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Friends and Relatives Wish  
Selectees Well as They Em-  
bark for Induction.

Another group of selectees sent by the three Bethlehem Selective Service Boards departed at 6:05 a. m. today with the challenge of Commander John R. Craig, U. S. N., to make themselves good soldiers, a credit to the nation and a part of a victorious army, ringing in their ears.

The draftees left by special train for Wilkes-Barre where they will receive their final physical examination. Those who pass the tests will be sent immediately to army induction camps, while others will return to their homes under a new government draft rule.

Commander Craig cited the fact that entering the army of the United States now is grim and serious business. He urged the draftees to bend every effort to make themselves excellent soldiers and to profit from their teachings.

"Too many people are not taking this war seriously," declared Commander Craig. "If you stop to think that to date our forces have not fared so well in this fight—a fight to the finish—you will realize that you face a grim task of preparation if you are to return a part of a victorious army."

Exercises at Central Railroad station were cut short to permit the draftees to have more time with their immediate families. Several hundred people were on hand to bid farewell to the draftees.

Lloyd B. Jones, chairman of Draft Board No. 2, was chairman John Griffith, president of the Tobacco Club, presented each draftee with a postcard, which, after he reaches camp, should be mailed to the club. He will then receive his gift kit from the club.

George H. Reussner, member of City Council, spoke briefly for the community, echoing Commander Craig's admonition that the draftees should consider the seriousness of the war and take every step possible to aid his country.

The names of those accepted by the Army for immediate induction will be published tomorrow.

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