

Draft Call Causes National Guard To Be Cut Back

Increased draft calls by the Active Army have caused a substantial cut-back in active duty training quotas for the Alaska Army National Guard, it was stated today by Brigadier General William S. Elmore, The Adjutant General of Alaska.

"We have a list of over 100 guardsmen awaiting orders for their basic training and we expect this figure to go higher next month," General Elmore stated.

If the draft call is increased, it would only further delay the departure time to attend basic training.

Young men between ages 17 and 26, who wish to take advantage of the guard active duty program, which has been reduced from six months to five and even four and half for most branches, should apply at their local National Guard Armory immediately to receive all the desired information.

General Elmore stated, "If a young man enlisted now it is unlikely that he would attend his Reserve Enlistment Training prior to February."

All time spent in the Guard prior to basic training counts toward his obligation, and the man is not subject to the draft while awaiting departure; he may also continue with his present employment.