

It has been a real challenge and an unusual pleasure that we have enjoyed in working with the officers and men of our armed forces. From Lieut. A. H. Buhl, the commanding officer of the Machinists' and Electricians' Mates School, together with Chief Starkey, Lieut. McGuigan and Lieut. Zeller, - to Lieut. Randolph Neil and Lieut. Ben F. Douglas, and later Lieut. Claude M. Smith, of the V-5 Naval fliers, - to Lieut. C. A. Michelman, commanding officer of the Navy V-12 program, and Ensign H. L. Ware, athletic officer of this group, - to Col. W. L. McMorris, commanding the Army unit, along with Capt. Archie Morris and Lieut. Ben. F. Clark, - to our Chief Specialists in the Navy - Ralph Hayes, T. J. Odom, Bob Garver and Don Davis - working with our civilian staff, the experience has been one continuous administrative and physical education beehive.

With our buildings taxed to their capacity, there has been a forbearance and an appreciation of the other fellow's job that has been surprisingly pleasant. Most of our officers in all branches of the service have been men skilled in competitive athletics. Football, Basketball, track and baseball have been the competitive laboratory in which these men have learned to work together and at the same time to drive and inspire their men to a fine pitch of physical conditioning - that quality so needed by our fighting forces.

Ensign H. L. Ware, the athletic officer for the Navy V-12 program, was an outstanding wingback on the Texas Christian University teams in 1938, 1939 and 1940. He was co-captain in 1940. The predecessor of Lieut. Claude M. Smith, Lieut. Ben F. Douglas, athletic officer of the V-5, was an outstanding football and basketball player on the Grinnell College teams as an undergraduate, and before coming here to assume his position as athletic officer, was head football and basketball coach at his alma mater, Grinnell College. Lieut. Smith, formerly great halfback