

TEN THOUSAND MAN HOURS PER WEEK OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Ten thousand man hours plus per week of physical education sounds rather impressive, - and so it is. At the peak of the war effort on Mount Oread, the University's Department of Physical Education did a Herculean job. Twenty-five hundred hours per week for the Navy V-12, forty-two hundred hours per week for the Army Specialized Training Program, nine hundred hours per week each for civilian students, and Navy V-5 fliers, and approximately fifteen hundred hours per week for machinists' mates - totalling ten thousand hours per week. Of course, the physical conditioning was only one of the integral parts of the education these men were getting, but physical fitness has long been one of the imperative needs of a first class fighting man. And with the American armed forces the finest in the world, the emphasis upon physical *fitness* education is paramount.

What a metamorphosis has taken place here on Mount Oread since Pearl Harbor! During all these months the physical training plant of the University of Kansas has been a beehive of activity, with full use from early morning until late in the evening of Robinson Gymnasium, Hoch Auditorium, Memorial Stadium, the drill hall of the Military Science Building, the intramural fields, and nearby tracts used for playfields.

In the fall of 1942 the University adopted a plan of compulsory physical conditioning for all men registered for induction and for all men enlisted in any of the armed services or reserve programs. Through the far-seeing eye of Chancellor Malott who early in the game visited Washington and got first hand information on the Army and Navy needs, the University began to recruit outstanding men in physical education to carry on the very important work the government was asking of her educational institutions.