

The R. O. T. C. Cadet

The Military policy of the United States divides our army into three components: The Regular Army, The National Guard, and The Organized Reserves.

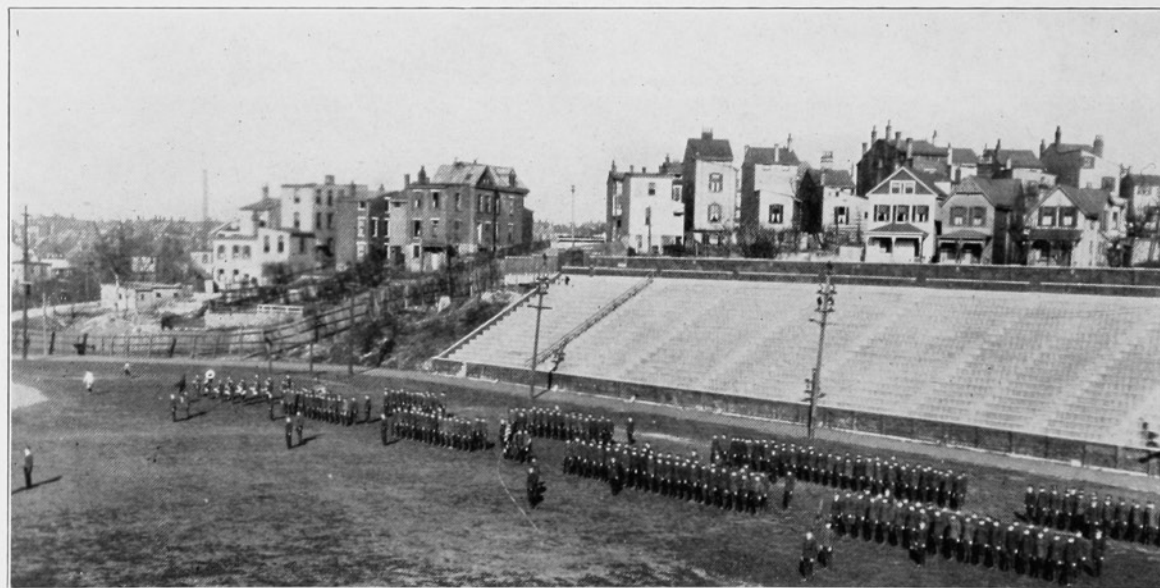
Just as the business world has recognized that college men are the best leaders, so the United States Government has recognized their potential value as officers and is training them to be the leaders of the Reserve Army.

In his first two years the R. O. T. C. Cadet is taught the fundamentals of military work. In this work he not only learns the mechanical movements of drill but he also learns valuable lessons in discipline and respect for authority, and has impressed upon him the meaning of patriotism.

Meritorious work in the basic course entitles a limited number of cadets the privilege of continuing their military studies. As one of the selected group the cadet enrolls in the advanced course and commences to specialize in work fitting him for a particular branch of the service.

Upon completion of his specialized training he is commissioned a Reserve Officer and assigned to the skeleton army which the National Defense Act has created. This skeleton army, in time of a major emergency, will be filled in by reserves from our civilian population. These reserves must then undergo intensive training and it becomes the duty of our Reserve Officer to train these men and lead them in the defense of their country.

At all times the cadet can serve his country by directing public opinion against the propaganda of those misguided individuals who feel that we can safely lay aside the means of protecting our institutions. He does not desire war but realizes that we cannot as yet enjoy perfect security without a background of military force.



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