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### REPORT NO. 17.--PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR MEN PART I. FUNCTION, EXAMINATION, AND REHABILITATION

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#### The Function of Physical Education in Wartime

Departments of physical and health education in American colleges have two broad and important functions to discharge as a part of the war effort of the institution. They must, where such professional curricula exist, prepare young men for military and naval duty as physical education instructors. The various branches of the service have, in this war, made unprecedented demands for such professionally trained college men, and the colleges should continue to supply the demand. From accredited professional physical education departments the Navy, the Army, and the Coast Guard are drawing hundreds of physical education teachers and athletic coaches. The supply of these men should be maintained.

The principal task, however, to which American colleges must rise is to provide an appropriate physical education and health education to the rank and file of men students on the campus. During wartime this experience, this sort of development, must be intensified and broadened. For men, particularly, colleges must offer the kind of physical education experience which will best prepare them for the rigors of military life. Also for men whose military careers are not imminent, the kind and amount of physical education activity needs to be geared to the social and organic needs of both war and peace. For it is not only for war that this Nation is preparing. Indeed if it were for war alone our efforts might well be directed only at the process of preparing men for military service. But the evidence of recent months points to a greater scope of this preparedness, a broader and deeper purpose.