

Non-Coms To Rent Space In Housing Unit

Six Buildings Set Aside For Soldiers' Families Here With 8th Division

Sixty non-commissioned officers of the Eighth division will rent quarters in the new Gonzales Gardens housing project when it opens about September 1, the Housing Authority of Columbia announced today.

Allocation of six buildings, each with 10 units, was approved by the authority and its Washington superior, after it had received a request from Brig. Gen. Philip B. Peyton, commanding general of the division.

Many non-commissioned officers who are to be here with the division have families and they were encountering difficulties finding suitable quarters at a rental they could afford to pay.

All the rest of the project will be rented to civilians.

A board appointed by General Peyton will select the non-coms to occupy the housing units.

Decision to house some of the soldiers in the project was praised by Mayor Owens. The units range in size from three to five and one-half rooms and the rental will include utilities and some fixed equipment such as electric refrigerators, stoves and heaters.

The six buildings selected for use of the non-coms are located at the northeastern edge of the project at Forest drive and McDuffie avenue.