

WEEK-END SOLDIERS

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To an American Fifth Army ^{Barracks} ~~camp~~ came a batch of Chicago young hopefuls - the first to volunteer as soldiers for the weekend. Aged from 14-17 they took part in an experiment likely to benefit both themselves and the army. In the city they might get up to all sorts of mischief; this military weekend may make them so keen they'll eventually join up as regulars. They were shown as much as could be crammed into the short time, including how much slog a foot-slogger slogs as part of the daily routine.

When it was bedtime they were so bone-weary, tomorrow's G. I. is positively looked forward to Monday morning.

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"G.I. JUNIORS" BOYS LEARN SOLDIERING AT FORT SHERIDAN

Chicago youngsters, 14 to 17 years old, pose with Sheriff Lohman, originator of a soldier week-end program. The boys, 50 strong, go to Fort Sheridan, where the 5th Army cooperates in giving them a real taste of soldiering. Saluted as a further step in the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency, the plan is for any Cook County boy in the age bracket to be eligible to become a G.I. Junior. Regulation Army issue meets with youthful approval -- and wouldn't mother get a kick out of this!

Indoctrination includes many key aspects of Army activities.

One aspect is mighty familiar to G.I. Joe liftin' em up and puttin' em down....

"On the double, men!

Weary little soldiers, back from the wars...

Can't wait until he hits that bunk. good -- night