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AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION

STUDENTS' WAR SERVICE CAMPAIGN

308 MUNSEY BUILDING. WASHINGTON, D. C.

ROBT. L. KELLY, §

CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

August 29th, 1918.

To the State Directors and College Presidents.

Dear Sirs:

This letter is being sent to all the college and normal school presidents.

The campaign is making splendid progress in spite of the uncertainties and delays incident to the necessary transformation of the SATC from a volunteer to a draft basis. The number of SATC's now established is 359. This shows how much faith the War Department has in the plan. Just as soon as it may be done, we shall send you the detailed regulations.

Pending the preparation of these regulations, and also the proposed coordination of women's war work with the educational institutions, we make the following suggestions:

The need for trained nurses is already very great and will rapidly grow greater. The Government needs women of college grade with short courses of intensive training to go into the cantonment hospitals as early as January. Colleges and universities properly equipped to do this work should write the Surgeon General's Office at once for information as to courses to be offered.

The Government greatly needs trained secretaries and statistical workers. If you wish to assist in training these young women, make application to the Civil Service Commission for instructions. A four months intensive course for High School graduates and a one year's intensive course for college graduates may be offered. Graduates of these courses will be eligible for certification without further scholastic tests to positions under Civil Service.

If the present plans are carried out, a proportionate part of the 20 year old men will be withdrawn from the colleges in January; a proportionate part of those 19 years old in April, while the 18 year old soldiers will remain in college to the end of the year. The proportion taken, of course, will be that applied to all other walks of life. No special privileges are being given college students.

Men who show special aptitude in technical lines will be held for the completion of their course. Men will be trained for line officers and in special branches. The plan is essentially democratic.

Get a picture of the first man to enlist in your SATC and use it with a short story of his life for publicity purposes.

Do the same thing as a means of introducing your Commanding Officer to the public when he is assigned.

Let your Department of Journalism, or class in Journalism, handle all the SATC news. Note Government regulations for newspaper men and photographers inclosed.

Under these regulations, have photographs made by your official photographer of interesting phases of your work and be sure to send a copy of each to the Committee on Education and Special Training, War Department, Washington, D. C.

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You should take steps at once to get your camp community work under way. Everybody in your community will be interested in this and will cooperate most heartily. For instructions apply to the Commission on Training Camp Activities, 19th and G Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

Now is the great day for American education!

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Robt. L. Kelly.