

COMPLEXES OF FACTORS		Per cent of members of group who were in top one- third of class	Per cent of members of group who were in bottom one- third of class
Commerce—Age 18-21	...	31%	38%
Age 22-25	...	30%	30%
Age 26 and over	...	44%	26%
3. A.G.C.T. and Previous Education—			
Group I or no A.G.C.T. score, 3 years College or more	...	56%	17%
Group III, High School graduate only	...	14%	57%
4. A.G.C.T., Rank, Previous Education, Reaction to Duties—			
Group I or no A.G.C.T. score, officers or top three grades, 3 years college, "do really good job" (37 cases)	...	60%	14%
Group III, Private or Private First Class, High School graduate only, "do what I'm told" (14 cases)	...	0%	64%

#### PART IV: EDUCATIONAL PLANS AND WANTS AFTER DISCHARGE

IN both student surveys made during the second session, the question was asked: "What are your plans about going back to school after you are discharged from the Army?". The distributions of replies on the two questionnaires were virtually identical, and the consolidated results are presented below in percentage form:

I definitely plan to return to school	...	55%
I think I shall probably return to school	...	21%
I'm not sure one way or the other	...	10%
I don't think I shall return to school	...	8%
I'm certain I shall not return to school	...	6%
Total	...	100%

Thus, three out of four S.A.U. students will probably return to school. But obviously this group is by no means typical of the Army as a whole, since it was self-selected on the basis of educational interests. Furthermore, an Army-wide survey made during 1944, the results of which have been widely published<sup>23</sup>, found only eight

<sup>23</sup>"What the Soldier Thinks," Special Issue on Post-War Plans of the Soldier; also Report B-133, "Post-War Educational Plans of Soldiers," Research Branch, Information and Education Division, Army Service Forces, Washington, D.C., 1945.

per cent of military personnel with definite plans, and another four per cent with tentative plans for further education.

Yet the Shrivenham group with educational plans may be nearly representative of those soldiers throughout the Army who plan to continue in higher education. With respect to age, marital status, and previous education, they closely resemble those found by the Army-wide survey to be planning education beyond high school. And there is little reason for assuming that the processes by which S.A.U. students were selected tended uniformly to eliminate any special types of prospective undergraduate. However, the subject-matter quotas controlled the proportion of S.A.U. students interested in each general academic field.

**Which Students Plan Further Education?** How did the 76 per cent of S.A.U. students with "definite" or "probable" plans for further education differ from their fellows who are less likely to return to school?

Of those who "definitely" or "probably" will return to school	Of those who are less likely or unlikely to return to school	
17%	44%	are married.
28%	49%	have had no college training.
8%	17%	have graduated from college.
77%	68%	have been in the Army less than three years.
55%	21%	have been away from civilian school for less than three years.
28%	16%	have A.G.C.T. scores in Group I.

**What Sort of Schooling Do They Want?** Of the men with definite or probable plans, 87 per cent plan to devote themselves to schooling on a full-time basis, the remainder on a part-time basis. It is significant that, of those who expect to take a full-time college or university program, 53 per cent indicated preference for the traditional eight- or nine-month academic year, a strong minority of 39 per cent favored the eleven- or twelve-month accelerated program, and only 8 per cent were indifferent on this point.

Because subject-matter quotas were used consistently in the screening of applicants for S.A.U., any detailed analysis of the

subjects wanted by these Army University graduates could have little value as an indicator of subject-matter wants in the larger soldier group. However, it may be significant that at least eighteen per cent of Shrivenham students expect to concentrate in Engineering, though only three per cent were able to do so at S.A.U., and that the Liberal Arts field, which had over one-third of the enrollment at Shrivenham, will engage the efforts of only about one-fourth of those students who plan further schooling after their return home. The heavy enrollment in Commerce at S.A.U., again, is not clearly indicative of the civilian future, for a considerably larger than average proportion of Commerce students have no plans for further education.

It is possible that some have exaggerated the tendency of veterans to crowd into brief technical and vocational courses. Of the Shrivenham students with definite or probable plans, almost half (46 per cent) plan to stay in school long enough to complete more than four years of education beyond high school, and only seventeen per cent will go less than four years beyond high school. Again, however, it must be emphasized that this group is probably not typical of the Army-wide eight to twelve per cent who plan some further education.

Older men, of course, are more prone to favor short courses, part-time programs, and practical subjects like Commerce. The median Shrivenham student who plans evening courses at a college or university is twenty-seven years old, and two-fifths of such students are married.

**Supplementary Services.** As the following questions (presented with percentage of students with "definite" or "probable" plans who gave each answer) make clear, many veterans will feel the need for such aids as vocational guidance and educational advisement.

Which of the following statements most nearly expresses how sure you feel about the kind of work you will do after you finish school or college? (Check one)

I know what kind of work I expect to do after school ...	...	...	39%
I have a pretty fair idea of what I want to do ...	...	...	46%
I have only a vague idea of what I want to do ...	...	...	11%
I have no idea at all of the kind of work I want to do ...	...	...	3%
(Did not answer) ...	...	...	1%
Total ...	...	...	100%