

DeLong, James E.

DRAFT BOARD NO. 3 BELIEVES RECORD SET

**James E. DeLong, 19, Enrolled
for Army, Weighs 422
Pounds.**

With the registration Tuesday of James Edwin DeLong, 1944 Glendale Avenue, Bethlehem Selective Service Board No. 3 laid claim to having enrolled the heaviest registrant in the United States during the fifth registration for selective service.

James, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin DeLong, was 19 years old June 28, just two days prior to the fifth R-Day. He is five feet eleven inches tall and weighs 422 pounds.

Because he seldom leaves his home, his father appeared at Nitschmann Junior High School, the registration place for Board No. 3, on Tuesday, inquiring whether he could sign up for his son. When the situation was explained, board members and L. R. Drown, chief clerk, agreed that Mr. Drown would go to the DeLong home to enroll Jimmy.

The young man answered all the questions and signed his name just as if he had come to the registration center. He was born in Bethlehem, but the family lived for a few years in Allentown, his mother being a member of the Koenig family of that city.

Outside of a short walk, Jimmy's greatest daily treat is a quart of ice cream.



ENROLLING "HEAVIEST" DRAFTEE—L. R. Drown, left, chief clerk of Draft Board No. 3, is pictured above registering James DeLong (right), 19-year-old 422-pound son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin DeLong, in the fifth Selective Service call. Mrs. DeLong stands between Mr. Drown and her son.

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