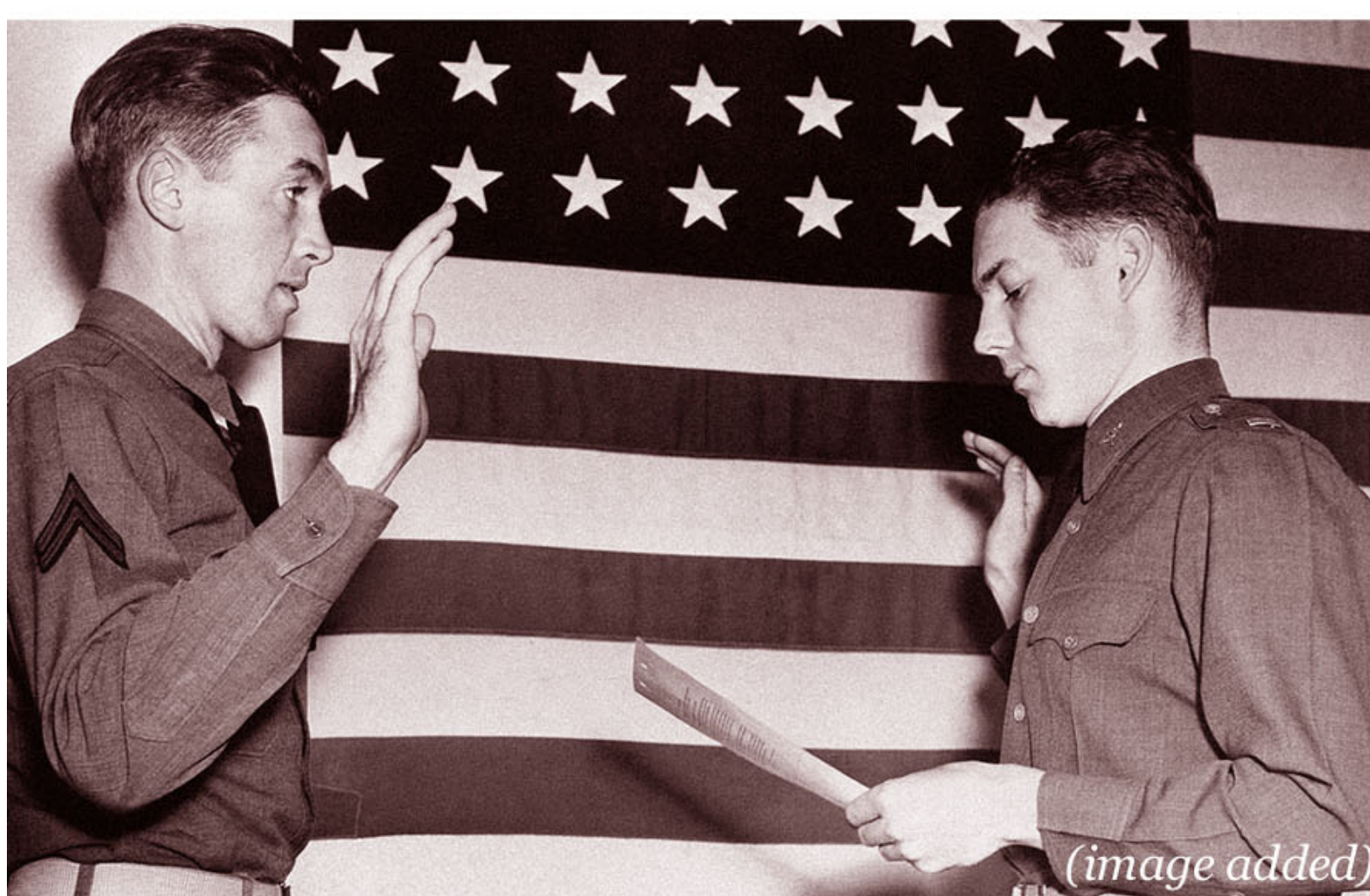


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In the Army Now



James Stewart put on a uniform in “Shopworn Angel,” “Seventh Heaven,” “Navy Blue and Gold,” and other movies, but it was the real thing last week when he volunteered for the Army and was accepted by a Los Angeles draft board. Previously rejected as 10 pounds underweight (he tipped the scales at 147), the 32-year-old 6-foot 4-inch bachelor winner of the 1940 Motion Picture Academy Award (NEWSWEEK, March 10) combined an eating spree and a rest cure to make the grade—and exchange his \$1,500-a-week salary for a buck private’s pay of \$21 a month. Holder of a private pilot’s license, Private Stewart hopes to get into the Air Corps.

Stewart was the first prominent movie actor to join up, though the draft recently reached out for four other notables in entertainment and sports: 26-year-old Jackie Coogan, now at Camp Roberts, Calif., and another aspirant for the Air Corps: Sidney Kingsley, 34, author of “Dead End,” “Men in White,” and other plays, assigned to Fort Jay, N. Y.; Ed (Porky) Oliver, \$12,000-a-year golf meteor of 1940, at Fort Dix, N. J.; and Hugh Mulcahy, ace Philadelphia Phillies’ pitcher.

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