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## Missouri State Military School

At the present time when the public is interested in provisions for the training of college students as army officers special attention should be called to the Missouri State Military School which for many years has been the only Missouri institution engaged in this work.

The urgent demand created by the war for the training of military officers was foreseen many years ago by the Legislature of Missouri which in 1870 made provision for military instruction in the University of Missouri. In 1890, the Military School of the University was officially recognized by the General Assembly as the Missouri State Military School and its organization and government are now provided for by Sections 11150-11155 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

### RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS

Since the establishment of the Missouri State Military School military instruction has been given by United States Army Officers detailed for that purpose. With the enactment of the National Defense Law by Congress in 1916 the scope of the work of the School was enlarged and it was organized as an infantry unit of the R. O. T. C.—the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. This organization officially authorized by Congress has been temporarily displaced by other provisions of an emergency nature but it will be automatically revived at the close of the war.

### STUDENTS' ARMY TRAINING CORPS

The S. A. T. C.—Students' Army Training Corps—has just been established by the National Government for the purpose of utilizing qualified institutions for selecting and training officers and technical experts for service in the emergency created by the war. It includes a Collegiate Section and a Vocational Section and both sections have been established in the Missouri State Military School. Students enter the S. A. T. C. by Voluntary Induction or Draft.

### CONDITIONS AND METHODS OF ADMISSION

For entrance to the Collegiate Section one must be between 18 and 45 years old, be physically fit to perform full or limited military duty, and be a graduate of a four year course in high school or have equivalent education. Admission takes place by the usual methods

of entering the University of Missouri, by certificate or examination.

For admission to the Vocational Section one must have a grammar school education, and application should be made thru a local draft board.

#### STANDING OF MEMBERS OF THE S. A. T. C.

Upon admission a student becomes a soldier in the Army of the United States. As such he is furnished with military uniform and equipment, is given board and lodging, and, in addition, is paid \$30 a month. He is given military and academic instruction and is at all times under military discipline.

From time to time as the needs of the service require and the qualifications of the individual student justify, members are selected to attend a central officers' training camp, a non-commissioned officers' training school, a depot brigade, or ordered to continue in further training at the Military School in special or technical lines. The preference of members as to the branch of the service that they ultimately enter will be given consideration as far as military needs will permit.

Students who are qualified to enter the University of Missouri but are not eligible for admission to the S. A. T. C., for instance high school graduates under 18 years old, will be permitted to elect the same courses in military and academic branches and thus prepare themselves for better rating in the S. A. T. C. when they become eligible for induction.

#### THE FACULTY

The Faculty consists of the teaching force of the University of Missouri and of military officers detailed by the War Department.

The officers of the United States Army at present on duty with the S. A. T. C. unit at the Missouri State Military School at the University of Missouri are:

- Major Charles M. Gordon, Jr.
- Captain William O. Hill.
- Captain Walter E. Yant.
- First Lieutenant Alonzo R. Adams.
- First Lieutenant Cornelius F. McCarthy.
- First Lieutenant Vernon C. Rucker.
- First Lieutenant James S. Shaffer.
- First Lieutenant Frederick O. Stultz.
- Second Lieutenant John J. McCarthy.
- Second Lieutenant George Burke.

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Additional officers representing all branches of military service will be detailed.

Anticipating the establishment of the S. A. T. C. a special camp was held this summer at Fort Sheridan, Ill., for intensive military instruction of teachers and students who had received some previous military training. Five members of the faculty and approximately seventy-five students of the University of Missouri who attended this camp will be officially authorized by the War Department to act as assistant professors, instructors and assistant instructors in military science and tactics in the Missouri State Military School.

#### SPECIALIZED TRAINING

The large faculty, extensive equipment, and long experience of the Missouri State Military School at the University of Missouri enables it to give not merely general training in the elements of infantry, but special and technical training only possible in a large unit and with University facilities. Moreover, military instruction in the Missouri State Military School is not an experiment and as it has been satisfactory to the War Department it is certain that the S. A. T. C. will be continued in this School even if abandoned in some of the smaller unspecialized units. The larger unit at the University, in addition to permitting specialization in medicine, chemistry, engineering and other special and technical branches of the service, offers better facilities for military instruction, commanding the services of army officers of higher rank and of greater variety of training in infantry, aviation, medicine, etc.

#### WHEN TO ENTER

Induction into the S. A. T. C. will take place October 1. Students may enter the Missouri State Military School any time previously and be prepared for induction into the corps on that date. As instruction in military and academic branches began on September 2, it is desirable that students should enter as soon as possible. Candidates for admission should send or bring their high school certificates or other credentials to the Registrar, University of Missouri, Columbia.

For further information in regard to the Missouri State Military School, address

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