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=====**University of Illinois**=====

=====**MILITARY DAY, MAY 22, 1913**=====



Arthur Cutts Willard

Message From the President

In 1862, Federal legislation provided grants for the establishment of Land-Grant colleges. In 1867, the State of Illinois, in accepting these Federal grants and in establishing the University of Illinois provided by law that military training would be required of all male students. Accordingly, the University of Illinois, in response to its obligations as a Land-Grant college, has required military training of its male students since it opened in 1868.

The people of the State and of the Nation should be grateful for the far-sighted vision of those who were responsible for such legislation which has supplied the United States Army with many officers who have been trained at the University of Illinois and other Land-Grant institutions.

During World War I men trained at the University of Illinois served in the Army and Navy with great distinction. In the present war additional officers and men trained at the University of Illinois are writing another brilliant chapter in the gallant history of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

Through the years the University of Illinois Reserve Officers' Training Corps has

become one of the largest and one of the best units of its kind in the country. This growth in size and distinction could not have taken place without splendid services of the officers on the instructional and administrative staff of the Military Department. We have been most fortunate in this respect, especially during the last two years, when it has been the privilege for most of these students to serve under the very able leadership of Colonel Leonard C. Sparks.

The men here today—particularly those in the advanced course—are to be highly commended for their fine efforts in preparing themselves for service to their country. This will probably be the last group to receive training through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps for the duration of the war. Some of the men were called to active service in February and a few were called last August. The University is justifiably proud of these men and of those who will soon be called. We are confident that their service will bring credit to themselves, to the State, and to the Nation.

A. C. Willard,
President.



*Colonel Leonard C. Sparks, F. A.,
Commandant*

R. O. T. C. at the U. of I.

Greetings from the Commandant to the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of Illinois:

Upon completion of the current school year twenty-four years of the Advanced Course of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of Illinois will be brought to a temporary close. For the remainder of this war the basic phase only of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps instruction will be continued. The advanced phase will be superseded by the Army Specialized Training Program.

With the departure of the present group of 690 cadets in the Advanced Course the University will have provided, through its Reserve Officers' Training Corps, 846 potential officer candidates for the Army and Marine Corps since the inauguration of its accelerated war program last summer.

During the twenty-four years of its existence the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of Illinois has trained over forty-eight hundred cadets for reserve commissions in our national defense forces. The vast majority of these men are now rendering valuable service in those forces all over the world.

The traditions of integrity, loyalty and devotion to duty, which have become an integral part of the Corps of Cadets at the University of Illinois, will be enhanced through the service of its members in this war. When again we return to our normal peace-time procedure, we shall find the University, with an enriched heritage, carrying on the training of her sons for positions of responsible leadership in the service of our country.

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THE CORPS OF CADETS

Military training has been given at the University of Illinois ever since the University was opened in 1868, under the charter issued by the State of Illinois, in compliance with the Federal law which provided for the establishment of land-grant colleges. Since the first World War this training has been given under the provisions of the Acts of Congress of 1916 and 1920, commonly known as the National Defense Acts. Under these laws, the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of Illinois was organized to provide the required basic training and to offer advanced voluntary training on a selective plan.

Six of the combat arms are represented in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, namely: Infantry, Cavalry, Field Artillery, Coast Artillery (AA), Engineers, and Signal Corps.

Military training at the University of Illinois is conducted with a view to fitting young men to better meet the problems encountered in civil life as well as to prepare them to serve their country in its military forces in time of war.

Program

Parade of the Corps of Cadets—10:00 A.M.

Presentation of the Corps of Cadets to the Reviewing Party

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

After receiving their awards recipients take post on the left of the reviewing party to receive the salute of the Corps of Cadets as they pass in review.

University Gold Medal, to the best drilled second year basic course cadet. Presented by Dr. Arthur Cutts Willard, President of the University of Illinois, to Cadet Alfred W. Solbrig, Jr., Signal Corps Unit, Quincy, Illinois.

Hazelton Medal, to the best drilled first year basic course cadet. Presented by Dr. Arthur Cutts Willard, President of the University of Illinois, to Cadet Kenneth W. Anderson, Signal Corps Unit, Kankakee, Illinois.

Daughters of the American Revolution Award, to new Cadet Colonel. Presented by Mrs. Frank E. Richart, Regent of Urbana Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, to Cadet Lindell H. VanDyke, Field Artillery Unit, Champaign, Illinois.

The Grand Army Memorial Award, to the outstanding first year advanced course cadet. Presented by Mrs. Mary E. Pierson, Department President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to Cadet William R. Pampe, Coast Artillery Unit, Parkersburg, Illinois.

Illinois Department, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Award, for outstanding marksmanship in small-bore rifle competition to the member of the ROTC Rifle Team who contributed most toward the promotion of rifle marksmanship at the University of Illinois. Presented by Mrs. Ruth Miller Hayes, Department President, Illinois Department, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to Cadet Alfred W. Solbrig Jr., Signal Corps Unit, Quincy, Illinois.

Military Department Award, to outstanding second year basic course cadet in Pershing Rifles, Presented by the Commandant to Cadet Lucian W. Wilkes, Engineer Unit, Champaign, Ill.

Woman's Relief Corps Tablet, honoring the eighteen seniors excelling in Military Scholarship at the University of Illinois. Presented by Mrs. Katherine Siems, Past Department President, Department of Illinois, Woman's Relief Corps. Cadets receiving this award are listed on page 8.

American Legion Awards, to the outstanding second year basic course cadet in each Unit. Presented by Colonel Kaywin Kennedy, Chairman, ROTC Committee, the American Legion, Department of Illinois, to Cadet Marvin F. Slomack, Inf., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Cadet Howard F. Sitka, Cav., Chicago, Ill.; Cadet Lucian W. Wilkes, C., E. Champaign, Ill.; Cadet Richard L. Conklin, S. C., Rockford, Ill.; Cadet George H. Perbix, F. A., Chapin, Ill.; Cadet Paul C. Bradford, C. A. C., Table Grove, Ill.

American Legion Auxiliary Award, to new Cadet Colonel. Presented by Mrs. Norman L. Sheehe, Department President, American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Illinois, to Cadet Lindell H. VanDyke, Field Artillery Unit, Champaign, Illinois.

American Legion Auxiliary Award, to the outstanding first year advanced course cadet in small-bore rifle competition. Presented by Mrs. Norman L. Sheehe Department President, American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Illinois, to Cadet Robert S. Foote, Engineer Unit, Urbana, Illinois.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Illinois, Awards, to the seven retiring Cadet Lt.-Colonels. Presented by Mr. Meddie Buck, Senior Vice-Commander, Department of Illinois, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, to Cadet Gustavus S. Simpson, F. A., Margate, N. J.; Cadet Floyd W. Odell, F. A., Moline, Ill.; Cadet Edwin H. Henderson, CAC, Marietta, Ill.; Cadet Richard C. Carlson, Cav., Rockford, Ill.; Cadet Edward L. Rzepecki, C. E., Chicago, Ill.; Cadet James W. Leech, Inf., Zion, Ill.; Cadet John Kraehenbuehl, S. C., St. Joseph, Ill.

Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Award, to the outstanding first year advanced course cadet in Pershing Rifles. Presented by Mrs. Virginia Radcliffe, President, Department of Illinois, Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, to Cadet John G. Schnizlein, Coast Artillery Unit, Downers Grove, Ill.

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American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 71, of Urbana, Award, to winner of the second place in the University Gold Medal Contest. Presented by Miss Nell Zehner, President, American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 71, to Cadet Jack L. Felzman, Infantry Unit, New Boston, Illinois.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 24, of Champaign, Award, to winner of the second place in the Hazelton Medal Contest. Presented by Mrs. Glynn White, President, American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 24, to Cadet Kenneth R. Brunn, Signal Corps Unit, Chicago, Illinois.

THE MARCH PAST

The seniors, in mass formation at the head of the column, after passing the reviewing party, take post on the right to receive the salute of the Corps of Cadets with the reviewing party.

Presentation of Commissions as Brevet-Captains in the Illinois National Guard

With the approval of the President of the University and upon the recommendation of the Commandant, the Governor of the State of Illinois awards commissions as brevet-captains in the Illinois National Guard to those members of the graduating class in good standing who, at the time of graduation, are enrolled in the advanced course of the ROTC and who have served at least two semesters as cadet officers in the corps.



MILITARY COUNCIL

By Cadet Col. James H. Fisher, Inf.



The Military Council has occupied an increasingly important position in student activities since its founding in 1929. Acting as a governing body of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, it strengthens the bond between the cadets of the R. O. T. C. and the officers of the regular staff.

The Military Council is responsible for the proper execution of all orders issued by the Military Department. Thus the Council endeavors to maintain the efficiency of the Corps of Cadets.

Among other activities, the Military Council has direct supervision of the Military Ball, which was held on November 20, 1942, and the Officers' Ball, which had to be cancelled this year due to wartime conditions. The Council also has charge of the editing and publishing of the Millini, the official publication of the Corps of Cadets. All profits derived from activities supported or sponsored by the Council are donated to the Military Special Units Fund. From this fund, expenditures for improvements, not provided for in the regular grants of the Federal or State governments, are met.

Membership of the Military Council is honorary. Members are identified by the white fourragere worn on the left shoulder.

The Council for this semester consists of the following members: Cadet Col. James H. Fisher, Inf.; Cadet Lt. Colonels Lindell H. Van Dyke, F.A., Executive Officer; Richard C. Carlson, Cav., Edwin H. Henderson, C.A.C., John D. Kraehenbuehl, S.C., James W. Leach, Inf., Floyd W. Odell, F.A., Edward L. Rzepecki, Eng., Gustavus S. Simpson, F.A. The following men are on the Council as Cadet Staff members: Majors Homer E. Pratte, C.A.C., Adjutant, Kenneth H. Brown, F.A., William H. Carlson, Inf., James R. Davies, Cav., Secretary-Treasurer, William A. Mareneck, Eng., Herman E. Tomai, S. C. The following are club representatives: Cadets: Captain Dale V. Addis, Eng., Major Ralph E. Eckerstrom, Inf., Second Lt. Zealy M. Holmes, Cav., First Lt. Robert R. Johnson, F.A., First Lt. George W. Jones, F.A., Major Stanley W. Wilcox, S.C., Major Robert V. Babb, C.A.C., First Lt. Robert M. James, F.A., Pershing Rifles, Major John W. Lehmann, F.A., Phalanx, and First Lt. Daniel J. Perrino, F.A., Scabbard and Blade.

The faculty advisers for the Military Council are designated by the Professor of Military Science and Tactics, Colonel Sparks. This year's advisers are Lt. Col. Robert K. Whitson, Inf., and First Lt. Edward J. Smith, Cav.

Outstanding Military Students - Class of June 1943

Cadet Everett Wayne Bock, Field Artillery Unit, Elkhart, Illinois

Cadet Richard Clayton Carlson, Cavalry Unit, Rockford, Illinois

Cadet James Robert Davies, Cavalry Unit, Geneseo, Illinois

Cadet Richard Lutley Diemer, Coast Artillery Unit, Chicago, Illinois

Cadet James Harold Fisher, Infantry Unit, Chicago, Illinois

Cadet Edwin Hirschle Henderson, Coast Artillery Unit, Marietta, Illinois

Cadet Donald Lewis Henry, Signal Corps Unit, Kirkland, Illinois

Cadet Burr Lowry Hughes, Cavalry Unit, Rockford, Illinois

Cadet John David Kraehenbuehl, Signal Corps Unit, St. Joseph, Illinois

Cadet James Warren Leech, Infantry Unit, Zion, Illinois

Cadet William Adolph Mareneck, Engineer Unit, Lombard, Illinois

Cadet Floyd William Odell, Field Artillery Unit, Moline, Illinois

Cadet Daniel Joseph Perrino, Field Artillery Unit, Chicago, Illinois

Cadet Edward Louis Rzepecki, Engineer Unit, Chicago, Illinois

Cadet Milton Campbell Shedd, Coast Artillery Unit, Urbana, Illinois

Cadet Paul Alexander Simmons, Jr., Engineer Unit, Old Monroe, Missouri

Cadet Gustavus Sailer Simpson, Jr., Field Artillery Unit, Margate, New Jersey

Cadet Lindell Howard VanDyke, Field Artillery Unit, Champaign, Illinois

- Until such time as war restrictions on the use of bronze is relaxed the record of this award is carried on a scroll which is posted in its appropriate place in the Armory.

REVIEW NOTES

By DAVID KRAEHENBUEHL, Cadet Lt.-Col., S. C.

Men in uniform will not need to read this, but perhaps it will help those who have friends or relatives in the review to better understand the formal proceedings of a military review and to find familiar faces in the passing troops.

At first adjutant's call, played by the bugles, the troops will march onto line and at second adjutant's call the adjutant will move to the center of the field. The band will then troop the line, after which the adjutant will call the brigade to present arms while the National Anthem is played and the brigade is presented to Cadet Colonel Fisher. At his command the adjutant will receive the reports of the Cadet Lieutenant-Colonels and publish the orders. Following this the officers of the units participating in the review will be called to the center for instructions from the Cadet Colonel, and, when they have returned to their posts Cadet Colonel Fisher will present the troops to the reviewing officer, the President of the University, and his party.

At the command pass in review the Cadet Colonel and his staff will take a position in front of the band and will march past the reviewing stand followed by seven unit regiments, each preceded by a Cadet Lieutenant-Colonel and his staff. Each regiment will consist of two or three massed battalions led by Cadet Majors, the officer next in rank to the Cadet Lieutenant-Colonels. The units can be distinguished by the insignia and colors of their guidons, which will immediately precede each battalion: Infantry, blue with crossed rifles; Engineers, red with castles; Coast Artillery, red with a projectile superimposed on crossed cannon; Signal Corps, orange with crossed flags; Cavalry, red and white; Field Artillery, red with crossed field pieces. There will be two regiments of Field Artillery, one horse-drawn and one motor-drawn.

The colors play an important part in a review and will be on line directly in front of the reviewing stand. As the troops pass in review the colors will occupy the center position in the column and will be preceded and followed by members of the Pershing Rifles Battalion acting as color guard. The guidon of Pershing Rifles is white with a torch superimposed on crossed rifles.