

Army Slates Early Out For Many Young Officers

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WASHINGTON — The Army has announced an involuntary early out of up to two months for young commissioned officers serving on their initial obligated tour of active duty as a part of its strength reduction program.

Exempt from the early release are those whose basic branch is chaplain, judge advocate general or the medical field, as well as, those who have applied or been accepted for extensions beyond their initial tours.

An estimated 5,000 officers will be affected by the change in Fiscal 1971 which ends June 30. The number for Fiscal 1972 is not known at the present time.

Eligible officers will be released from duty according to the following schedule:

Current scheduled release date	New Date
April 1-15	April 1
April 16-30	April 9
May 1-15	April 20
May 16-31	April 30
June 1-15	May 10
June 16-30	May 20

July 1-15	May 28
July 16-31	June 10
Aug. 1-15	June 18
Aug. 16-31	June 28

Sept. 1 and after Two months early

The Army also pointed out that major commanders may postpone releases for those with new release dates in April and May in cases of extreme hardship or for individuals holding critical positions. Delays will not be beyond their old release date or June 10, whichever is earlier. This authority may not be further delegated, the Army said

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