

Our Fighting Faculty



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The first faculty man to enlist, who spent sixteen months as railroad builder and sanitary engineer in the devastated regions of France.

THE "Fighting Faculty" of Washington scattered well to the four corners of the map of Europe during the two years of America's share in the world war.

In France they were building railroads, at the front on the battle lines, searching for dead and wounded with Red Cross divisions, in hospital service and intelligence squads. In Italy, two members went through the fiercest of the fire in the Monte Grappa district during the victorious Italian offensive against Austria. One member is in England in Y. M. C. A. service, and from last news another had been ordered to Berlin.

More of them were sprinkled through the camps of the United States in service as varied: in chemical laboratories, making deadly and highly explosive poison gases, mustard, "sneeze" and tear gases to confound the enemy; in engineering camps connected with the army; in aviation fields or signal corps stations, or perhaps in some scientific research post. A small colony of them were settled at Washington, D. C., with the "Gas and Flame" corps, the commissary department, the Fuel Administration, the War Labor Board, and in numerous official capacities. The University librarian received special leave of absence to install a soldier's library at Camp Fremont, California. A member of the French department was released to superintend instruction of officers and large classes

of "doughboys" at Camp Lewis in military French for overseas use. Numerous men from other departments gave evening courses there in history, English, or zoology, going after hours several times a week for the purpose.

Several went into Red Cross work, which took them to distant parts of the state. This dealt with after-care of disabled soldiers, civilian relief, the Junior Red Cross department, general development work or such special work as the superintending of surgical moss dressings for the Northwest.

In all, 53 members of the Washington faculty were granted leave of absence from the University for some kind of war service. Of these, fourteen went overseas, while the



Dean Arthur R. Priest

In Paris "Fathering" Washington Boys



Lieut. Colin V. Dymont

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