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Dear Fellow Member of the College Physical Education Association:

Recently our Dean of Students wrote me that the American Council on Education has recommended that returning veterans, who have completed basic military training, be given credit for physical education. He also wrote that the War Department has asked him whether the Institute intends to implement the recommendation. The Dean notified the War Department that the matter has not yet been considered by the Institute. The Dean suggested, "that we had better let the matter rest until we know more definitely where we stand."

Because the advance guard of veterans has already arrived in some colleges, including ours, the staff in the Physical Education Department at this Institute feels that now is the time to study and take action on this issue.

I am attaching a copy of our reply to the Dean's letter, giving several reasons why we do not believe veterans should be exempt from physical education. We also sent a copy to interested members of our faculty, as well as to some other members of the College Physical Education Association.

We cannot expect colleges to schedule physical education classes for veterans during their entire stay in college. We believe, however, that they should fulfill the requirements in physical education that is recommended for other students, as indicated in the attached letter.

Yours very sincerely,

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