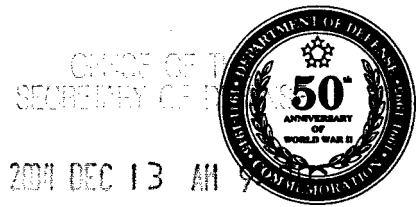




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FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary of Defense (P&R)

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SUBJECT: Expectations of Deployments by New Recruits

- In May, you asked if new recruits knew what to expect in terms of deployments. We offered to gather more information on our August 2004 survey of active duty members. We asked new recruits (i.e., E1-E4s) if they knew they might be deployed, if they thought deployments were likely, and if they might be dangerous.
- Results:
 - Possibility of being deployed when entering the military—77% of all E1-E4s knew; 66% knew it might be hostile.
 - Likelihood of deployments in first 4 years of service—72% felt deployment in first 4 years of service was likely; 63% felt it was likely to be a dangerous place.
 - Likelihood of deployments in a career—84% felt deployments within a career were likely, and 72% felt they were likely to be dangerous places.
- Attached are results by Service.

COORDINATIONS: NA

Attachment:
As stated

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August 2004 Status of Forces Survey of Active Duty Members Results From E1-E4s on Items Related to Deployment Expectations

			RESPONSES (%)		
65	When you first entered the military, were you told that...		Definitely/ Probably Not	Not Sure	Definitely/ Probably Yes
	a. it was possible that you would be deployed during your time in service?	Total	15	8	77
		Army	22	9	69
		Navy	11	6	82
		Marine Corps	10	5	85
		Air Force	12	11	77
	b. it was possible that you would be deployed to hostile or dangerous locations during your time in service?	Total	21	13	66
		Army	25	11	64
		Navy	22	14	64
		Marine Corps	16	10	74
		Air Force	19	16	65
			Unlikely	Neither	Likely
66	When you first entered the military, how likely did you think it was that you would be deployed in the first 4 years?	Total	16	13	72
		Army	23	14	63
		Navy	11	10	79
		Marine Corps	9	9	82
		Air Force	14	17	69
67	When you first entered the military, how likely did you think it was that you would be deployed in your career?	Total	7	9	84
		Army	10	10	79
		Navy	4	8	88
		Marine Corps	5	7	87
		Air Force	6	8	85
68	When you first entered the military, how likely did you think it was that you would be deployed to dangerous places in the first 4 years?	Total	20	18	63
		Army	22	15	63
		Navy	19	20	62
		Marine corps	15	17	68
		Air Force	20	21	59
69	When you first entered the military, how likely did you think it was that you would be deployed to dangerous places in your career?	Total	12	16	72
		Army	15	13	72
		Navy	11	19	70
		Marine corps	9	15	76
		Air Force	11	19	71

Margin of error do not exceed $\pm 5\%$.

