200 prospective soldiers will be examined weekly at Allentown.

The station is the eighth to be established by the Army in Pennsylvania, and according to Captain Witte it will be about the same size as that operated at Wilkes-Barre where local selectees are now being inducted.

According to plans the inductees will take the mass oath out-of-doors at the station when weather permits. Selectees will be drawn from the Lehigh, Northampton, Berks, Carbon, Schuylkill, Bucks and Montgomery Counties, and the cities of Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Reading and Norristown. A total of 45 local draft boards in seven adjacent counties are involved.

The local U. S. O. is cooperating in the establishment of recreation facilities on the third floor of the school. Food to be served the selectees will be catered.

In addition to the four officers and medical board, the station will be manned by 16 men from the service personnel of the Detached Enlisted Men's List.

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