

# Draft Group Leaves Here For War Duty

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"We are in the midst of a great war, a struggle to determine whether we will live as free people or as slaves," Councilman George H. Reussner told a contingent of draftees from Local Draft Board No. 1, who left this morning for an army reception center.

"We have won all our previous wars and we will win this one, because our cause is just. When you get to camp, do what you are told, and you will find it surprising what we can do when we must.

Before leaving for the railroad station, Clarence Moyer, in behalf of the Bethlehem Tobacco Club, acted as master of ceremonies at a brief reception in the recreation room of the South Side Municipal Building. He introduced John Griffiths, president of the organization, who recounted the achievements of the club; remarking that up to the present time the club has distributed military kits exceeding 6,000. He told the young men that in army life, their best friend will be the chaplain, and urged them to confide in him.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, each of the selectees was given a military kit. At the railroad station, they were the recipients of luncheon kits, furnished through the courtesy of the Salvation Army.

The group included John George Coffman, 450 Birkel Avenue; Anthony James Oravec, 828 Atlantic Street; James Robert Burkit, 515 Morton Street; John Joseph Cunningham, 225 Taylor Street; Hugh Joseph Reilly, 416 Martel Street; Jack Wiener, 2532 South Seventh Street, Philadelphia; Joseph Kucsan, 631 Martins Lane; Thomas Andrew Zondlo, 617 William Street; Michael Tiscio, R. D. No. 3, Bethlehem; Ernest Kuhar, 707 East Seventh Street; Frank George Poniktera, 1727 East Second Street; Elia Joseph Zarudny, 1641 East Third Street; Solomon Posner, 610 Wyandotte Street; Joseph Peter Oravec, 739 Hillside Avenue; Frank Steve Gaspar, Jr., Box 143, Springtown; Anthony Palik, 700 Williams Street; Stephen Kello, 940 Morton Street; Joseph Stephen Polgar, 1666 Railroad Street, Northampton; Joseph Michael Spisak, 750 Wood Street; Melville Vincent Biggs, 1509 West Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia; William Harry Janney, 634 Jischke Street, Bethlehem; Roy Dickison Hagen, 809 Wyandotte Street; Edward Gralka, 130 West Greenwich Street; Leroy Marzonello, 727 East Fourth Street; Joseph Paul Kitzhoffer, 739 Piot Avenue; Richard Warren Bardshaw, 1900 Riverview Avenue, Wilmington; Thomas A. Zondlo was the acting corporal.

Coffman, John

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