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PROGRAM IN GENERAL

8:20 A.M.—First Call.

8:30 A.M.—Assembly.

8:45 A.M.—First Adjutant's Call.

9:00 A.M.—Second Adjutant's Call.

Presentation of Awards:

Presentation of Saber to Student Colonel by Mrs. John R. Fornof.
Presentation of American Legion Auxiliary Award by Mrs. Marie H. Suthers.

Presentation of Grand Army Memorial Saber by Mrs. Carrie Stewart.
University Gold Medal—Charles E. Wright, by Pres. Arthur C. Willard.
Hazelton Medal—Robert D. Shaffer, by Pres. Arthur C. Willard.
Second Place—University Gold Medal—Harold E. Goeke, by Mrs. Elsie Defibaugh.

Silver Medal—George D. Wolraven, Jr., by Mrs. Wayne M. Drown.

Woman's Relief Corps Panel, by Mrs. Cora B. Ryman.

Coast Artillery Sabers, by Col. C. A. Chapman.

American Legion Medals, by J. B. Murphy.

Scabbard and Blade Citation, by Cadet Col. W. Phillips Talbot.

Phalanx Award, by Don Nemitz.

Cavalry Medal—Dexter R. Barrett, by Lieut. Col. Harry A. Flint.

Signal Corps Awards, by Cadet Capt. Paul H. Lanphier.

Pershing Rifles Award—Francis W. Adams, by Major A. Tabachnik.

Field Artillery Awards, by Major Ray L. Burnell.

"PASS IN REVIEW."

Exhibition Drill by Pershing Rifles.

Demonstration of an attack problem by Infantry and Signal Corps.

1:30 P. M.—Joint Luncheon at Hanley's.

4:00 P. M.—Polo Game—Illinois vs. Kenyon College.

The University of Illinois R.O.T.C.

By COL. BROWN

Today marks the successful completion of the sixty-eighth year of military instruction, for physically fit undergraduate male students, at the University of Illinois.

The record of Illinois, in its firm support of the Nation and in the training of its people to be good citizens, has been unequivocal and honorable. One of the most valuable agencies for the accomplishment of these essential things is the R.O.T.C. training provided in the high schools, colleges, and universities.

In support of this statement, I will quote two brief paragraphs from an address entitled: "Keep Your Powder Dry", delivered in Washington, D. C., January 9, 1936, by our own Judge Sveinbjorn Johnson, Professor of Law and Legal Counsel, University of Illinois:

"We think at Illinois that our young men learn through well conducted courses in military science that the citizen of the United States owes an obligation to defend what his country stands for, that it stands for something worth defending, and that they come through these courses sounder in body, and clearer thinking men because of the experience.

"It is my personal view that if the misguided forces of extremist pacifism succeed in destroying military training in these institutions, the result will be a disaster of major importance. This work has become an important and integral part of the curricula of Land Grant Colleges throughout the land. It would be impossible to uproot or undermine it without seriously impairing the effectiveness of our educational system from the standpoint of the young men who come to our universities."

In an article which appears in the May, 1936, issue of National Defense News, and which I commend for your careful study, President H. C. Byrd, University of Maryland, stated (in part):

"* * * It seems almost inconceivable that today we should be compelled to spend time in supporting a contention that reasonable thought must be given to the possibility of having to defend the nation from attack. Despite the present world situation, however, there still seem to be some who, by hiding their heads in the sand, blind themselves to the dangers of an approaching storm.

"How they can believe that, by completely disarming and placing this nation in a helpless state, peace can be achieved, I cannot understand. * * *

"If tomorrow this country were compelled to rise to defend itself from an invading host, the Reserve Officers who have been graduated from the R.O.T.C. units in the colleges and universities in the last few years, would form the backbone of our organization.

"The work of these units is being carried on in fulfillment of laws passed by Congress, and those

that seek to break down, or hinder the machinery through which they operate, are not exercising the true principles of citizenship.

"* * * It is significant that the very people fighting the R.O.T.C. are the same ones carrying on propaganda against national preparedness and who pledge themselves not to participate in even a war of defense. * * *

"A fight is now being made by one of these groups, supported in part by misguided efforts of some sincere people, to put an end to the compulsory feature of the R.O.T.C. units in the Land Grant Colleges. By their own statement this is the first step in the effort to completely abolish the R.O.T.C. So, when the question is raised as to whether or not the R.O.T.C. should be retained as required work or voluntary, it is in the final analysis a question of whether or not the R.O.T.C. be completely abolished. * * *"

Similar favorable opinions of the Presidents of practically every College and University in all sections of the United States could be quoted, but space forbids.

I am proud of the sound attitude of our student body which has practically ignored the sporadic efforts of subversive elements, largely from outside the state, to cause disaffection and disloyalty among our students. However, it is a sacred duty of all patriotic citizens to see that such elements and their supporters are not allowed in our community so that they may not contaminate and mislead the unthinking and uninformed.

Those who honestly oppose military training, in the mistaken belief that it tends to bring on war, are entitled to such belief, but they should expect criticism and doubts as to their loyal citizenship when they join hands and meet and counsel with the revolutionary group whose purpose is the overthrow of our institutions and economic system, and who look upon the abolition of military training as a preliminary step in attaining that goal. High sounding but misleading names of such organizations cannot hide their disloyal purposes.

The University of Illinois has the enviable record of being least responsive to the subversive efforts made by such persons or organizations in the communities, high schools, colleges and universities throughout the civilized world. Less than one percent of our students participated in any way in the attempted nation-wide student strike on April 22 and, so far as is reported, none in the R.O.T.C. took part, even to the extent of cutting military class.

It will be of interest to know something about the development, size and cost of our own R.O.T.C. By an Act of the Legislature, approved February 28, 1867, the State of Illinois formally accepted the obligations

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The Military Council

By CADET COL. W. PHILLIPS TALBOT



Established as the controlling organization for all student activities in the Military Department of the University of Illinois, the Military Council today is finishing its sixth year of leadership in the promotion of the R.O.T.C.

The Military Council is composed of cadet lieutenant colonels of all the branches, the brigade staff, and a representative of each of the ten military organizations that are described in the pages that follow.

Weekly meetings of the Council, whose membership is 23, are held to discuss matters of Brigade policy and to make preparations for the many activities which the Military Council sponsors.

Under the plan laid down by the founders of the Council in the fall of 1930, the cadet colonel automatically becomes president of the organization. The other offices, secretary-treasurer and historian, are filled by election within the Council at its first meeting. This year Cadet Major Charles W. Casey is secretary of the Council as well as Brigade Adjutant. Cadet Major Clark Bailey is historian.

A new development this year has been the creation of the Pershing Rifles award at the recommendation of the Military Council. Under the terms drawn up by the Council, the award, which is given for excellence in dismounted infantry drill with and without arms to a sophomore member of Pershing Rifles who plans to enter the advanced course, probably requires a more exacting competition than that given for any other military award. The winner is given a medal on Military Day and a pair of boots and spurs upon registration in the advanced course.

The Council also presented the Military ball and the Officers' ball this year. Other actions taken by the

Military Council include the establishment of a coordinating committee whose function is to make it certain that only one military organization will have an open meeting, rushing smoker, or social function on a particular night. Also a publicity officer has prepared weekly reports of student military activities for the use of the newspapers and for a running historical record.

The final function of the 1935-36 Council is the publication of this edition of the Illini.

Since the Military Council is composed only of selected senior cadet officers, there is no continuity of personnel from year to year. Therefore the responsibility of maintaining a similar policy from one year to another rests with the cadet colonel, who next year will be Paul W. Neidhardt '37, Cavalry.

Neidhardt has acted for three years as reporter and junior news editor of The Daily Illini. Recently he was elected chief news editor of the student paper. Besides his journalistic activities, Neidhardt holds the presidency of his fraternity, Theta Chi; an officership in the Inter-fraternity Council, and membership on the board of directors of the University Y.M.C.A. He is a member of Scabbard and Blade,

Cavalry Officers' club; Kappa Tau Alpha, journalistic scholastic honorary society; Sigma Delta Chi, professional honorary in journalism, and Phi Eta Sigma, scholastic honorary for freshmen. He was also elected to Ma-Wan-Da and Sachem.

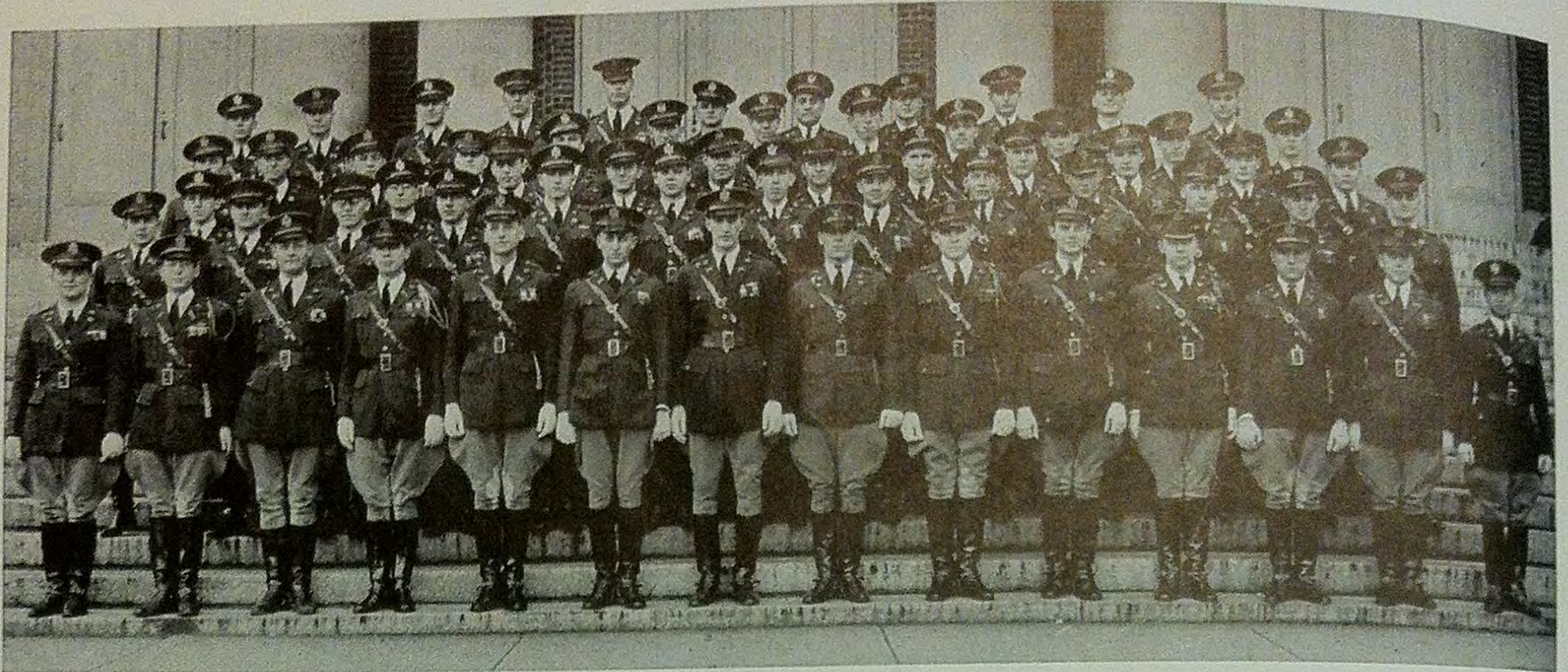
As student colonel Neidhardt will become president of the Military Council and member of the Student Senate. He is a man of ability, energy, and judgment who should handle the Re-enforced Brigade in a manner befitting the high traditions that have been handed down to us by former student military leaders.



W. Phillips Talbot

Scabbard and Blade

By CADET COL. W. PHILLIPS TALBOT



By far the oldest and largest honorary organization for advanced course students in the R.O.T.C., Scabbard and Blade has for more than 25 years maintained an eminent position in the work of the Re-enforced Brigade. The local organization, F Company of the 1st Regiment, is the largest of the 84 companies of Scabbard and Blade, with nearly 100 members drawn from the senior and junior classes of the R.O.T.C.

The local company was established at the University in the spring of 1909 as the sixth company installed in the four years following the birth of the organization at the University of Wisconsin.

Until the University military unit was expanded into the Reserve Officers Training Corps upon the abandonment of the Student Army Training Corps in 1919, Scabbard and Blade was the only military organization on the campus. When the R.O.T.C. was organized, the University unit was broken up into several branches, each with its specialized work. Only then were there started individual unit clubs for advanced course officers in each unit, and later another inter-unit organization was formed. Records of the past 15 years indicate that Scabbard and Blade has maintained its position of leadership as well since the formation of other clubs as it did before.

Activities sponsored by Scabbard and Blade include the presentation of a plaque award to the sophomore in each unit who is most proficient in the primary technical work of that unit. Presented annually on Military Day, the Scabbard and Blade citation has been won this year by:

Lee A. Rodgers, Field Artillery, Equitation—driving and draft.

Wallace M. Burroughs, Cavalry, Equitation.
Joseph W. Zimmerman, Coast Artillery, Gunnery.

Harold E. Goeke, Engineers, Technical knowledge.

Wilson J. Seldon, Infantry, Close order drill.

Dale H. Shick, Signal Corps, Technical knowledge.

"Blade" also fires in intramural rifle matches at the University, and in inter-company rifle and pistol matches within its own organization across the United States. F Company at the present time is projecting a prep school drill meet to be held here next spring.

Other activities are numerous. As a recognized service organization, the company is called upon at intervals to furnish guides, ushers, or aides for University functions. It encourages interest in the advanced course among basic students. And then it has its own social functions.

Included in the membership of F company is most of the regular army personnel which has been on duty here, and such representative University faculty men as President-Emeritus David Kinley, Judge Sveinbjorn Johnson, and Dean C. M. Thompson. Nationally Scabbard and Blade recognizes as members notables in most civil and military lines.

Scabbard and Blade here at the University began this year under the leadership of Captain John R. Williams, cadet lieutenant colonel of the Signal Corps. Cadet Captain Thomas S. Johansen, Engineers, was 1st Lieutenant. Cadet Major C. James Larson, Cavalry, acted as 2nd Lieutenant, and Cadet Captain William H. Allen, Cavalry, as 1st Sergeant. When Williams and Johansen left the R.O.T.C. at the end of the first semester, Cadet Col. W. Phillips Talbot, Cavalry, was elected captain, and Cadet Major Charles W. Casey, Coast Artillery and adjutant of the University Re-enforced Brigade, was named 1st lieutenant. Major Irwin L. Lummis, Infantry, has served ably as faculty adviser throughout the year.

The year's program has been marked by variety of activity. Pledging and initiating a recruit class of 30 occupied much of the company's attention during the first two months of school. A smaller class of 15 was taken into the fraternity at the beginning of the second semester. Following each initiation a uniformal dance was held.

The Phalanx

By CADET MAJOR STEPHEN A. UCHEREK



It was on March 3, 1926, at the University of Illinois that Alpha Morae of the order of Phalanx came into being as an honorary and professional fraternity for military men. For perhaps two months previous to this it had existed under the name of Alpha Chi Mu Phi. At that time the organization had twenty charter members under the leadership of R. N. Bates.

From the very inception of the fraternity the members had looked forward to nationalization, and it was in the summer of 1928 that hopes in this regard were realized. At Fort Sheridan, on July 13, 1928, Beta Morae of the University of Minnesota was installed, with five charter members. Minnesota was followed by Creighton, Ohio State, and Nebraska. The chapter at Ohio State was abandoned because of prevailing animosity toward honoraries. At present the University of South Dakota has asked to be admitted as a member of the order. With succeeding national conventions held each year more and more is the dream for nationalization being realized.

Membership in the organization includes men chosen from the Junior Class of the Advance Corps. These are chosen after a rigid check of their records—both scholastic and military. Each member must be recommended by his unit chief. In this way only the most promising of the Juniors are eligible for membership. Each prospective member must pass a preliminary period in which he is instructed in various phases of military science which would not be covered in the class room.

Phalanx, here at Illinois, has grown from an insignificant organization of twenty members to one of the most important organizations on this campus. At present its membership totals 75. Among these are such well-known men on the campus as Cadet Lieut. Col. G. B. Aydeotte, Field Artillery; Cadet Lieut. Col. R. Moats, Field Artillery; Cadet Lieut. Col. Irvin Hoener, Infantry; Cadet Major Fritz Heinig, president of Tau Nu Tau; Cadet Capt. James Benner, president of Alpha Tau Sigma; E. Q. Eubanks, president of Caisson

Club; and Frank Kubick, one of the finalists at the Camp Perry rifle shoot.

One of the outstanding men of Phalanx is Major Harkness. He was chosen to study military tactics in Germany by the United States Army. On March 23, 1929, at a banquet given in his honor Gen. Smedley D. Butler of the United States Marine Corps was made associate member of Alpha Morae of Phalanx.

It was believed by the founders that a military organization of Advanced Course Reserve Officers' Training Corps students, fostering the interests and spirit of military preparedness, would be an aid to the betterment of the interest of the country and of the members. With this idea outstanding R.O.T.C. Students of the Junior class were asked to join. Here they built up an esprit de corps which will be invaluable to them later.

Phalanx has also made successful attempts to promote an interest in military work and to encourage proficiency in the basic corps. Each year one freshman is chosen from each unit, for his excellence in military and scholastic work. These six men are awarded a bar which is worn on their uniforms. Their names are also engraved on a Bronze Plaque which hangs in the Armory. The winners of this year's Phalanx awards are:

1. Robert Wallace—Field Artillery.
2. Robert Shaffer—Cavalry.
3. Martin McCarthy—Coast Artillery.
4. Robert Schneblin—Engineers.
5. Willis Lewis—Infantry.
6. Maurice Carr—Signal Corps.

Every success must be tinged a bit with regret and remorse. Ours is the fact that we are losing Lieut. Col. Chapman, our first faculty advisor, and Lieut. McDonough, our present advisor, who are leaving at the close of this semester. We regret to see these men leave as they will be missed by every member of Phalanx. We wish you luck and success in future work. We will miss you.

Pershing Rifles

By CADET LIEUT. COL. H. L. HYNDMAN



Pershing Rifles was founded in 1892 by Lieut. John J. Pershing, who was then P.M.S.&T. at the University of Nebraska. Now there are twenty-four companies scattered through the colleges and universities of the country. The local company was established as Co. D, 1st Regiment, on March 7, 1931. After the recent reorganization it became Co. C, 3rd Regiment, in the same regiment with companies from Indiana University, Washington University, and Michigan State College. The officers of the company for the year were: Captain H. L. Hyndman, Jr., '36 Cadet Lieutenant Colonel CE; 1st Lieut. C. W. Casey, '36 Cadet Major CAC; 2nd Lieut. R. L. Christman, '36 Cadet Major CE; and 2nd Lieut. R. L. Johnson, '36 Cadet Major CE.

Co. C, 3rd Regiment, marked the school year 1935-36 with a large expansion program. Authorized by the P.M.S.&T. and under the direction of the faculty advisors, Major A. Talachink, Inf., and Capt. E. A. Routheau, F.A., the company started in September to increase the personnel, and after pledging and initiating the selected men, increased from about 80 men in the previous year to approximately 125. These new men were recommended by the several directors of unit training, were pledged, and then were initiated after a pledge period of six weeks. The informal initiation was an overnight camp at the National Guard cavalry grounds. Cold, rainy weather and mud dampened the atmosphere and most of the equipment, but not the spirits, so everyone had a good time in spite of the handicaps.

The company presented a drill platoon at one of the early football games and was highly welcomed by many, but because of the unfavorable comment which arose from many sources, plans for further drills at the games were abandoned.

The company, as in the years previous, acted as color company at the retreat formation for the Ad-

vanced Course cadets. Attendance at this formation was not compulsory because of possible conflict with classes and work, but on the average six squads were present at the formation.

The annual regimental drill meet was abandoned in favor of an inter-regimental meet sponsored by Co. C, 1st Regiment, at the University of Kentucky. This plan resulted from the reorganization in which the old 1st Regiment was split into two smaller organizations. The meet was held on the campus of the University of Kentucky at Lexington, on May 15. Some nine companies were in attendance there.

The company was well represented in the Hazelton Medal and University Gold Medal competitions. A majority of the men entered were Pershing Riflemen, and the high men in each contest were members of the company. The Military Council offered a "Pershing Rifles Award" to be awarded to the best sophomore in the company who intended to enter the advanced course. Twelve men met the requirements, and after an inspection and drill in the school of the soldier with and without arms, F. W. Adams, '38 Cavalry, was declared the winner of the prize—a medal and suitable Advanced Course uniform equipment.

The company is acting as color company for the Brigade in the Military Day formation and is also presenting a special exhibition drill.

The company was fortunate in having a number of crack rifle shots in the organization, so that it was well represented in the rifle matches, 1,733 points were scored in the national match, and in the regimental match, the score was 1,830.

Altogether the company enjoyed a most successful year, and should in the years to come reach a high level of perfection and play a greater part in the basic course military affairs of the brigade.

The Cavalry Club

By CADET CAPTAIN JAY R. PRILLAMAN



The organization to promote a closer relationship between the Cavalry cadets and the regular Army instructors and to maintain the unit's "Esprit de Corps" was formed at the University of Illinois in 1930. Since then it has grown in size, activities, and prestige, and now totals about 75 members of the Advanced Cavalry unit, and is widely known for its annual "Horse Show", a feature of the Dad's Day program every fall.

Membership in the Club is not exclusive; all members of the Advanced Cavalry Corps are invited and urged to join. Meetings are held about every two weeks and if possible a speaker is provided. The meetings are informal and bring about a close feeling of friendship between the cadets and between cadets and the regular officers. The initiation fee is small, hardly paying for the bar to be worn on the uniform and the free services and social outings given by the organization. All pledges must go through a period of training before they are initiated as members. While going through this period they are known as "Remounts" and are quizzed on military drill, courtesy, and other fundamentals. Thus the membership is valuable for its training as well as for its social aspect.

The Cavalry Club has two insignia. The one to be worn on the uniform above the left breast pocket is a bar of blue and gold with crossed sabers on the gold in the center of the bar. The other means of recognition is a small gold key, designed in the shape of a horseshoe, upon which is superimposed a pair of crossed sabers, symbolic of the Cavalry. This key is customarily worn on a watch chain when civilian clothes are worn.

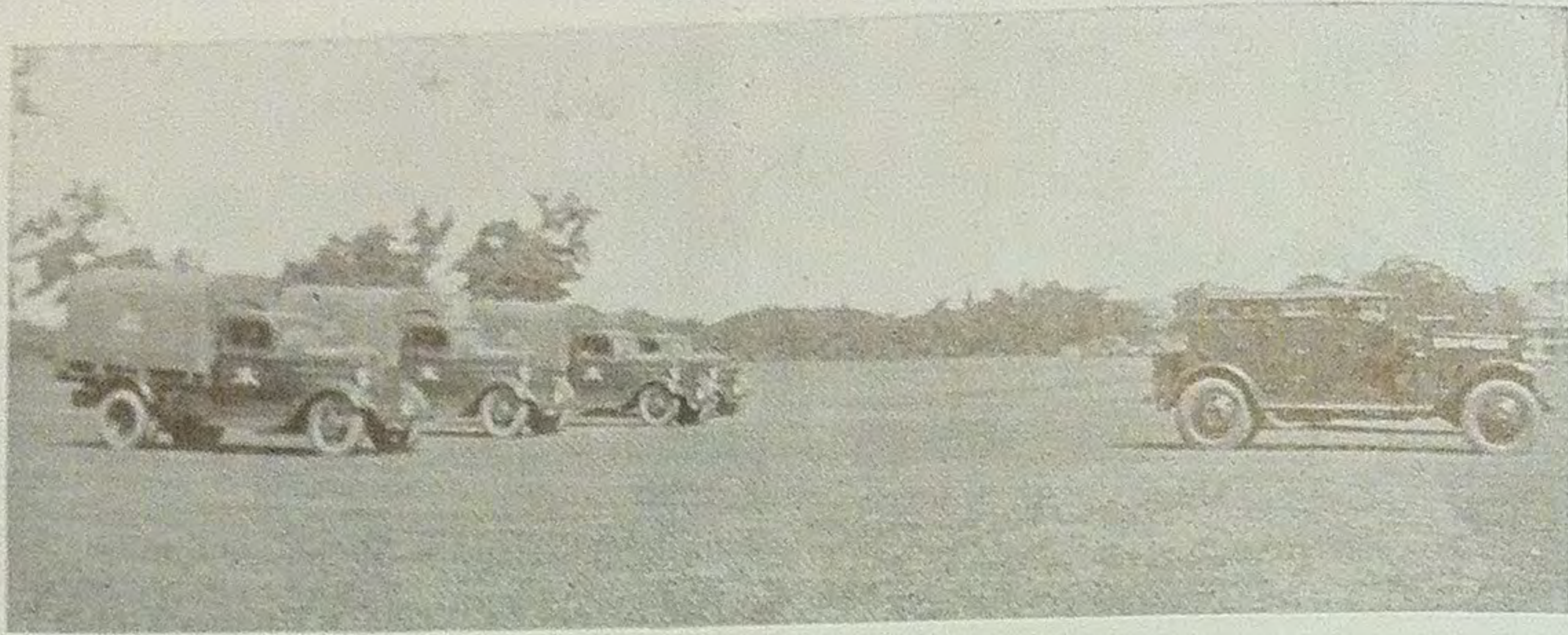
The Club has several traditions which are faithfully upheld. One of the most popular with members and friends is the annual formal dance. The house is decorated in a military manner, with flags, guidons, sabers, machine guns, and one-pounders in evidence. The dance is uniformal, thereby giving a military air to the affair. Another custom is the fall supper ride. On this occasion all members and regular officers ride from the University stables to Savoy, a small town

south of Champaign, and eat a most enjoyable supper in the basement of the town's church.

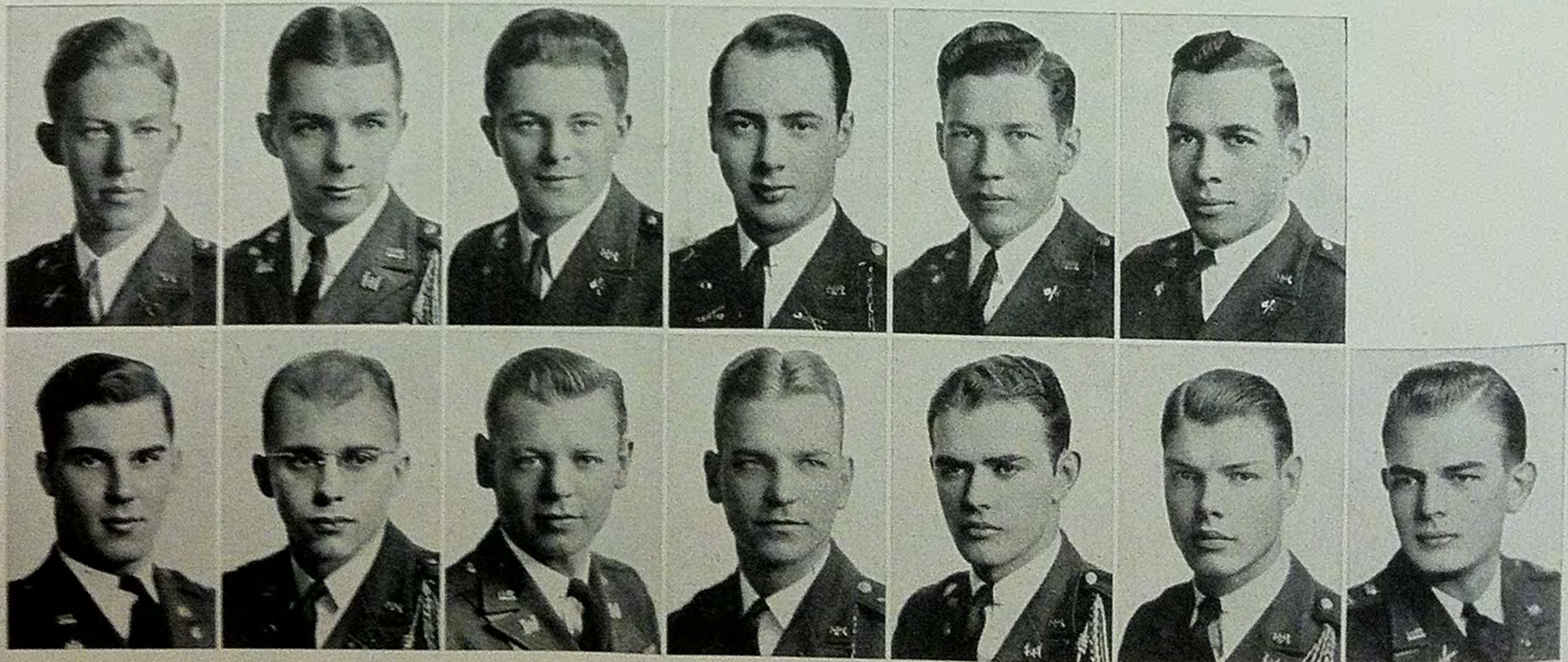
The principal and most publicized function is the Horse Show held on the morning of Dad's Day each fall in the University stock pavilion. This popular attraction for the football crowd includes Senior jumping, Coed jumping, Mixed jumping, a Junior ride, in which sixteen Junior members take part, a specialty number, given the last three years by M. J. Shroyer, Senior in Cavalry Club, and his "educated ponies". The act consists of trick and Roman riding, trick jumping, and other complicated maneuvers. A short indoor polo game usually completes the performance. Appropriate prizes are awarded to winners of the competitive events.

Election of officers is held each spring and another annual ride in which all members participate. This traditional outing, always held on a Sunday afternoon, has grown extremely popular. A grove southwest of Champaign is the customary windup of the ride. The officers are four in number: president, vice-president, and treasurer being seniors, and the secretary a junior. A social chairman is also appointed each year. Retiring officers this year are: President, Jay Prillaman; Vice-president, in charge of pledges, John Amerman; Treasurer, Lloyd McDaniels, and Secretary, Conrad Hlavacek. Officers elected for the coming year are: President, George Zink; Vice-president, Eugene Bauer; Treasurer, Luther Long, and Hlavacek will continue in his office as Secretary. Grable Weber has served as Social Chairman.

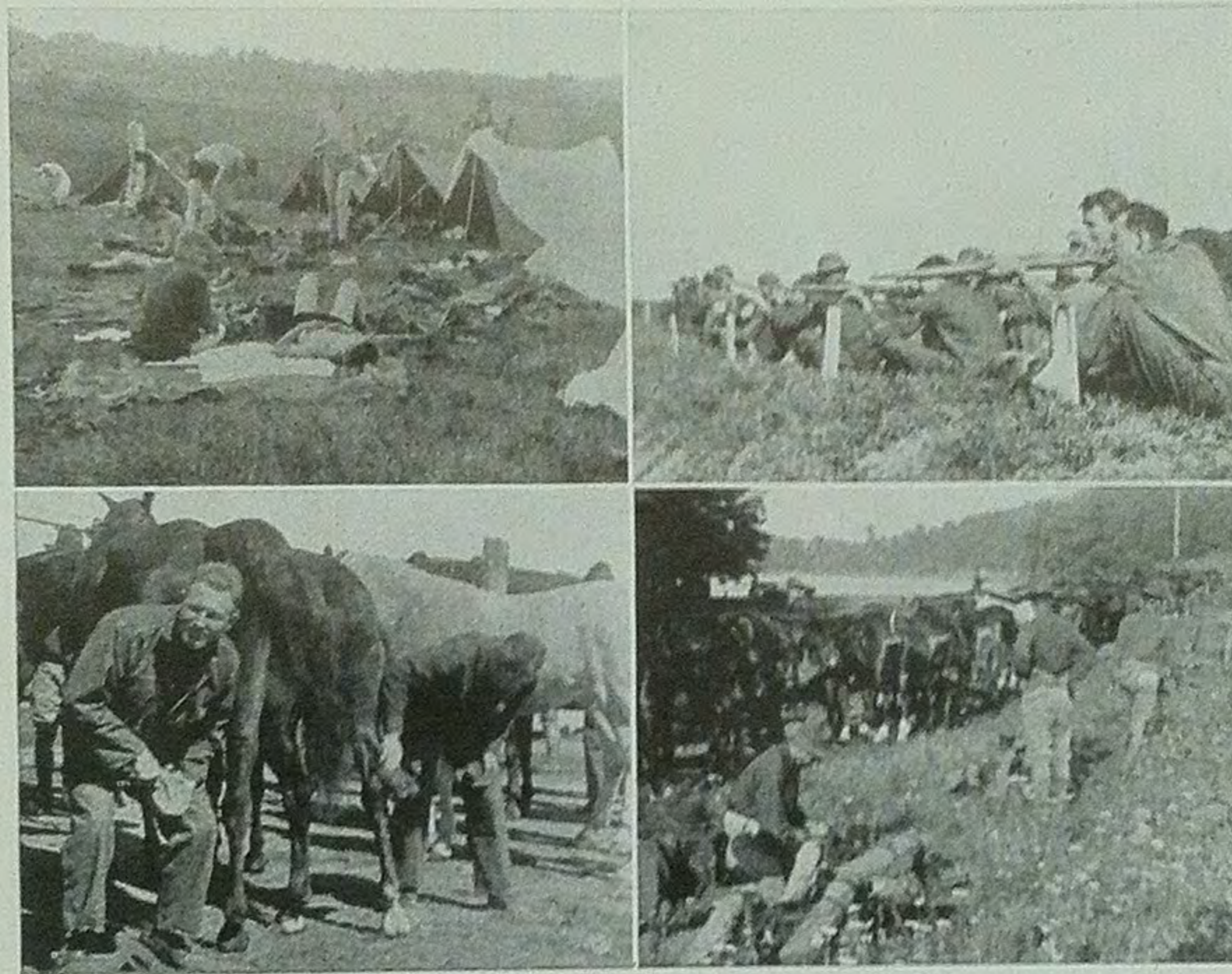
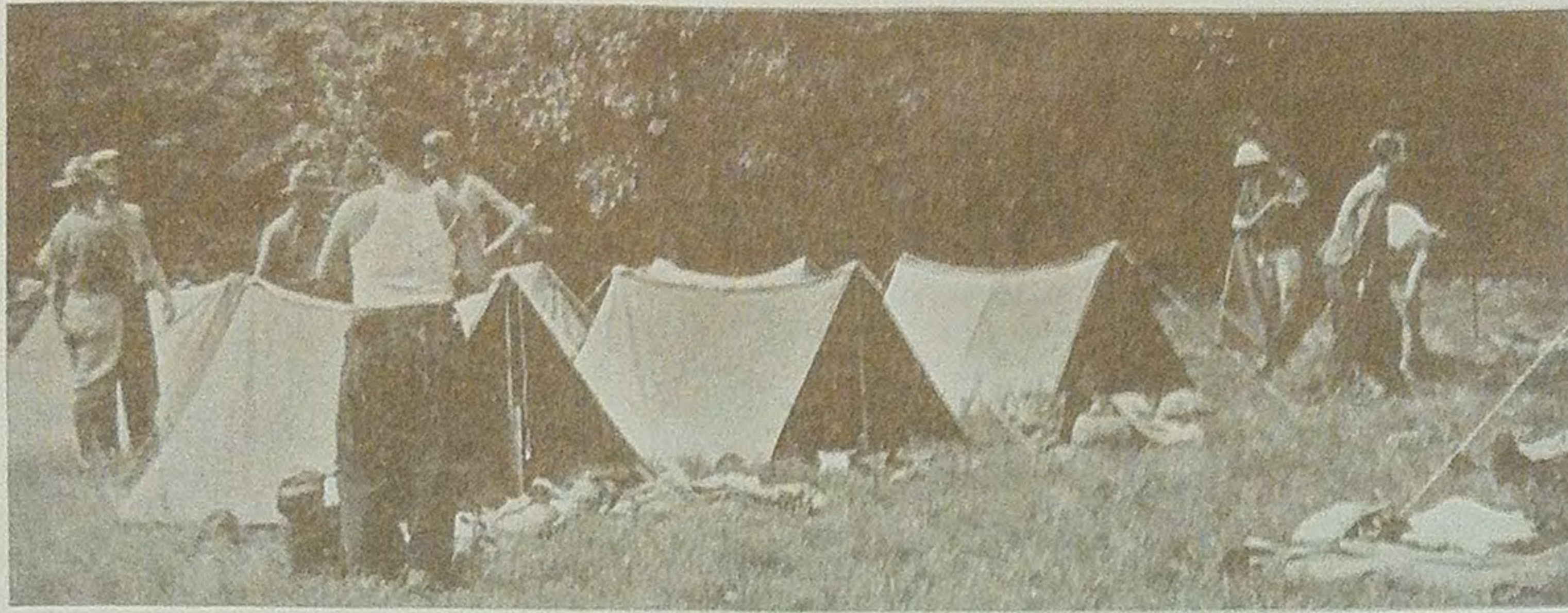
The Cavalry Officers' Club has always had a faculty advisor from the regular Cavalry officers. This year Captain Leslie M. Grener has served us ably and faithfully and the club has appreciated his guidance. The club also extends its thanks to Lieut. Col. Flint, who has ever been of service; to Major Bachelor, who trained the entries for the Horse Show, and to Captain Stovall and Captain Bryan. To them we owe a great deal for the success of our organization.



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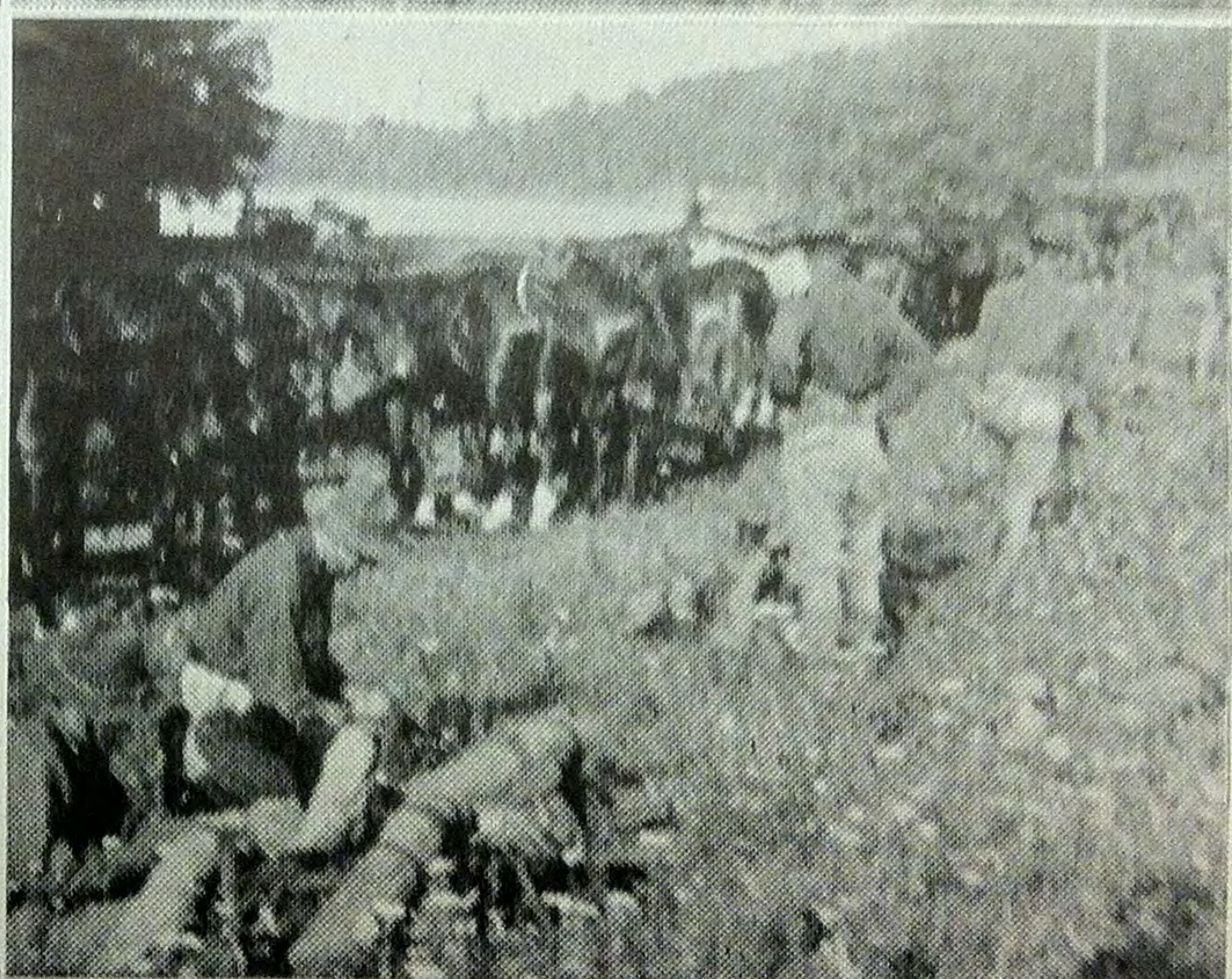
Top row: Peterson, Hyndman, Bodnar, Weber, Lanphier, Post.
Bottom row: Williams, Hoener, Heinig, Larson, Johnson, Johansen, Nagel.



COUNCIL



Top row: Steiskal, Christman, Prillaman, Bailey, Poole, Roud.
 Bottom row: Lumbattis, Gano, Benner, Crockett, Moats, Ucherek, Aydelotte.





Marksmanship

By CAPTAIN H. L. MILAN

In addition to the regular courses of instruction given in rifle marksmanship to the basic students of the Infantry, Cavalry, Coast Artillery Corps, and Engineer units there is a considerable amount of other small-bore shooting constantly being done on the Armory ranges throughout the school year. This shooting comprises the work of the rifle squads and the pistol squads which represent both the University and the R.O.T.C. Much time is spent in practice and in preparation for the actual competitive matches which are held against similar organizations of other Universities and Colleges.

Marked success was attained by our shooters during the past year by the winning of trophies and of individual medals while participating in inter-collegiate competition. The outstanding achievement for 1936 was the capture of the Hearst Trophy, as the winning college R.O.T.C. team in the Sixth Corps Area. L. K. Nitz, who graduates this June, was captain of the five-man team which won this trophy and he also fired in this match an individual score which led that of any

other competitor of the Corps Area.

The indoor shooting teams start their work early in the fall and immediately get into competition in the firing of an inter-unit match which brings to the winners the Military Department Silver Cup Trophy and individual medals. All units enter basic and advanced corps teams in this match.

The start of the second semester marks the beginning of outside competition which carries on into March. An important western conference shoulder-to-shoulder meet is held each year. Our team made the trip to Minnesota to participate this year. It finished in second place for the conference.

The final reward each year for those shooters who attain the greatest success in representing the University and the R.O.T.C. in the regularly scheduled shooting matches is the presentation to them, by the Professor of Military Science and Tactics, of sweaters carrying marksmanship emblems which are proudly displayed for hard won achievement.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS R.O.T.C.

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and benefits provided by the Land Grant College Act of 1862.

In compliance with the laws mentioned, the Board of Trustees provided for, and has since maintained, a course in military tactics, and the establishment, in 1868, of a corps of cadets.

Few in numbers at first, as also was the University, then called the Illinois Industrial University, the corps of cadets, by 1877, had increased in enrollment to 198, when the first regular army officer was detailed as Commandant. There are now 26 regular army officers on the University faculty. Before the passage of the National Defense Act of 1916, the scope of training was quite limited, consisting principally of infantry drill and tactics.

Under the provisions of the National Defense Act, what is now known as the Reserve Officers' Training Corps was established here, in 1919, by action of the Board of Trustees and the then President of the University, Dr. Kinley.

The basic course of military training is a required subject in all curricula for all physically fit male students the first two years at the University, unless exempted under University rules. The Federal Government furnishes free uniforms and equipment.

The third and fourth years' course in advanced military training is an elective subject in all colleges but is offered only to those students whose academic standing is satisfactory and who, in the judgment of the head of the Military Department, is suitable for further training as a prospective Reserve Officer of the

Army of the United States. Such advanced course students voluntarily enter into a contract to complete the course. In return, the Federal Government pays them commutation of rations and allows thirty-six dollars towards the cost of their officers' uniform.

Graduates of the advanced course are offered a commission as second lieutenants in the Officers' Reserve Corps, U. S. Army, and also, upon graduation from the University, are given a brevet commission as captain, Illinois National Guard.

There were 3,525 freshman and sophomore male students in the University at the beginning of this semester. Of these men, 2,767 were registered in basic military courses. Of the 2,587 seniors and juniors in the University, 466 were permitted to enroll for the advanced course. Of the remaining seniors and juniors it is a fair assumption that all have completed the required two years basic course, unless exempted or excused therefrom because of age, physical disability, junior standing at time of initial registration or by petition for exceptional reasons.

First semester enrollment in military is about 500 larger than second semester, because of the larger University registration.

The average annual cost to the Federal government is less than \$250,000, while the annual cost to the State of Illinois, exclusive of buildings and grounds, is less than \$9000 per year.

FRED R. BROWN,
Colonel, U. S. Army,
P. M. S. & T.

The Caisson Club

By CADET LIEUT. COL. GALE B. AYDELOTTE



The Caisson Club at the University of Illinois is an organization based upon the principles of artillery fellowship, and existing to promote the R.O.T.C., the Field Artillery, and bringing together Regular Army officers and Student officers of the Field Artillery outside the classroom, as well as furthering the fraternal spirit among the members.

All juniors in the Field Artillery unit at the University of Illinois are eligible for membership when they enter the advanced course, and they remain eligible throughout the remainder of their service as student officers in the event that they are unable to take advantage of membership at first. It has been the custom to charge a small membership fee and dues, which income is used at the discretion of the officers of the club for the purpose of providing refreshments for meetings, for service bars for uniform wear, and for reservation of space in the Illio.

Juniors especially are urged to join the Caisson Club because of the distinct advantage which accrues to them, outside of the many ordinary privileges of the club, of friendship with other juniors who as a unit will spend six weeks of training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, in the summer between the junior and senior years. Camp life runs much more smoothly and happily from the beginning because of friends among the juniors made before camp, which would not have been possible without the sponsorship of the Caisson Club.

A pledge period of four weeks is given to the new applicants for membership, who are called "cannon-eers", after which formal induction into the active roster of the club is held. Meetings are held once a

month with interesting speakers, usually chosen from among the officers of the R.O.T.C. The trend of the purpose of the speakers is the presentation of information which is useful for the greater realization and understanding of the benefits of military training and for a broader outlook on military affairs so as to provide additional learning which it is almost impossible to present in class.

The driving force behind the operation of the Caisson Club is the Regular Army Officer personnel of the Field Artillery unit. Major Ray L. Burnell, chief of the unit, has been of invaluable assistance in providing interesting special contributions, as have Major Clifford B. Cole, Captain R. L. Dalferes, and Captain Pepper Clay. Captain Marr, Captain Quigley, and Captain Routheau have shown their interest also. Such interest and activities for the benefit of the club are deeply appreciated by the officers and the entire membership.

The April meeting of the Caisson Club brought the election of the new officers for the carrying out of the organization's policies for the coming year. Ernest Q. Eubanks was the choice for the office of Battery Commander. Ralph H. Engstrom was elected Executive Officer, and Robert M. Dole was made Reconnaissance Officer.

As retiring Battery Commander, and in behalf of William T. Vogt, Executive Officer, and R. Chris Canaday, Reconnaissance Officer, I wish the new officers success during their term of office and extend a parting word, "Keep them rolling".

Pi Tau Pi Sigma

By CADET CAPT. PAUL LANPHIER



In the spring of 1920 the War Department sent notices to the large electrical schools in the country that Signal Units would be installed in each and also made a request for representatives to be sent to Camp Vail, N. J., in the summer, preparatory to organizing units in the fall.

In accordance with this Captains Ballard, Code, Hale, Autrey, and Lieut. Hodges were sent to Camp Vail to assist in the training. Here it was that they conceived the idea that a club as an auxiliary to the unit installed would aid in the work, the advantages being:

1. It would serve as a medium between the cadets and the commanding officers and shorten the period of adjustment when a new officer takes charge.
2. It would give the upperclassmen the opportunity to guide the underclassmen to usefulness.
3. It would follow men into and maintain their interest while in the occupation of civil life.

In the fall of 1920 Captain Ballard was detailed to Wisconsin; Capt. Autrey to Georgia Tech.; and Lieut. Hodges to Cornell. Clubs were started at these three schools and proved their worth.

In 1921 the Reserve Officers Training Corps of the United States Army established a Signal Corps Unit at Ohio State University. Capt. Code was detailed for duty as instructor of this unit.

In 1923 several of the officers of the Signal Unit of Ohio decided to form a fraternity in the unit and work was started along this line. The name of the fraternity was taken as Liaison, a word meaning communications and which they thought very appropriate for the organization. Knowing the value of a national fraternity, they decided to tend toward that as their goal and immediately opened communication with Signal, a fraternity at Wisconsin in the Signal Unit there. This was the unit organized by Capt. Ballard. This organization being favorably inclined toward going national, a meeting of the delegates was arranged for the two organizations to meet in Chicago in May 1923.

Here it was that our present constitution and ritual was drawn up and adopted and the name of the organization was taken as Pi Tau Pi Sigma National Frater-

nity. Wisconsin was to have Company A of the West and was designated as the Alpha Chapter, Ohio State was to be Company A of the East and was designated as the Beta Chapter. In May, 1926 the Alpha Chapter installed the Gamma Chapter here at Illinois. In November, 1927 Beta installed the Delta Chapter at Ann Arbor, Michigan. Since then Epsilon at Minnesota, Eta at Cornell, Zeta at Carnegie Tech., and Theta at Massachusetts Institute of Technology have been formed.

Although the organization did not grow very rapidly at first, it has been growing steadily. Its growth at all of these schools though has been handicapped somewhat by the small number of students who are eligible for membership. However, the very fact that it is small has been somewhat of an advantage because the members can work together as a group better and really do the things that are worth while.

The organization has an official publication "ZAR" (I have a message for you), which is published monthly from October to June and which contains articles written by the faculty of the different schools as well as news letters from the chapters. This paper was published here at Illinois for several years, but Ohio has taken it over for this year.

Last semester we held a dance jointly with TNT. We also had our smokers and initiation. But activity has been rather limited this semester due to the Electrical Show in which nearly all of us had a part. However, we did hold a drill competition for freshmen, sophomores and juniors the first week of May. The winners of this are as follows:

Juniors.....	E. Hong
Sophomores.....	S. S. Doherty
Freshmen.....	K. Gonseth

We also held a smoker for the sophomores who will come into the advanced course next year and it looks as though Pi Tau will be a bigger and better organization next year. In conclusion, I wish to thank Col. James and Capt. Stice for everything they have done to make this a most successful year, and I hope they have enjoyed working with Pi Tau as much as we have enjoyed having them.

The Coast Artillery Club

By CADET CAPT. J. CARSON LUMBATTIS



The mission of the Coast Artillery is to defend vital and strategic points on the coast line from the enemy's naval forces with its guns and submarine mines; and to defend troops and important installations on the ground from the enemy's aerial activity with its guns and machine guns. The aerial activity of the enemy includes heavy bombing planes; attack planes, armed with small bombs and machine guns; and observation planes and balloons which take pictures and make maps of our locations and movements. From this short description of the work of the Coast Artillery Unit one can conceive the importance of this unit in our national defense.

The Coast Artillery Unit was established at the University of Illinois in September, 1929. At that time there were only two regular army officers with the unit. Now Lieut. Col. C. A. Chapman is chief of the unit, being assisted by Major J. D. Brown, Capt. M. G. Cary and Capt. V. W. Wortman, with an additional officer expected for next year. At present the Field Artillery is the only unit appreciably larger in size.

The advanced course students, in the summer, have the fortunate privilege of attending camp at Fort Sheridan, for a period of six weeks. This camp is situated on the shore of Lake Michigan, in the center of the resort district, approximately forty miles north of Chicago. It is without question an ideal location for a camp. It affords an agreeable climate; the lake gives ample opportunity for swimming and having unlimited target practice out over the lake; and the proximity to Chicago. Students are gathered there for this period from the University of Wisconsin, University of Cincinnati, Ohio State University, University of Michigan, Kansas State Agricultural College, University of Kansas, University of Minnesota, Washington University (St. Louis), and Michigan State Agriculture College. The opportunity of association with these students from various sections of the country is certainly beneficial in itself.

At Fort Sheridan we work with electrically controlled guns. They represent only one of the many devices which keep us abreast of the developments of the air.

And as a result they make the Coast Artillery Unit a dependable and up-to-the-minute branch of our national defense. The practical work which we receive at camp includes the use of the three-inch anti-aircraft guns; shooting at towed targets with machine guns; the use of rifles and pistols; protection against chemical warfare; and the use of the searchlights and sound locaters.

The year following the establishment of the Coast Artillery Unit here on our campus, it was felt that an organization for the students of the advanced corps was needed. As a result, in 1930, the Coast Artillery Club was founded. It is unique and the only military organization of its kind on the campus. It is composed of seventy members. Every student upon registering for the Coast Artillery advanced corps is automatically made a member. There is no initiation fee and no dues except those which are self-imposed. In this respect there is no discrimination among the students and the co-ordination of all our advanced corps men is the result.

The purpose as set forth by the club is: "To develop high ideals of the Military Profession in the University." This purpose is carried out by monthly meetings, of which subjects for discussion are chosen with the view of being pertinent to present day happenings or our classroom work. For the past year the speakers and their topics have been as follows: Lieut. Col. Flint, "The Present Day Cavalry Unit"; Col. Jones, "The Air Corps"; Lieut. Col. Chapman, "The Ethiopian Situation", and Professor R. C. Werner, "The Battle of Gettysburg." After the informal lectures are given, the rest of the time is used in the answering of questions and open discussion. The last meeting of the year was a banquet in honor of Lieut. Col. C. A. Chapman, who has been the club advisor since its origin. He has been transferred from this post, effective at the end of the present school year. This will be a severe loss to the Coast Artillery Unit here at the University.

The officers for the past year have been: Harry K. Nagel, President, and Robert H. Brunsman, Secretary-Treasurer.

Alpha Tau Sigma

By CADET CAPT. J. D. BENNER



Alpha Tau Sigma was informally founded at Camp Custer, Michigan, by ten students from the University of Illinois, who were attending the 1931 R.O.T.C. Camp. Capt. Paul V. Kellogg assisted these students in making it a permanent fraternity of infantry cadet officers.

The ten founders, and the four regular army officers of infantry, met in September of 1931, electing H. L. Garrison as their president, and Lieut. Col. James A. Stevens as their faculty adviser. The crossed rifles on a blue and white bar was chosen as the official insignia of the fraternity. This group pledged members of the junior class, and began to build a strong organization. Since that time the following presidents have continued to increase the size of the fraternity: G. R. Bailey '33, R. R. Manion '34, R. L. Redfern '35, J. D. Benner '36, and Robert Binford '37.

The present year was started with a smoker given at the Southern Tea Room on the campus. The juniors of the infantry advanced course were invited to attend, and told of the merits of the fraternity. Lieut. Col. Stevens spoke to the juniors, and encouraged them to join the ranks of Alpha Tau Sigma. The next Friday after Retreat eighteen juniors took the pledge, and began their rookships.

The members of the fraternity who have excelled in the unit are: Irwin Hoener, Robert Steiskal, and Francis Anderson. Irv is the cadet lieutenant colonel of the infantry this year, and is a busy man every Friday at Retreat. Bob is staff major, and Frank is the infantry adjutant, and can be seen at every Retreat with the roll book in his hand ready to check the list of absentees.

In December we had a smoker at Major Lummis' home to talk over plans for a moot court-martial trial. The members were asked by Lieut. Col. Stevens to put on a trial for the local post of the American Legion, and this meeting was held to assign parts to the members. The nature of the trial made a rehearsal almost detrimental to its realism, so the members never had a combined practice session. The members of the court, the attorneys, the witnesses, and the spectators came

to the trial ignorant of each others' parts.

The fraternity became interested in rifle team work about two years ago, and had the pleasure of having one of its members as captain of the varsity team for two years. Frank Kubick was captain of the varsity team during his sophomore and junior years, and had the honor of representing the sixth corps area at Camp Perry in September of 1935. Frank's eyes received a shot of some sort of chemical in the laboratory, and he had to drop out of school at the end of the first semester, but we are hoping to have him back in September to fire for Illinois.

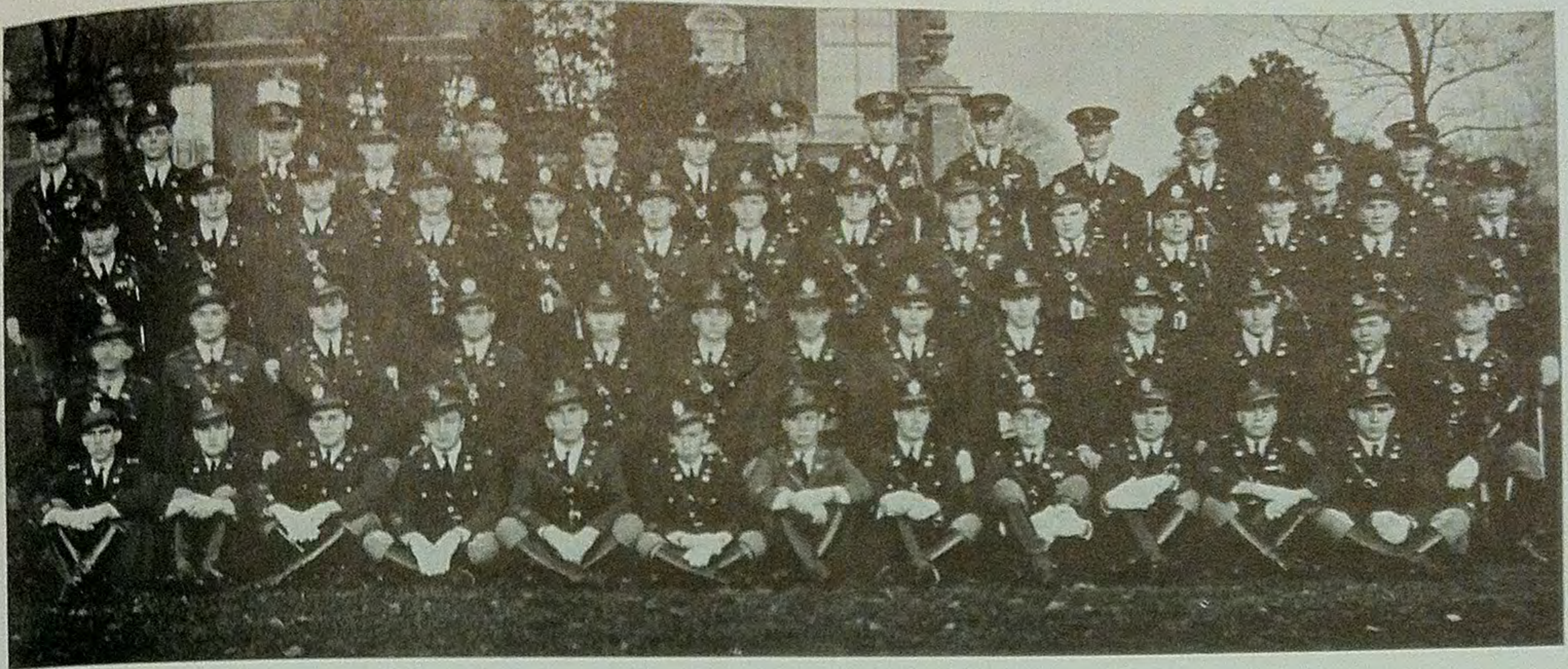
The Illinois company of Pershing Rifles is one of the popular activities on the campus, and the juniors of the fraternity are working with the company this year. Paul Fackler and Orval Lucier are very active in this work, and may be seen commanding the company in 1936. These men have each commanded the company at one Retreat Parade this semester, and both are to be commended on their ability to lead groups of this kind.

The final meeting of the fraternity was held in May this year, and almost every man was present to hear a fine speech given by Col. Fred R. Brown. Col. Brown said that the fraternity had bright days ahead, and that present juniors should make an effort to pledge the entire new junior class next semester. Lieut. Col. Stevens told us about the early days of the fraternity, and how it had grown from those ten students to a group of almost ninety per cent of the advanced infantry course. Major Tabachnik and Capt. Milan both had some very fine stories to tell the men, and laughter was very prominent from that point to the end of the smoker. Major Lummis came in from Chicago for the meeting.

This last smoker was the last for the seniors, and Alpha Tau Sigma and the University of Illinois will soon be pleasant memories; but to the juniors we throw the torch of our fraternity. May the present juniors carry the spirit of the infantry fraternity with them when that day of their departure arrives, as we, the seniors, are carrying it with us this year.

Tau Nu Tau

By CADET MAJOR FRED C. HEINIG



Tau Nu Tau is a national honorary and professional military engineer's fraternity. Its membership is limited to the advance military students in the Corps of Engineers.

The idea of Tau Nu Tau grew out of the desire of part of the cadets of the engineers' corps to supplant the Engineer Officers' Club that was on the campus of the University of Illinois. Accordingly, in the year 1928 the Engineers' Officers Club petitioned the Council of Administration of the University of Illinois to change the name to TNT, which is an abbreviation of the well-known explosive, Tri Nitro Toluene. At the time the name was considered very fitting, as this explosive is very powerful even when used in small amounts, and a few engineers usually can do a lot of big things. The Council of Administration granted permission to change the name and the fraternity made great progress in the next year. However, the desire to enter the Greek letter tangle overcame the founders of the Toluene to Tau Nu Tau, and a program of expansion was begun, with the following purposes in view: organization and the name was changed from Tri Nitro

1. To foster a spirit of co-operation between Military Engineers and engineers in civil life.

2. To foster a spirit of fraternity among its members, and an esprit de corps within the corps.

3. To promote interest in military engineering among engineering students of the various colleges and universities of the United States.

4. To diffuse information of military nature among its members.

At that time, Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terre Haute, Ind., and the Michigan Tech., Houghton, Mich., were considering forming a group within their individual institutions, and steps were taken by the members of the Illinois chapter to take the two schools within the fold and make the first step in expanding the

fraternity nationally. This first attempt took place in 1929, but no action was taken until the summer of 1930, when all three schools were assembled at Camp Custer for the six weeks training period. In 1930 all arrangements were made, and the other two schools were formally granted charters on July 27, 1930. Two years later a chapter was installed at the University of Kansas, and the number of chapters was increased to four. At the present time, negotiations are being completed to install a chapter at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. This installation should take place during the summer of 1936 at Camp Custer.

Despite the fact that the fraternity was founded in the teeth of the depression, its growth has been relatively rapid, and because of the work it is doing, the name Tau Nu Tau is becoming well known throughout military circles.

In the spring of 1935, an annual smoker to be given for sophomores enrolled in the Corps of Engineers, was inaugurated; this spring the idea was expanded to a "Mess Supper", the food being a sample of the type that is given during the summer camp. It has already become quite an event, as attendance is invitational.

The badges of the fraternity are two in number, the bar, which is a white band surrounded by two red bands with a miniature castle in the center, and a key which shows an eagle flying over a castle, and has the motto of the engineers, "Essayons", meaning "Let us try". The bar is worn on the uniform, and the key is worn with civilian dress.

The sponsors of the Illinois chapter are Lieut. Col. C. J. Taylor, Capt. A. G. Matthews, Lieut. R. K. McDonough, and Sergeant Sherman H. Mount.

The student officers this year have been: President, Major Fred C. Heinig; Vice-President, Major W. George Reynolds; Secretary, Capt. Charles Slaymaker, and Treasurer, Capt. Winston Black.

The Polo Team

By CAPT. LESLIE M. GRENER

The past year has seen great progress made by the Illinois Polo Team. Sponsored by the Military Department, and with the enthusiastic backing of the Commandant, Col. Brown, the coaches and all the members of the Polo Association have worked unceasingly to build up a team that will be a credit to the University, and will put the Illinois R.O.T.C. unit on top.

This year's campaign is nearly over. One game remains to be played on the afternoon of Military Day. Illinois will meet Kenyon College of Gambier, Ohio, the flashiest opponent our team has met this year. Our team has not won many of its games. But the team has developed, improving constantly, and in the last two or three games has played on almost even terms with the best college teams in the middle west.

Maj. Cole was placed in charge of polo at the beginning of the year. Capt. Grener and Capt. Clay were named as his assistants. "Ed" Anger was team captain—but there was no team. Anger was the only man with any experience whatever, and that not much. "Mike" Gordon (F.A. '37) had played three or four periods. There were about a dozen sophomores who had learned to ride and hit the ball fairly well during their freshman year, but they were green as a May morning. There weren't enough horses which could conceivably be called polo horses to mount half a team. But there was enthusiasm and a willingness to work on the part of all concerned.

The coaches decided that they would schedule games—lots of them. They believed that nothing would develop a team except experience. So a schedule was arranged. Every possible opponent was engaged, indoors and outdoors. We expected them to lose; I wouldn't have bet a lead nickel on their winning a single game. Every opponent had a team of seniors or juniors who had been playing for two or three years.

But we got to work. The Sophomores trained horses, learned to hit the ball (more or less), and tried to find out what the game is all about. We took in 30 or so Freshmen and started to teach them to ride. We had some scrimmages in the fall that looked pretty hopeless. There was one bright spot in the otherwise dark picture. "Gene" Bauer (Cav. '37) looked like a natural. He took to socking the polo ball like a duck takes to water.

So, on October 26, I took "Ed" Anger and a bunch of enthusiastic sophomores to Columbus, Ohio. They didn't know what they were running into. They mounted up on a fine fall day. They looked handsome in their white breeches and jerseys (particularly Gordon), but they got an awful attack of "buck fever" or "stage fright" or something, and being unable to hit the ball they lost, 11-1.

Then Iowa State came here, and the boys took a defeat under much the same circumstances by a score of 11-3. Ohio State took a return game with Illinois, 5-0.

Next the indoor season. I took the boys to East Lan-

sing for two games with Michigan State on December 6th and 7th. They surprised us. We lost the games, 12 to 8, and 14½ to 10½, but the team seemed to be growing up.

We thought things were straightening out, and that we had a team sooner than we had thought possible. We thought a team built around Bauer and Anger might begin to click. But then both of these boys were declared ineligible. So we faced the second semester with the necessity of starting all over again.

Fortunately Fred Wright (F. A. '38), Bud Burroughs (Cav. '38, and Lee Rodgers (F.A. '38) were now available. We built a new indoor team around Wright, and had a fairly successful indoor season. Playing in the Stock Pavilion is a trick outsiders can't learn quickly.

We opened the spring outdoor season with an ambitious trip to Auburn, Alabama, for a series with Alabama Poly. Three auto-loads of players, coaches, and a manager went south during the Easter holidays. We were beaten—but not roundly. Gordon, Burroughs Wright, and Rodgers mounted up for the first game and were defeated 13-5 in a slow game on a slow field.

Auburn wanted another game, so I stayed over with four of the players and we had another game on Monday, the 13th. It was a fast, clean-hitting game. Johnson, Kovacic, Blackstone, and Hoblit rode for Illinois, and although they lost 11-6, it was in a way a vindication.

Then came that great day—great to all of us who were there—when an Illinois team—Johnson, Kovacic, Wright and Hoblit—defeated Ohio on their own field, and on their own horses. That was April 25. I felt then that we had the makings of a team.

The rest of the games were creditable. We lost to Missouri 11-7 at Columbia. We lost to Iowa State 12½-11½ at Ames in an indoor game. Then Auburn came here. They won by one goal made in the last minute of play.

We had really hoped to hand Ohio another defeat when they came here for a game on May 9th. Our team, again led by Gordon, who played a brilliant game at one, was coming from behind in a grand surge, when a downpour ended the contest, and Ohio won 10-9.

We look forward to next year with the utmost confidence. Our work on training horses has produced some results. We have not the ideal string of polo horses by any means, but we have a string that compares favorably with any I have seen in the colleges I have visited.

Next year we will have six or seven players with some experience. Fred Wright, Gene Bauer, Mike Gordon, Lee Rodgers, Bob Johnson, Sterling Blackstone, Bud Burroughs have all had some experience. If they are eligible they will form a nucleus around which we can build a squad that should have nothing but success.

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