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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION No. 217

CALLING UPON ALL YOUNG MEN, CITIZENS OF
THE PHILIPPINES, WHO SHALL ATTAIN THE
AGE OF 20 YEARS IN A CALENDAR YEAR TO
REGISTER FOR MILITARY INSTRUCTION

By virtue of the powers conferred upon me by sections 54 and 55 of Commonwealth Act No. 1, entitled "The National Defense Act," I, Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Philippines, do hereby call upon all young men, citizens of the Philippines, who shall attain the age of twenty years in a calendar year, to register for military instruction in the city, municipality, or municipal district in which they reside.

The following rules and regulations shall be followed in the registration and selection of trainees for military service:

1. All male citizens of the Philippines who have attained or shall attain the age of twenty years in a calendar year shall register for military service.

2. Registration shall take place in suitable registration places to be prescribed by the Mayor of the city, municipality, or municipal district government in which the registrants reside, during regular office hours, between eight o'clock a.m., April first, and eight o'clock p.m., on April seventh.

3. Those unable to visit registration places because of illness, or for any other reason, shall be registered by their parents or legal guardians.

4. No person convicted of a crime against the Government or of an offense involving moral turpitude shall be permitted to register for military service unless he shall have been previously pardoned by the President.

5. The following persons are exempted from registration:

(a) Members of the Army of the United States, the Philippine Constabulary, and the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

(b) Young men, citizens of the Philippines, who are residing abroad. These persons shall register within five days after their return to the Philippines in order to determine their obligation for military training.

If under thirty years of age on their return they shall be liable for military instruction, and shall submit thereto if drawn at the next national drawing following their return.

(c) Persons who, because of incarceration awaiting trial or undergoing sentence of a court of law, are prevented from registering. They shall, upon their release from custody, register for military instruction with the mayor of the municipality or township in which they reside. If under thirty years of age at the time of release, they shall be liable for trainee instruction; if over that age, they shall be exempted.

6. Any government official or employee who is the official custodian of records pertaining to births shall furnish the registering or deputy registering officers a list of citizens who will attain twenty years of age for such calendar year within thirty days from January 1st of such year.

7. In municipalities and municipal districts, the municipal secretaries and in their absence or disability, the respective treasurers, acting under the immediate supervision of the respective mayors, are hereby designated as registering officers. The municipal councils may designate government officers or employees who shall act as deputy registering officers in outlying barrios. In chartered cities, the Chiefs of Police thereof shall designate responsible officers of the police department to act as registering officers and deputy registering officers.

It shall be the duty of the officers or employees who may be designated as registering or deputy registering officers under this paragraph to notify in person or through their duly authorized representatives each and every individual who will attain the age of twenty years within that calendar year of their obligation to register for military instruction. The latter should acknowledge by signature

the receipt of such notification. A copy of the acknowledgment of the notification by the persons concerned should be immediately forwarded to the Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines.

8. In each city, municipality, or municipal district, the municipal secretary, or other official designated as registering officer, shall keep a military register as part of the permanent record of his office, subject to the inspection by the Provincial commander of the Province, or such other officer who may be authorized to conduct such inspection by the Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines.

9. The name of registrants shall be entered serially in the military register in the order that they report.

10. Each registrant shall be required to furnish the following information:

- (a) Name.
- (b) Address.
- (c) Date and place of birth.
- (d) Civil Status (single, married or widower).
- (e) Name of each dependent and degree dependency.
- (f) Employment, nature of the same, and the name of the employer.
- (g) Educational attainment, special aptitude or qualification.
- (h) Preference for branch of service, that is, Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, Air Corps, Medical Service, Quartermaster Service, Ordnance Service, etc.

11. On completion of registration formalities each registrant shall be issued a registration card bearing a serial number corresponding to his number in the military register of the city, municipality, or municipal district in which he resides.

12. Any change of address of a registrant subsequent to registration shall be promptly reported to the registering officer who shall make appropriate notation in the military register and on the registration card, and if the change of address involves a domicile in another city, municipality or municipal district, the registering officer shall immediately report the facts to the Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines.

13. Upon termination of the registration period in each calendar year, the registering officer shall immediately prepare copies in triplicate from the military register, the number and description of the registrants for that year, one copy of which shall be forwarded to the corresponding acceptance board as prescribed in Military Service Regulations, one copy to the provincial governor or city mayor and another copy to the Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines. The registering officer shall also prepare the cards for drawing by lot and submit same to the

provincial governor or city mayor at the same time as the military register.

14. The provincial governors and city mayors, or their duly appointed assistants, shall supervise the recruitment of manpower in their respective provinces or cities. They shall have access at all times to the records pertaining to registration and selection of trainees. They shall give necessary instructions as to the proper manner of making entries in the military register, and shall report all irregularities coming to their attention to the Secretary of National Defense.

15. Detailed instructions governing the method and procedure of registration, examination, classification, and the selection of trainees for military service are prescribed in Military Service Regulations.

16. Registration cards shall be carefully preserved by the registrants. Each card shall constitute a certificate that the holder has carried out his first military obligation to the State.

17. All provisions of Proclamation No. 23, dated January 11, 1936, and Proclamation No. 48, dated December 30, 1947, inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked, or amended accordingly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 28th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the tenth.

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RAMON MAGSAYSAY
President of the Philippines

By the President:

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