

Incidentally we are pleased to mention that Prof. Ladd and Prof. Gilbert are now serving the colors, while Prof. Dean is engaged in army cantonment construction. The training continued throughout the remainder of the semester, and when Lieut. Bolte was ordered to another post, Sergeant Shea took charge of the drill. During the present year provision has been made in the schedule whereby every student is obliged to take military drill one afternoon a week, during his first two years at college, and is then allowed to take as much more as may seem desirable. During the winter months, the boys have been confined to work in the gymnasium, a large part of which was in the nature of lecture and instruction work.

Our military activities, however, have not been limited to drill, for the fact remains that A. I. T. is far better equipped to develop that part of the body extending from the neck upward rather than from the neck down. Uncle Sam found one of his greatest needs in the supply of men to man his proposed merchant marine, which is scheduled to play such a vital part in defeating the purpose of the U boats. Again Armour filled the breach by turning out eleven classes in marine engineering, totaling 325 men, all of whom were men of experience in some branch of engineering. Prof. Huntley took these men in charge and under "intensive" training, for a period of four weeks, for each division, the men produced the goods. Again, from the "beginning of days" at A. I. T. we have always found some of the boys who were so-called "wireless-fiends". The A. I. T. honor roll contains the names of some fifteen of these "fiends" who are now buzzing "Liberty or Death" from headquarters to trench and mast to mast. An evening class of 175 was organized in December under government supervision, for the men included in the draft. Prof. Wilcox took charge of this work, and with the efficient help of two of our boys, Messrs. Shotwell and Mehrhoff who have long since passed from the stage of amateurism in this science, the men acquired sufficient training to give each a running start when the training camp was reached. "Shotty's" work received such approval from Uncle Sam, that today he is teaching radio telegraphy at Harvard as a C. P. O. of the Navy.

A survey of the honor roll incomplete though it must be, indicates 2 "A" men serving as Majors, sixteen Captains, 32 First Lieutenants, forty-seven Second Lieutenants, seventeen Sergeants, eight Corporals, one hundred-twenty-five Privates, while thirty-one are helping guard the stars and stripes on the water. Since "Armour" is found in almost everything really worth while, it is not surprising to note that twenty-four of our boys are giving their services in the various shipbuilding yards throughout the east, and we feel safe in saying that the Institute Faculty felt justly proud in sharing the commendation of Mr. Roberts in explaining the splendid showing of our boys at Quincy, Mass. last summer.

Then last but not least, we find one line of "soldier-boys" at school whose present task consists of reporting to Washington once a month by mail, and maintaining a creditable scholastic standing. Here we refer to the engineer reserves. These men are expected to stay at school until graduation whereupon they become subject to call in the engineering corps of the army.

The several activities of a military nature have been briefly summarized, saying nothing of countless minor affairs which every loyal citizen of U. S. gladly encounters every day. As we extend every good wish, and sincerest regard for the welfare of every true American heart, devotedly consecrated to a noble cause, we are assured that, as the time of testing comes to each individual, our boys may be "weighed in the balance" and not found "wanting".