

THE S. A. T. C. OF AUGUSTANA.

IN VIEW of hundreds of admiring spectators and to the tune of the national anthem the Student Army Training Corps was, in true military fashion, inaugurated at Augustana College on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1918. It was a moment of supreme importance in our national history, as well as in the history of our institutions of learning thruout the country. The establishment of the S. A. T. C. marks another great step toward more efficient and more adequate national defense. From this time forward "ad infinitum" the colleges and universities have assumed the role of miniature training camps.

With the induction of all the men completed, the members of the Augustana unit S. A. T. C. entered automatically upon a status of active duty as members of the army. All the expenses that a man generally encounters when he launches a college career are, under the S. A. T. C. plan, provided for by the government. Members of the corps are trained for the different staff corps as well as for line duty. Their educational programs are shaped to prepare groups for particular service according to the needs of the army. The S. A. T. C. is organized as infantry under the tables of organization, and the fundamental infantry training, common to all branches of the service, is given. The men wear the regular uniform of a private soldier in the United States Army. They are clothed, fed, housed, and given medical aid when necessary, all at government expense. Each member is required to care for his own uniform and equipment, this instruction being considered an essential part of the training. Members are required at all times to wear the prescribed uniform. In short, they are subject to the military laws of the United States, and have the same duties and privileges as a private soldier.

From time to time, in accordance with the need of the service and qualifications of the individual, it will be the policy of the government to assign members of the S. A. T. C. to:

- a) On officer's training camp,
- b) A non-commissioned officer's training camp,
- c) A depot brigade,
- d) To continue their education in the case of those who give promise of qualifying for admittance to an officer's training camp or a non-commissioned officer's training camp, and to a depot brigade in the case of those who do not give promise of qualifying for commissions after further training.

It is the policy of the officers in command to heed the preference of registrants, who are voluntarily inducted into the S. A. T. C., as to the branch of service they will ultimately enter. For example, applications for engineers, artillery, infantry, chemical warfare service, and the like will be given consideration, except where the military needs of the country require a different course.

Some students, who are not as yet eligible for membership in the corps, are given the privilege of taking military instruction at their own expense.

The big object of the S. A. T. C. at Augustana, and in fact at every educational institution where it has been established, seems to be to put the right man in the right place in our vast military machine. The emphasis, however, is on the place.