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Vets' Bureau Office Here To Aid Wounded

Major K. E. Harte Assigned To Look After Interests of Area's Disabled

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Establishment of headquarters in Bethlehem of a training office by the Veterans Administration for disabled veterans of Northampton and Lehigh county became a reality today with the arrival of Major K. E. Harte, former adjutant of the 213th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment commanded by Col. Lawrence C. Atwood, of this city. Major Harte has taken offices in the Odd Fellows building with the field contact representative, Ernest Boger.

Under congressional authority the Veterans Bureau has special setup for the care of disabled men. This is aside from the G-I Bill of Rights which is for all veterans.

Already these are 127 men from the area getting vocational training and following studies in school through the legislation for disabled veterans.

Major Harte, now residing at 120 North Ellsworth Street, Allentown, has had a distinguished service record. Through participation in six engagements in Africa, Sicily, Italy and Corsica he has developed an understanding of the problems of the men with whom he served.

Veterans generally are pleased with the assignment given Major Harte. He left Bethlehem in 1940 as range officer for Battery C of the 213th. Subsequently he became adjutant of the regiment and later became adjutant of the 71st AAA Brigade.

Though details of the local program of the Veterans Bureau for disabled veterans are not complete, Major Harte for the present probably will spend two or three days a week in the office here. As the case load grows the personnel undoubtedly will be increased.

Major Harte said today that the work of his office is not to be confused with that of the provisions



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of the GI bill. His office deals only with men whose service has been terminated because of disabilities. It will be his duty to help rehabilitate these men, either through vocational or educational training. To this end Major Harte is contacting colleges and schools in the area as well as explaining the program to employers of men who are desirous of learning trades.

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