A TOUGH JOB

It is under no ordinary conditions that you of the Class of 1946 find yourselves at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Your nation fights for its very life, your friends and relatives daily risk death and limbs on the far-distant battlefields of the world. You, therefore, are somehow compelled into a national service that may be unpopular. But we trust that you will not be unwise in the long run.

In the midst of such bewildering circumstances, you have been asked to do a special job, one that is of utmost importance to the nation and its people. That job, which was difficult during peacetime, has now been made more difficult by the war. But the solution to this problem must lie in you.

Diligent study has always been hard to practice during the times of discontent that necessarily accompany a war. You will have to go through the many courses of work that will prepare you for the required examinations. This experience can best be gained in college through participation in extracurricular activities. The place to develop your abilities is in the freshman camp program where you have the opportunity to think, work, and to plan for the future groundwork that we are laying for our country.

The freshmen will have the opportunity to plan for their development, since the time of their entering college. They will have the physical and mental qualifications to enable them to serve our country in the armed forces that are destined for that service.

Special Training

When the reserves are called to the colors and when the army is called up, the army will give them highly specialized training to fit them for special military tasks. The R.O.T.C. training is designed to help the students in this work. The freshmen who have been selected for this training will be given an opportunity to serve their country in the armed forces that are destined for that service.

Disappearance of a Tradition

A Technology tradition, it appears, is going to be discarded with the entrance of the Class of 1946 into the hallowed halls of the Institute. Some students feel that such a thing as freshman camp, the annual dazing of the Sophomore Class president has been a necessity for a successful class inauguration.

But this year, the oncoming war has brought about a serious problem. Freshman camp would have been an obstacle to the sending of New Hampshire to the campus of M.I.T., Lake Masapoag is no longer handy, and the T.C.A. has forbidden the traditional hayride.

Once before, in the year of the hurricane, camp was on campus and Lake Masapoag was out of reach. The ingenious freshman, however, discovered the Charles River in their front yard and made it serve the purpose.

We hope that this word to the wise is not lost on you.