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Navy "V" Program

To clarify the "V" program of Naval Reserve enlistments we publish this complete summary issued by the Navy Public Relations committee.

V-1 Pre-Indoctrination Training

This is the latest procurement plan—a plan where by the Navy hopes to obtain 80,000 pre-indoctrinated trainees per year. College freshmen and sophomores between the ages of 17 and 19 inclusive who are of good moral character and in good physical condition may enlist in Class V-1 as apprentice seamen. After approximately three semesters, during which they will study related Navy subjects, taught by the regular college faculty, V-1 men will be given a general examination. Those ranking sufficiently high in the examination may transfer to Class V-5 or V-7 (see below) and continue their inactive status until completion of the academic requirements for those classes. Those whose scores on the examination are too low to warrant V-5 or V-7 training will be allowed to complete the 4-semester indoctrination course and then be called to active duty as apprentice seamen. For further information or enlistment consult your college registrar or the nearest Navy recruiting office.

V-2 Naval Aviation Mechanics

This is an opportunity for men between the ages of 17 and 28 inclusive with limited experience or demonstrable interest in internal combustion engines or metal work. Men whose eyesight bars them from flying the Navy's warbirds can help keep 'em plying by enlisting in this classification at the nearest recruiting office. They will receive 26 weeks intensive training which will qualify them for petty officers' ratings as aviation machinists and aviation metalsmiths.

V-3 Naval Communications

Here is the opening for men interested in wireless and visual signals. They must enlist as apprentice seamen, but will be sent to a communications service school if, at the conclusion of their recruit training, they show a preference and aptitude for this classification. The training they receive during their first year of service is worth \$1,500, according to the Navy.

V-4 Naval Intelligence

College men of "outstanding character and unquestioned reliability" with legal training or stenographic ability were formerly enlisted as yeomen ("seagoing secretaries") in this classification. Quotas were filled shortly after Pearl Harbor, but may be reopened.

V-5

Most Navy men regard this classification as the gilt-edge opportunity in the Naval Reserve. Contrary to popular belief, you don't have to be a super man to get in. You must, however, be between the ages of 19 and 26 inclusive, unmarried, and in good shape physically. If you haven't yet finished the required two years of college, you may enlist now and continue school until you have. You will receive 90 days training at one of the 18 reserve aviation bases, then be shipped to the "Annapolis of the Air" (at Pensacola, Fla.) or to "Jax" (Jacksonville, Fla.) or "Corpus" (Corpus Christi, Tex.) for advanced training. Upon receiving your Navy "wings" and commission, you will also begin receiving \$245 a month. Any Navy recruiting office will steer you transportation paid) to the nearest Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board.

V-6 Volunteer Specialists

This classification covers nearly all of the Navy's 55 petty officer specialist ratings. If you know typing and or shorthand you may be enlisted as a yeoman. If you have had book-

A War Ago

By Marsa Lee Civin.

DeWitt Foster '19 among the first Nebraska student to join the colors left for training camp at Fort Snelling. At the end of his training at camp he was commissioned as a first lieutenant and was transferred to Camp Dodge. After only one month he attained the position as aide to General Plummer. Foster was a member of Alpha Tau Omega and was business manager of the Cornhusker.

The university senate sent a proposal to the war department to be allowed to establish a military camp at the university for intensive technical training in mechanics. The school would help turn out engineers for regular enlistment. The idea was viewed favorably by Capt. Andrew Knight, representative of the War department in educational and special training field.

The Saturday Letter

Now that we are really down to brass tacks in the business of winning the war, I feel better. For many months I have been daily helping to fill the military camps with fine young men and also have been de-tiring, de-guaring, and de-tinning myself so that the boys in uniform may have the needed supplies; but only this morning did I realize that the real job of maintaining the principles we are fighting for lies not with MacArthur and all other brave soldiers or with the Navy, Air or Marine groups. Now I know how the thing must be done.

Ping Pong! that's the answer!

Bowling, billiards and marbles! Now we're getting somewhere!

Dancing, bridge, and gin rummy! Victory is assured!

I am just now sending in my application for the job of coordinator of grand old game of Post Office. I figure that I can get fifty millions (50) of our citizens to play regularly and when the Japs hear that we are producing 50 millions of "Smacks" a week they will simply fold.

How we, as a nation, could have failed to realize that modern war is fought by coordinators is a mystery. Here we have been trying to win with soldiers, sailors, tanks, and planes. Shocking! We have been asking our boys to carry guns (Isn't it awful?) and spend hours and hours "picking them up and putting them down," when we should have been asking our citizens to execute intricate steps (one, two, step right, salute your partners—glide and whirl your skirt). No wonder the news from the fronts is bad! No wonder the subs sink our ships!

But, now, happy days are here again. The coordinators are going to coordinate and we shall soon be putting four (4) into the coffee cup and riding high on the three-lane thoroughfares. The bullet factories will close, the tanks give way to super deluxe sedans and the nation prosper as never before.

Now that we have our feet on the ground, we shall play ourselves to victory. Bid high, knuckle down with your glassy, swing your lady, make your billiard, invent charades, neck in the park, get the croquet set out and Old Glory will never be in danger.

Very truly,

Raymond E. Manchester.

Office Dean of Men, Kent State University,

keeping experience, you may be enlisted as a storekeeper. If you have a "ham" radio operator's license or know radio, you may be enlisted as a second class petty officer and trained to operate RADAR, the Navy's secret aircraft detecting device. Other ratings open to qualified men in this class range all the way from bugler to welder. Even faculty men can enlist (at any Navy recruiting office), since the class is open to all healthy male citizens between the ages of 17 to 50. A petty officer's rating in the Navy is equivalent in pay and rank to that of a sergeant in the Army.

V-7 Midshipman Training

Graduates of the three midshipman schools have won numerous citations for their activities aboard destroyers and "mosquito" boats in the Pacific. If you are junior, senior, or graduate student between the ages of 20 and 27 inclusive, you may enlist now and be deferred from active duty until receipt of your degree. In earning the sheepskin, you must complete two semesters of math, including one course in plane trigonometry. You will then be given 30 days' indoctrination at Notre Dame university and sent to one of the midshipman schools at Northwestern or Columbia university or aboard the USS Prairie State in New York City.—Purdue Exponent.

Eleanor'n Me

By Alan Jacobs

Alex dropped in at the office the other day to see us. Alex, you remember, is the little fellow who wears the little black derby and smokes the big, black cigars. Alex is a character.

"I see where Ivy Day is approaching," he said as he climbed up on to the desk beside our typewriter.

"Yes," we answered. We were trying desperately to think of something to write about for the column.

"Nice day, Ivy Day," he said.

"Yes," we replied.

"I was out at Fred's the other day," he began.

"Yes?" we interpolated.

"I was sitting under a table there, and heard the boys talking."

"Yes?"

"Seems as if some of the prospective Innocents may be drafted, according to the boys. That'll keep a lot of juniors on their feet while others get tackled come Ivy Day," he grinned, flicked his cigar. Then he spat, missing the cuspidor by six inches. "It doesn't seem right."

We discarded another idea for a column and began examining exchange papers for either a guest columnist or a stolen idea. But Alex kept talking—now more softly and confidentially than before.

"You know," he said, "I can't figure out why a guy who is going into the army should be deprived of honors, if he deserves them."

"Yes," we said.

"The boys out at Fred's said that a red-rober (not a typographical error) couldn't serve in the army at the same time."

"Yes?"

"They figure it's better to honor an outstanding fellow by giving him a medal post-humously than slipping him a tackle while he's still alive."

"Yes."

"It doesn't make sense," he muttered as he jumped from the desk, threw away his cigar, and slipped from the office.

"Yes," we said.

Just Routine . . .

Iowa State Grad Students Search for Half Billion Dollars

AMES, Ia. (ACP). On the trail of a half billion dollars, or more! No this is not a tale of a high-pressure fiction detective but just part of the routine of two chemical engineering graduate students at Iowa State college, F. E. Campbell and Burdette Jones.

Dr. O. R. Sweeney, head of the department, put Campbell and Jones on the trail to find out what happened to the fixed nitrogen

present in ordinary coal. Sweeney knew there was not much in each ton—probably around 25 or 30 pounds—but in the yearly United States consumption of 400 million or more tons this would amount to about five-and-a-half million tons. At nitrogen, actually as sodium nitrate, for example, that would be about 27 million tons, worth about \$700,000,000.

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