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GENERAL PROGRAM

First Phase—Review
9:00 A.M.—Review of the entire Corps of Cadets by the Commanding General,
Sixth Corps Area, Major General Charles H. Bonesteel; the President of the
University of Illinois, Dr. Arthur Cutts Willard; and party.

Second Phase—Awards

a. Administering oath of office to R.O.T.C. graduating class.
b. Installation of Cadet Colonel for school year 1941-1942.
c. Presentation of Awards.

1. Presentation of University Gold Medal to Cadet Master Sergeant James H. Fisher, Chicago, Engineers, by President Arthur C. Willard.
2. Presentation of Hazleton Medal to Cadet First Sergeant Bradford B. Blount, Evanston, Field Artillery, by President Arthur C. Willard.
3. Presentation of saber to new Cadet Colonel, Gerald W. Homann, Mattoon, Engineer Unit, by Mrs. O. H. Crist, State Regent, Illinois Daughters of the American Revolution.
4. Presentation of the Grand Army Memorial Saber to Cadet Second Lieutenant, Donald K. Stevens, Danville, Coast Artillery, by Mrs. Florence Shilllet, Patriotic Instructor, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
5. Presentation of a gold medal to Cadet Captain Howard L. Fleming, Olney, Field Artillery, outstanding competitor in small bore pistol matches, by Mrs. Bertha M. Dawson, President, Department of Illinois Daughters Union Veterans of the Civil War.
6. Women's Relief Corps Panel presentation to the eighteen most outstanding cadets of the senior class by Mrs. Nellie Nederfeld, President, Department of Illinois.
7. Presentation of Pershing Rifle Basic Award to Cadet Master Sergeant Everett W. Herman, Champaign, Engineers, by Mrs. Charlotte R. Prime, President, Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary, Department of Illinois.
8. Presentation of American Legion Medals to the best Sophomore in every unit by Commander William E. Waugh, Department of Illinois.
9. The American Legion Auxiliary Award of $50 to the new Cadet Colonel, Gerald W. Homann, Mattoon, Engineers, by Mrs. Joseph Mierczynski, President, Department of Illinois.
10. The American Legion Auxiliary Award of $50 to Cadet Second Lieutenant, William A. Stewart, Rockford, Infantry, most outstanding Junior in small bore rifle competition, by Mrs. Joseph Mierczynski, President, Department of Illinois.
11. Presentation of sabers to retiring Cadet Lieutenant Colonels by Commander William M. P. Smith, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., Department of Illinois.
12. Presentation of Pershing Rifles Award of $50 and an inscribed medal to Cadet Second Lieutenant, Alfred Rulon, Naperville, Cavalry, by Mrs. Helen Green, President, Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Illinois.
13. Presentation of $5 to Cadet Master Sergeant Everett W. Herman, Champaign, Engineers, winner of second place in the University Gold Medal Contest, by Mrs. Genevieve Benton, President, American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 71, Urbana, Illinois.
14. Presentation of $5 to Cadet Private Floyd R. Rogers, O'Fallon, Coast Artillery, winner of second place in the Hazleton Medal Contest, by Mrs. F. Cagan, President, American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 24, Champaign, Illinois.

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Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of Illinois

By Colonel Robert G. Kirkwood, Field Artillery, P. M. S. & T.

With World conditions as they are today, the Reserve Officers' Training Corps has taken on a new and added significance to the individuals enrolled in it, to the University, and to the nation. With Reserve officers being called to the colors in increasing numbers each month, people, who a year or two ago failed to realize the importance of the work being done by the universities of the country in offering young men courses in military training, readily admit the necessity and the advantage of such training now.

The War Department states that the mission of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps is to fit the young men enrolled therein for leadership in a national emergency. The Act of Congress, authorizing ROTC training, has been in effect for 22 years. Ever since the World War the ROTC has been operating in State and private universities and colleges. Its graduates constitute the majority of the Officers' Reserve Corps which furnishes the Reserve officers for our expanding Army.

Prior to the World War, we had no Reserve officers and no enlisted reserve; so our whole reserve system is now receiving its first test. Today, practically 75 per cent of the officers with combat troops in the Army are Reserve officers on extended active duty. They are doing fine work and fully justify the expectations of those who provided for the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and the Officers' Reserve Corps in the National Defense Act.

There are 318 juniors and 262 seniors—a total of 580—enrolled in the advanced course of the ROTC at the University of Illinois. The total enrollment, including freshmen and sophomores, is nearly 4,000. This year, practically all the seniors will be ordered to active duty for a period of one year shortly after graduation. The nation needs their services. They have been trained for this emergency. They are ready to serve.

ROTC training at this University has been conducted not so much with the idea of producing many soldiers as of producing soldierly men. During the long years of peace, military training, at the University of Illinois, has been administered so as to give young men a better preparation for civil life as well as to prepare them to serve their country in its military forces.

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps courses offers opportunities to cadets to improve their ability to lead men. It teaches self-confidence, self-control, and physical coordination. The instruction cadets receive in courtesy and deportment is invaluable to them when starting on a business or professional career.

At the University of Illinois we have six of the combat arms represented; namely, infantry, cavalry, field artillery, coast artillery corps, corps of engineers, and signal corps. Enrollment in the Engineer Unit is limited to students in the College of Engineering. The Signal Corps Unit receives its personnel largely from the Department of Electrical Engineering. The other four Units are recruited from any of the colleges or schools of the University.

The University has recognized the importance of military training, as a factor in education, by allowing credit for the advanced course commensurate with the credit allowed for subjects requiring similar time in other departments of the University.

The young men of the ROTC of the University of Illinois have carried on their military training this year with increased enthusiasm and efficiency. They have taken advantage of their opportunities to prepare themselves for national service. The University is confident that, if called upon for active duty, their response and performance will be such as to bring credit to themselves, their University, and the State of Illinois.
Message From The President

The R.O.T.C. is an important and essential activity at the University of Illinois. Both the Federal act of 1862, providing for the establishment of the land-grant colleges, and the State legislative act of 1867 accepting these Federal grants, specified that military training was to be required of all male students during their college careers. Such a program has been in effect during the 68 years of the University's existence and this year nearly 4,000 students comprise the Brigade which will pass in review, on the completion of their year's work.

The University of Illinois offers unusual opportunities for students who are interested in preparing themselves, along with their regular University studies, for reserve commissions in the Army and for examinations for commissions in the Regular Army. While the basic training and the advanced R.O.T.C. course are an integral part of our country's program of national defense, they are also designed to develop qualities of loyalty, respect for authority, and initiative, which are essential to good citizenship and to leadership in civil as well as military life.

Those men who have completed successfully the four years' course of training in the advanced corps have qualified for reserve commissions in the U. S. Army. By virtue of this training many of them have also qualified for commissions as Brevet Captains in the Illinois National Guard which have been conferred as a special mark of distinction by the Governor of Illinois.

The present year, with an enormous program for national defense in progress, is a most fitting time to commend the entire Brigade for its fine work throughout the year, to congratulate the prize winners in the various competitions, and the men who today will receive commissions. The University honors all of the men of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps today for their work and the success they have achieved, and I am sure that I may speak for the people of the State of Illinois in saying that we appreciate very deeply the willingness of these young men to prepare themselves for the defense of our country in time of need.

The University of Illinois is greatly indebted to the officers and men who constitute the instructional staff of the Military Department, for under the able leadership of the Commandant, Colonel R. G. Kirkwood, they have made it possible for the institution to meet effectively one of its prime obligations to the State and the Nation.

A. C. WILLARD
President

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GENERAL PROGRAM — Continued

Third Phase—Exhibitions

c. (1) Truck-drawn battery. By Plateau and Drum.
   (2) Anti-aircraft gun drill. By Thunderbird Battery.
   (3) Pershing Rifles in close order drill.
   (4) Infantry-extended order and auxiliary weapons.
   (5) Engineers-trestle construction.
   (6) Signal Corps-radio and telephone communication.

Fourth Phase—Miscellaneous

a. Immediately after the exhibition drills guests are invited to attend the polo game between teams representing Iowa State College and the University of Illinois.
b. Distribution of commissions by Unit Directors to newly-commissioned officers in the Armory following the exhibition drills.
c. A luncheon for the R.O.T.C. graduating class and invited guests will be given in the University Place Christian Church, corner of Wright and Stoughton streets, Champaign, by the Officers' Reserve Corps, service, and patriotic organizations, at 12:15 P.M. The cost of the luncheon is seventy-five cents. Reservations and tickets may be secured through Capt. L. F. Audrieth, 350 C Chemistry Building, University of Illinois. Tickets will also be available at the Review.
MILITARY COUNCIL

By Edmund L. DuBois, Cadet Colonel

The Military Council, first organized in 1930, is the executive board of the cadet corps. Its aim is to promote the welfare of the ROTC at the University by coordinating extra-curricular military activities and by maintaining favorable relations with other departments and organizations.

Membership on the Council is honorary and includes the cadet colonel of the Brigade, the seven cadet lieutenant colonels, the five majors of the brigade staff, and one representative from each of the unit clubs and inter-unit organizations.

On April 18, the Council presented the Military Ball of 1941, an important function since the profits of this dance are administered by the Military department for the benefit of all military students. In addition, the Officer’s ball was presented in January for advanced course students.

The Council has investigated and made recommendations concerning cadet insignia. The monthly Millini, published to keep the brigade informed of activities and developments in the Military department, was sponsored by each if the six units of the ROTC in turn. This last issue of the Millini represents the final work of the Council.

In order to give continuity to the Military council.

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Scabbard and Blade

Scabbard and Blade is a National and Professional Military Fraternity. Company F, 1st Regiment at the University of Illinois is primarily a military and social organization composed of from seventy-five to ninety members each year.

Each year twenty percent of the Junior class is selected to be “recruits” in the organization. These men are selected on the basis of their military and scholastic averages; on their personality; and on their campus activity. They undergo a four weeks pledge period before being initiated into the fraternity.

Meetings are held twice each month. One of these is for the furtherance of Military knowledge and the other is for the entertaining of guest speakers. National conventions are held every two years. This year the Convention was held at Washington, D. C.

Phalanx

Phalanx, founded at the University of Illinois in 1925, has become a growing national honorary and professional military fraternity for advance course students.

The aim of Phalanx is “To promote the interest in military training, to foster the spirit of fellowship among military men on the University of Illinois campus, to aid in the preparedness of this country, and to implant in its members the discipline necessary in both military enterprise and civil life.”

In keeping with its aim, the members have given their complete support to the government and the National Defense Program. In order to become better soldiers, Phalanx has meetings every two weeks during the school year, at which regular army officers and other important faculty members address the fraternity. Phalanx seeks to impress upon the minds of its members those phases of military training which are useful in civil as well as military life.

The social program included two pledge dances at which the newly-initiated members received their citation cords, two initiation parties, and numerous smokes at which prominent men addressed the members.

Polo

The polo association is made up of students most of whom are in the ROTC. Few, if any, of those coming out for the first time know anything about riding. In four years the students are developed into fine riders with a thorough fundamental knowledge of polo.

This year Captain Bob Jaeger led the team through a very successful season. While Lt. Col. A. J. DeLormier and Lt. Col. M. H. Ellis welded the squad into a team, Lt. E. E. Hill promoted games, assisted in coaching, and managed the advertising. Despite the fact that the Polo association has had difficulty in financing its season, it has managed to produce one of the highest scoring teams of any receiving major letters.

Rifle and Pistol

The rifle team, under the direction of Captain C. E. Broe, and the pistol team, under the direction of Major O. S. J. Albert, enjoyed very successful seasons this year.

The rifle team has progressed to be one of the most outstanding activities of the R.O.T.C. brigade. No man on this year’s team was a veteran of last year’s, which makes their accomplishments all the more remarkable. In addition to winning 37 out of 50 matches, the rifle team placed second in the Sixth Corps Area Intercollegiate matches; second in the N.R.A. championship matches; second in the Hearst Matches; and fourth in the midwest Nationals held at Chicago. Besides having an outstanding team, the individuals themselves have excellent records. Of the thousands from all over the United States who fired in the N.R.A. Individual Matches, Craig Lewis won 6th; E. W. Herman 43rd; M. P. Waite 51st; and C. F. Pampe 50th. On the varsity team were M. P. Waite (Captain), W. A. Stewart, R. L. Lafferty, F. T. Hammer, E. W. Herman, C. E. Lewis, and C. F. Pampe.

The pistol team also fired its way into a prominent place in the R.O.T.C. activities. While the pistol team did not fire in any national matches this year, it made a good account of itself in its weekly telegraphic matches. This year’s team includes H. G. Harshbarger, H. L. Fleming, J. B. Sutherland (Captain), F. P. Eisimningar, F. T. Hammer and M. P. Waite.

Pershing Rifles

Noted principally for the precision of its drill platoons, Pershing Rifles is the national honorary society for basic students. At Illinois this society is adding to its laurels by enlarging its strength from that of a company to that of a battalion, at the same time training students toward the goals of perfection in drill, military bearing, and courtesy.

The aims of the local unit coincide with those of the society as it was originally founded by Lt. John J. Pershing at the University of Nebraska in 1892—to promote interest in military science and tactics among basic students and to better prepare them to serve as cadet officers in the advanced course.

This year has been especially significant to Company C, Third Regiment, for it has been host to the entire regiment at the annual drill meet, held here May 9th. Long hours of extra drill spent by members of the Drill Team and the Drum and Bugle Corps were in a sense their own reward to the students who participated, for there is a spirit in Pershing Rifles which these young men have caught which will be a great asset to their military and civil lives.

Weekly drills and appearances at retreat formations through the year as the color company have again this year been a responsibility of the Pershing Riflemen. The manner in which they have discharged their duties under the leadership of their Captain, Edw. A. McIntire ‘41, have brought Pershing Rifles well deserved praise.
Outstanding Military Students in Class of 1941

Robert Stevens Black, Champaign, Field Artillery
Charles Joseph Carson, Poria, Signal Corps
Edmund Louis DuBois, Ft. Soreyden, Ga., Coast Artillery
Fred Trowbridge Hammer, Hindshoro, Field Artillery
Harry Glen Harshbarger, Arcotak, Field Artillery
Herbert Orin Ireland, Owaga, Engineers
Ralph Harding James, Edinburg, Cavalry
Frank Kline, Chicago, Engineers
Ellis Caton Knobloch, Jamentown, N. Y., Engineers
Earl Reese Leng, Williamsfield, Cavalry

Dunne Fay Lullie, Rockford, Coast Artillery
Edward Alexander McIntire, Carmi, Infantry
John Sherrick O'Brien, Villa Park, Coast Artillery
Burton Roger Olson, Chicago, Field Artillery
Tracy Allyn Rasmussen, Naponeet, Field Artillery
William Gamble Rosekett, Moline, Cavalry
Joseph Osborne Sates, Franklin Park, Field Artillery
William Henry Zinnyeg, Chicago, Infantry

The names of the students above are inscribed on the Women's Relief Corps Panel. (See General Program — Awards, No. 6)

MILITARY COUNCIL (Continued from Page 6)

cil in succeeding years, a few outstanding cadets of the first year advanced course were invited to attend meetings during the second semester.
Next year this organization will be in the hands of the newly appointed cadet colonel, who automatically becomes the Council president. Col. Kirkwood has recently announced the appointment of Gerald W. Honman, Corps of Engineers, to be cadet colonel for the year 1941-1942.

Gerald Honman is an outstanding student of the College of Engineering. He has earned a scholastic average of 4.9, maintained a 5.0 military average, and is a member of various scholastic and professional honorary including Phi Eta Sigma, Tau Beta Pi, Chi Epsilon, and A. S. C. E.

Honman has been the outstanding military cadet of his class since he entered the University. He has won both the Hazeldon award and the University Gold Medal, the Phalanx freshman unit award, the American Legion sophomore unit award, the Tau Nu Tau medal, the Pershing Rifles sophomore medal, and received an excellence bar with three stars.

He is a member of Scabbard and Blade, Tau Nu Tau, Pershing Rifles, and has been elected to membership in Ma-Wan-Da, senior men's activity fraternity. He was a member of the Pershing Rifles drill team for two years and was recently elected Captain of the company located at this University.

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