

at "Ole Miss", was later assistant football coach at that institution, the University of Mississippi, until his induction into the Navy.

The Machinists' Mates have an outstanding group of athletic officers. Chief Starkey is a great baseball fan, having played some semi-pro ball; Lieut. McGuigan played football at Rockhurst College in Kansas City, and Lieut. Zeller was a football and basketball star at Indiana University before playing with the Chicago Bears.

The Chief Specialists of the V-12 group are a hardy and aggressive group. Chief Ralph Hayes, an expert boxer, has developed Golden Gloves champions at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for many years. In Robinson Gymnasium at 4:30 any day in the week will be found fifty or more husky mit-wielders under the watchful eye of Chief Hayes, swinging knock-out blows at their opponents, and at the same time developing the manly art of self defense which in naval language means the survival of the fit. Chief Troy Odom played halfback at Tulane University in 1934, 1935 and 1936. Chief Bob Garver is an expert swimmer, and has had outstanding success as a Red Cross swimming instructor. Chief Don Davis, who played baseball and basketball at Kansas State College, and later coached in high school, is a fine organizer of V-12 intramural teams.

There is just one objective of all Army and Navy training -- to prepare men physically and technically for service in combat. The man who is in top physical condition fights better and longer than the one who isn't. For example, a man who enters the service with no experience in body contact sports may get a completely new mental experience from his boxing lesson. After more training in contact sports a man gets poise, confidence, skill and the desire for combat -- even though he had never had a grade school fist fight before his service days. We do not teach commando tactics. We teach physical conditioning because that is