

deaf to the voices of their officers, till the captain happened to seize the bugler and ordered him to sound "Assembly." At the first sound of the well known call, the soldiers, from sheer force of habit, stopped, gathered and formed in line ready for orders.

After breakfast comes "Guard Mounting," followed immediately by "Sick Call," the signal for all those who are ill—or ill prepared on the day's lessons—to repair to the "gin-shop," as the hospital is generally called.

Guard mounting over, the bugle sounds for the first period of recitation, the call known as "School," which, according to a certain rather lazy First Classman of my acquaintance, who always says with great distinctness: "Get your books out! Get your books out! Come and make a zero, zero, zero! Come and make a zero, and fail to pass!"

This call is sounded at the beginning of each period of fifty minutes during the morning, and also after dinner to call the students to practice in the shops, barns, fields, or drawing rooms. Practice lasts two hours and there is no more welcome bugle call than the one that releases them at four o'clock, hot and dirty, to rest for awhile before supper. "Drill," which sounds before or after supper, according to the season of the year, is a spirited call, which is supposed to mean:

"Polished accoutrements, rifles and bayonets, cartridges, belts and swords!

"These are the articles! Privates and officers use them in capturing birds."

Instead of "Mess" the call to supper is "First Call," because the cadets must attend "Retreat" before marching to supper. The call "Retreat," sounded in the middle of that ceremony, is a very beautiful call. It is said to have come from the Saracens, and to have been first introduced into Europe during the Crusades.

"Study Call" brings the boys again into barracks, and they are supposed to keep their rooms till released by "Tattoo," a long and very pretty call. Cadets are free to visit each other for fifteen minutes, when the bugle sends them all to bed with "Taps," as the lights go out all over the campus.

"Fades the light, and afar

"Goeth day, cometh night, and a star

"Leadeth all, speedeth all, to their rest."

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