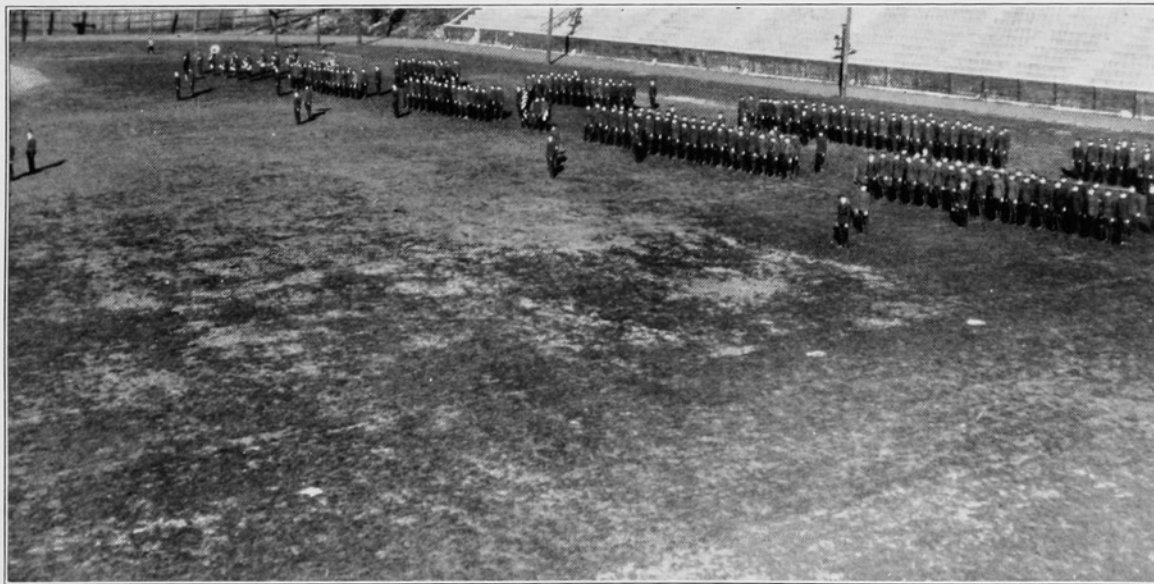


## The Colors

The army salutes and remains at rigid attention, while the civilian in reverence and respect removes his hat, at the sight of the national colors. It is not that the thirteen stripes of red and white represent the thirteen original states or that the forty-eight stars on a field of blue represent the forty-eight states of our nation, that causes this response. It is not even that the red portrays virility and strength, the white purity, and the blue grandeur of the universe, that people remain in awe at the display of the stars and stripes. What, then, do the "Colors" mean?

In those colors we see the virility and strength of our nation and the purity and grandeur of its ideals. We see the sacrifice of thousands of lives that have gone to maintain this nation. We see the west, the east, the north, and the south. We see vast fertile fields, great industrial cities. It is not just colors that are passing by, but the nation itself is moving before us, embodied in that simple cloth of red, of white, and of blue.



## SECTION II

