

**"BATTERY A, TEXAS A. AND M.,
F. A., R. O. T. C."**

The government, recognizing the high efficiency of the Texas A. and M. military department, has placed us in the class with Yale, Harvard, and Cornell in college military circles. Anyone who has had the occasion of seeing the work done by the Yale batteries knows that the placing of artillery R. O. T. C. units in these colleges is not an experiment, for it has been a great success at that college.

We know that as an infantry R. O. T. C. college, A. and M. has won national fame; it, therefore, stands to reason that the work of our artillery units will maintain this splendid record, and, from the way the men have started to work, there is every reason to believe that the artillery will excel the infantry and signal corps, if they don't watch their step. G. O. 49, W. D., 1916, has been somewhat modified by Act of Congress so as to allow the work of training officers to be performed in a much more efficient manner, and on a larger scale. These amendments include provisions for a greater number of officers, and non-commissioned officers for detail at colleges, and for pay of students during summer courses. With these efficient officers, and several of the old men in school who held commissions in the army as artillery officers, the nucleus of 100 "Fish" are doing some real good work even though most of it is assimilated at present. However, one of these fine spring mornings the infantry will be dumfounded by the sight of the artillery doing some of those mysterious antics, such as gun squad drill and fire discipline, on real 3" guns.

It might be of some interest to enumerate just what the War Department is going to send us. The following is an extract from an article taken from the January-March 1919, number of the Field Artillery Journal:

The size of one instruction organization or battery will be considered approximately the same as the present authorized enlisted strength of one battery of "Light Field Artillery, Tables of Organization and Equipment, United States Army." No field artillery unit will be established unless there are at least 100 students for the unit. Organizations will be formed approximately on the following basis:

100 to 199 students, 1 battery;
200 to 399 students, 2 batteries;
400 to 599 students, 3 batteries, etc.
Batteries in any institution will be lettered and designated accordingly. For instance, Battery A (Texas A. and M.), F. A., R. O. T. C." Three batteries will be designated as a battalion, and six batteries, as a regiment.

The following lists of material, equipment, animals, detachments and instructors will be used as a basis for the supply of units. The supply of equipment and animals will be controlled by the facilities for their use and care which the college can provide from time to time.

(a) **Battery Material and Equipment.**
That prescribed for a battery in the "Handbook of 3-inch gun materiel," Ord. Publ. 1659, with changes as noted. (Guns should, preferably be of the 3-inch type. Model 1902, 4 or 5; failing these, any type of 75 available.)

(b) **Additional Equipment.**
1. Range finding, fire control, radio, signal, telephone and engineer

equipment as prescribed for one battalion Light Field Artillery.

2. One gun and one caisson with limbers, sights, fuse-setters and accessories of each of the following types:

- 155 mm. gun (G. P. F.)
- 155 mm. Howitzer.
- 75 mm. Field Gun, Model 1916, American.
- 75 mm. Field Gun, Model 1917, British.
- 75 mm. Field Gun, Model 1897, French.
- 4.7" gun.

(c) **Miscellaneous Equipment.**

- 1 2 1-2-ton tractor.
- 1 5-ton tractor.
- 1 set sectionalized projectiles.
- 1 set sectionalized fuses.
- 4 dummy powder bags, 155 mm. and containers.
- 4 heavy Browning Machine guns.
- 4 Browning automatic rifles.
- 1 flash battery outfit (smoke bomb).
- 1 set subcaliber tubes.
- 2 wagons, escort, Q. M. C. harness, Q. M. C. for wagons.
- 2 sets lead.
- 2 sets wheel.
- 2 trucks, cargo, Q. M. C.
- 30 Officers' field saddles.

Full individual equipment for each student taking the R. O. T. C. course.

(d) **Animals.**

- 4 mules.
- 62 horses, draft (for 5 sections).
- 28 horses, riding.

(e) **Detachment.**

Without animals, approximately the following detachment will be necessary to care for equipment and materiel and to act as assistant instructors in materiel.

- 1 supply sergeant.
- 1 sergeant (mechanic).
- 2 sergeants (instructors).
- 6 privates (to care for equipment and materiel).

If animals are provided, the following detachment will be necessary:

- 1 sergeant.
- 1 supply sergeant.
- 1 stable sergeant.
- 2 cooks.
- 2 horseshoers.
- 1 sergeant (mechanic).
- 4 sergeants (instructors).
- 1 saddler.
- 1 corporal.
- 15 privates, first class (for each 30 horses provided).

1 Officer Quartermaster, supply officer, disbursing officer, in charge of Materiel. Specializing in gunner's instruction and examination.

1 Officer In charge of and commands detachments, in charge of horses, stables. Instructor in equitation, horsemanship, driving and draft.

1 Officer In charge of all physical training and drills. Assistant instructor in Materiel. Specialist on work of the special details.

1 Officer Instructor in motors and military science.

All officers would be available as classroom instructors in the various subjects in military science.

The art of "goldbricking" is an unknown science in the Battery.

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Artillery! Artillery! It's all right!
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