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### PAY TO STUDENTS

**\$30.00 a Month, Room, Board, Clothing, and Medical Attendance To Be Furnished by U. S.**

The President of the Normal School spent August 30 and 31 with some 400 college men at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, learning the purposes of the war department as stated by Col. Robert I. Rees, Chairman of the Committee on Education and Special Training.

The war department declares that: "All young men who were planning to go to school this fall should carry out their plans and do so. Each one should go to the college of his choice, enroll, and enter as a regular student. He will also register with his local board on the registration day set by the President of the United States. On or about October 1, opportunity will be given for all the regularly enrolled students to be in-

ducted into the Students' Army Training Corps at the schools where they are in attendance."

The student becomes a soldier in the United States army, uniformed, subject to military discipline, and with the pay of a private, \$30.00 per month. He receives room and board free. After an early date in October tuition is paid by the government. The boys also receive free medical attendance from the government.

Officers, uniforms, rifles, etc., will be furnished by the war department.

Student soldiers will receive military instruction under officers of the army. The war department will furnish cots, blankets, mattresses, etc., to the extent practicable.

The great object of the government is to keep the young men in college and in high school. There is grave shortage of qualified officer material. Officers in modern armies must be educated men. By January 1, the government will expect to select a few of the best from each S. A. T. C. and transfer them to central officers' training camps or to "non-commissioned officers" training schools. Their vacant places in the S. A. T. C. are to be filled, if possible, by other eligible men coming from the high schools.

Col. Rees especially urged that about April 1, when a still larger number of choice men are picked from the S. A. T. C., there should be large numbers of mid-year graduates from the high schools ready to fill the vacant places in the S. A. T. C. June 30 a very large proportion of the men in the S. A. T. C. are to be taken into the concentrated officers' training camps. Then their places are to be filled by the on coming high school graduates.

Is it not clear, therefore, that the government is very

seriously in earnest in its effort to keep the young college men and the high school fellows all in condition of improvement—all coming forward for the greatest possible personal capability as well as the best attainable condition for war service?

Members of the S. A. T. C. will be enlisted in active service. They will sleep in barracks away from other people, preferably in squads of 40 or more. In no case can a squad number less than 25. The boys will mess by themselves, although it is agreed that they may eat in one part of a dining room while other students, including women, may eat in another part of the same room.

The War Department says that after a certain period, each man 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 technician training of military value.

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

Members of the S. A. T. C. will get up at 6:45 in the morning, eat at 7 o’clock, be in active military training out on the field from 7:30 to 9:30 a. m., five days in the week. On Saturday they will have one hour for military exercise and two hours for military theory.

They will be in supervised study from 7:30 to 9:30 each evening. Their lights are to go out at 10 o'clock.

Members of the S. A. T. C. will pursue their college studies during the ordinary working hours after 9:30 a. m. Their studies must be contributory to their military education. The following are designated as studies from which the young soldiers may elect their several programs:

1. Practical English Composition, letter writing, etc.
2. French.
3. Italian.
4. German.
5. Trigonometry and College Algebra.
6. Chemistry and Physics.
7. Contemporaneous American History.
8. Contemporaneous European History.
9. International Law, International Relations, and Common Law.
10. Political Science and Civics.
11. Economics.
12. Group studies in Geology, Geography, Meteorology, Mineralogy, Astronomy, Surveying, etc.
13. Group studies in Hygiene, Sanitation, Bacteriology, etc.
14. Mechanical Drawing.
15. Accounting, Bookkeeping, Commercial Geography, etc.
16. War Aims. A special course, with view of having soldiers who will be idealists as well as fighters.
17. It is understood that Spanish is acceptable.

The time of men in the S. A. T. C. will be consumed exclusively in their college studies and military science and tactics. They will not be allowed to do any other

work for pay. They are in the status of United States soldiers. The government is to control their time.

It is understood that many will be eligible for enlistment now who would have been rejected a few months ago. Much is said about special and limited service. Some men are not quite fit for work in the trenches, it is understood, and may be used in the administrative branches of the service. Possibly a man with flat feet may run an auto truck. The object is to get the greatest available number of men fit for all the vast varieties of war service.

The men who conduct the institutions of college grade are especially urged to make all possible provision for the high school graduate who is under 18. He cannot be a soldier until he is 18, but he can get himself a uniform. The institution may supply him with a rifle. It may put him in the college military company under the military instructor of the institution. It is thought that he may even live in the barracks and have mess with members of the S. A. T. C., but that is not certain. But the day he is 18 he may enlist in the S. A. T. C., and become at once a soldier.

Again, those who manage institutions of college grade are requested and urged to look after and aid the young fellow in the draft who can not quite meet the college entrance requirements, these requirements being regularly 15 high school units, with a minimum of 13 units for admission as a special college student. If a student has made systematic preparation in some subject he is entitled to an entrance examination for additional credit, or if he prefers he can enroll in the Normal School and make  $1\frac{1}{2}$  units' credit per term until the shortage is made up. In either case he may enlist in the S. A. T. C. as soon as he is eligible. A person more than 21 years of age who cannot meet entrance require-

ments may enter college classes as a special student and enlist in the S. A. T. C.

The Normal School at Kirksville has government approval for its Students' Army Training Corps Unit as shown by the following telegram:

“Washington D C 9-4-18

President First District Normal School,  
Kirksville, Mo.

Pleased to announce Students' Army Training Corps Unit authorized.

COL. R. I. REES,  
Chairman.”

More than one hundred eligible men have sent in signed statements asking for military instruction. The unit will have one hundred fifty men all told.

Further gratification is expressed on account of the fact that the Normal School already has excellent rooms for barracks sufficient to accommodate 150 men. Its new cafeteria furnishes facilities for feeding the men. Its large gymnasiums and excellent athletic field will be of great service.

School opens September 11. Men of draft age who need to leave home before Sept. 12 may register in advance of the date set for registration. We urge young men to enlist in the Students' Army Training Corps Unit at Kirksville.

Anyone desiring enlistment in S. A. T. C. who has not already made application should fill out and forward at once the enclosed form.

JOHN R. KIRK, President.