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Soon after this issue comes from the press the third successful year of the San Diego Army and Navy Academy will have closed. The term successful is used for when the facts connected with the growth of the school are known it will be seen that no term short of successful could be used.

Two and a-half years ago Capt. Davis started The San Diego Army and Navy Academy with only thirteen boys. Last year the term began with fifty-two, while the total enrollment for the year was seventy-eight. This certainly was a marvelous growth, but this year's numbers are to be considered in the same progression. The total enrollment this year is one hundred and forty-two.

This truly wonderful growth has made a full-sized battalion consisting of the regulation four companies and a band possible.

Yet, with all of this advance the most important foundation of the

school has not been left unguarded, that is the individual attention which each boy must receive. To take care of the one hundred and forty-two cadets there are the twelve members of the faculty, each trained in his or her special line of work and it can be truly said that every one has done all that was in his power for the betterment of the boys, to guide and direct them in the correct walks of life, to show them their mistakes and to counsel them.

The Cadets on the other hand have supported athletics, a paper, a Glee Club and many other activities which make school life a never to be forgotten pleasure. While some older schools have a good many more activities, when the age of this school is considered it can be readily seen that wonderful progress along the line of activities has been made here.

It is a well known fact that each year certain traditions and forms are laid down and with these starts the school spirit, the love of the Alma Mater. The boys of this year have shown the right spirit along this line and it is through them that a firm foundation has been laid for the nucleus of next year.

Unless something phenomenal happens the school spirit of this school will soon equal that of any other school in the country and even now it has as much as some schools founded ten and fifteen years ago.

It is unnecessary to relate the advantages of a good school spirit for no school paper can be picked up but somewhere in it stands out the evidences of such a spirit if the school that publishes it has any spirit at all. Let it suffice to say that no school can survive long without it and that it must be made by the students themselves.

By the foregoing statement it would follow that when a good deal of school spirit is noticed in a school the conclusion will be immediately drawn that the students of the institution are of the right metal and are of the type that do things.

But school spirit is only one of the numerous blessings of this school. Nothing probably could be more fortunate for a military school than the location of the San Diego Army and Navy Academy. The Pacific Ocean is only one and one-half miles while Mission Bay is less than a mile. These alone would be sufficient aquatic conditions but in addition to these there is San Diego Bay, the base of the Torpedo Fleet and one of the ports of rest of the Pacific Squadron.

Located on San Diego Bay also is Fort Rosecrans, the home of a battalion of the Coast Artillery Corps. Here are some of the large ten-inch cannon and many smaller pieces.

On North Island just across from the fort is the Curtiss Aviation School. To San Diego the government sends from ten to twenty officers at a time to learn this science. In connection with this fact it might be

mentioned that it is not uncommon to see an aeroplane fly over the school and possibly alight in a nearby field.

Another advantage that this school has over ninety-five per cent of those in the United States, at least as important as the location, is the climate. There is probably no place in the world where Southern California is not known and spoken of as the land of perpetual sunshine. After reading Lowell's prelude to the Vision of Sir Launfal a person generally draws the picture in his mind of the beautiful June day.

"And what is so rare as a day in June?"

As the days in Southern California are all June days the word "June" could be correctly replaced by "Southern California."

"And what is so rare as a day in Southern California?"

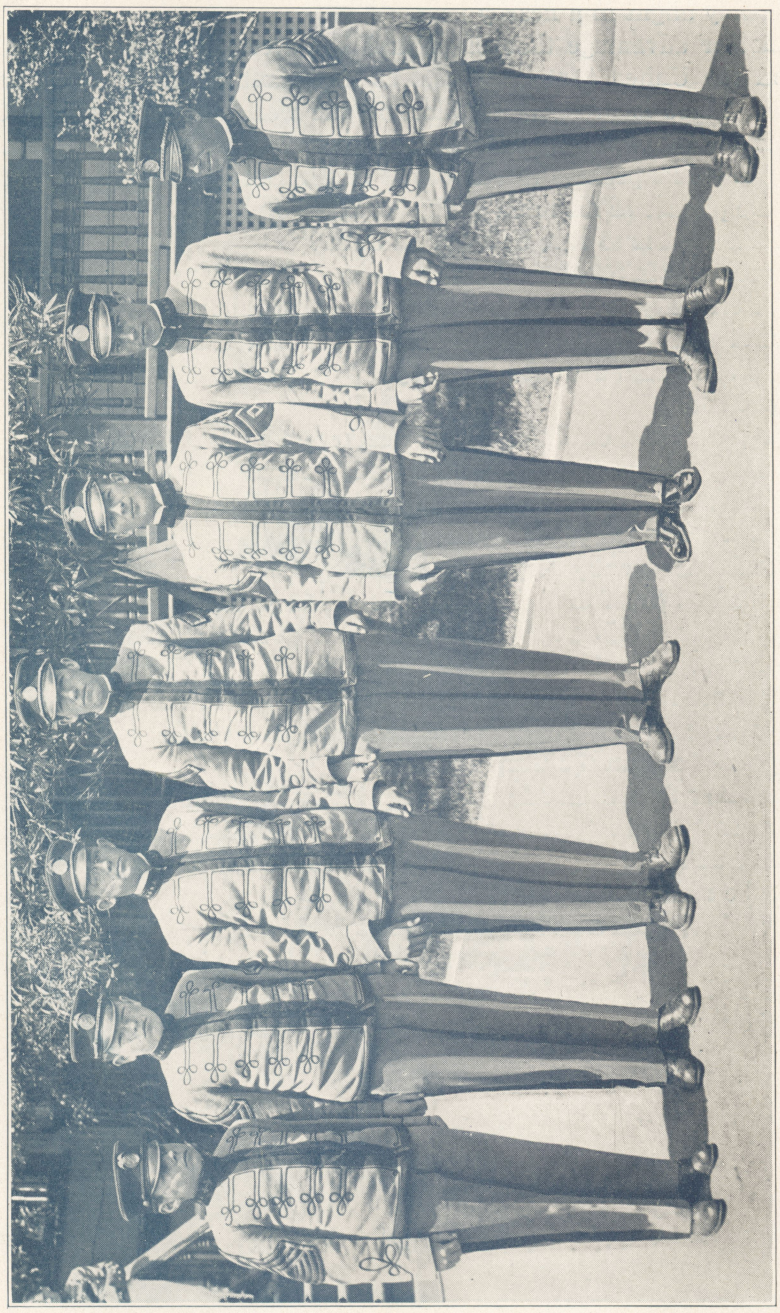
This substitution would not only apply to the first line but to the whole prelude.

Because of this condition of the weather only about three days of outside drilling were missed this year. This is a remarkable record and in this respect no military school in the eastern part of the United States can compare. As a result of being out the boys get a larger amount of natural sports and consequently they develop more quickly into robust young men. One of the best proof of this fact will be found in the amazingly small list of sickness. In all the year there was no case of sickness that could not be readily handled, for the most part, without the aid of a physician.

There are many other advantages that this school has but those mentioned, with one other, would constitute a nucleus on which to build one of the largest schools in the United States.

The other fact, named last, but of primary importance is the Christian influence that permeates the entire school. No institution would be complete without it for it gets its hold upon the man while he is still young and can be molded.

Therefore, when a cadet finishes the school he is a well rounded young man, proficient in education, strong and well built physically, and above all filled with the spirit of Christianity which makes him, as has been said, one of the most magnificent sights on earth. What more could be desired?



JUNIOR CLASS

Organization of the Battalion.

Soon after the arrival of the uniforms and equipment the battalion was organized with four companies and a band. The following were the appointments and assignments:

To be Captain and Adjutant—Cadet Reed, H. B.

To be Captains—Cadets Singer, P. L.; Tiffany, H. C.; Johnson, P. C.; Lane, A. G.

To be First Lieutenants—Cadet Scripps, T. O.; Richardson, H. G.; Garetson, H.; Hage, W. B.; Fox, W. W.; Clark, G. S.



DRILLING THE ROOKIES

To be Second Lieutenants—Cadets Shaw, W. A.; Sybert, R. K.; Mollison, J. D.; Alford, R. M.

To be First Sergeants—Cadets Grier, E. J.; Hathway, M. C.; Rubin, E.; Kaehler, D. F.

To be Second Sergeants—Cadets McBride, R. Y.; Hagaman, D.; Fleming, A.; Mills, N. E.; Reeves, M. A.

To be Third Sergeants—Cadets Kimball, E. L.; Whitney, J. S.; Richardson, I.; Fagg, F. D.; Wright, E. A.; Madden, G. S.

To be Fourth Sergeants—Cadets Walker, R.; Merriam, J. S.; Morton, W. P.; Titus, H. L.; Barney, W.

To be Corporals—Cadets Johnson, J. H.; Johnson, C. K.; Hieatt, F. H.; Reed, H. H.; Cross, R.; Bird, G.; Merrill, H. J.; Butterworth, C.; Dement, D.; Schoonover, M.; Brucker, H.; Martin, W. L.; Johns, H.; Munn, M.; King, W.; King, P.; Fletcher, E.; McCrary, M.; Schultheiss, W.

To be Lance Corporals—Cadets Reed, E.; Savage, E. L.; Hall, W. P.; Bradt, H.; Conard, H.; Fanton, R.; Brockett, C.; Rice, G.; Rotner, H.

The following is the list of assignments:

STAFF.

Captain and Adjutant.....Reed, H. B.
First Lieutenant and Quartermaster.....Richardson, H. G.
Quartermaster Sergeant .....Barney, W.

"A" COMPANY.

Captain .....Singer, P. L.
First Lieutenant .....Garetson, H.
Second Lieutenant .....Shaw, W.
First Sergeant .....Grier, E. J.
Second Sergeant .....McBride, R. Y.
Third Sergeant .....Whitney, J. S.
Fourth Sergeant .....Merriam, J. S.
Corporals—Reed, H. W.; Merrill, H.; Butterworth, C.; Schoonover, M.; Martin, W. L.

"B" COMPANY.

Captain .....Johnson, P. C.
First Lieutenant .....Clark, G. S.
Second Lieutenant .....Alford, R.
First Sergeant .....Hathway, M. C.
Second Sergeant .....Hagaman, D.
Third Sergeant .....Wright, E.
Fourth Sergeant .....Morton, W.
Corporals—Johns, H.; McCrary; Fletcher, E.; King, W.; King, P.; Bird, G.
Lance Corporals.....Bradt, H.; Brockett, C.; Rotner, H.

"C" COMPANY.

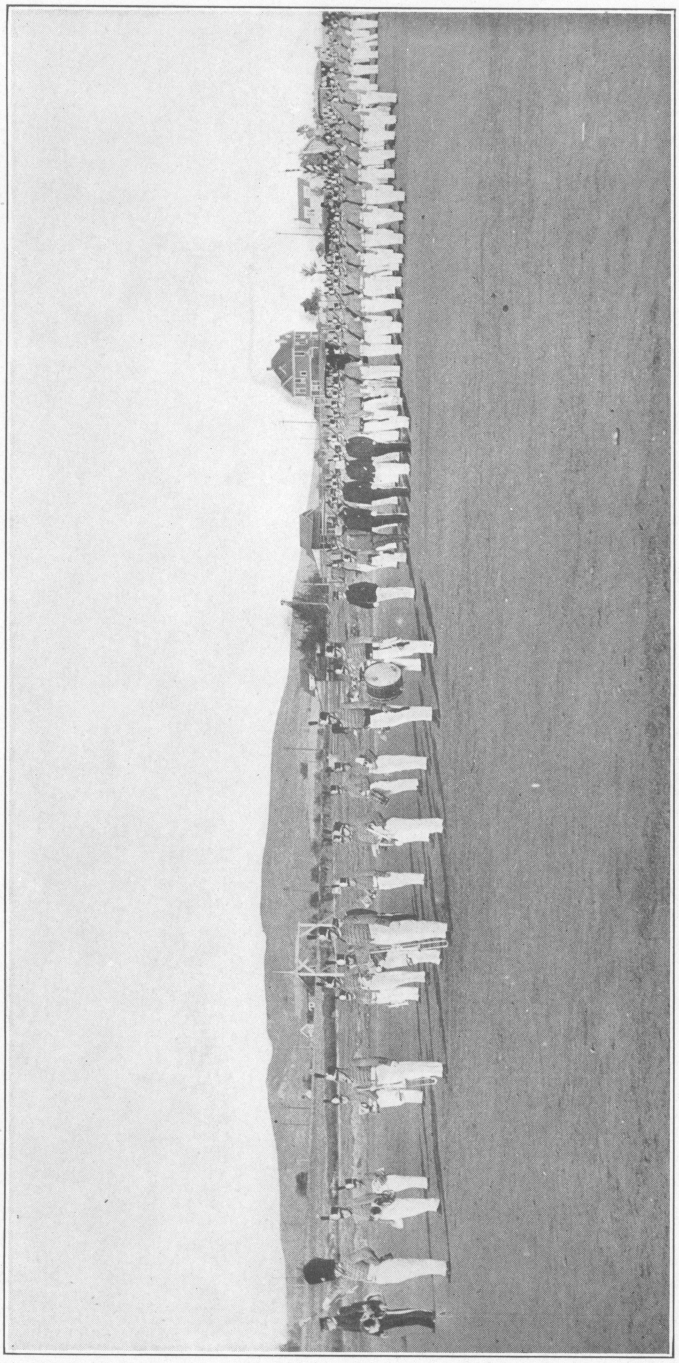
Captain .....Tiffany, H. C.
First Lieutenant .....Hage, W. B.
Second Lieutenant.....Mollison, J. D.
First Sergeant.....Kaehler, D. F.
Second Sergeant.....Reeves, D. F.
Third Sergeant.....Fagg, F. D.
Fourth Sergeant.....Titus, H. L.
Corporals.....Brucker; Munn, H.
Lance Corporal.....Rice, G.

"D" COMPANY.

Captain ..... Lane, A. G.
First Lieutenant ..... Fox, W. W.
Second Lieutenant ..... Sybert, R. K.
First Sergeant ..... Rubin, E.
Second Sergeant ..... Fleming, A.
Third Sergeant ..... Madden, G.
Fourth Sergeant ..... Walker, R.
Corporals ..... Johnson, J.; Johnson, K.; Dement, D.
Lance Corporals ..... Reed, E.; Savage, E.; Conrad, H.; Hall, W.

Before the appointment of the officers the new cadets were divided into four companies and were drilled by the officers of last year.





FIRST DRESS PARADE



MEETING THE EDITORS AT THE STATION



THE COLORS PASSING IN REVIEW



"D" COMPANY—WINNER OF BOTH DRILLS



SCENES OF THE SHAM BATTLE

Sham Battle.

On Monday, May the fifth, the cadets enjoyed the experience of being under fire, as they gave a sham battle in honor of the editors of California, who were holding their annual convention in San Diego on that date.

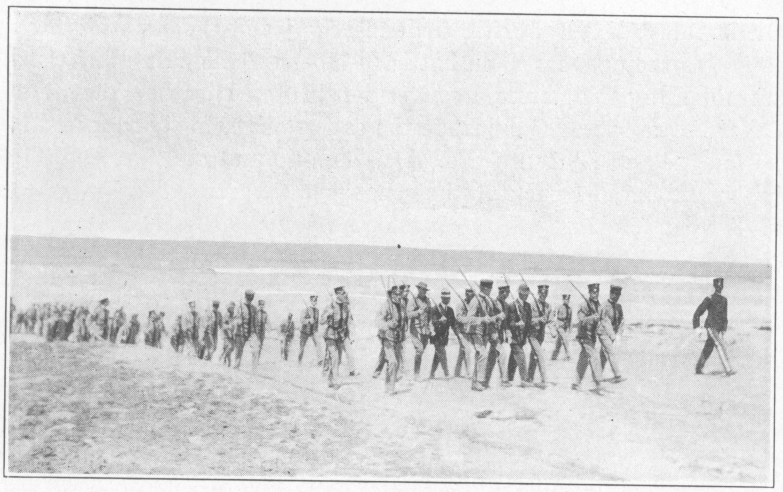
After the regular dress parade the cadets changed their dress uniforms for the fatigue and field uniform. D Company and the Band took the fort which was on the hill back of the school and threw up temporary breastworks. The defenders had 10 rounds of blanks, while A, B, and C Companies had seven rounds per man. A Company, under the command of Capt. Singer, held the center of the attacking force, while B Company and C Company, under Capts. Johnson and Hage, held the right and left wings respectively.



WAITING FOR THE ENEMY

The Band and D Company, under Captain Lane, were in command of the fort. The left wing made an attack and succeeded in driving in the pickets of the defenders, but under a superior fire they were forced to retreat, and again an attack by the right and left wings was repulsed. But when Capt. Singer, with his old veterans of Company A, joined in the attack they succeeded in silencing the fire of the defenders. The white flag was raised and the fort was surrendered to the victorious army.

This was the first time that any of the new men were under fire, but they stood it well for new men. A large crowd witnessed the battle and



RETURNING FROM THE OCEAN

seemed to enjoy the fun as much as those that took part in it, but of course they did not have as much fun as the cadets.

Another sham battle will be held about the 10th or 11th of June, which is the last week of school and will end the military work of the year, which has been very successful, as everyone has tried to do their part to make the work interesting.

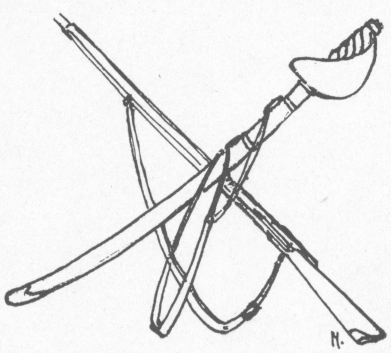
SUMMARY.

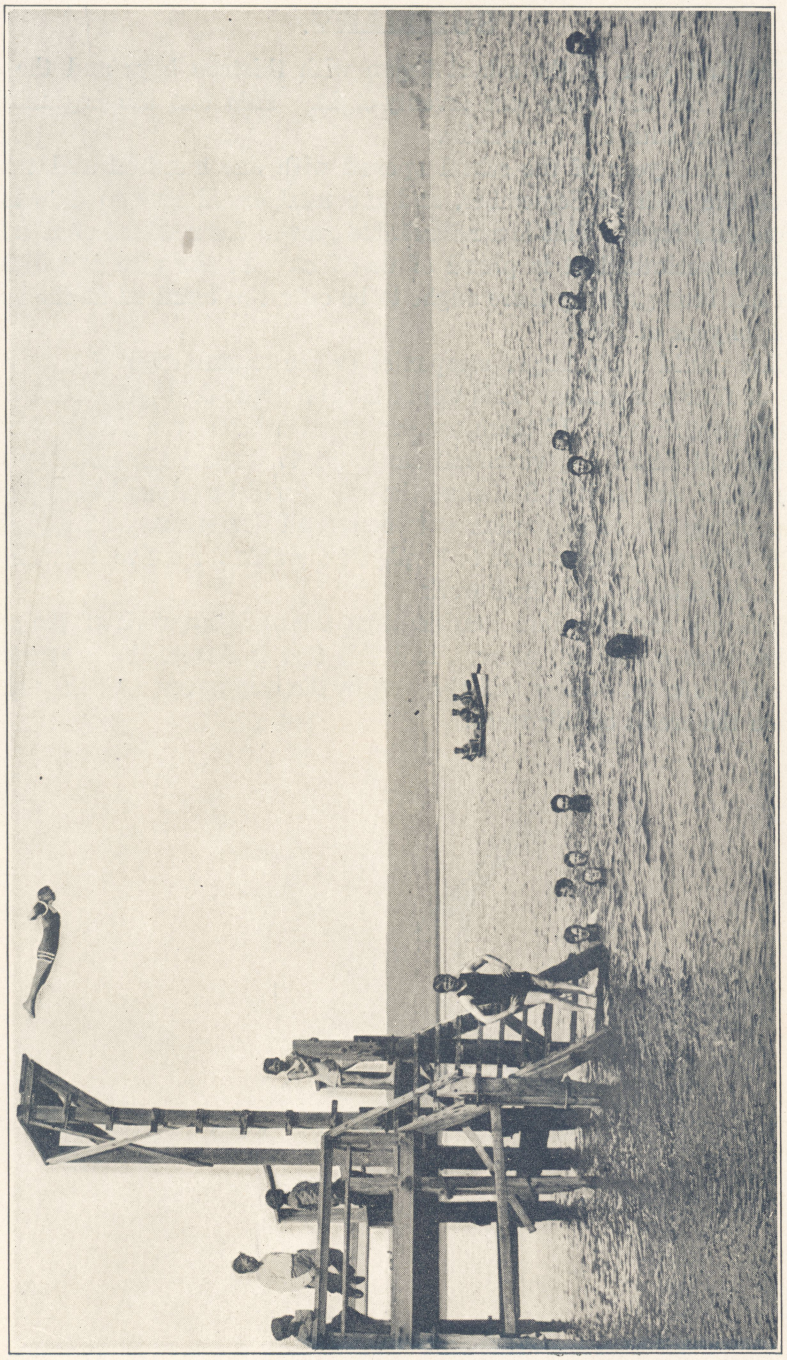
The first year of the school began with thirteen boys and the total enrollment for that year was seventy-eight. This was the beginning of the battalion, with two companies.

The third year of the school opened with one hundred and twenty-four on the 18th of September, and the total enrollment to date is one hundred and forty. This is a remarkable growth for a school of this kind, and the superintendent is proud of this fact. At the rate at which the school has been growing there ought to be over two hundred at the end of the school year of 1914.

This would mean larger companies or the organization of a new battalion of four companies. This would make a great deal more work in the military department. If there are seventy-five boys over fifteen the government will detail a government inspector to inspect the military work of the school, and if it is first-class the school will be allowed the privilege of appointing two of its graduates to be second lieutenants in the National Guard. These graduates have to be physically able for active duty and the highest standing in their class work.

Taking everything into consideration the military work of the school year has been a brilliant success, and this fact is due to the concentrated efforts of the cadet officers and the men in the companies, and they should be given the credit of this work.





DIVING IN THE BAY