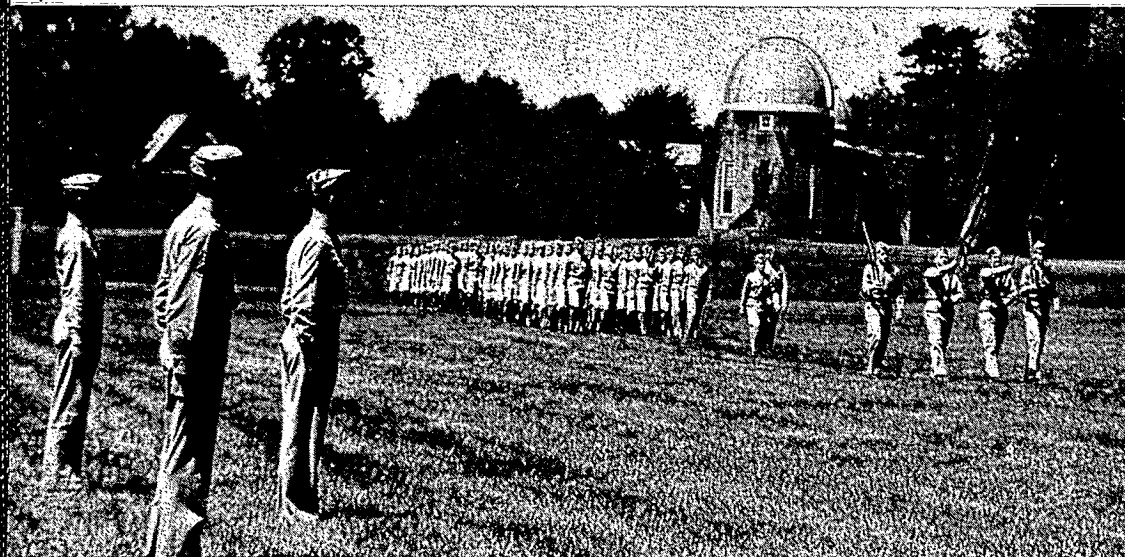


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HAVERFORD ALUMNI: A visit to the campus these days will show many outward changes brought about by the war. Army trucks and jeeps are parked where the undergraduate jalopies stood. Reveille and taps supplement the reassuring tones of Founders Bell. Uniforms are more in evidence than mufti.

In the classrooms, about the campus, and on the athletic fields, military life seems to predominate. Here is a group on the way to a class in vector mechanics. Across the campus a sparkling military band leads one of the flights to Walton Field for conditioning work. Football and soccer give way for the time being to other forms of physical training.

The civilian students—about 150 in number—are not the Haverfordians of other years. A new urgency animates their life. A quickened tempo prevails. Some are present by virtue of their youth and must make all haste before draft age overtakes them. Others, deferred for special reasons, have important tasks ahead which require concentrated effort. One group has been preparing for reconstruction and relief work abroad, its personnel changing frequently as calls come from Selective Service. Another party of men selected from Civilian Public Service Camps has been living in Government House doing work in foreign languages, geography, and sociology with emphasis on Scandinavian culture.

The group which perhaps most nearly maintains Haverford's special function as a small liberal arts college, adhering at the same time to the War Manpower program, is the newly formed Italian and German Area and Language Studies Units. Under army direction and as members of the army, the men in these units are taking intensive courses in geography, history, and language, which will prepare them for work in occupied or combat areas abroad.

Perhaps you, like many alumni, regret the enforced changes. Every loyal Haverfordian will recognize, however, that the College maintains beneath its new surface the traditions in which we all have pride, its ideals of service and scholarship, its belief in the best and rejection of the second-rate.

As never before the alumni need to stand together, for the encouragement of our scattered membership, for the support of Haverford during a time of stress and change, and for the purpose of maintaining those values which alumni can best appreciate. To this end, your officers are urging your wholehearted support of the All-Haverford Plan for 1943-44.

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