

S. A. T. C. TO DEMOBILIZE ON DECEMBER FIRST

Announcement To This End Was Made
Here on Wednesday.

BACK ON OLD STATUS MONDAY

Following in the wake of the closing down of the Government Aeronautical School last Saturday, came the announcement on Wednesday that the demobilization of the Student Army Training Corps would take place on December 1st. This proved another big surprise, as it was supposed to be an assured fact that the school would remain in force till June. As a consequence of this new order the University has fixed the status of all students in view of this demobilization announcement.

About one-half the men in the Princeton unit are regular Princeton students, and they will continue their work for degrees, merely dropping military studies.

In view of the prospective peace the University has taken action concerning the return of her students. It is expected that of the men now in service, especially those still in this country, a number will soon be free to return. Indeed, some requests have already been received from Princeton men in service, to know what their status will be. To provide for such cases and in the hope that these men may return at the earliest possible moment, the Faculty has taken the following action: (1) For the remainder of this year the University will continue on a three-term basis; the second term opens December 30th and the third term will open March 31st. (2) All men now in service who were members of the University last June, or who entered Princeton in September of this year as Freshmen by examination or in other classes, will be given credit for the first term if they return to Princeton for the second term (beginning December 30th) and complete the remaining two terms of the year's work satisfactorily. (3) All students who left the University prior to June, 1918, will be given credit for one term's work if they have completed courses in a government military school (that is, an officers' training school) and have received commissions.

The Navy Department has formulated a policy which will permit commanding officers to recommend that a certain percentage of officers and men in training camps be placed on inactive duty. This information was communicated to President Hibben, in answer to a request for information which he had addressed to Secretary Daniels regarding the possibility of allowing some of the many Princeton men now in the navy to be demobilized and return to college.

Secretary Daniel's letter recommends that Princeton advise her students who are in training camps and who desire to be placed on inactive duty to make application to their commanding officers without delay.

At this time it is unknown as to just how many regular students the college will have at the opening of the new term in January, but the University authorities are very optimistic in believing that the college will return to its average normal basis. This fact will be gladly welcomed by the townspeople and the merchants, many of whom have believed that with the demobilizing of the various military organizations here that the town would be left in a deeply serious state. Considering the promise of the town soon again settling down to its old time collegiate atmosphere and the resuming of the various activities, the prospect is indeed encouraging for everybody—townspeople and merchants as well.