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PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED

The Signal Corps authorizes the following statement:

One thousand men, trained in photographic work, are needed by the Signal Corps. A new school for instruction in Aerial Photography has just been opened at Rochester, N. Y., preparatory to going overseas.

This ground force for America's aerial photography requires three types of men:

1. Laboratory and dark-room experts, especially fast news photographers, familiar with developing, printing, enlarging, retouching, finishing and panchromatic photography, who can take a plate from the airman and hand it over ten minutes later a finished enlargement to the staff officers. These men will work in motor lorries as close to the front and to the staff as possible.
2. Men able to keep the whole delicate equipment in good condition, such as camera and optical construction and repairmen, lens experts, cabinetmakers, instrument makers, etc.
3. Men to fit the finished prints into their proper places in the photographic reproduction of the German front, to work out the information disclosed, and to keep the whole map a living hour-to-hour story of what the Germans are doing. This includes men familiar with map compilation, map-reading and interpretation, topographical science and drafting, and requires keen analytical powers.

The primary training at Rochester will cover four weeks, and will be standardized along the highly specialized developments brought out in the war. At its close the successful graduates will be sent on for a month of advanced training, after which they will be organized into units and sent overseas.

The best men, however, will be given still further training for commissions as Photographic Intelligence Officers, first at one of the schools and then in actual flights at the flying fields.

Many men not physically fit for line service are eligible for this so-called limited military service, as defective vision, corrected by glasses and other minor physical disabilities, are waived. The proportion of officers and non-commissioned officers to privates will be higher here than usual, so that the opportunity for advancement is good.

Men not registered for the draft, and who possess the necessary qualifications, should write to the Air Division, Personnel Department, 136 K Street, N. E., Washington, D. C., for information as to

enlistment, accompanying their letter with evidence of their qualifications.

Men registered for the draft in the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Maryland, who desire to be voluntarily inducted for this service, should apply to their Local Board and submit evidence of their qualifications. At present these are the only States to which this call applies.

Owing to the shortness of time, it is requested that only men fully qualified apply for this service.

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