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NAVAL MISSION HERE INTERVIEWS 325 MEN

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**Procurement Officers Gratified
With Response—All Services
Report Many Enlistees.**

Approximately 325 men from this city and vicinity were interviewed by a Naval procurement mission Thursday, here from Philadelphia to seek applicants for commissions or warrant officer ratings in the U. S. Navy. The mission sat from 11 a. m. until 10 p. m. in the University Room at the Hotel Bethlehem. The response was termed "gratifying."

In the unit were Lieut. J. G. Joseph Case, Lieut. Craig Sweeten and Lieut. Paul Dotterer. Medical officers accompanying the mission were Lieut. Commander J. K. Tham and Lieut. S. C. Zibelman.

Classes sought were armed guards, engineers and inshore patrol men.

Naval Enlistments

Numerous enlistments of Northampton County men for service in the U. S. Navy are reported by the Allentown recruiting center. Men who left yesterday afternoon for Philadelphia to be sworn in included Sigmund Adamek, 1520 Columbia Street, city; Sydney Brown, Hawthorne Road, city; Russell Buskirk, Washington Street, Wind Gap; Steve Gyore, 1709 Cottage Avenue, city; Gerald Hoch, 217 East Garrison Street, city; Daniel Horn, 489 Broad Street, Pen Argyl, and Russell Rader, 623 Itaska Street, city.

Two other men from the county have already gone within the past few days, the recruiting officer reported. They are Adam Piergallini, Martins Creek, and William Budge, Pen Argyl. These men reported at Davisville, R. I., for their basic training.

No Rush Reported

While 18 and 19-year-olds, spurred by military leaders' views they make the best fighting men, flock to recruiting stations throughout the rest of the country, the rush is passing the Lehigh Valley by.

The Navy station in Allentown has been breaking all records, but that condition has existed for several months. And although men under 20 make up about 90 per cent of Navy enlistments, they have always done so.

The enlistment rate at the Allentown Army station has remained normal, with the teen-agers making up 35 to 40 percent of all recruits.

Private Harold K. Holmblad, in charge, explained that although the average hasn't increased in the last several days, the Allentown Station has always had a high number of younger men enlisting. In fact, Holmblad said, the office was commended for this seven months ago.

Private Holmblad released the names of last week's enlistments:

George R. Schoffstall, Bethlehem; James P. Ferry, Bethlehem;

Raymond A. Lindemoyer, Nazareth; Harold M. Fosbenner, Quakertown; Victor Capon, East Bangor; Frank Jacobs, Jr., Bethlehem; Albert Reitbauer, Bethlehem; Paul D. Gold, Nazareth; Lyman M. Rice, Hellertown.

Staff Sergeant Charles V. Crumb of the local Marine Corps recruiting station said that the feats of the Leathernecks in the Solomons have been a great stimulus to enlistments since early August, but that there has been no recent upsurge.

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