

**ISSUE SPECIFICATIONS
FOR OFFICER MATERIAL**
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true north by observation on the sun and on polaris.

5.—MILITARY AERONAUTICS

(a) Personal—Men from eighteen to twenty-five preferred. The division of military aeronautics needs officers of four different varieties: Pilots, airplane observers, balloon observers, and balloon maneuvering officers. All candidates for flying or balloon commissions will have to go through a prescribed course of instruction at ground schools and flying schools before they can be commissioned. These courses vary in length from four to seven months, depending whether a man is to be commissioned as an airplane observer, balloon observer or balloon maneuvering officer, in which the course prescribed in many respects would be similar to that followed by the course for infantry officers. If successful, these men are commissioned as 2nd lieutenants, although a proposition is now under consideration providing that pilots and observers, who have gone through special advanced courses of training, may be commissioned as 1st lieutenants.

(b) In considering candidates to qualify as pilots, a great deal of emphasis must be laid on intelligence, brightness, mental alertness and ability to think clearly and rapidly and logically in the face of danger.

(c) Candidates for commissions as pilots or aerial observers will be sent upon successfully completing physical examination, to one of the following ground schools: Princeton University, Princeton, N. J.; Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.; University of Texas, Austin, Tex.; University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.; University of California, Berkeley, Calif. These are what are called aviation ground schools, and all candidates upon successfully completing the course will be sent to flying schools, where they will be given instructions in flying; further instructions are given in advanced flying schools for bombers, gunnery officers and airplane observers.

(d) Candidates for commissions as balloon observers or balloon maneuvering officers will be sent to our D. M. A. balloon schools at Fort Omaha, Nebraska, and Camp John Wise, San Antonio, Texas, where the course will average about four months.

(e) The second kind of officers needed by aeronautics are airplane observers. The men qualified for this work must be of the very highest type. Intellectual requirements, the ability to observe detail, and the ability to report clearly and concisely what has been observed, are most important. The man's mental qualifications are very essential. He must be absolutely honest, and be trusted to carry out his mission in the face of all difficulties.

(f) For balloon observers a class of men is required similar to airplane observers, in every respect. It is important that the very highest type of men be picked for this work.

(g) The last variety of officers needed for division of military aeronautics are what D. M. A. calls balloon maneuvering officers. Candidates for these commissions will not be expected to carry on observation work, although under some circumstances they will ascend in the basket for purposes of inspection. It will be the duty of these officers to lay out roads, supervise the correct handling of machinery, and attend to the detail of the mechanical and aerostatical

equipment. They will have command of the men necessary to perform the daily work in the field and will also have charge of other detail and such part of the administration of the company as the commander may direct. The physical qualifications of a candidate for maneuvering officer should be the same as those of any officer of the line, and his general qualifications must be similar in many respects.

(h) Only those candidates should be chosen who are anxious and willing to become candidates for commissions as above described. In other words, a man's own personal preference should be given a great deal of weight, as D. M. A. does not desire to put a man through a long and expensive course of training if he is assigned against his will.

(i) Aviation examining boards with physical units attached, are now stationed in the following cities, and candidates will have to pass the physical examination before being sent to ground schools:

- Atlanta, Ga., No. 1622 Candler Bldg.
- Boston, Mass., No. 755 Boylston street.
- Canal Zone, Fort Sherman.
- Chicago, Ill., No. 230 East Ohio street.
- Dallas, Texas, Camp Dick.
- Los Angeles, Calif., Marsh Strong Bldg.
- Minneapolis, Minn., University of Minnesota, (Millard Hall).
- New York, N. Y., No. 104 Broad street.
- Fort Sam Houston, Texas.
- San Francisco, Cal., No. 55 New Montgomery street.
- St. Louis, Mo., No. 525 So. Euclid avenue.
- Washington, D. C., Bldg. D, 6th street and Missouri avenue, N. W.
- Cincinnati, O., Cincinnati General Hospital.

Academic—High school education or equivalent. Men with college education preferred.

6.—SIGNAL CORPS

a. Personal—Same as for infantry.

b. Academic—High school graduate. Men having received training in electrical engineering and radio communication are desired. Electrical engineering graduates are preferred.

7.—MOTOR TRANSPORT CORPS

Points to be considered in selecting personnel:

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Age: Minimum 26 years; maximum 45 years.

2. Education: Minimum high school graduate, preparatory school or equivalent.

3. Salary—in last position, minimum, \$5,000.

4. Experience: Minimum ten years, executive, administrative, managerial or as proprietor. Military or automobile experience desirable but not essential.

5. Physical appearance. Must have robust physique—minimum weight 145.

M. T. OFFICER

1. Age: Minimum 31 years; maximum 35 years.

2. Experience: Minimum 5 years executive experience in the same capacity as an executive officer, administrative, managerial, proprietor, or as manager in charge of the branch.

3. Physical appearance: All M. T. O.'s must be robust, athletic, out-of-door type, aggressive and with a pleasing personality; diplomatic. Should know how to conduct himself as an officer and a gentleman. Must have a practical knowledge of the operation and maintenance of an automobile, together with either a knowledge of elementary repairs or mechanical instruction on which to form a good foundation for training on the mechanical end of automobile repair.

SUPPLY TRAIN

1. Age: Minimum 31 years; maximum 35 years.

2. Experience and general requirements: Must be very conscientious, reliable and serious minded. Not as well qualified in mechanics as in administration.

AMBULANCE, AMMUNITION, MACHINE GUN

1. Age: Minimum 27 years; maximum 32 years.

2. Physically qualified A-1, in addition to basic qualifications previously stated.

COMPANY COMMANDERS

1. General requirements: Should be embryo train commanders and M. T. O.'s with wherever possible, emphasis on the mechanical knowledge, but not at the expense of administrative ability.

8.—ENGINEERS

a. Personal—Same as for infantry.

b. Academic—Technical education in one of the various branches of engineering or one having had a high school education and five years practical experience in engineering work, men with outdoor experience preferred to the indoor or office type of man.

9.—ORDNANCE

a. Personal—This branch of the service desires men having had experience as shop superintendents or high class foremen in civil life who should be familiar with machine shop methods and capable of supervising a mobile ordnance repair shop in the field, concerned with the repair of ordnance material and equipment.

Also men trained in the maintenance, repair and adjustment of fire control instruments who should have had experience in fine tool and instrument making in civil life.

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N—QUARTERMASTER

a. Personal—The quartermaster corps requires men who have business experience or show an aptitude toward business principals. They are used in the numerous depots, warehouses, quartermaster detachments, etc. Those men showing ability as leaders or directors of men will qualify for commissions. Those men not qualifying will be used as clerks, accountants, checkers, etc. Limited service soldiers will be accepted.

b. Academic—High school education or equivalent.

CHEMICAL WARFARE SERVICE

a. Personal—Same as for infantry.

b. At least high school graduates, college education preferred. Some knowledge of chemistry (not necessary, but an asset).

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DAILY OFFICE NOW BEING CAMOUFLAGED

While the editors of The Daily Nebraskan were pounding out the material for this issue of the "Rag" on their typewriters, they were occasionally reminded by a big drop of fresh paint descending from the ceiling that their office was being camouflaged. When reporters come back

from their much needed vacation, for which they must thank King Flu, they will find that instead of a dingy, dark ceiling, they will find a span clean white roof over their heads.

Beginning Wednesday afternoon the office of The Daily Nebraskan was put in the hands of two artistic painters who very skillfully pushed the editors into the corners and covered their desks with a large canvas cover which,

to say the least, could hardly be called immaculate. But not a word of complaint was heard from the busy newspaper men, as they mockly sat pecking their machines while now and then a wet, oily drop of white paint filled from the painter's brush to an editor's nose. Such is the life of the "Rag" makers, but then we are at war, so why shouldn't camouflaging be popular?

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