

## **Collection Title:** Navy V-12 Program Records, 1939-1947, undated

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### **Repository:**

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### **Creator:**

Milligan University (Milligan College)  
United States. Bureau of Naval Personnel

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Navy V-12 Program Records, 1939-1947, undated

### **Collection No.**

C0140

### **Extent:**

2 cubic feet (2 boxes)

### **Language:**

English

### **Abstract:**

Milligan College (now Milligan University) participated in the Navy V-12 Program that trained officers on college campuses during World War II, turning the entire school over to the program, the only school in the nation to do so. This record collection contains correspondence, reports, bulletins, and other information relating to that time period in Milligan's history.

### **Administrative History:**

"The V-12 Navy College Training Program was designed to supplement the force of commissioned officers in the United States Navy during World War II. Between July 1, 1943, and June 30, 1946, more than 125,000 participants were enrolled in 131 colleges and universities in the United States. Numerous participants attended classes and lectures at the respective colleges and earned completion degrees for their studies. Some even returned from their naval obligations to earn a degree from the colleges where they were previously stationed." (Wikipedia: "V-12 Navy College Training Program," paragraph 1)

Milligan College (now Milligan University) decided to participate in the Navy V-12 Program and subsequently turned the entire school over to the program, the only school in the nation to do so. From July 1, 1943 to June 30, 1945, no civilian students attended Milligan College. The men who came to the college as part of the program hailed from many different states, including Illinois, Oklahoma, Texas, and California. These men took college courses taught by Milligan faculty while also training for the Navy. Commanding officers for Milligan included Lt. R.F. Sessions (1943-1944), Lt. Russell Griffin (1944-1945), and Lt. Gordon R. Wellborn (1945), with Lt. (jg) Jane E. Rollman as the local disbursing officer stationed at Milligan. In 1944, Charles Burns resigned as president due to his pacifist views and was replaced first by Dean Steve Lacy as interim and then Virgil Elliott.

When not studying or doing military exercises, the V-12 men found a wide variety of activities for entertainment. Because dancing was not allowed on the college campus, the V-12 men attended dances in Johnson City instead. They also formed their own newspaper, *The Masthead*, and participated in athletic activities. The basketball team, which included several all-state high school basketball players, beat both Duke University and University of North Carolina on successive nights.

Milligan College re-opened to civilian students in the fall of 1945. Although the school was in need of thousands of dollars of repairs, not to mention rebuilding the student and faculty population, Milligan College continued to thrive after the war. In later years, V-12 alumni reunions gathered at the college to reminisce about their days when Milligan was part of the Navy.

**Arrangement:**

The collection appears to have come from file cabinets and was originally arranged in alphabetical order by folder title. Several people have worked on arranging the files into series and subseries as listed below. Most folder titles were kept intact, although some folders were rearranged or renamed. All series and subseries are arranged in alphabetical order.

**I. Series: Armed Forces (General), 1939-1944**

**II. Series: Bulletins, 1942-1945**

**III. Series: Correspondence, 1941-1945**

**IV. Series: Navy V-12 Program, 1940-1947, undated**

1. Subseries: Academic, 1942-1945, undated
2. Subseries: Administration, 1940-1947, undated
3. Subseries: Athletics and Social Activities, 1943-1945, undated

**V. Series: Reports and Lists, 1943-1946, undated**

1. Subseries: Academic and Military, 1943-1945, undated **RESTRICTED**
2. Subseries: Financial, 1943-1946, undated
3. Subseries: Health, 1944-1945
4. Subseries: Property, 1944-1945

**Scope and Content Note:**

The records of the Navy V-12 program at Milligan are arranged into five series: Armed Forces (General), Bulletins, Correspondence, Navy V-12 Program, and Reports and Lists. The Navy V-12 Program series is further divided into three subseries: Academic, Administration, and Athletics and Social Activities. The Reports and Lists series is further divided into four subseries: Academic and Military, Financial, Health, and Property.

The Armed Forces (General) series spans 1939 to 1944 and contains information that is related to the armed forces and World War II but is not directly Navy V-12 program-related.

The Bulletins series spans 1942 to 1945 and contains bulletins from the Navy Department regarding the V-1 and V-12 programs.

The Correspondence series spans 1941 to 1945 and contains correspondence related to the time period of the Navy V-12 program at Milligan.

The Navy V-12 Program series spans 1940 to 1947 and contains undated material. It is further divided into the Academic subseries, which spans 1942 to 1945 and contains undated material. This subseries contains academic information from the Navy V-12 program at Milligan. The Administration subseries spans 1940 to 1947 and contains undated material. This subseries contains material for administration of the program. The Athletics and Social Activities subseries spans 1943 to 1945 and contains undated

material. This subseries contains information on the athletics programs during the Navy V-12 program as well as information about social activities for the Navy V-12 students.

The Reports and Lists series spans 1943 to 1946 and contains undated material. The Academic and Military subseries spans 1943 to 1945 and contains undated material. This subseries contains items such as class lists and demerit lists. The Financial subseries spans 1943 to 1946 and contains undated material. This subseries contains financial information, including reports, purchase order information, and contracts. The Health subseries spans 1944 to 1945 and contains information relating to both personal health records and overall campus sanitation and food rationing. The Property subseries spans 1944 to 1945 and contains property reports.

### **Administrative Information**

#### **Acquisition Information**

Accession 1986-001

Note: There was no accession year available when this collection was processed, therefore the year when processing started is used for the accession record.

#### **Access Restrictions:**

Collection is open for research.

Some folders are restricted at this time due to personal information contained within those folders. The Academic and Military subseries is restricted as a whole. These restricted items are marked in red.

The archivist reserves the right to determine on a case-by-case basis if certain folders within the collection that have been requested for viewing cannot be made available due to various restriction compliance, including but not limited to student information, private personal information, and organizational information of a restricted nature.

#### **Preferred Citation**

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#### **Processing Information**

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Completed in 2021.

#### **Folder List**

##### **Box 1**

##### **I. Series: Armed Forces (General), 1939-1944**

Application for Appointment as Aviation Cadet, 1942

Armed Forces Enlisted Reserve (Inductees), 1942-1943

Army Air Force, 1942

Army Fourth Service Command Documents, 1943

**Court Martial Orders, 1944 RESTRICTED**

Enlisted Reserve Corps, 1942

Enlisted Reserves Corps Material (Army) Quotas and Enrollees, 1942

Enlistment Information, 1942

Factual Pamphlets, Joint Programs, 1942

Joint Army-Navy-Marine Corps-Coast Guard Procurement Committee, 1942

National Defense – American Council on Education, 1940-1943

National Defense – American Council on Education, 1943-1944  
National Defense – Federal Security Agency US Office of Education, 1940-1943  
National Defense – Selective Service State and National Headquarters, 1940-1943  
National Defense – US Office of Education Federal Security Agency Bulletins, 1939-1941  
Testing Information (Qualifying), 1943  
War Service Opportunities, 1942

**II. Series: Bulletins, 1942-1945**

Navy V-1 Bulletins, 1942  
Navy V-12 Bulletins, 1943  
Navy V-12 Bulletins, 1943  
Navy V-12 Bulletins, 1944-1945

**III. Series: Correspondence, 1941-1945**

Athletics, Basketball Correspondence by Mr. Wellborn, 1944-1945  
Business Correspondence, 1943-1945  
Correspondence, 1942-1943  
Correspondence, 1942-1945  
Correspondence, 1945  
Correspondence 1A, 1943-1944  
Correspondence 2B, 1943-1944  
Correspondence 3C, 1943-1944  
Correspondence 4D, 1943-1944  
Correspondence 5E, 1943-1944  
Correspondence 6F, 1943-1944  
Correspondence 7G, 1943-1944  
Correspondence 8H, 1943-1944  
Correspondence 10J, 1943-1944  
Correspondence 11K, 1943-1944  
Correspondence 12L, 1943-1944  
Correspondence 13M (including Mc), 1943-1944  
Correspondence 14N, 1943-1944  
Correspondence 15O, 1943-1944  
Correspondence 16P, 1943-1944  
Correspondence 18R, 1943-1944  
Correspondence 19S, 1943-1944  
Correspondence 20T, 1943-1944  
Correspondence 21U, 1943-1944  
Correspondence 22V, 1943-1944  
Correspondence 23W, 1943-1944  
Correspondence X and Y, 1943-1944  
Correspondence Concerning Nonacademic Affairs, 1943-1944  
Correspondence Navy V-12, 1943  
Correspondence to and from Dean Steve Lacey, 1941-1943  
Folder 4a Correspondence, 1943-1944  
Folder 5 President Elliott Correspondence, 1945  
Personal Correspondence with Reference to V-12, 1944-1945  
Press Releases, 1943-1944  
Private Correspondence, 1944-1945

**Box 2**

**IV. Series: Navy V-12 Program, 1940-1947, undated**

**1. Subseries: Academic, 1942-1945, undated**

Academic Papers, 1944, undated

Academic Papers (Test Scores and Unsatisfactory Work Notice), 1943 RESTRICTED

Examination Information, 1942-1943, undated

Navy 14 Academic Problems Regarding Individual Trainees, 1943-1944 RESTRICTED

Navy 14 Films, etc., 1943-1944

Navy – Letters of Separation, 1944-1945 RESTRICTED

Navy V-12 Curricula Schedules, 1943

Syllabi Copy, undated

**2. Subseries: Administration, 1940-1947, undated**

Addresses Necessary for War Program, undated

Administration Question and Answers for Colleges, undated

Administrative Information, 1943-1944, undated

Administrative Papers, 1943-1944, undated

Applicant's Physical Questionnaire, undated

Closing of Milligan Civilian Program, 1943

Conversion from Navy to Civilian, 1942-1947

Faculty, 1944-1945

Information and Instructions Regarding Navy College Training Program, 1943

Milligan College Job Order, 1945

National Roster, 1942

Naval Reserves V-5, 1942, undated

Naval Resources –V(S) & –V(P), 1942, undated

50 Navy (Contract With), 1943-1946, undated

Navy 50 Regarding Individual Trainees, 1940-1945

Navy V-1 General Information, 1942, undated

Room Dimensions, undated

Training Program Regulations, 1943

Where Students Were Stationed, undated

**3. Subseries: Athletics and Social Activities, 1943-1945, undated**

Navy Athletics 14, 1943-1944, undated

Navy Athletics, 1944-1945

Social Activities (Dances), 1944-1945

**V. Series: Reports and Lists, 1943-1946, undated**

**1. Subseries: Academic and Military, 1943-1945, undated RESTRICTED**

Class Lists, 1943-1944, undated RESTRICTED

Demerits Terms I & II, 1943-1944 RESTRICTED

Item Reports, undated RESTRICTED

Navy 14 Assigned Demerits for Absences, etc., 1944 RESTRICTED

Navy 14 Original Absence and Tardy Report, 1944 RESTRICTED

Navy 50 (Original Absence and Tardy Reports), 1944-1945 RESTRICTED

Navy (Assigned Demerits), 1944-1945 RESTRICTED

**2. Subseries: Financial, 1943-1946, undated**

Commissioning, 1943-1944, undated

Cost Report V-12, First Term, Fiscal Year Ending 30 June 1944, 1943-1944

Cost Report V-12, Second Term, Fiscal Year Ending 30 June 1944, 1943-1944

Cost Report V-12, Third Term, 1943-1944

Cost Report V-12, First Term, 1944-1945  
Cost Report V-12, Second Term, 1944-1945  
Cost Reports for V-12, 1944-1945, undated  
**Faculty Payroll, 1943-1945 RESTRICTED**  
Financial Records, 1943-1944  
Financial Reports, 1944, undated  
Financial Reports, 1943-1945  
Lt. (jg) Welburn, 1944-1946, undated  
Messing, 1944, undated  
Milligan College Modified Ship's Service Journal, 1944-1945  
Purchase Orders, Receipts, Insurance, Tax Slips, 1943-1945, undated  
Renegotiation, 1944, undated  
Revised Contract NOp 206, Supplement NO. 5, 1945  
Supplemental Commissioning, 1943-1944, undated  
Trial Balance, 1943-1945  
Yearly Housing Budget, undated

**3. Subseries: Health, 1944-1945**

Food Rationing Report, 1945  
**Medical, 1944-1945 RESTRICTED**  
Monthly Sanitary Reports, 1944-1945

**4. Subseries: Property, 1944-1945**

Report of Surplus Property Navy, 1944-1945