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## NEW ARMY INDUCTION CENTER IN ALLENTOWN

### Selectees from Six Counties to Be Handled, Relieving Other Centers.

Third Corps Area Headquarters completed negotiations Tuesday with the Allentown School District for lease of the school building at Grant and Liberty Streets, where soon thousands of young men from the area will be examined for military service.

The station is being established to relieve the crowded Wilkes-Barre, Philadelphia and Harrisburg induction centers, which since Selective Service have handled the youth of Eastern Pennsylvania.

Colonel Frederick Schoenfeld, commanding officer of the Philadelphia Recruiting and Induction District, announced the station's establishment. "Allentown has been selected," he said, "because of its central geographic location."

Colonel Schoenfeld explained that

for weeks Army engineers have been surveying the situation because of the pressing need for another center.

Captain A. D. Reed, also of the Philadelphia office, was to come to Allentown today to start organization plans.

The station is scheduled to begin operation on July 1. In the meantime minor alterations will be made to the building to take care of the necessary equipment. Abandoned several years ago as a school, the

building recently was reopened for machine tooling classes which are to start on Wednesday. These classrooms, however, are located in the basement, a section not needed by the Army.

The center will be operated on the other three floors which provide some 12,000 square feet of space in 20 rooms. Lease of the building is being made at rental of \$6,000 annually. It most likely will be in operation for the duration. Colonel Schoenfeld said.

Between 200 and 300 young men will be examined daily, according to the officer. Full medical and X-ray equipment for complete examinations will be installed.

The station will draw draftees from Lehigh, Bucks, Berks, Northampton, Schuylkill and Carbon Counties.

Captain George W. Witte, of the Philadelphia headquarters, has been placed in command of the center.

The station will be manned by three officers and 30 men, plus a medical board of approximately 15 doctors.

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