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SUBJECT: Annual Report.

TO: The Adjutant General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

In submitting my annual report of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1930, I would like to call special attention to the fact that the outstanding need of the Military Academy today is the acquisition of additional land adjacent to the reservation. I have submitted to the War Department a recommendation for the acquisition of approximately 15,000 acres adjacent to West Point in order that the present and future efficiency of the Military Academy may be assured. The principal reasons why the land should be acquired are:

1. In order to secure an adequate and pure water supply.
2. To establish a landing field for airplanes.
3. To construct small arms, and field artillery ranges.
4. To provide camp sites and maneuver grounds which will be under the control of the Superintendent.

During the past year, many distinguished visitors at West Point have seen this need for additional land and have expressed themselves strongly of the opinion that this land should be acquired.

MISSION.

The mission of the Military Academy is to train a cadet to think clearly and logically and to do so habitually; to teach him discipline and the basic principles applicable to the various arms in the Military Service; to develop his physique and above all his character; and to teach him to approach all of his problems with an attitude of intellectual honesty, to be sensible of the rights of others, to be inspired by a high sense of duty and honor, and unhesitatingly to lay down his life in the service of his country should the occasion arise.

During the past year the Academy has been conducted in accordance with this mission and all of the facilities of the Military Academy have been utilized with this mission in view.

STRENGTH OF COMMAND.

At the beginning of the academic year, September 1, 1929, the Strength of the Command was as follows: 1278 cadets, 212 commissioned officers, 3 warrant officers, and 1167 enlisted men.

During the year July 1, 1929–June 30, 1930, the Corps of Cadets sustained the following losses other than through graduation:

DISCHARGED

	Died	Resigned	Dropped	Phy. Dis.	Def. Stud.	Conduct	TOTAL
1st Class	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
2nd Class	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
3rd Class	1	3	.....	1	28	1	34
4th Class	.....	15	1	6	64	.....	86
TOTAL	2	23	1	7	92	1	126

Note.—Cadets discharged for studies were deficient in:

	Math.	French	Engl.	Math. and Hist.	Math. and Fr.	Math. and Engl.	Fr. and Engl.	Math. Fr. and Engl.	TOTAL
3rd Class	27	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	28
4th Class	33	4	6	.....	4	1	2	14	64
TOTAL	60	4	6	1	4	1	2	14	92

VALIDATING EXAMINATION.

For the first time candidates who were to be admitted July 1, 1930, on high school certificates were required to take a validating examination in algebra, geometry, and English. It is believed that the benefits from the requirement of the validating examination will be clearly demonstrated during the coming academic year.

ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION.

The academic instruction of the Corps of Cadets has been maintained at a high standard. The various departments have conducted their courses in accordance with approved schedules along the same general lines as in previous years. As a result of a study made by the Academic Board during the past year, the following changes in the course of instruction have been approved by the War Department and will become effective September 1, 1930:

- (a) The establishment of a course in College Physics in the Third Class year to cover as far as practicable elementary mechanics, heat, wave motion, sound, electricity and light.
- (b) The transfer of the subject of descriptive geometry from the Department of Mathematics to the Department of Drawing.
- (c) The transfer of the subject of surveying from the Department of Mathematics to the Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy.
- (d) The transfer of the subject of Military Motor Transportation from the Department of Civil and Military Engineering to the Department of Ordnance and Gunnery.

During the past year, the Professor of Civil and Military Engineering and the Professor of Drawing were sent abroad for one year on detached service in order that they might improve themselves professionally, and improve the courses under their jurisdiction. During the coming year, the Professor of Modern Languages will perform a similar duty.

MILITARY TRAINING OF CADETS.

The military training of the Corps of Cadets was carried out satisfactorily in accordance with approved schedules. A very high standard has been maintained in disciplinary drills, and ceremonies. Special attention to equitation instruction has resulted in marked efficiency in riding. During the summer training period, within the limited time and facilities available, cadets were given fundamental instruction in all arms of the Military Service. Due to the lack of facilities at West Point, it was necessary once more to send the First Class to Fort Monroe, Virginia, for seacoast artillery practice, to Fort Eustis, Virginia, for field artillery target practice, and to Langley Field, Virginia, for instruction in aviation. Should the additional land adjacent to the present reservation be acquired, field artillery target practice and instruction in aviation could be given at West Point, and the class could be sent on a mine planter to a near-by coast artillery fort for seacoast artillery target practice.

PHYSICAL TRAINING OF CADETS.

Throughout the academic year, cadets of the Fourth Class were given gymnasium training five days a week. The improvement

in physique was very noticeable. Measurements taken at the beginning, and at the end of the year, indicate that Fourth Classmen gained, on the average, 7.4 pounds in weight, .29 inches in height, .54 inches in chest measurement, and lost 1.2 inches in waist measurement. Physical training for cadets of the three upper classes was given through intramural athletics except during the winter months. Due to climatic conditions, and to the limited space in the gymnasium, it is difficult during the winter season for all of the cadets to receive a proper amount of physical exercise. This condition will be corrected when the enlargement of the gymnasium, which is included in the building program, has been authorized and appropriated for.

DISCIPLINE AND APPEARANCE OF CADETS.

Throughout the year the discipline of the Corps has been excellent with but few major infractions of discipline. Special attention has been paid to the fitting of uniforms. This has added materially to the comfort of cadets, and their appearance, both in ranks and out of ranks, has been excellent.

LIBRARY.

During the year, about 1450 new books were added to the library exclusive of 800 books and pamphlets which had belonged to Colonel Sylvanus Thayer and which were presented to the library by the Thayer Public Library of South Braintree, Mass. A memorial fund of \$2500 to be known as the Wright Memorial Fund was bequeathed by Miss Henrietta Hall Wright in memory of her father. The income from this fund will be used to buy books for the library.

NEW CONSTRUCTION.

During the past year, twenty apartments in the Central Apartment Building for officers were completed and were occupied about January first. Eight more apartments will be required to complete the building. These will be constructed when the funds become available. The cadet mess was transferred from Grant Hall to Washington Hall on June 20, 1929, and the building which also houses the Department of Drawing and the Cadet Store in addition to the cadet mess, was completed during the past year. The construction of the new cadet barracks has progressed satisfactorily

and will be continued during the coming year. Two other projects, for which funds are now available, will be started in the near future. These projects are the construction of 36 sets of officers' quarters on a site near the observatory, and the construction of 24 sets of non-commissioned officers' quarters on a site northwest of the Post cemetery. The officers' quarters will consist of double field officers' sets and the non-commissioned officers' quarters will consist of 12 double sets to accommodate 24 families.

POST ACTIVITIES.

The Post activities have been carried on in a very efficient manner. The officers have been loyal, energetic and efficient, and the discipline and morale of the enlisted men have been excellent.

SHORTAGE OF WATER.

Due to the unusual drought throughout this section during August and September there was no overflow from the lakes from which the Post water supply is obtained. Through the kindness of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, water was siphoned over the dam of Queensboro Lake in Bear Mountain Park into Queensboro Creek where one of our intakes is located. It was necessary to depend upon this arrangement for several weeks. Should the additional land recommended be acquired it would never be necessary to depend upon any outside source for water.

WEST POINT HORSE SHOW.

The annual show was held out doors for the first time in its history. Completion of the new polo field made this possible. As a result of the show being held out doors there were more outside entries and a greater interest shown in the show than in former years. This show was held without expense to the government, and the proceeds will be devoted to the Army Relief Society and the local relief.

JUNE WEEK PROGRAM.

There were approximately five hundred graduates who attended the alumni day exercises and the graduation exercises during June Week. The arrangements for the June Week exercises were highly satisfactory, and were successfully carried out. The graduation ball was held at Cullum Hall with additional out door space for dancing made available by the construction of an out door pavilion.

GRADUATION EXERCISES.

Graduation Exercises were held at the Battle Monument on June 12th. Honorable Patrick J. Hurley, Secretary of War, made the graduation address and presented the diplomas. There were 241 members of the graduating class.

During the past year there were many distinguished visitors at West Point. The Corps of Cadets was reviewed by the following:

- General Diaz, Chief of Staff, Chilean Army, July 15th.
- Major General Fred T. Austin, Chief of Field Artillery, July 29th.
- Honorable J. Mayhew Wainwright, Member of Congress, July 30th.
- Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor of New York, August 6th.
- Honorable James J. Walker, Mayor of New York City, September 18th.
- Admiral Nomura, Japanese Navy, October 7th.
- Honorable Vincent Massey, Canadian Minister to U. S., May 24th.
- Dr. Julio Prestes, President-Elect of Brazil, June 16th.
- Admiral Belfort, Brazilian Navy, June 18th.
- Dr. Enrique Olaya, President-Elect of Colombia, June 23rd.



Major General,
Superintendent.

