

# P. C. IS APPROVED FOR WAR TRAINING

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## Brown Named for Pre-Medical Study by Navy; State Put on Inspection List.

Providence College is included in a new list of colleges and universities approved for specialized war training programs of the armed services announced last night at Washington by the Joint Committee for the Selection of Non-Federal Educational Institutions.

It was simultaneously announced, the Associated Press reported, that Brown University, previously surveyed by the Navy for engineering training of prospective officers under the comprehensive nation-wide program, had been chosen additionally for possible use by the Navy for pre-medical training.

Rhode Island State College, which has received a contract form from the War Department in connection with its selection some time as a training centre for Army Engineer officers, was designated in the latest Washington announcement last night as one of the colleges to be inspected and possibly given an additional contract by the War Department for basic training under the Army's specialized training program.

### Named as Testing Centre

Naming of Providence College for inspection and a possible contract under this specialized training program came only a few days after the announcement that this Providence institution had been selected as one of the nation's testing centres for the Navy College Training Program, known as V-12.

It was announced here earlier yesterday that an Army Air Force training detachment of possibly 200 students will arrive at Brown University March 12 to begin pre-meteorological study as weather officer candidates. Major Ethridge F. Doane, commanding officer of this school, and his staff have set up headquarters in Slater Hall, one of the dormitories vacated for Army use.

Dr. Henry M. Wriston, president of Brown University, said last night he had not been informed of the selection of Brown for possible use by the Navy for pre-medical training. Nor has there been any further development here in connection with the Navy's survey of Brown for the prospective training course there in engineering under the vast V-12 program for training officers since the official survey, he said.

Administrative officers of Rhode Island State College announced yesterday that they would confer with Army officials in Boston Wednesday on the Army specialized training program.

### To Attend Conference

Dr. Carl R. Woodward, president of the college; Col. Charles E. Coates, commandant of the ROTC; Dean Royl L. Wales of the School of Engineering, and Stanley S. Gairloch, comptroller, will confer with General Sherman Miles of the Headquarters Division, First Service Command.

This conference will be in connection with the selection of State College some time ago as among the first group of colleges chosen as prospective training centres for Army engineering officers. A contingent of 400 trainees is expected at Kingston under the engineering training program, but Dr. Woodward said last night he had no word as to when these men would arrive.

After the conference with Gen. Miles at Boston Wednesday Dr. Woodward said he would meet with the president of other New England land-grant colleges at the University Club in Boston on Thursday, when the whole program of war training in colleges and universities of this region will be discussed.

Meantime, arrangements were being completed at Rhode Island State College for accommodation of the engineering contingent, which Dr. Woodward said, may arrive on the campus "on 24 hours' notice." He said the college war program committee and its sub-committees on housing, dining facilities, supplies and course of study "are getting our house in order rapidly."

The announcement by the Joint

Committee for the Selection of Non-Federal Educational Institutions at Washington last night added 52 institutions to those previously approved.

The students for the weather officer school at Brown selected by the Air Force from volunteer inductees who were either college sophomores or freshmen particularly qualified in mathematics or physics, will be given an intensive, short basic course lasting until next September at the University.

### Housed In Hope College

The class will be housed in Hope College and the upper floors of Slater Hall. Meals will be eaten in the Faunce House cafeteria. The reading room on the third floor of the John Hay Library has been set aside as a military study hall. Classes are to begin March 15 and will be held in various classrooms and laboratories in the university.

Eleven other colleges in the East and South are also conducting the basic course for several thousand students, who will go on to advanced training next September.

Despite the fact that the weather courses are the longest and one of the hardest of the Army's wartime education program, the War Department said applications have totalled four times the prospective enrollment. The new program is expected to treble the staff of Army weather experts in the next two years.