



"Bring me men . . ."

Doolies brace to 'do their thing'

Monday was much more than a government holiday for the 1,400-plus doolies who arrived here to begin their cadet lives. Each member of the newly formed Class of '75 was taking one of the most important steps in his life, but few had time to contemplate it.

After some hurried farewells to family and friends, the freshmen cadets learned their first lesson in military life—know where you're supposed to be and be there.

After finding the proper lines, the recent high school grads found that much could be done in a very short time. Starting the line as travel-weary civilians, they finished with all the necessary trappings to become a cadet in the United States Air Force.

Clothing issue was fast and furious, but accurate. Each cadet was outfitted with everything

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from uniforms to socks in a matter of minutes.

The line moved so fast that they were through the immunization section before most knew what had happened. When it came to losing that stylish long hair, however, many of the doolies felt more pain than when getting their shots.

But Monday was just the beginning of a busy week. Since then the doolies have taken tests in physical fitness and swimming, completed academic placement exams attended heritage lectures and completed many, many forms.

It was a rapid change—from civilian life to the regimentation of the military — but the most amazing transformation yet remains. When the family and friends of the new class see these young men on Parents' Weekend this Labor Day, they will be astonished as these Air Force cadets discuss the fastest moving summer of their lives.