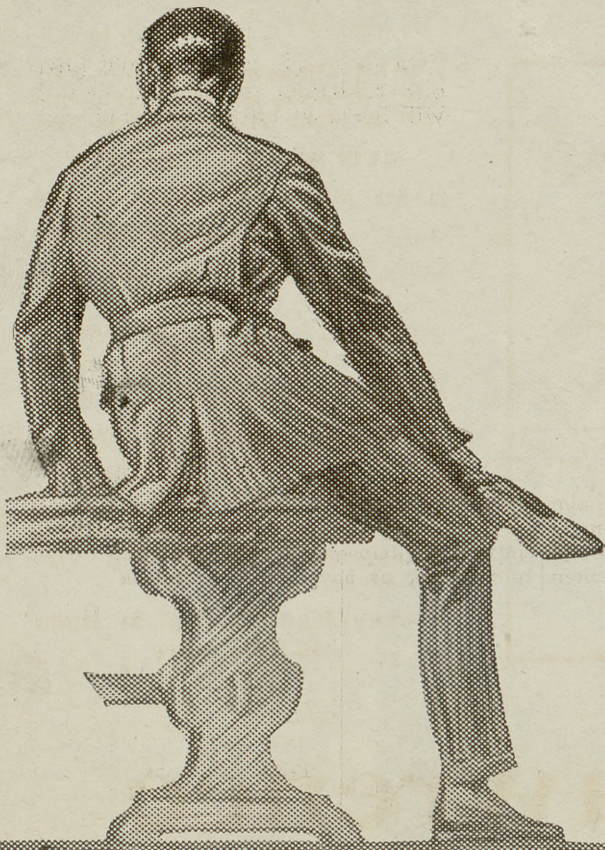


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and it is only the true patriot who prepares for war in time of peace.

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The Reserve Officers are the "Minute Men" of today, and the time will come when the nation, aroused by the agony of national strife, will bow its head in thanksgiving and homage to the farsighted ones—those who have prepared themselves in the Reserve Officers Training Camps to uphold the honor of these United States.

Texas A. and M. College was represented in five of these camps this summer. The brief summaries given below will furnish an idea as to their proficiency.

Infantry.

"Unusually satisfactory" was the stamp of approval General Dickman placed on the Infantry camp at Fort Logan after they had passed before him in the final review. The camp received the same commendation from the entire body of students enrolled.

An idea as to the part the Texas Aggies held in bringing about such satisfactory results is shown by the percentage of the men that were from here. Of a total three hundred and twenty-two men that were enrolled, one hundred and forty-six were from Texas A. and M. The school nearest A. and M. in the number registered was Allen Academy with a total of thirty-five present. Twelve

colleges and academies were represented. The Texas Aggie dominance was such that old rivals like Oklahoma University and Oklahoma A. and M. were forced to unite their forces against a common foe. But it was all to no avail. The supremacy of the Farmers was never, for one moment, doubted.

Best Drilled.

On the drill field, when an instructor wanted a demonstration, it was a Texas Aggie that he called on. The same was true when the time came for questions to be answered. When A. and M. drilled, officers, big little and all, stood back and looked on in amazement. They had thought that such drilling existed only at West Point.

At the rifle range, it was the Texas Aggie who demonstrated his ability. The team sent to Camp Perry, Ohio for the National Rifle meet and which represented the Eighth Corps Area was composed entirely of our men. Their successes there will be told in another section of the paper.

A total of sixteen prizes were offered by Denver merchants for the winners in different contests. Of these sixteen prizes, five were limited to the Junior company and as there were no A. and M. men in that organization, there were eleven of them that could be won for A. and M. It seemed to be just a matter of fact that nine of these were brought back to College Station. Oklahoma U. and New Mexico A. and M. divided the other two.

Week-end Trips.

The work feature was not by any means the only side of the camp. The officers in charge, from the very first, adopted a most satisfactory stand as to off-duty time. No passes

were required to leave camp and all that was necessary was that everyone be there when the time arrived for work.

Week-end trips in the army reconnaissance cars were made to Golden and Lookout Mountain, Estes Park and Colorado Springs. Pup tents and other equipment were taken along and the true out life reigned supreme. Military was left behind on these trips and the best of good times were enjoyed. In addition to these trips which were made in a body, many took the opportunity to make other interesting trips by motor and rail.

One of the greatest features of the entire camp was the dances which they gave us weekly. The first of these was a fine dance; but some things improve with time and this was one of them. The final dance was nothing less than a miniature R. V. Hop. Texas A. and M. was the only school present in sufficient numbers to have school dances and this was found to be unnecessary. Each dance was an A. and M. dance in itself. Enough said!

As a general thing, it is usually a happy bunch of fellows that goes up to draw their travel pay home from a training camp. This was less true in this camp than one could imagine. When it comes to giving up good times such as were enjoyed at Fort Logan, it causes a dampening of spirit that can't be helped. If a camp like that is drudgery, all that we can say is that we want more drudgery.

Artillery.

On the first day of camp, fifty-two Texas A. and M. men assembled for the artillery camp at Camp Knox, Ky. All had the old "Farmer Fight" spirit and all had the determination

to show the other schools Texas A. and M. wasn't to be forgotten in anything. From drill on one hand, to water-fights on the other, A. and M. men were always first.

When it came to "Squads east" and "Squads west" we only have to quote Major W. C. Harrison, director of dismounted instruction. "We grant that it is a necessary evil, but any who saw the well-drilled Texas outfit to the mob formation of—Oh, why name them all?" In all other departments of instruction, Texas A. and M. was so far ahead that the other schools couldn't hold a light for us.

Trips.

As for week-end trips, we had one every week. Such places as Mammoth Cave, Lincoln's Birthplace, and Army Horse Show were visited. An Ohio River boat ride was enjoyed with two hundred Kentucky belles. Not one will forget those bi-weekly dances and the Louisville girls who came out for them. On the last night of the camp, a dinner dance was given at the Louisville Country Club by Texas A. and M., Culver, and V. M. I. Everyone had a good time.

Not a one of the fifty-two will ever forget our officers; Captain Doggett with, "Say, Mister, got a cigarette?" Captain Cooney with, "Do as I tell you next time," Captain Daniels with, "Habitually we do it like this because obviously it is the best way," and Major Dougherty with "I'm just as ready to tell you that you are rotten as I am that you are good." Other remarks that will never be forgotten are "Captain Wilson, 'We want some white regulator,'" "By Jove, if yonder isn't Chimene," "Oh, look at the Major