

Veterinary R.O.T.C Re-established

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During the past fall quarter, a veterinary unit of the ROTC was re-established at Iowa State College for the first time since 1934. It consists of an instruction program for the purpose of training potential veterinary officers and is under the direction of Lt. Col. L. C. Tekse, V. C., USA. Iowa State College is one of six veterinary schools selected by the Chief of the Veterinary Division, Office of the Surgeon General, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C. to administer the training program. The other five schools are Colorado A and M College, Kansas State College, Ohio State University, Cornell University and the University of Pennsylvania.

The four-year training program includes a two-year basic course and a two-year advanced course plus one required six-weeks summer camp. Students with a minimum of 12 months of active military duty during World War II are exempt from the basic course and begin their work in the advanced course. Credit is also given for courses previously taken in Organization of the Army, Map Reading, and Military Law. A total of 90 hours of instruction credit per year are earned by the student for credit in the Army program. Of this total, 58 hours are obtained from regular courses of technical instruction in the Veterinary curriculum and 32 hours in the ROTC program. This latter consists of one hour of classroom instruction per week during which uniforms and drill are not required. Allowances for advanced students are the same as the other ROTC courses. Currently this provides 90 cents per day subsistence not to exceed 570 days in ad-

dition to pay and mileage while attending the summer camp at Fort Sam Huston, Texas.

The basic course is open to freshmen and sophomore veterinary students. They receive instruction in the general duties of the Veterinary Corps as concerns the veterinary service in the Zone of the Interior and Communications Areas; in Headquarters, Quartermaster Market Center Systems; Headquarters, Quartermaster Corps Inspection Service; Medical Depot Supplies; Ports of Embarkation; Theater of Operations; and general administrative policy in the preparation of records and reports.

In the junior year, the advanced course includes general veterinary meat and dairy hygiene, sanitary inspection of establishments, instruction on cold storage, warehousing and refrigeration, along with the methods of procurement of subsistence supplies, physical examination and movement of animals by air, rail and water. Complete and thorough training will be accomplished by means of lectures, conferences and through the use of training films. In the senior year, students will become familiarized with Military Preventative Medicine which includes prevention and control of animal disease, diagnostic laboratory service and military hygiene. A current study is to be made in the development of the veterinary aspects of chemical and atomic warfare and their influences in the work of inspecting foods of animal origin. Training films, slides and lecture charts have been procured as aids in further acquainting the student with the fundamentals of Army Veterinary Inspection.