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KNOX IS A MILITARY CAMP

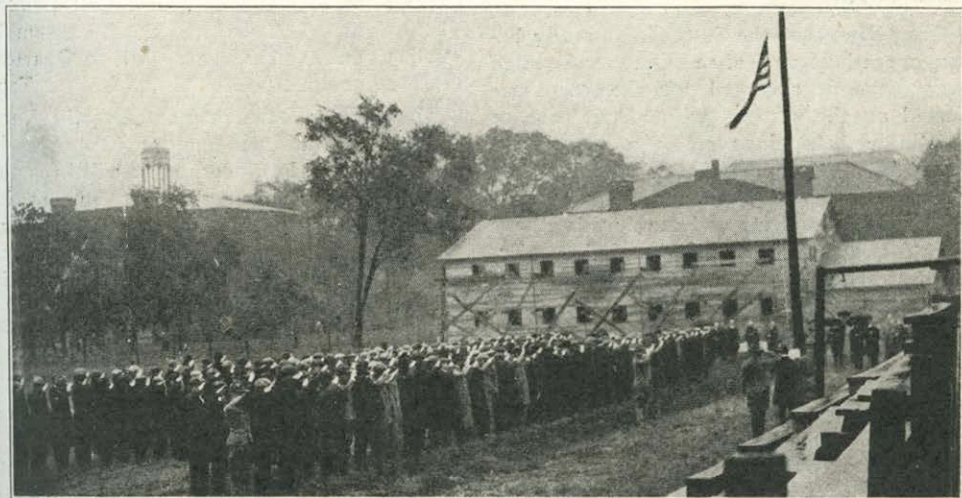
New Barracks and Mess Hall Built—Gym Remodeled—Y. M. C. A. Army Hut Installed—All Student Soldiers Housed on Campus

KNOX COLLEGE is on a war basis. It has settled down to its task of manufacturing capable soldiers and officers for the United States army as a unit of the Students' Army Training Corps, with a vim and determination. The college schedule is no longer from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m., five days a week; it is from 6 a. m. to 10 p. m., seven

tract was taken by the Monmouth-Galesburg Construction Company on the basis of cost and ten per cent. Large gangs of men were rushed onto the job and in three weeks 215 student soldiers were living on the campus in comfortable lodgings. Dimensions of the barracks are 48 by 90 feet.

At the present time all of the boys are

RAISING THE FLAG



Knox's new barracks may be seen in the background

days a week. Every hour is dedicated to help win the war.

The College met its opportunities and problems as it has always met them. Lodging and eating accommodations for 300 men had to be furnished on short notice, the curriculum entirely rearranged, new war courses offered, a larger faculty secured, and military and barracks equipment obtained. All these things were accomplished in three weeks.

Construction work on a model army barracks and mess hall began the week of the college opening, September 18. The con-

housed in the gymnasium, the interior of which has been remodeled. One hundred and twelve sleep on the upper floor of this building and an equal number on the lower floor. As more men are accepted, the upper floor of the wooden barracks will be used as sleeping quarters. It can accommodate another hundred men. The first floor of the new barracks is used as mess hall, which is in charge of an experienced caterer.

The barracks is heated from the college plant, located east of the campus, an additional boiler being installed to meet the greater load.

Other construction work made necessary by the installation of the military unit is that in the east wing of Alumni Hall. This has been converted into a Red Triangle "hut" with a uniformed Y. M. C. A. army secretary in charge. He is Rev. Charles R. Shepherd, who left a pastorate in Shelbyville, Ill., to enter war service. Rev. Mr. Shepherd has student assistants, men who are unable to pass physical tests for the army but are eligible for Y. M. C. A. duty.

President McConaughy estimates that \$25,000 will easily take care of the military improvements. The cost may not run this high. The War Department allows \$1 a day for meals and housing of each man in the unit. From this allowance, the College hopes to save enough to settle the construction bill.

Camp Knox, of the S. A. T. C., really began operations at 7 a. m., October 7, when every student accepted for the corps reported on the campus with a suit case or bundle of belongings ready to begin barracks life. Each man was issued a cot, mattress, mattress cover and three blankets. Uniforms, guns and ammunition have been forwarded by express but full supplies of these necessary materials of war have not yet come.

The Knox commandant is Captain Philip Brown. He is a Harvard man of the class of 1915. He attended the Reserve Officers' Training Camp at Cambridge last summer and then entered the Officers' Training School at Plattsburg where he was commissioned a captain in November of 1917. He was first stationed as an instructor in the depot brigade at Camp Meade and was later sent to Fort Sill to take special work in gunnery. Before coming to Galesburg, Captain Brown was at Northwestern University where he organized the vocational training school.

Lieutenant Edmund J. Freund has been assigned as personnel officer for the unit. Lieutenant Freund is a graduate of the law school at Valparaiso University of the class of 1911. For the past seven years he has been practicing law in Valparaiso. He entered the S. A. T. C. camp at Fort Sheridan in July of this year, and won his second lieutenantcy at the end of the camp.

The daily program of a student-soldier at Knox is:

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| 6:00 a. m. | First Call |
| 6:10 a. m. | Reveille |
| 6:15 a. m. | Assembly |
| 6:30 a. m. | Breakfast |
| 7:15 a. m. | Assembly |
| 8:45 a. m. | Recall |
| 8:55 a. m. | School Call |
| 12:20 p. m. | Recall |
| 12:30 p. m. | Dinner |
| 1:25 p. m. | School Call |
| 4:30 p. m. | Assembly (athletics) |
| 5:30 p. m. | Recall |
| 5:50 p. m. | First Call (Retreat) |
| 5:55 p. m. | Assembly |
| 6:00 p. m. | Retreat |
| 6:10 p. m. | Supper |
| 7:25 p. m. | First Call (study) |
| 7:30 p. m. | Assembly |
| 9:45 p. m. | Call to Quarters |
| 10:00 p. m. | Taps |

Under War Department orders the Knox S. A. T. C. unit will operate 12 months in the year and the government will keep the enrollment of student-soldiers up to its present mark or even higher. The college volunteered to provide accommodations and instruction for 300. There are 284 men in the college proper now and others may be admitted. Not all of these young men were able to pass the physical examinations and some were under 18 years of age. The official number in the Knox S. A. T. C. unit on October 15 was 215.

Men in the S. A. T. C. are enlisted soldiers in the U. S. Army. They receive the pay of a private, \$30 a month, their uniforms and other wearing apparel, their lodging and meals. After a certain period—not specifically fixed—the student-soldier will be selected according to his performance, and assigned to military duty in one of the following ways:

(a) He may be transferred to a central officers' training camp.

(b) He may be transferred to a non-commissioned officers' training school.

(c) He may be assigned to the school where he is enrolled for further intensive work in a specified line for a limited specified time.

(d) He may be assigned to the vocational

training section of the Corps for technical training of military value.

(e) He may be transferred to a cantonment for duty with troops as a private.

The War Department announces: "Similar sorting and reassignment of the men will be made at periodical intervals, as the requirements of the service demand. It cannot now be definitely stated how long a particular student will remain at college. This will depend on the requirements of the mobilization and the age group to which he belongs. In order to keep the unit at adequate strength, men will be admitted from secondary schools or transferred from Depot Brigades as the need may require."

Knox's school year has been divided into quarters instead of semesters. It is probable that the first group of soldiers from the Knox S. A. T. C. will be called to active duty the first of the year, then another group will go three months later. The older men will be summoned first. Other men from civilian or army life who have proper education and physical qualifications, will be assigned by the government to the College to fill the places left vacant by these calls.

Entrance requirements this fall were kept as high at Knox as in previous years. Some of the institutions lowered requirements in order to receive young men to the S. A. T. C., but Knox standards did not change.

This is to be a great year at your Alma Mater, alumni of Knox! President McCon-

augly sounded the keynote of the Knox purpose in his opening chapel address when he said to the students:

"Every man and woman must meet a great adventure some time and every adventure has an objective. Going to college is a great adventure, and being in college this year will be the greatest adventure that any college student ever faced. I throw out a challenge that this adventure will not be a success unless you enter into it with your whole soul. Girls must have the same spirit of work as the boys. Never have colleges had as great official recognition as now. We are engaged in a work recognized by the War Department and the one goal is to 'win the war.'

"Every real and true adventurer has been an optimist. You must be optimists if this year is to be a success. There will be many hardships that we must meet with a smile on our faces and a whistle on our lips.

"Every adventure that has been a success has been undertaken for others with the spirit of service back of it. You must not count the costs. I would that the entire College might enter upon the great adventure of this college year without thinking of the costs, and with a spirit of service back of the action. Everyone will have a chance to do a part. Democracy and equalization for all will be found in Knox College this year, for everyone will do his share of service."

THE FIRST MESS



All the boys eat together in the big mess hall. They take turns as waiters