A WORTHY CAUSE

Yesterday the Institute Committee formed a committee to conduct a drive for the Red Cross in coordination with the national drive now in progress.

At this time the Red Cross has found it necessary to call upon the public for funds with which it may continue its work both in this country and abroad. With the military situation as it is, and with the present wide dispersion of military personnel over the face of the globe, the Red Cross is faced with a job greater than that it has ever encountered before. We are sure that all members of the student body and the staff will contribute as generously as they are able to help continue the vital work of the Red Cross.

In addition to the need for funds, there is a pressing need for blood plasma, many thousands of pints of which are being used daily at the battle fronts. The Blood Donor desk in the Information Office is open daily to answer questions and make appointments for blood donations. Surely we can each afford to give a pint of blood.

GET SOMETHING OUT OF IT!

The present freshman class is the fifth to enter the Institute under wartime conditions. Previous classes have seen their numbers depleted by selective service and their schedules disrupted by changing conditions. The Institute of today is far different from that of former years.

Some of the freshmen no doubt feel the hot breath of the selective service system upon their necks and are inclined to relax in trying to get the most out of what they realize may be only a short time at the Institute. Their short stay here is all the more reason for getting the most out of the great deal that the Institute has to offer. They should try to get as much out of activities and studies, not only to aid them when and if they return to finish their schooling after the war, but as a help in their military service.

Fighting moisture and fungus—communication’s jungle enemies

Ever-present dangers to military communications are the twin enemies of the jungle—moisture and fungus. By impairing the efficient working of telephones and radios, they can halt vital messages as effectively as cutting the wires.

The long experience of Bell Laboratories engineers in designing telephone equipment for use under all climatic conditions has helped the Signal Corps in counter-attacking these enemies of the jungle.

Lessons learned in this wartime emergency will aid in building better communications equipment for war and peace.

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