

Here Is What Is to Be Expected in Military Forces, Civilian Life Before Axis Is Defeated

At the present time, there are slightly more than 2,000,000 men in the American Army. There are 1,000,000 more men in the Navy, and about 500,000 in the Air Force. That marks an immense change from a few years ago, when the Army was down to around 150,000 men, and the other military branches also were negligible, so far as numbers are concerned. But the change that will take place in the future, according to current plans, will be infinitely greater—and will have an infinitely greater effect on the normal ways of the nation.

Top military men believe that the Army will have to be increased to 8,000,000 men and perhaps still more—that the Navy will have a personnel of around 2,000,000—and that the Air Force also will reach the 2,000,000 mark. In short, if this war continues, between 12,000,000 and 13,000,000 men will be required for military service.

Not all of these men, by any means, will be combat troops. A major army is a world of its own, requiring every kind of skill, talent, craft and profession. For each man in the fighting lines, there must be several men behind the lines in the departments of supply, communication and transport. The same thing is true of the Navy and Air Force. But all of these men, whether they serve with guns or with tools, will be wearing uniforms, and all of them will be out of civilian life.

The reasons for planning so vast a military establishment are obvious. America must figure on a long war whose end will be the actual land invasion of Axis countries. All hope that will not be necessary and that Germany and Japan will collapse. But it would be the height of folly to plan on that. The nation must, instead, plan on doing it the hard way.

What will be the effect of this demand for manpower for the military services?

First, it can be stated categorically that every man under forty without dependents and without a job which is considered absolutely vital to the war effort, will be inducted, and soon. Men who are physically unfit, of course, will be exceptions—but men with relatively minor physical disabilities will be taken, and placed in non-combat work.

Second, Congress probably will pass a measure providing for government support of men's dependents. There will be considerable debate over this, and a great deal of argument concerning how much money should be provided. But it is thought certain that a law will eventually be approved. Then the millions of men in the 3-A classification will gradually be taken. The Selective Service boards have recently been reclassifying men with wives who are self-supporting, changing them to the 1-A bracket.

Third, the registration of older men, up to 64, will give the government exhaustive information concerning a reservoir of manpower which is too old for actual combat, but which can be called upon for other necessary duties. These men, for example, could be used for farm labor, and for work in war industries. They could release younger men for the fighting forces. If this war goes on long enough, it is considered inevitable that the government will decide where, when and for how much pay one will work.

Fourth, it is a definite possibility that eventually the government will classify and conscript womanpower. That is already being done on a volunteer basis, and in time it may be done on an enforced basis. Women can drive cars, run elevators, and do a thousand-and-one other jobs which are now being performed by men the military

Hope Items

(Mrs. C. B. Altman)

Jesse Young left Friday by bus for Fort Bliss.

J. P. Menefee attended to business in Roswell Saturday.

Arthur Melton underwent an appendectomy in Artesia Hospital Saturday morning.

Bill Wroth of Las Cruces was here several days last week attending to business.

Fred Barham of Carlsbad was a visitor at the Young farm Wednesday of last week.

Miss Marjorie Johnson of Hobbs spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Nora Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lewis and children of Artesia were visitors at the Prude ranch Sunday.

Preston Means of Hobbs visited his grandmother, Mrs. Ida Prude, at the Prude ranch Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Reeves of Penasco were visiting their daughter, Mrs. George O. Teel, Sunday.

Miss Lucy Stinnett of Fort Sumner was a guest last week end of her brother, R. M. Stinnett, and family.

Benwood Field of Virden, N. Mex., arrived Friday to spend the week end with his brother-in-law, Don Riddle.

J. W. Reed of Phoenix, Ariz., a former resident and old-timer of the Hope community, is here visiting friends.

Mrs. D. W. Carson was taken to Artesia Friday evening for medical treatment for a severe cut on her lower lip.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Buckner and small daughter, Verna, of Carlsbad, spent Easter Sunday in Hope with relatives.

Mrs. E. L. Landreth and Mrs. B. M. Ballard, accompanied by Claude Wimberly of Maljamar, were in Roswell Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Finn Watson and son, John Marvin, of Hobbs, spent Easter Sunday at the Prude ranch with her mother, Mrs. Ida Prude.

Alva Smith of Pasadena, Calif., who has been visiting his father, Marion Smith, in Pinon, visited friends in Hope last week.

Miss Frances Johnson returned Sunday to El Paso, after spending a week of the Easter holidays with her mother, Mrs. Nora Johnson.

Mrs. A. B. Trimble and small grandson, Bill Trimble, of Roswell arrived last Thursday for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. C. B. Altman.

Misses Jackie McAuliffe, Roma June Carson, Edwina McGuire and Bill Ward of Portales arrived last week to spend the Easter holidays with home folks.

Miss Ella Lee Crockett and her forces need and want.

What will be left for civilian production, civilian life?

The answer is clear: The barest minimum of what is needed. If this war lasts long enough, the drain on human resources will be as great as in Germany, England, Japan, or anywhere else. The home fires will be kept burning by women, by men who are unfit for military service, and by old men. Then, when the war is over, the vast job will start of reestablishing life on a peacetime basis. In the meantime, any man in good health who is not beyond the registration age limits, should be prepared for sudden disruption of his economic, social and domestic life. This war is being fought "for keeps," and all the wealth of the nation, human and material alike, is dedicated to winning it.—Industrial News Review.

guest, Arell Posey, of Alamogordo arrived Saturday morning to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crockett.

Mrs. Mary Katherine Teel, who is attending school in Abilene, Tex., was at home last week to spend the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Teel.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Prude were in Wednesday of last week from their ranch southwest of Hope. They attended to business in Artesia and Roswell before returning home.

An all-day community gathering was held at the schoolhouse Wednesday of last week. A covered dish dinner, complimenting Jesse Young, who left for the Army Friday, was served at noon. The guests were entertained in the afternoon with games of volleyball played by several of the class teams.

Zane Ray and Miss Janice Willburn entertained Wednesday of last week with an April Fool party. Indoor games were played. Miss Martha Kletke won the high prize and Bessie Forister, the consolation prize. At the close of the evening light refreshments were served. The guests included Mary Alice Brumgardner, Lewis, Bill and Frances Wedgide, Clayton Menefee, Lillie Ruth Craig, Bessie Forister, R. L. Trimble, Felix Cahape, R. N. Teel, Phyllis Berry, Thelma Reeves, Horton Bumgardner, Wilbert Potter, Billie Jean Kinder, Charles Crockett, Miss Martha Kletke and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Stinnett.

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John Santa Fe Obliges Artesia Naval Recruit

In its issue of last week, The Edina (Mo.) Sentinel, on which The Advocate editor cut his journalistic teeth, ran this story concerning an Artesia boy and the Santa Fe Railway:

Leon Bert, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bert of Artesia, N. Mex., former residents of Edina several years ago, who enlisted in the Naval Air Corps several weeks ago, and was sent to San Diego, Calif., for preliminary training, passed through Baring Station Saturday night over the Santa Fe en route to Lakehurst, N. J., to take special training at the Aerographers' School for Naval Cadets. At Albuquerque, N. Mex., Mr. Bert was met by his parents for a short visit.

Upon arriving at Kansas City, he phoned his grandparents here, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Ashby, that he would go through Baring about midnight Saturday, and they drove over to see him. Inquiring of J. E. Green, night agent, as to the arrival of the train, he informed the Ashbys the train was one of the fast streamliners, and would not stop at Baring unless it had a passenger from Kansas City.

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SCS Streamlined To Meet Impacts Of War, Says Holly

Will Function on Strict Wartime Basis and Do Its Part in Civilian Defense

The Soil Conservation Service is being streamlined rapidly to meet the impacts of war, according to Odie Holly, unit conservator for the Soil Conservation Service at Artesia.

The personnel is trying to do its part in civilian defense and at the same time to help the farmer and rancher achieve their production goals for 1942, Holly said. One engineer located at Mayhill was inducted into the Army recently.

A streamlined SCS organization will function on a strict wartime basis. The primary objectives of the SCS at the present moment are three-fold, Holly said: First, to continue to assist farmers in the flood stricken areas of the Penasco Soil Conservation District to get their land back into production. Second, to assist each farmer and rancher in Eddy County and part of Chaves County in reaching or exceeding his war production goals with a minimum of soil losses. The services of the SCS are being made available to the county war board for this purpose. Third, to assist the armed forces of the United States on erosion problems on any newly established military bases and reservations in the unit.

Emergency flood relief work is progressing satisfactorily in the Penasco Soil Conservation District, despite substantially reduced personnel, equipment and expenditures, according to Holly. In addition, the entire SCS personnel and equipment have been mobilized into a huge integrated unit for use in civilian defense as may become necessary.

Fishing at Conchas Lake Is Prohibited Until First of June

No fishing will be permitted at Conchas Lake either from boats or from the shoreline until June 1, according to announcement made by the State Game Department. The season as now established is June 1 up to Nov. 30, in accordance with an order of the state game commission, amending a previous regulation. The season as stated on the license and game law digest is April 1 to 15 and June 1 to Nov. 30.

The effect of the Game Commission's order is simply to abolish the April season at Conchas Lake and to open it on June 1 instead. This applies to Conchas Lake only and all other seasons are as stated on the license and digest.

Seventy men and officers of the Chisos Mountains CCC camp in the Big Ben National Park area of Texas have abandoned the camp and moved to Carlsbad to await further assignment. About 100 others were removed from the camp several weeks ago.

The United States Marine Corps has had sixteen commandants, including the present Lieut. Gen. Thomas Holcomb.

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FOUR PERSONS KILLED ON HIGHWAYS IN MARCH

New Mexico, always a healthful state in which to live, now is becoming a healthful place for motorists. Only four persons were killed on New Mexico's highways last month, nine less than the number killed in March, 1941.

A breakdown of the month's traffic fatalities showed that two pedestrians were killed—both at night, while walking on highways—and two persons were killed when cars were overturned.

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