

# KNOX MEN WILL TRAIN FOR WAR

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War Department Establishes Military Post at the College—Faculty Representative and Twenty Students Now at Fort Sheridan

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KNOX, along with every other important college in the country, is to be made a military post for the training of men for the Army, Navy, and essential industries. There has been created a branch of the service to be known as the Students' Army Training Corps and units of this corps will be established in every first class school of collegiate grade which has 100 or more able

bodied volunteers for the work. It is estimated that this will create a reserve army of 100,000 to be drawn upon to supply officers as needed by the War Department. The plan is, in this way, to put the young men into the service where they will be most useful and to prevent the best talent from being lost through indiscriminate volunteering. Students will be allowed to vol-

unteer at the age of 18, and men under 18 may be enrolled but not enlisted. The enlisted men will become members of the Army subject to the call of the President at any time, wearing the uniform and receiving daily military instruction and drill. It is the intention of the War Department to train these men until they are 21 and to call them for overseas duty earlier than that only in the case of emergency. On being registered with their local draft boards, their names will be reported to the commanding officer and to the president of the college. They will then be continued in training until the 30th of the following June, after which they will be transferred to an officers' school or to some expert service in the army or navy or retained for further training. It is expected that all the men by the time they reach 21 will have had the equivalent of a West Point course with enough military and professional training to make them useful as officers, engineers, doctors, chemists, or experts in other lines of essential service.

Regular army officers and non-commissioned officers with overseas service, when available, will command these units. The government will supply uniforms and equipment. Ten hours of class work throughout the school year, such outdoor drill as the situation requires, and a summer camp for six weeks of intensive training will be the program of instruction. Discharges will be granted for reasonable cause and will be ordered for unfitness and misbehavior.

Doctor L. W. Elder, of the faculty, and twenty of the students are now in training at Fort Sheridan in preparation for the organization of the Knox unit. A conference of the college authorities, in which Knox will take a part, is to be held at Fort Sheridan late in August.

The government requirements have been met in full by Knox college, and the plans are well advanced for the proper handling of all phases of the undertaking. Announcement as to Knox's military leader has not yet come from the War Department.