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- Reserve Officers' Training Corps, including Junior ROTC
- Special Training Units for illiterates, WWII
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Accession Costs:

Recruiting	\$ 181
Medical	28
Travel	253
Clothing, etc	<u>253</u>
subtotal	\$ 715
Basic Combat Training	1,739
Advanced Combat Training	1,902
Leave Time, post-AIT	<u>223</u>
Total	\$4,579 (1974)

Source: Henry Moy, Office of Comptroller, Pentagon.