

Milestones marking progress towards leadership in education and research were: extensive aeronautics activity with pavement of runways of what is expected to be the nation's largest and most important educationally owned airport; a new department of aeronautical engineering; small homes council to gather and pass on to the public information about home ownership, building, remodeling, costs, materials, new developments, and similar subjects; new high physical value of \$44,925,520; 62,056 new pieces in the library; a Division of Special Services for War Veterans to aid ex-service men and women.

The Naval Training School established in 1942 closed its non-college work in December after training more than 13,000 visual signalmen and Diesel engine operators. The Navy V-12 unit with enrollment of 336 continued while 219 men in V-12 were being trained in medicine and dentistry by the University's colleges in Chicago.

The Army Specialized Training Program reached a peak of 4,000 men at the University in 1944 when forty-one fraternities were in use as Army barracks and the ice skating rink as a mess hall. Now, only 500 men are being trained in the ASTP almost all being reserves under eighteen who are called to active duty reaching draft age. In Chicago the University is training 423 ASTP men in medicine and dentistry.

Through the Engineering, Science, and Management War Training program administered by the Division of University Extension, 9,325 war workers were trained during the year, bringing to 32,256 the total trained in 125 subjects in seventy-six war production centers of Illinois since the emergency began.

At mid-January the list of Illini in the service of their country numbered 17,925. This is believed to be the largest service group of any alumni body in the U. S.

Replies from the first 4,000 of the fighting Illini who replied to a letter sent them by President Willard several months ago indicated that more than 72 per cent of the service men and women plan to return to the University after the war. Recently the Army made a similar survey of alumni of all colleges and found about the same percentage. The U. of I. tabulations, of course, include those who had not graduated before going into the service.

Caring for the wounds of thousands of U. S. fighting men, the University of Illinois Evacuation Hospital (the 27th) has been stationed with the 7th Army in Germany. Moved from a camp in Kentucky to Africa, then to Italy, then southern France and on north, the unit moved up close behind the battle lines of the 7th Army onto German soil. It has won three battle stars—for service in three countries.

If Congress adopts the much-talked-of universal military training program after the war, University and Alumni Association leaders will urge that scholastic training be given as part of the plan to the end that young men can continue their