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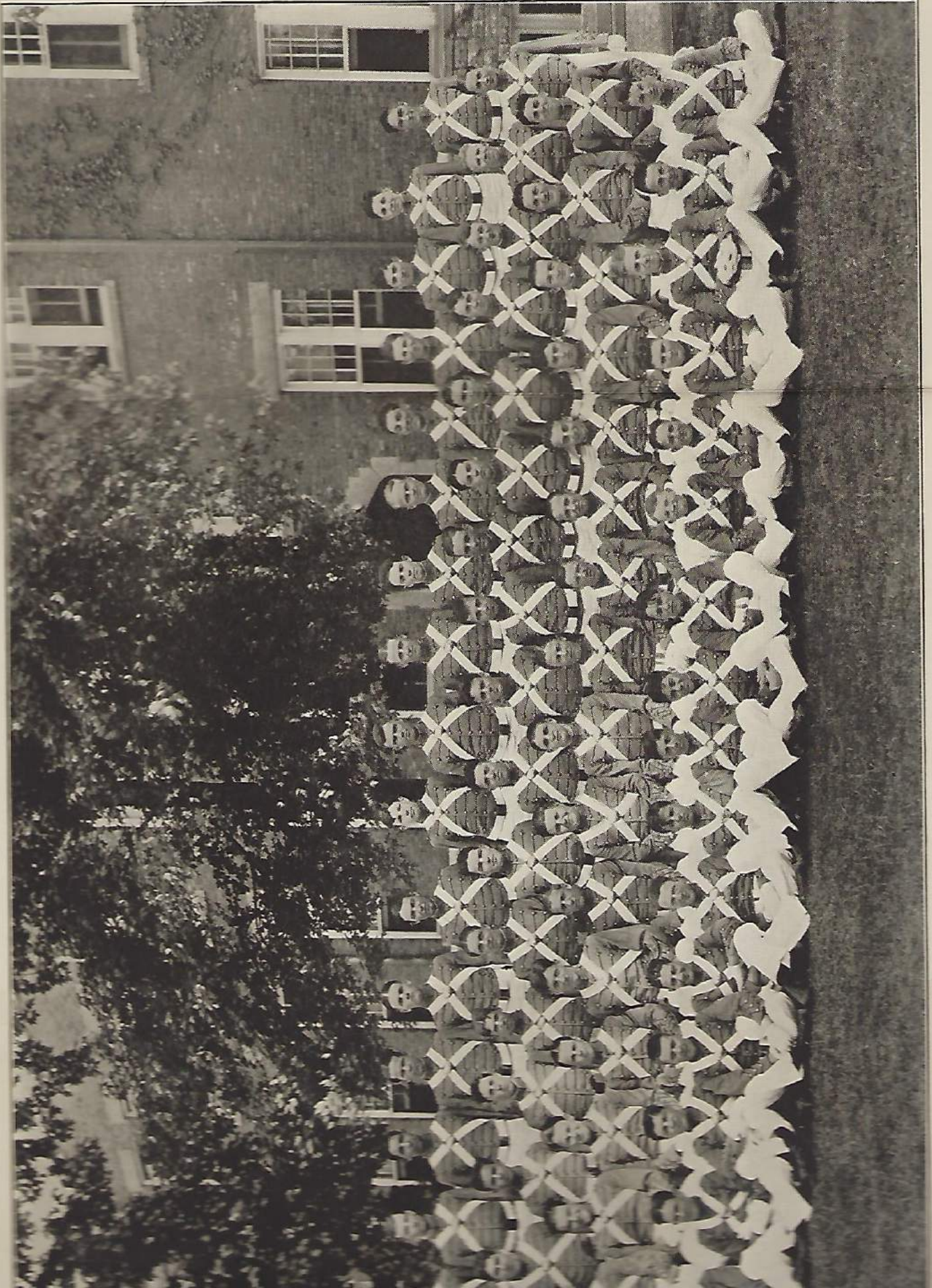
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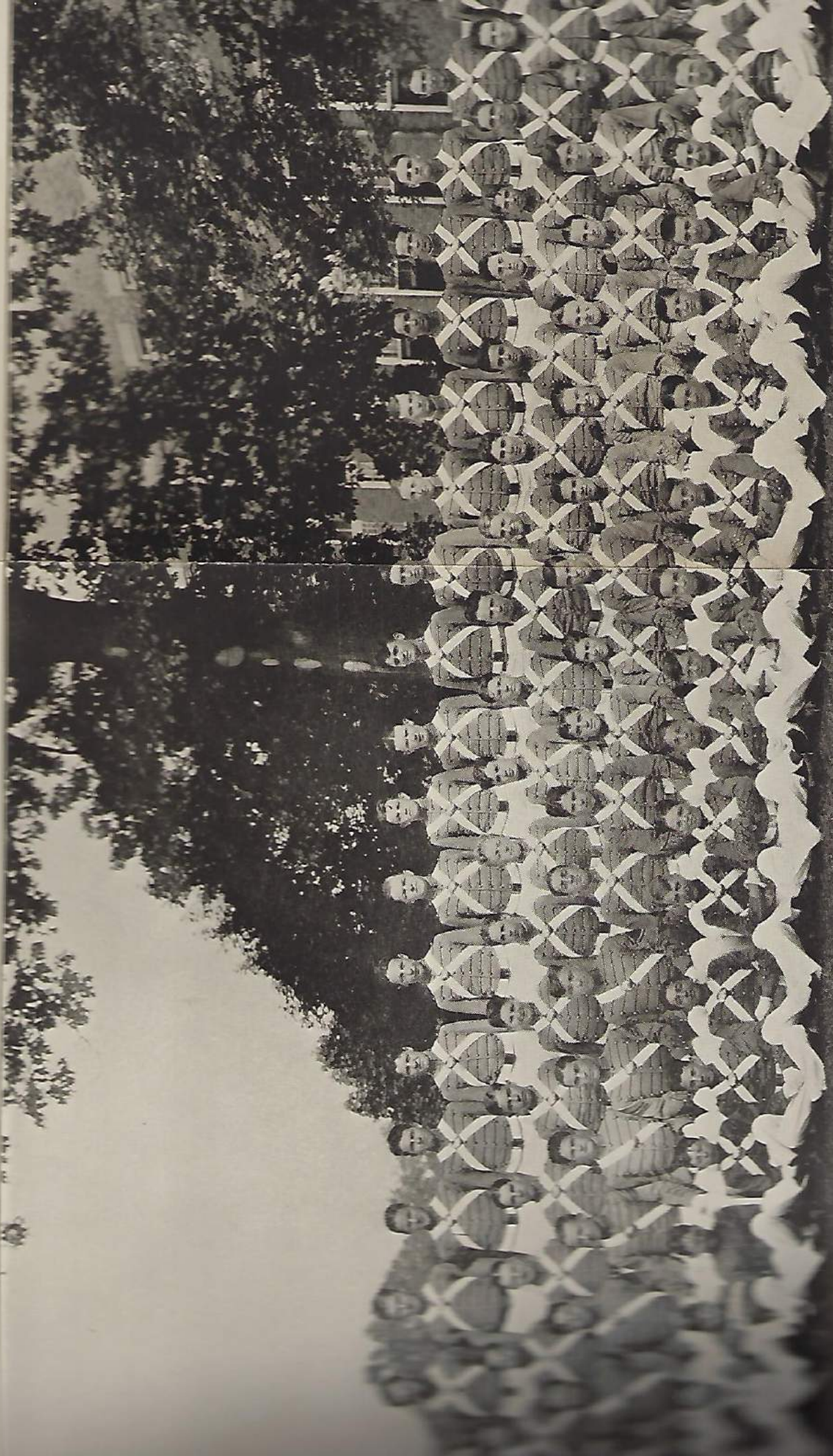
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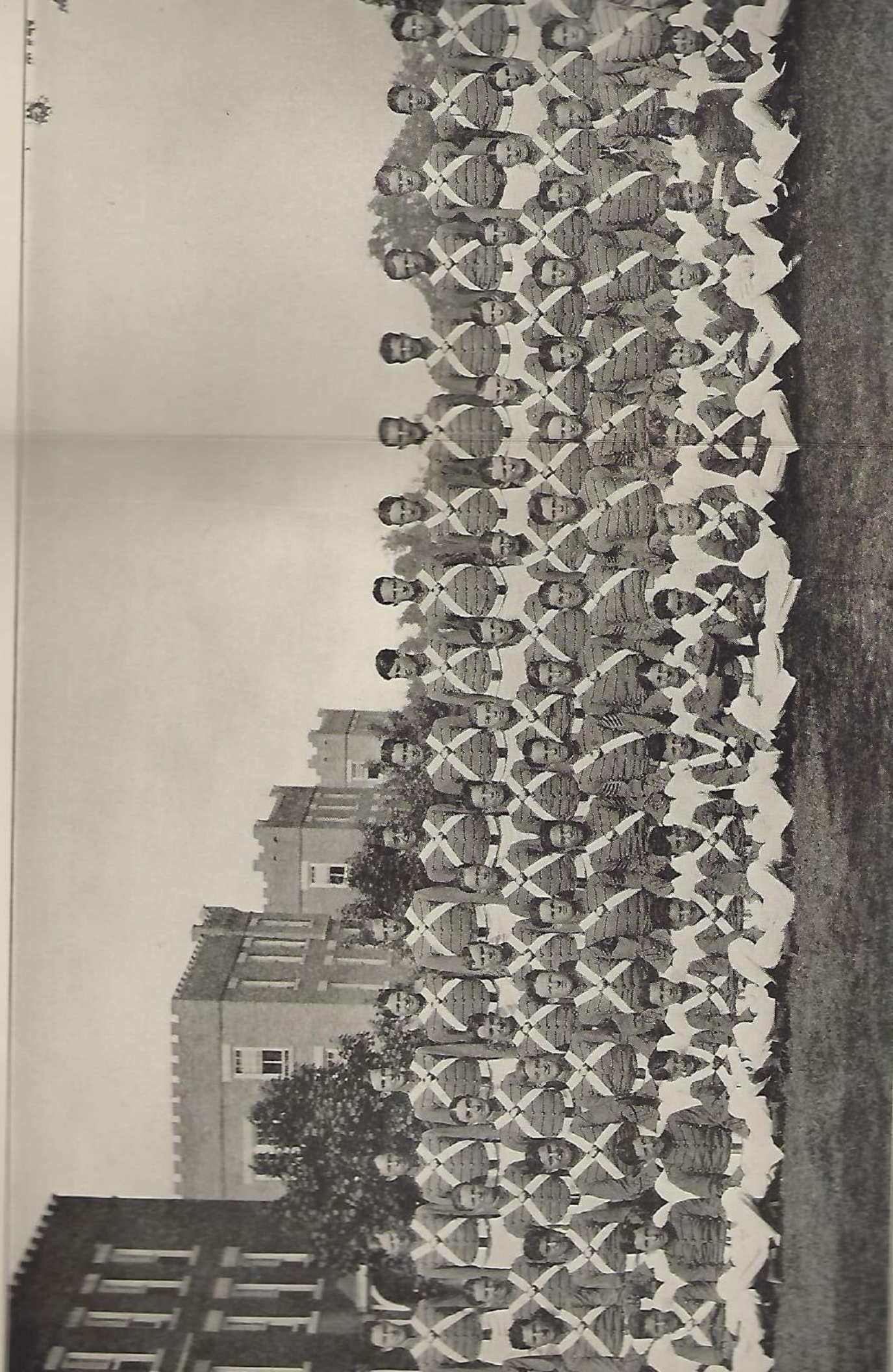
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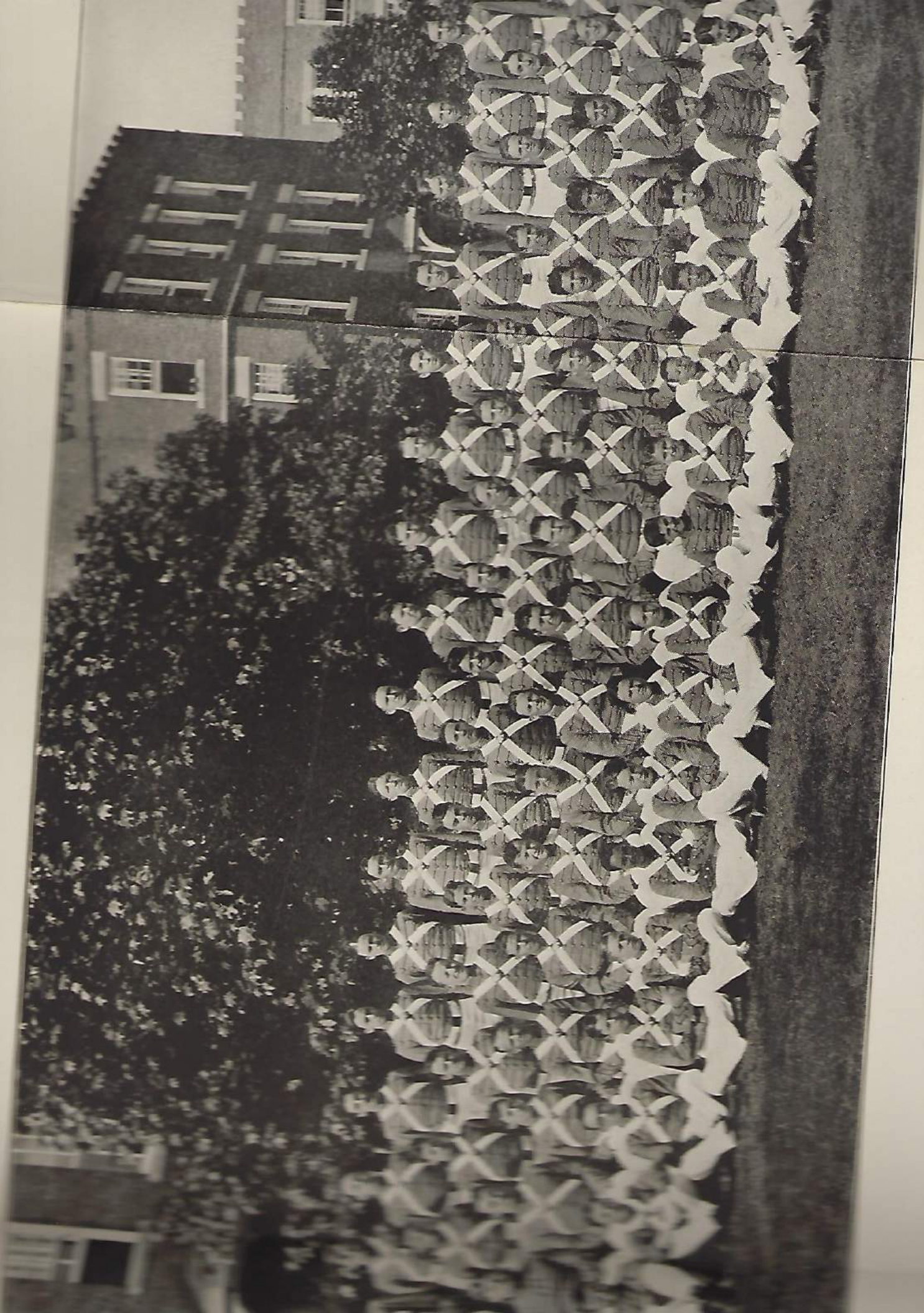
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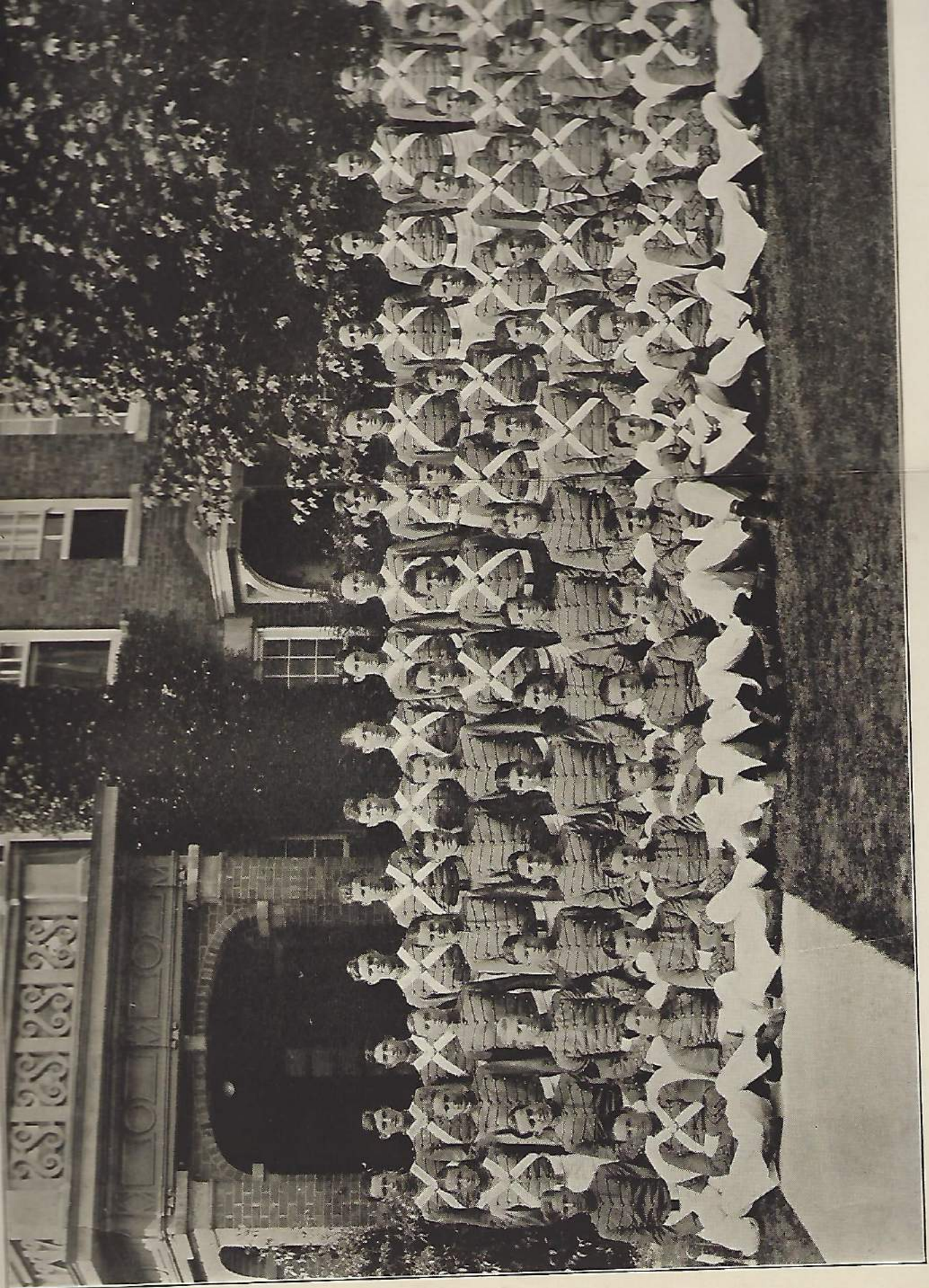


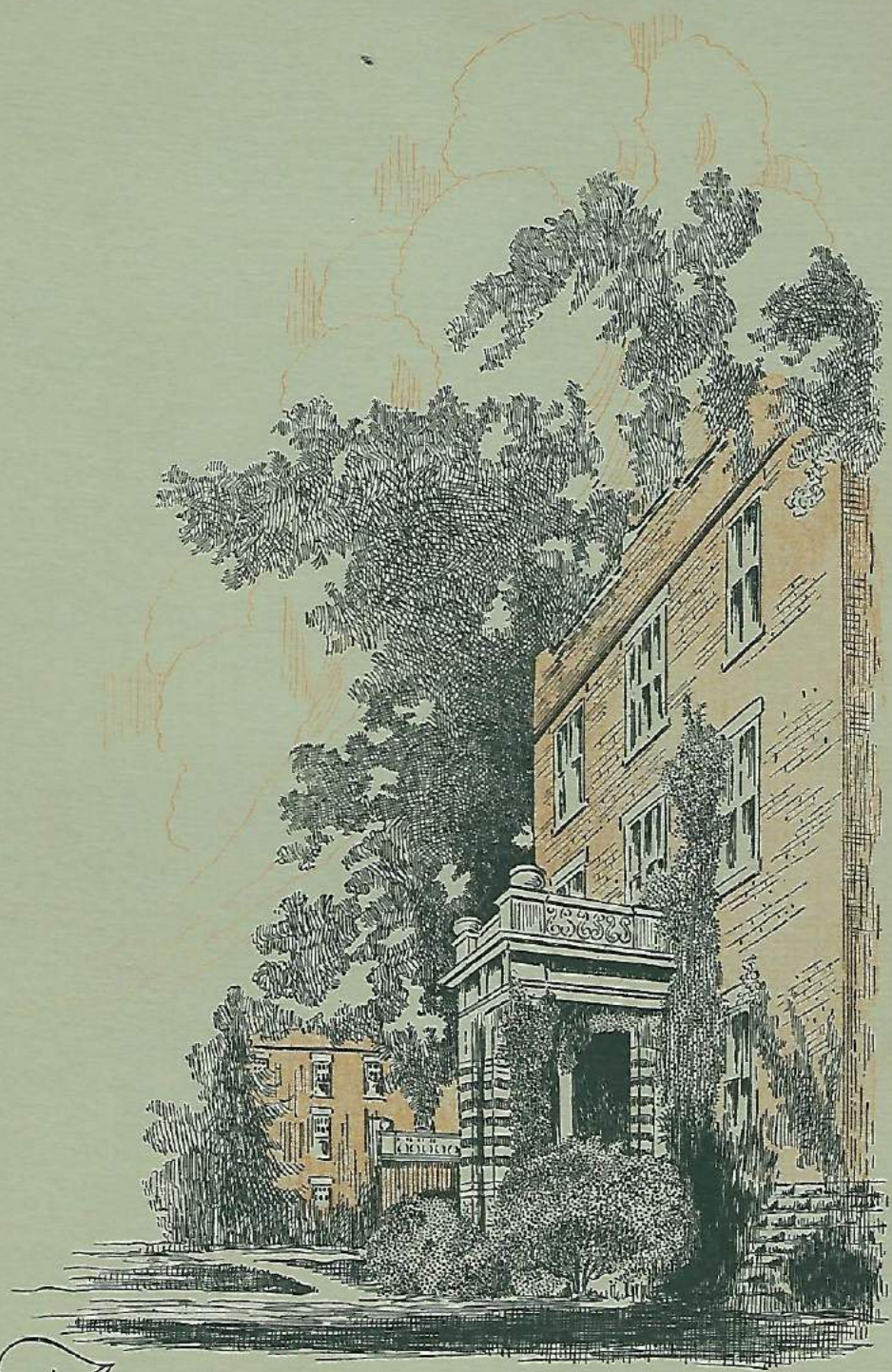




THE CADET CORPS, WESTERN MILITARY ACADEMY, AT TONAWANDA, ILLINOIS







Activities at
WESTERN MILITARY ACADEMY
ALTON, ILLINOIS

Book of Views



WESTERN MILITARY ACADEMY
ALTON, ILLINOIS



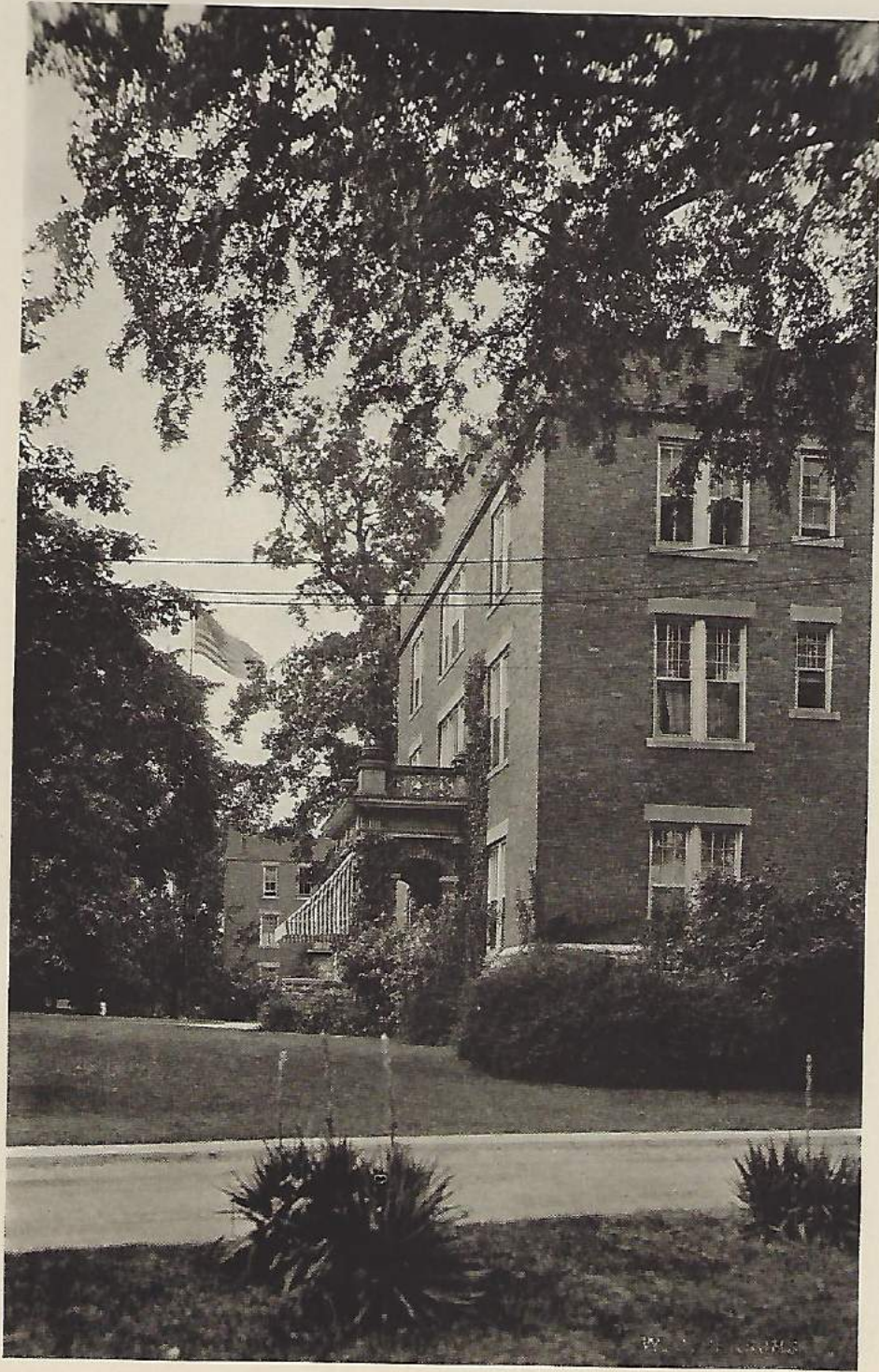
Foreword

This Book of Views is designed to supplement the Catalogue of Information, and should be examined in connection with it. Reference should be made to the Catalogue for complete description of the buildings and other features pictured herein.

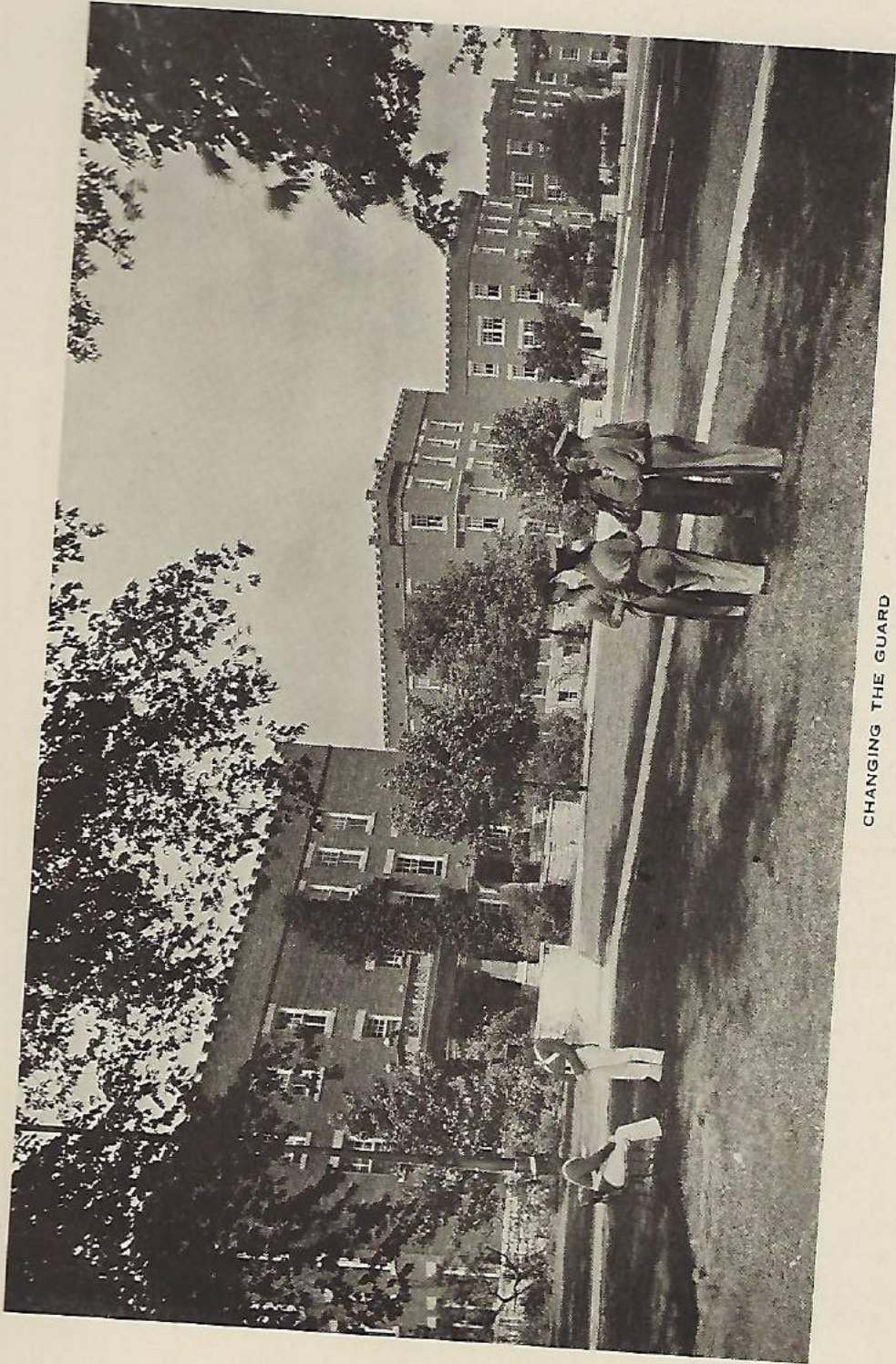
The object of this publication is to acquaint parents and sons who cannot visit the school with the beauty of our surroundings, our modern and complete equipment, and the interesting activities engaged in by our cadets.

A copy of the Catalogue will be mailed on request.

WESTERN MILITARY ACADEMY



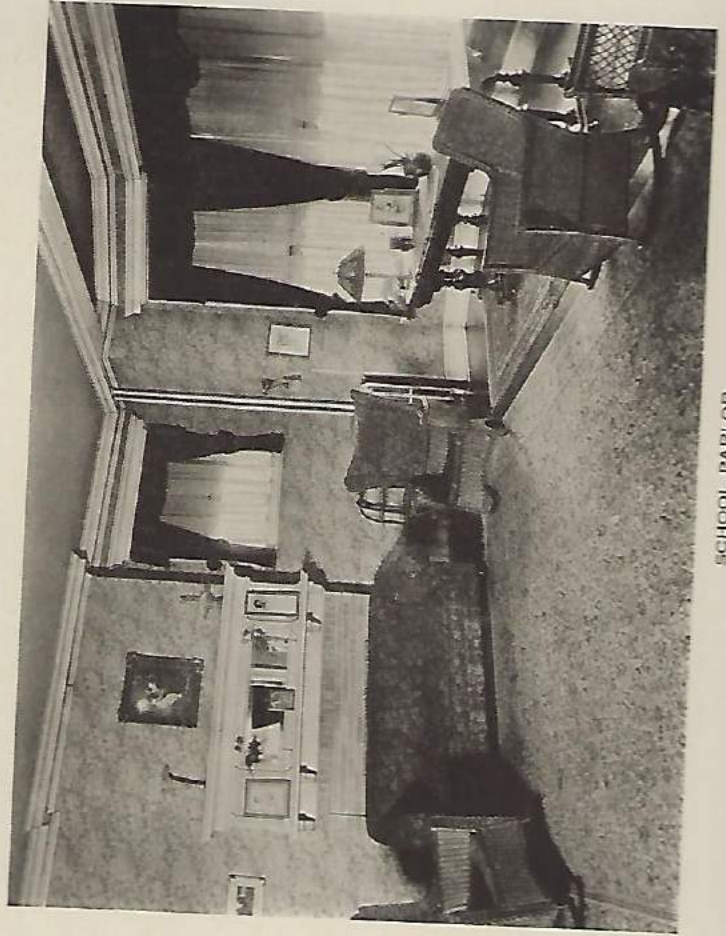
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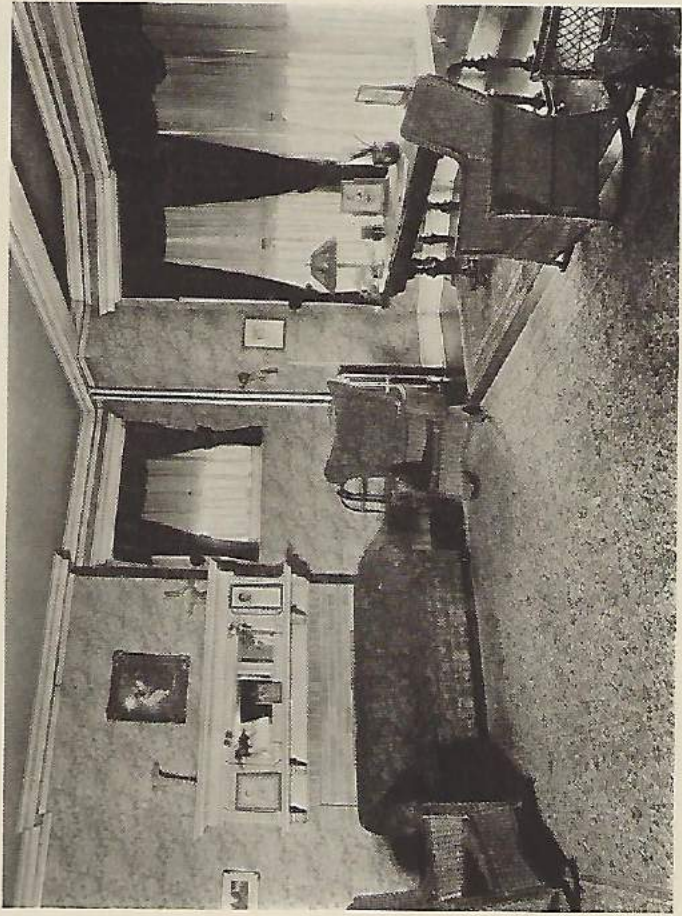
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ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

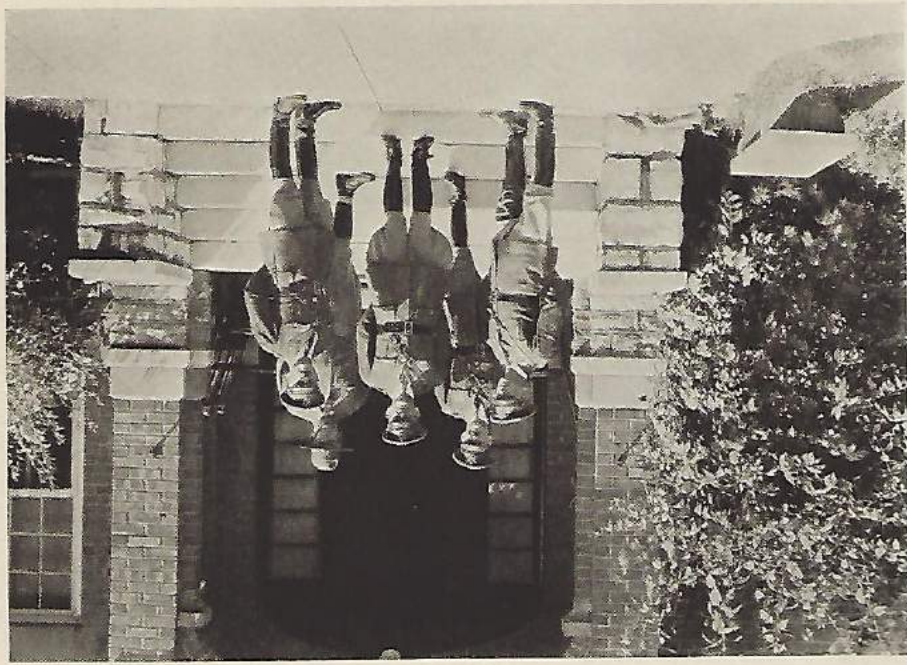
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 Maj. F. N. Henderson Commandant
 Capt. C. H. Moore Assistant Commandant
 Capt. W. A. DeMint Tactical Officer
 Sgt. A. E. Dunster Assistant Tactical Officer

MILITARY STAFF

Col. Geo. D. Eaton President
 Col. R. L. Jackson Superintendent
 Maj. R. E. Wilkinson Principal
 Maj. R. S. Eaton Registrar
 Maj. F. A. Garretson Officer

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

MILITARY STAFF



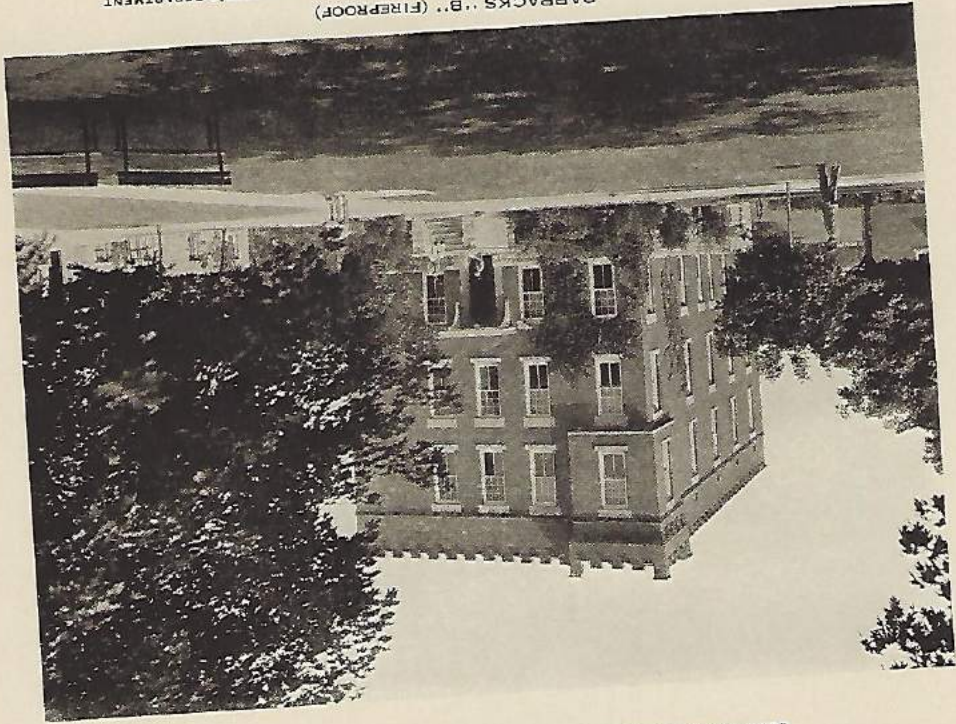


ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



BARRACKS "E" (FIREPROOF)

BARRACKS "B" (FIREPROOF)
QUARTERS OF TWO INSTRUCTORS, FIFTY CADETS AND THE QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT



BARRACKS "A" (FIREPROOF)
QUARTERS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, SIXTY CADETS AND AN INSTRUCTOR





BARRACKS "C" (FIREPROOF)
QUARTERS OF THE COMMANDANT, FIFTY CADETS AND AN INSTRUCTOR



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QUARTERS OF TWO INSTRUCTORS AND SIXTY CADETS



A CADET ROOM

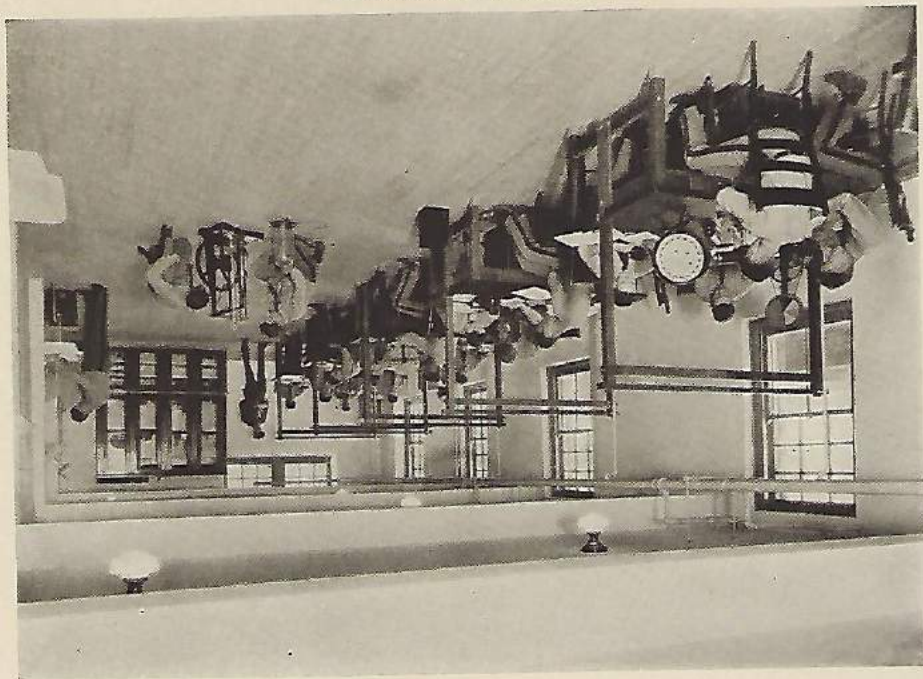


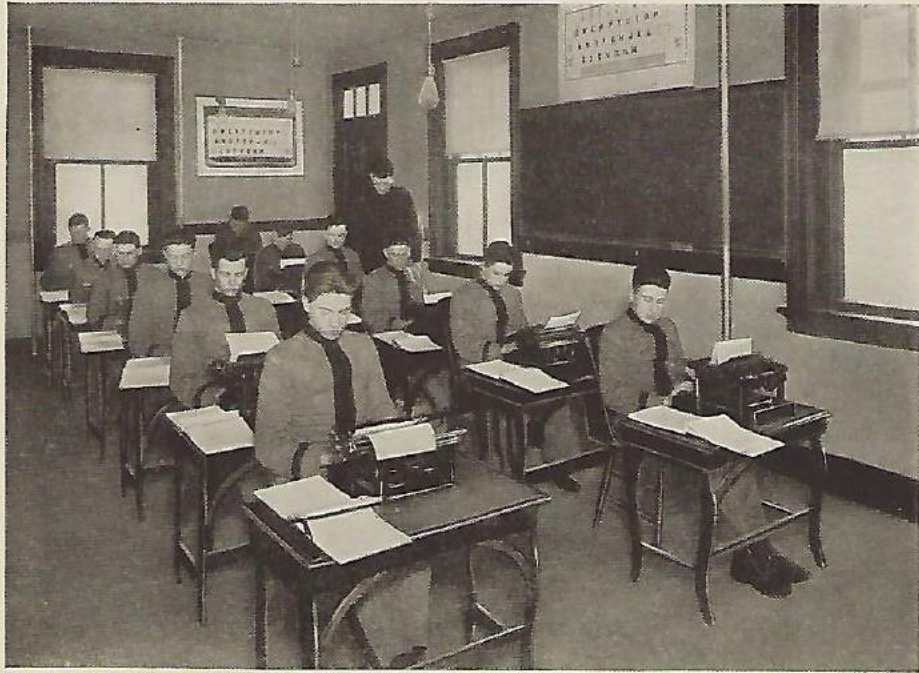
STUDY HALL
ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS OF EACH EVENING ARE GIVEN TO CLOSE, SILENT STUDY UNDER FACULTY SUPERVISION

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PHYSICAL LABORATORY

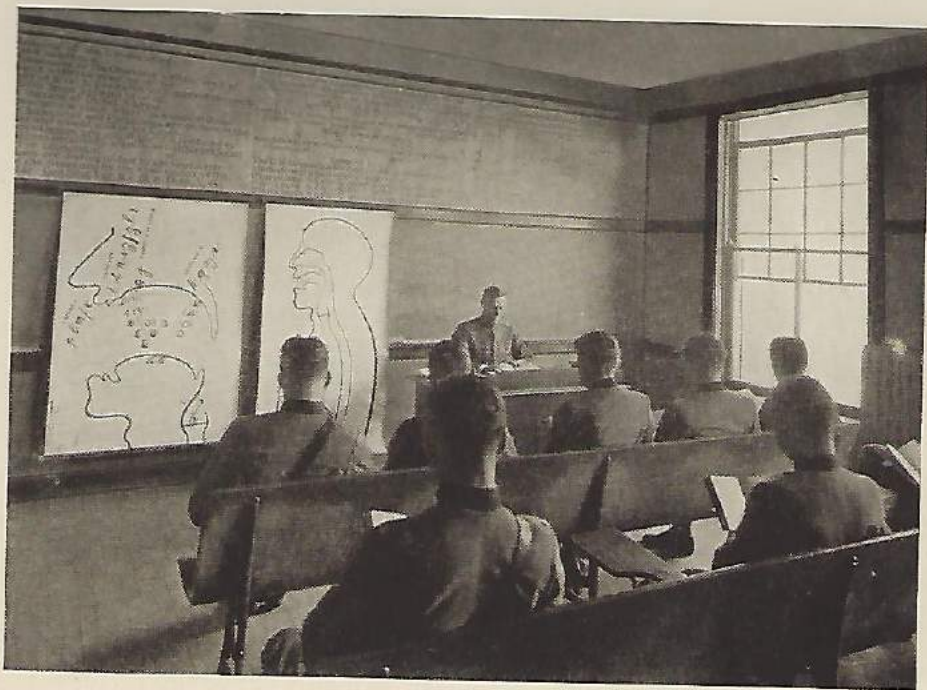




CLASS IN TYPEWRITING



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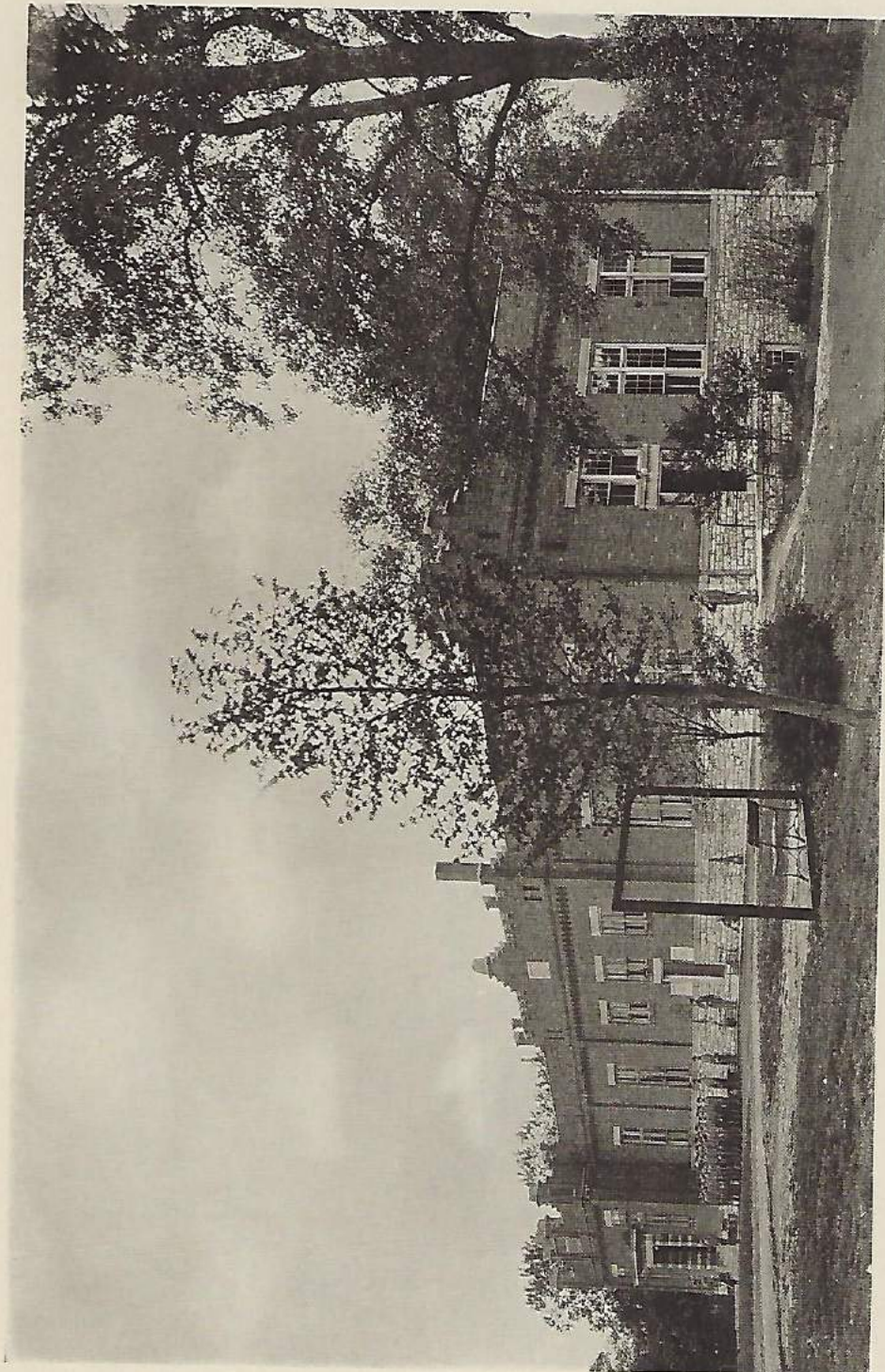
RECITATION ROOMS
MODERN AND WELL EQUIPPED SMALL CLASSES ARE A FEATURE



THE LIBRARY

OUR library aims might be said to be two-fold, pleasurable and practical, were it not that what is worthily pleasurable is, in the highest sense, practical. Here, disciplined by a kindly regard for the rights of all, as much freedom as possible is permitted to the cadet in his class and recreational reading. The result is not only recreational and inspirational but informational. Besides many good, interesting books for light recreational reading, our shelves furnish the excellent reading material for our English courses. The selection and classification of books was made under the supervision of the State Librarian who has charge of establishing standard libraries wherever desired. Through the help of the History Department, an extensive and valuable collection of source and general reference books has been acquired.

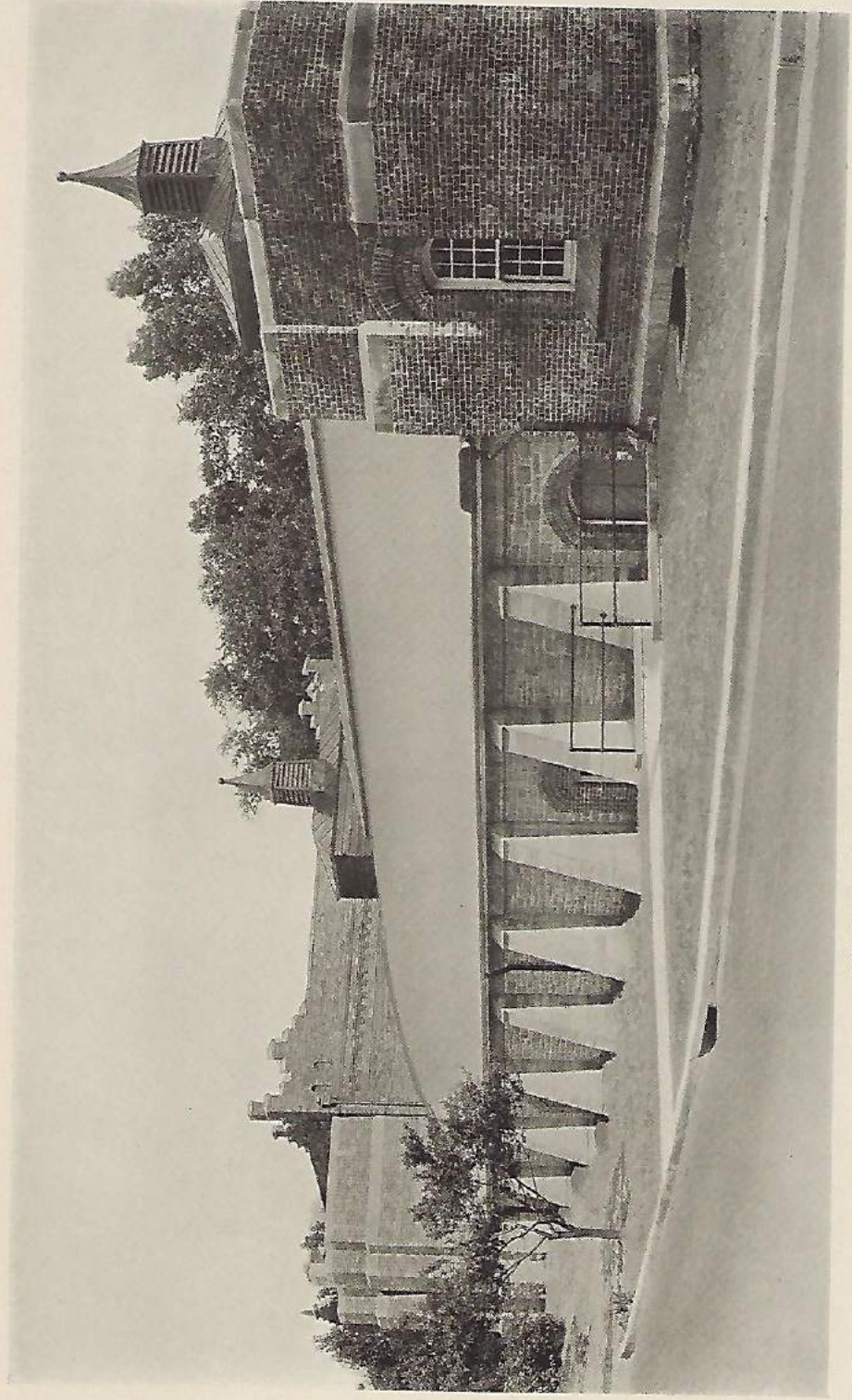
The reference department is being strengthened, yearly, and kept up to date by the addition of the best books in that field of work. The reading tables are supplied with such periodicals as the Atlantic Monthly, Review of Reviews, The World, The American, Living Age, Current History, Travel Magazine, Motor Age, Radio News, Theatre Magazine, Popular Science, and the Saint Louis and Chicago Dailies. So great has been the popularity of this part of Western life, that one is convinced of the appropriateness of the adage—that profits most which serves the best.



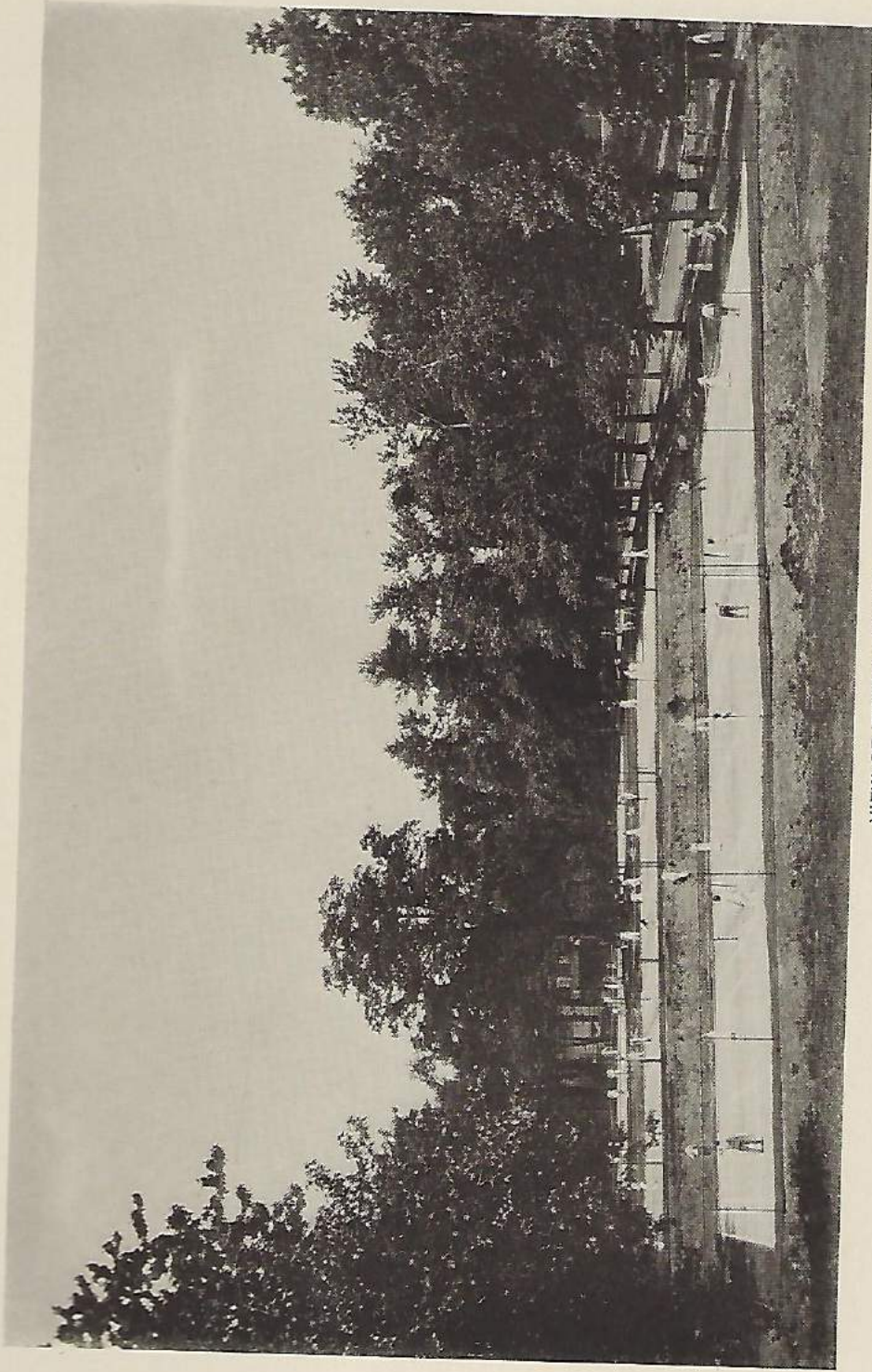
DRILL HALL AND GYMNASIUM



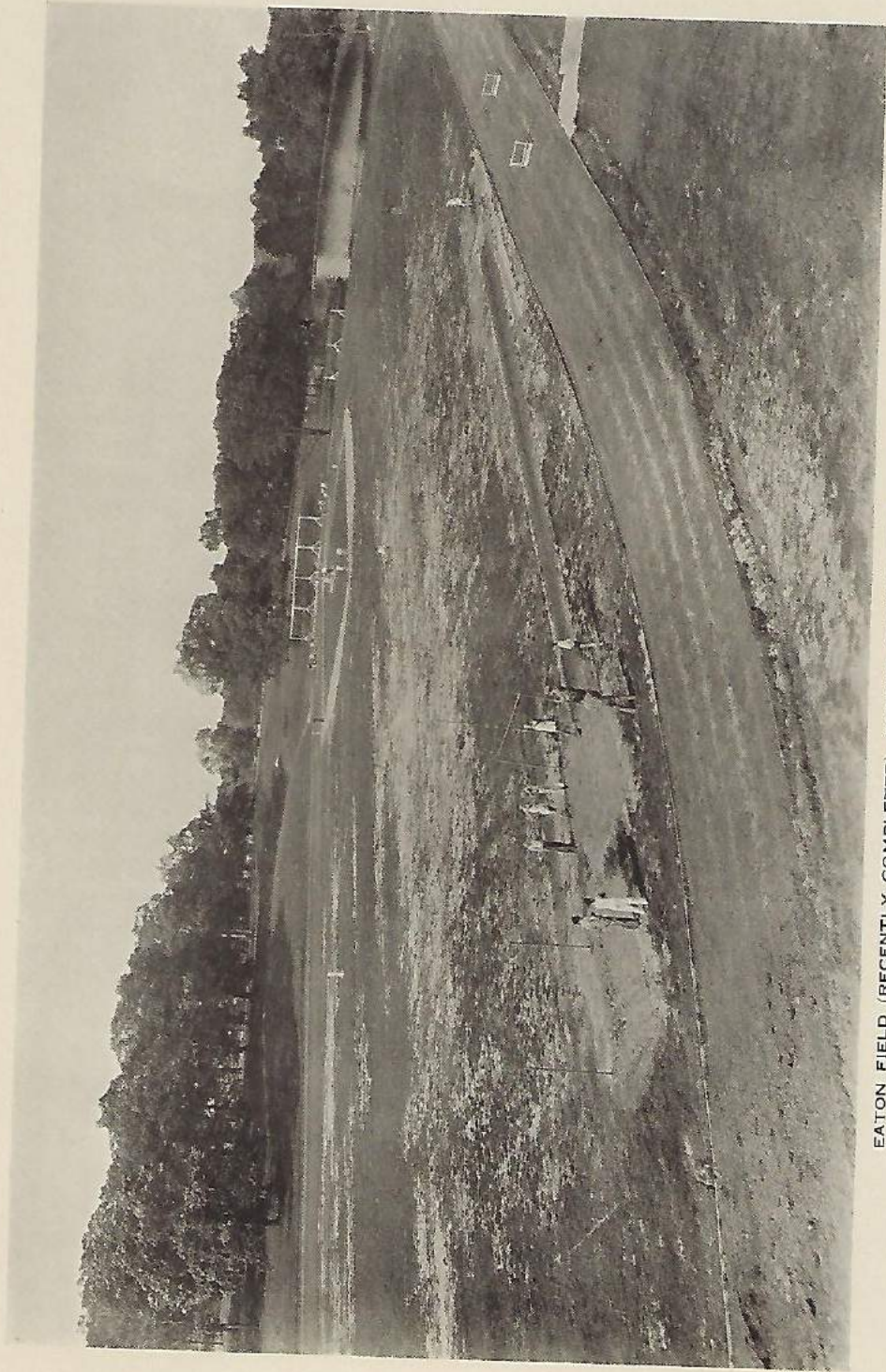
RECREATION BUILDING—MAIN ENTRANCE
(NEARING COMPLETION JUNE, 1929)



RECREATION BUILDING—STAGE AND WEST ENTRANCE



VIEW OF TENNIS COURTS



EATON FIELD (RECENTLY COMPLETED), PARADE GROUND, TWO FOOTBALL FIELDS, TWO
BASEBALL DIAMONDS, ONE-THIRD MILE RUNNING TRACK

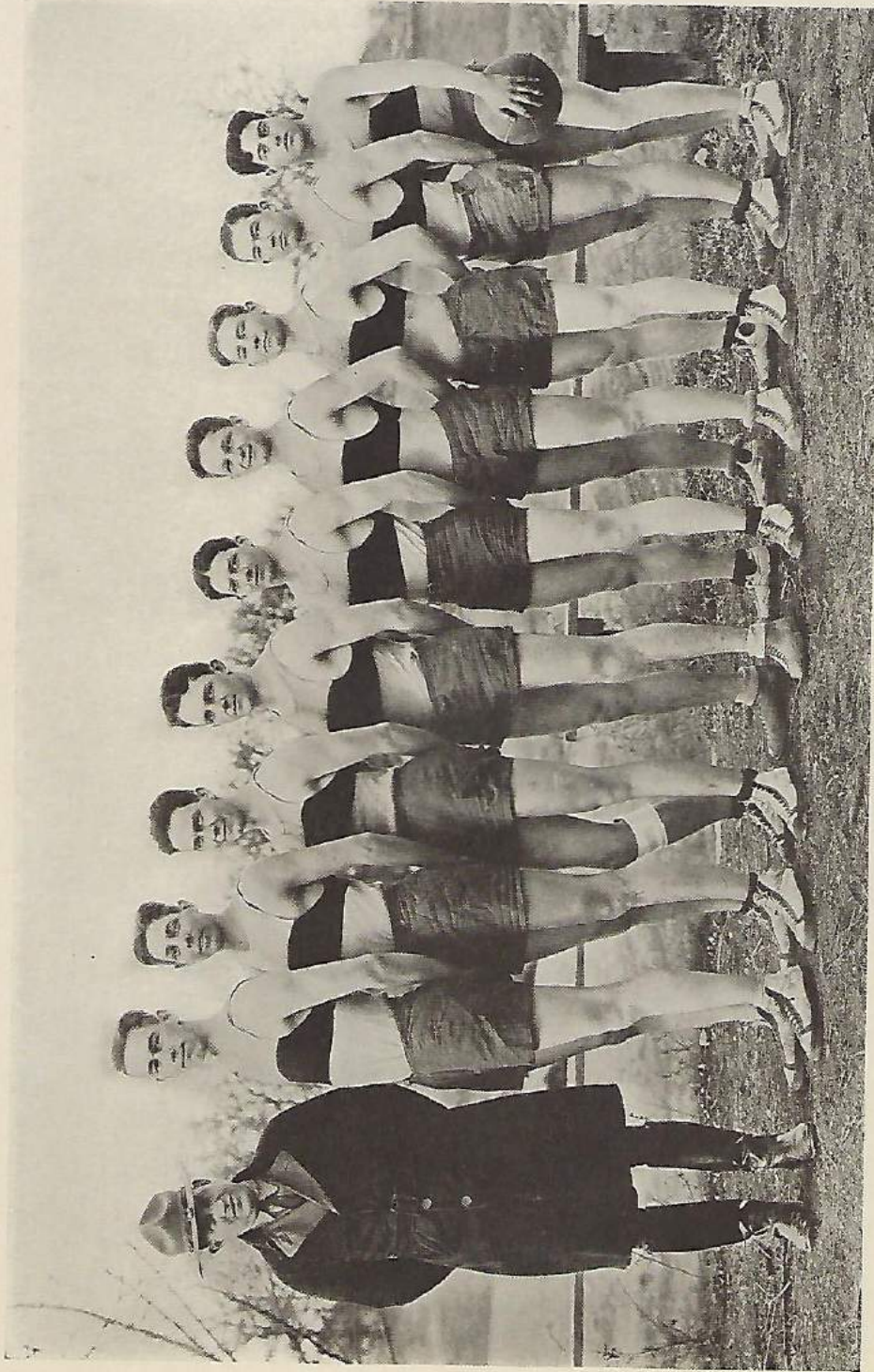
The Athletic Department

EVERY cadet at WESTERN is encouraged to take part in some form of athletics. The school not only furnishes excellent equipment for all branches of sport, but maintains a corps of instructors and directors to carry out a three-fold system of athletic activity which gives every boy a chance to participate. The three distinct classes of athletics consist of the School Teams, the Company Teams and the Rinkeydinks.

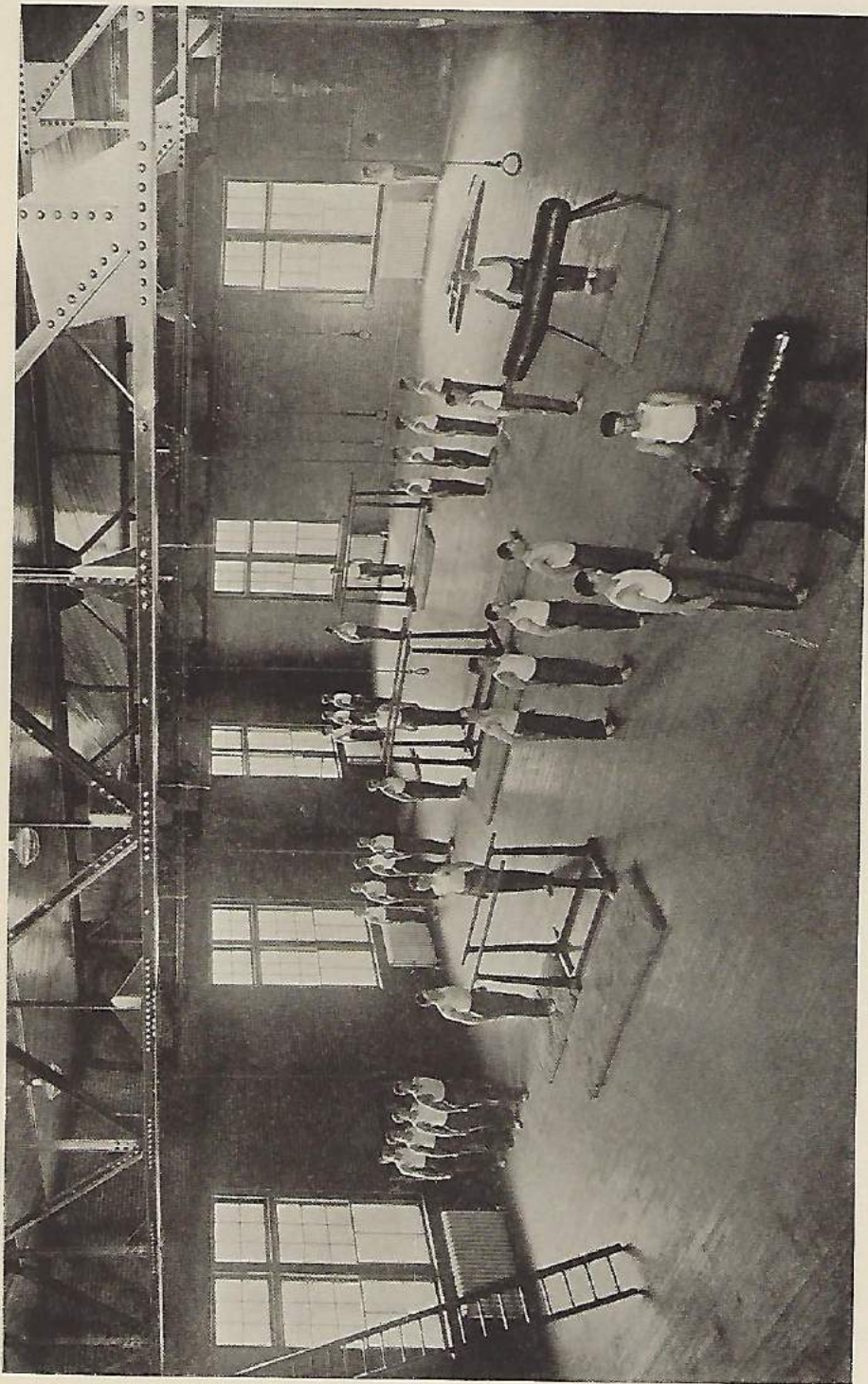
It is the ambition of every cadet to make a school team. A small per cent of the best athletes are successful. These teams are highly developed by expert coaches and they represent the school in competition with other schools. They are noted for their sportsmanship, excellent physical condition and fine spirit. Year after year they have ranked among the best of their class. During the school year of 1925 and 1926 they established strong claims to the inter-scholastic championship of the St. Louis district in all three major sports. Strong second teams are developed in these major sports and they also engage in competition with nearby schools.

Many cadets who are not able to make the school teams are nevertheless very much interested in athletics. These boys are given opportunities to compete in all branches of sport as representatives of their Companies. These organizations compete with each other in all kinds of athletic activity. Since those who make the first teams are not eligible to company teams, these teams are made up of boys who are too small, too light or too young to make the "Big Teams." The companies compete in scholarship and in the military department also. Their athletic activity includes matches in bowling, swimming, basketball, pool, billiards, tennis, hand ball, track, baseball, golf, etc.

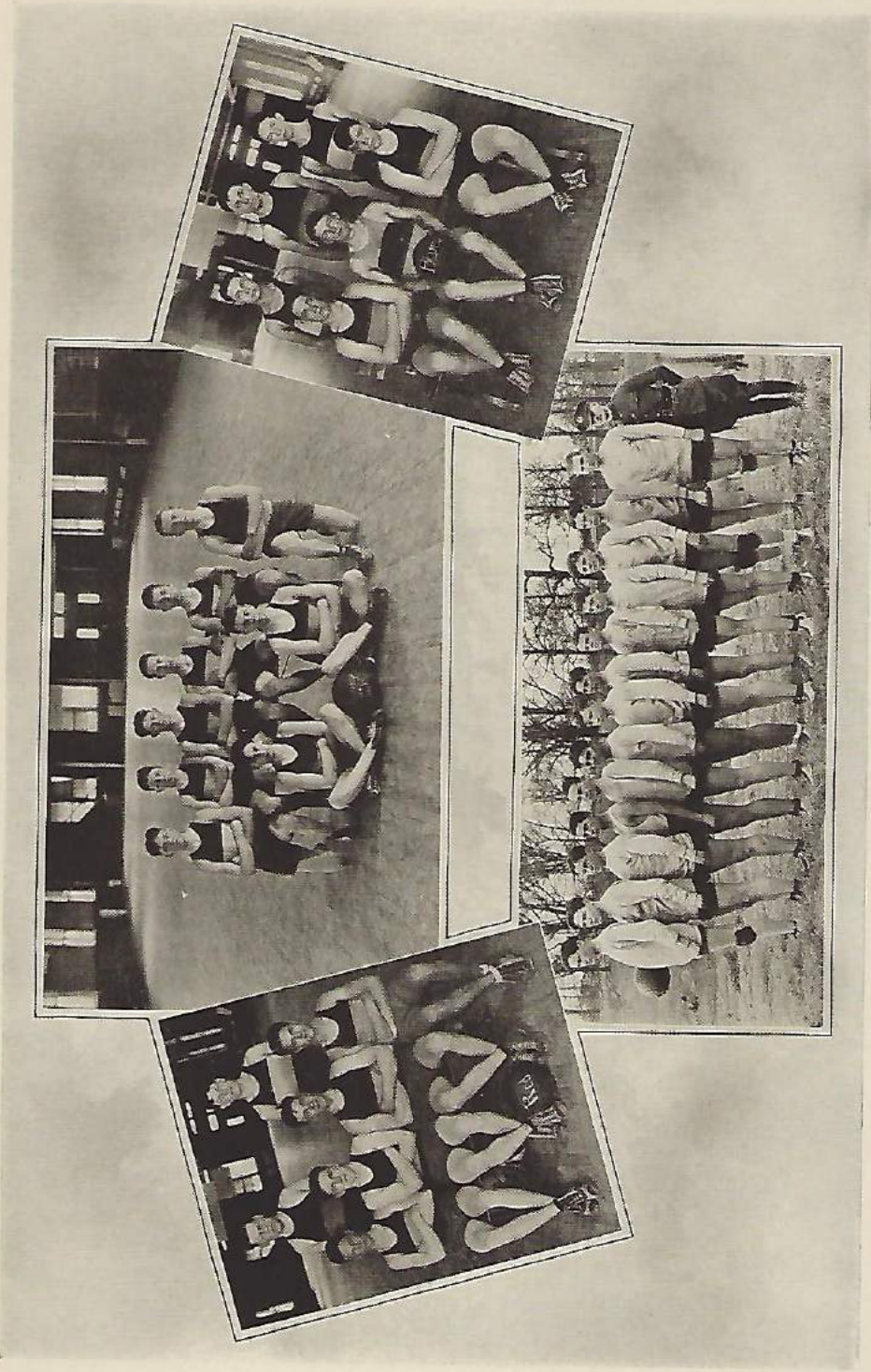
All athletes who weigh less than one hundred and twenty pounds are known as "Rinkeydinks." They form teams and engage in inter-scholastic games with other schools. They also take part in all company contests. By this system the small boys are given an opportunity to represent their company and their school in athletics. Rinkeydink games attract a great deal of interest because they play with all their might and nowhere can a finer athletic spirit be found.



FIRST BASKETBALL TEAM



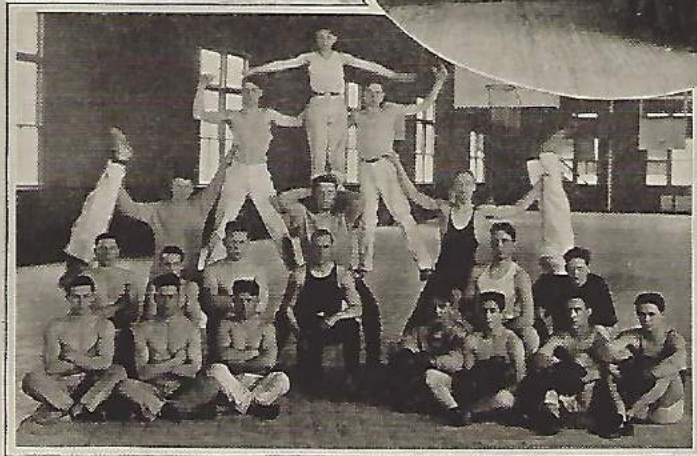
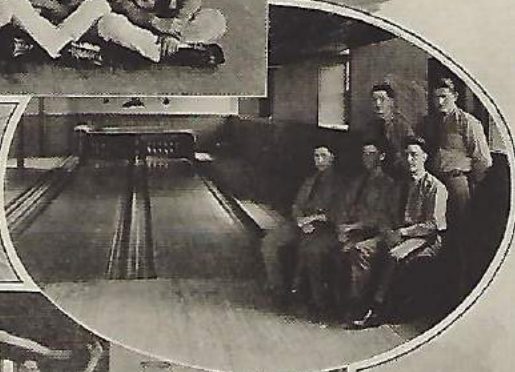
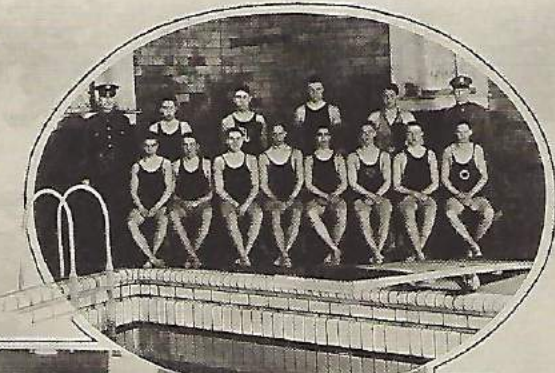
GYMNASIUM
50 FEET WIDE AND 75 FEET LONG



BLUE BASKETBALL TEAM

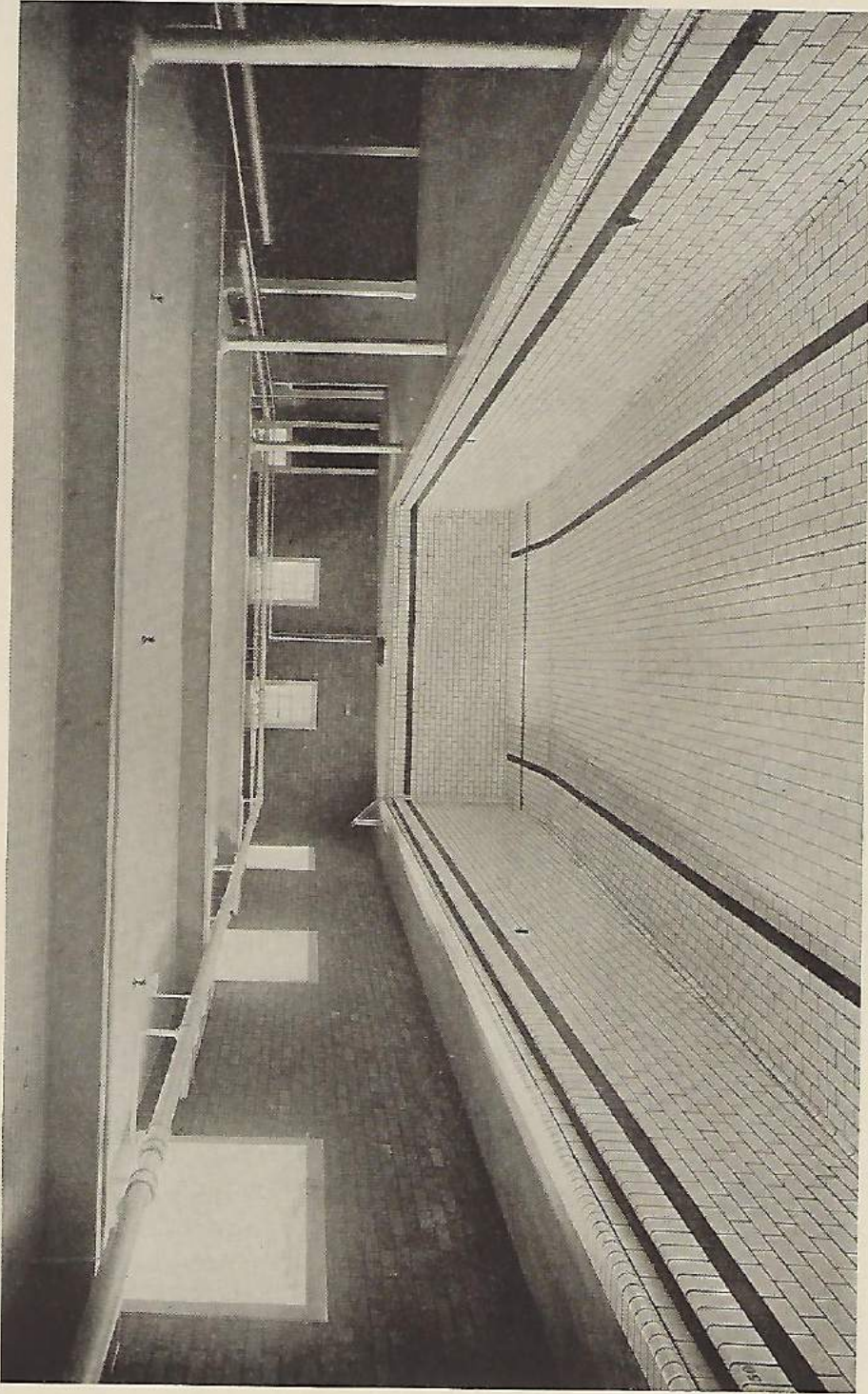
RINKEYDINK BASKETBALL TEAM
SECOND BASKETBALL TEAM

RED BASKETBALL TEAM

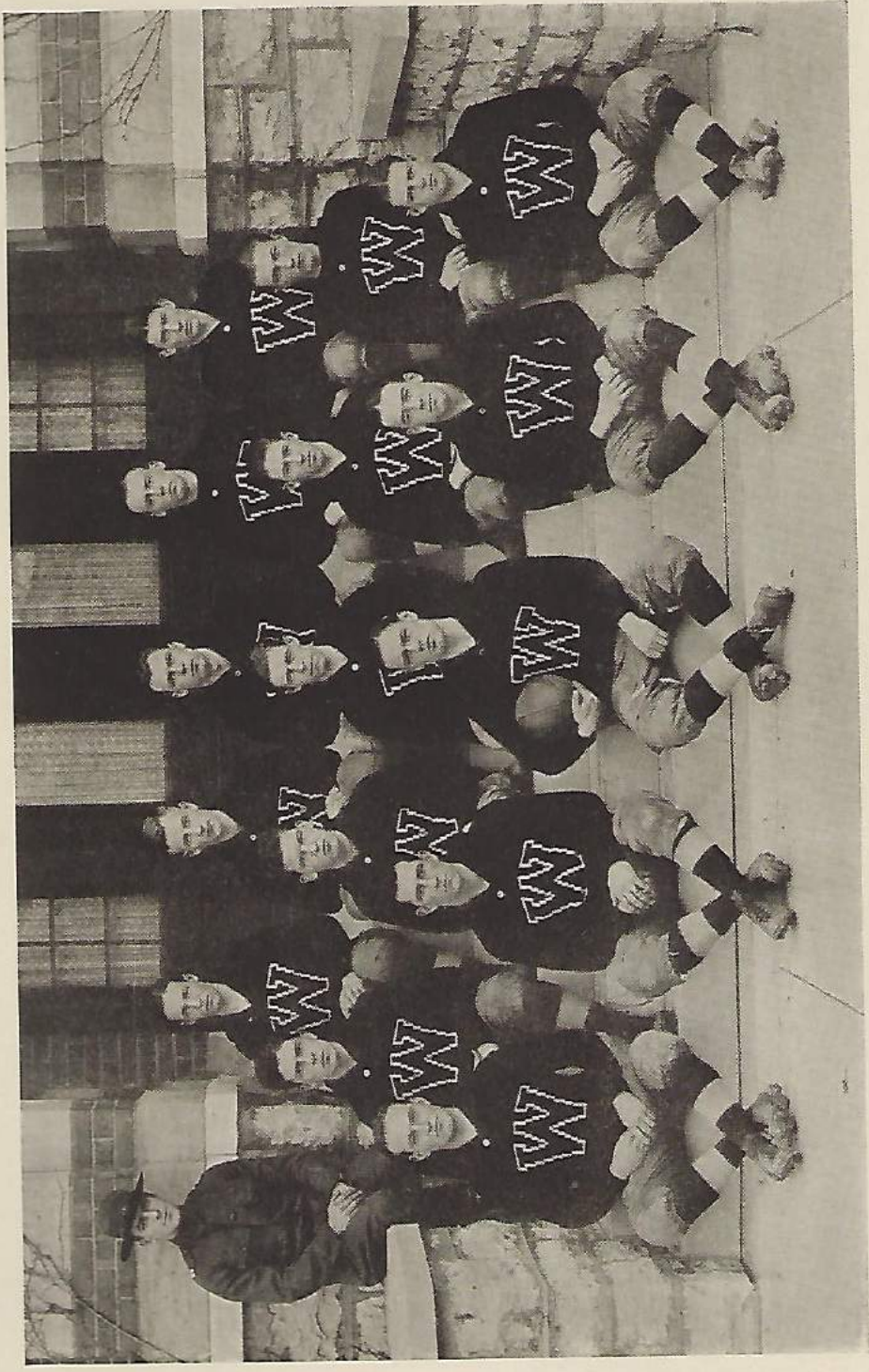


INDOOR TEAM
GYMNASIUM TEAM

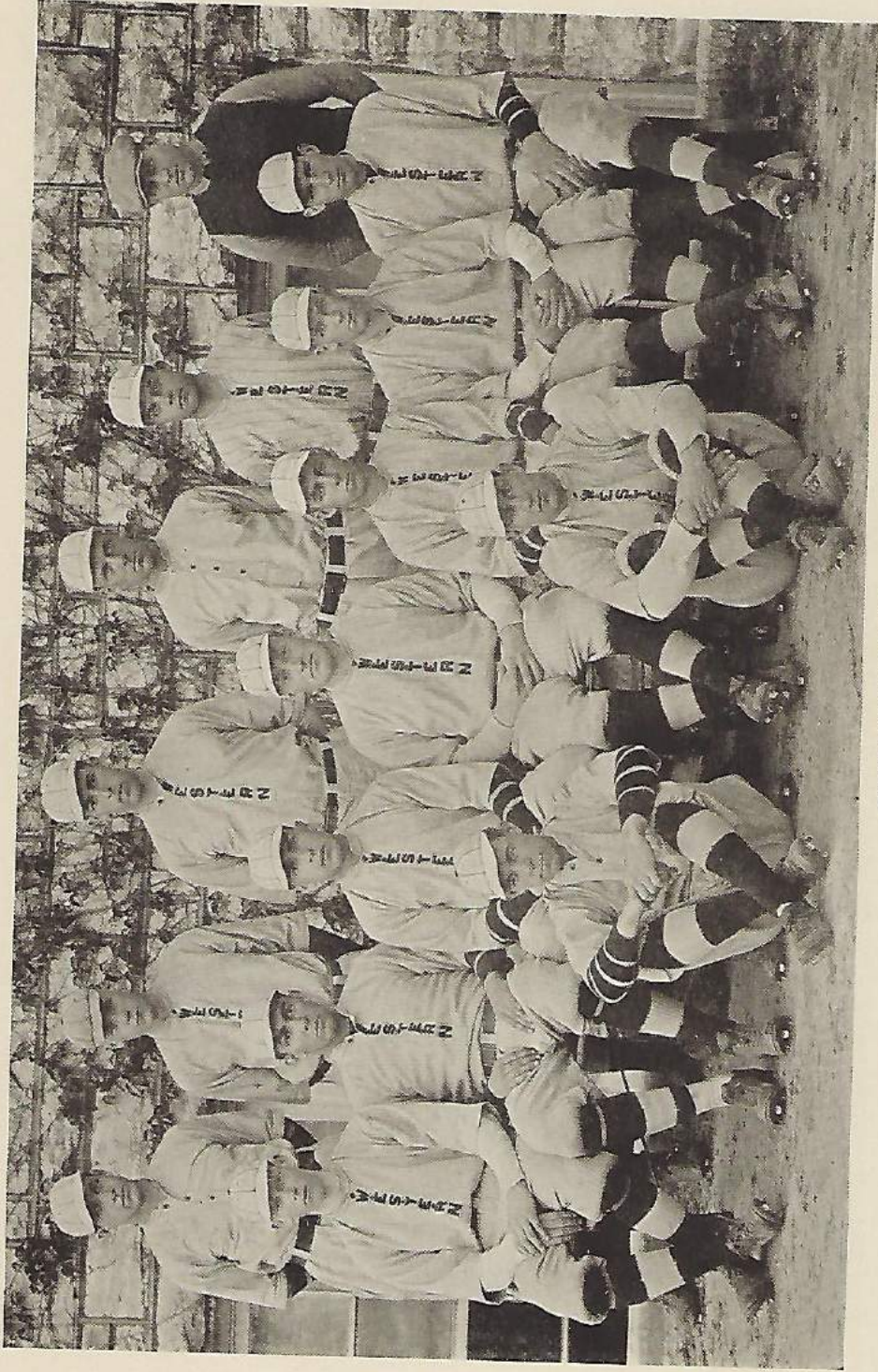
SWIMMING TEAM
BOWLING TEAM



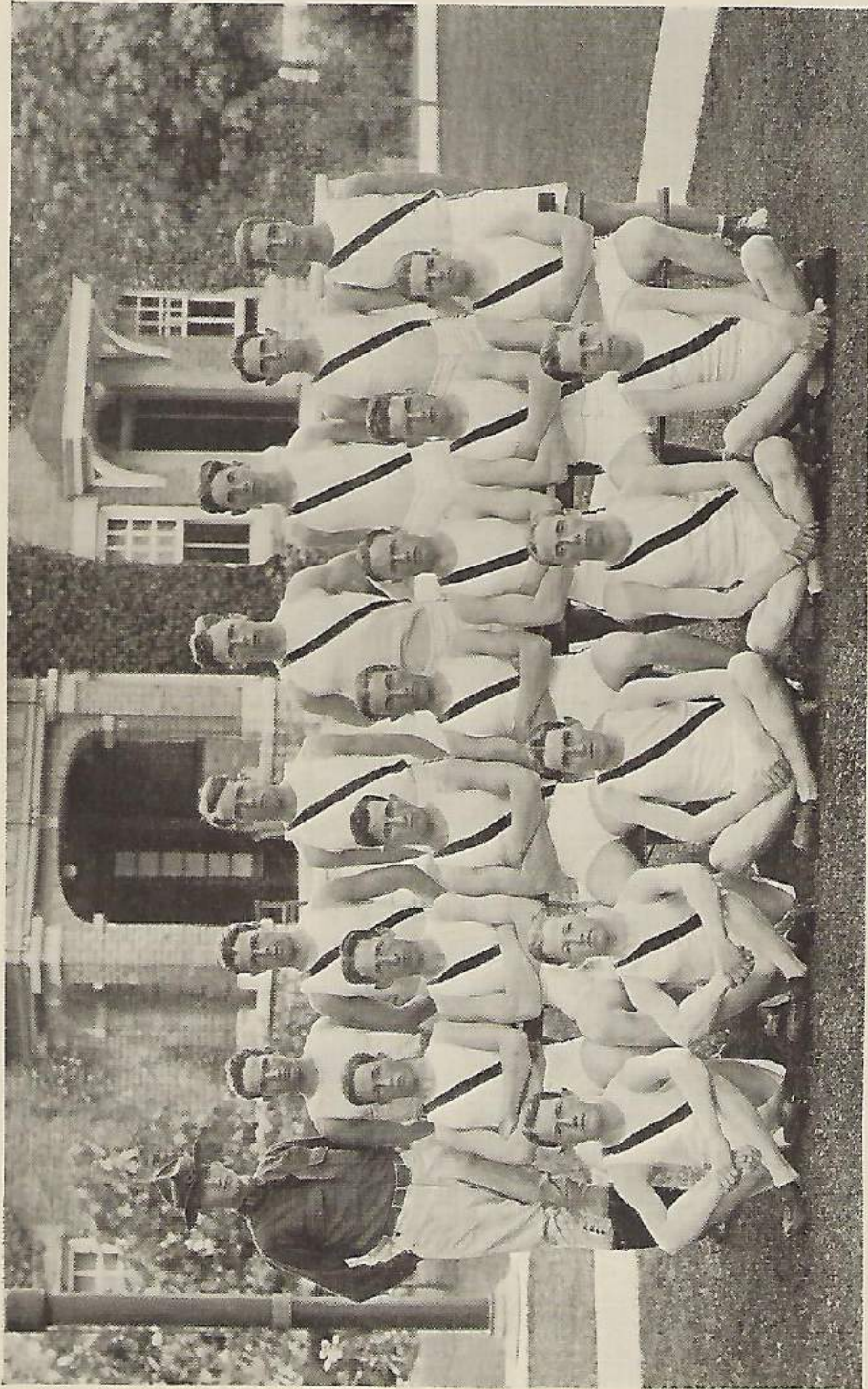
SWIMMING POOL
DIMENSIONS, 20 X 60 FEET; DEPTH, 3 1/4 TO 8 FEET; LINED WITH WHITE ENAMELED BRICK AND PROVIDED
WITH THE LATEST SANITARY SURFACE DRAINAGE AND NON-INTERFERING LIFE RAIL



FIRST FOOTBALL TEAM



FIRST BASEBALL TEAM

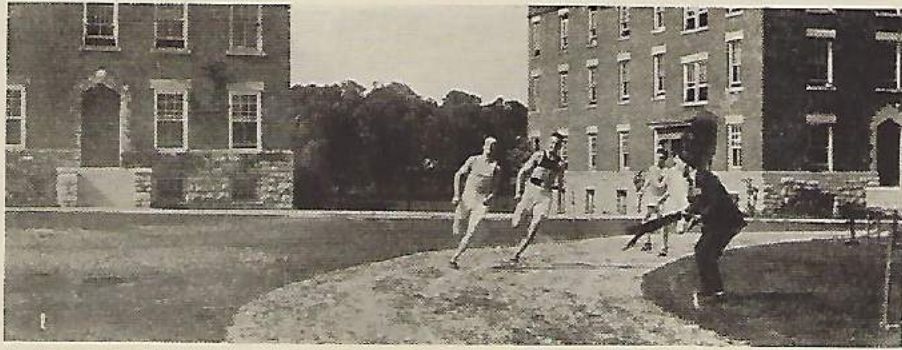


TRACK TEAM

Western's Official Records in Track and Field Events

EVENT	RECORD	MAKER	WHEN AND WHERE
100-Yard Dash.....	:10	(R. T. Haggall, of St. Louis..... (L. C. Merchant, of St. Joe, Mich.....	'11, Central Y. M. C. A. '17, Soldan Dual.
220-Yard Dash.....	:22 ² / ₅	L. C. Merchant, of St. Joe, Mich.....	'17, Webster Groves Dual.
440-Yard Run.....	:53 ¹ / ₅	H. R. Berlin, of Chicago.....	'15, County Meet.
880-Yard Run.....	2:06	M. Levine, of New Castle, Pa.....	'19, Soldan Dual.
One-Mile Run.....	4:41	C. V. Robertson, of Carlisle, Ill.....	'13, Alton, Shurtleff, Western.
120-Yard High Hurdle.....	:17	Leo Fisher, of Sullivan, Mo.....	'28, Principia Dual.
220-Yard Low Hurdle.....	27:7	D. E. Watkins, of Hope, Ark.....	'24, Washington U. Scholastic
Running High Jump.....	70 in.	R. S. Poos, of St. Louis, Mo.....	'26, Principia Dual.
Running Broad Jump.....	21 ft. 1 ¹ / ₂ in.	R. S. Poos, of St. Louis, Mo.....	'26, Principia Dual.
Pole Vault.....	11 ft. 3 in.	Orin Borah, Champaign, Ill.....	'27, Principia Dual.
Throwing Discus.....	111 ft. 5 in.	C. A. Hesley, of Pittsfield, Ill.....	'29, Woodriver H. S. Dual.
Putting 12-lb. Shot.....	45 ft. 6 in.	G. M. Brash, of Chicago, Ill.....	'29, Woodriver H. S. Dual.
Javelin Throw.....	150 ft. 4 in.	W. T. Schiffer, of E. St. Louis, Ill.....	'23, Principia, McKendree, Shurtleff, Western.

Note.—A special trophy is presented annually to every cadet who breaks any one of the records named above in an official track meet.



MAY ATHLETIC MEET

1. 800-YARD RUN. 2. RELAY RACE. 3. 100-YARD DASH. 4. 440-YARD RUN.
NEW ACADEMY QUARTER MILE RECORD OF 53 $\frac{1}{4}$ SECONDS ESTABLISHED



BASEBALL



FOOTBALL



BASKETBALL



TRACK



TENNIS



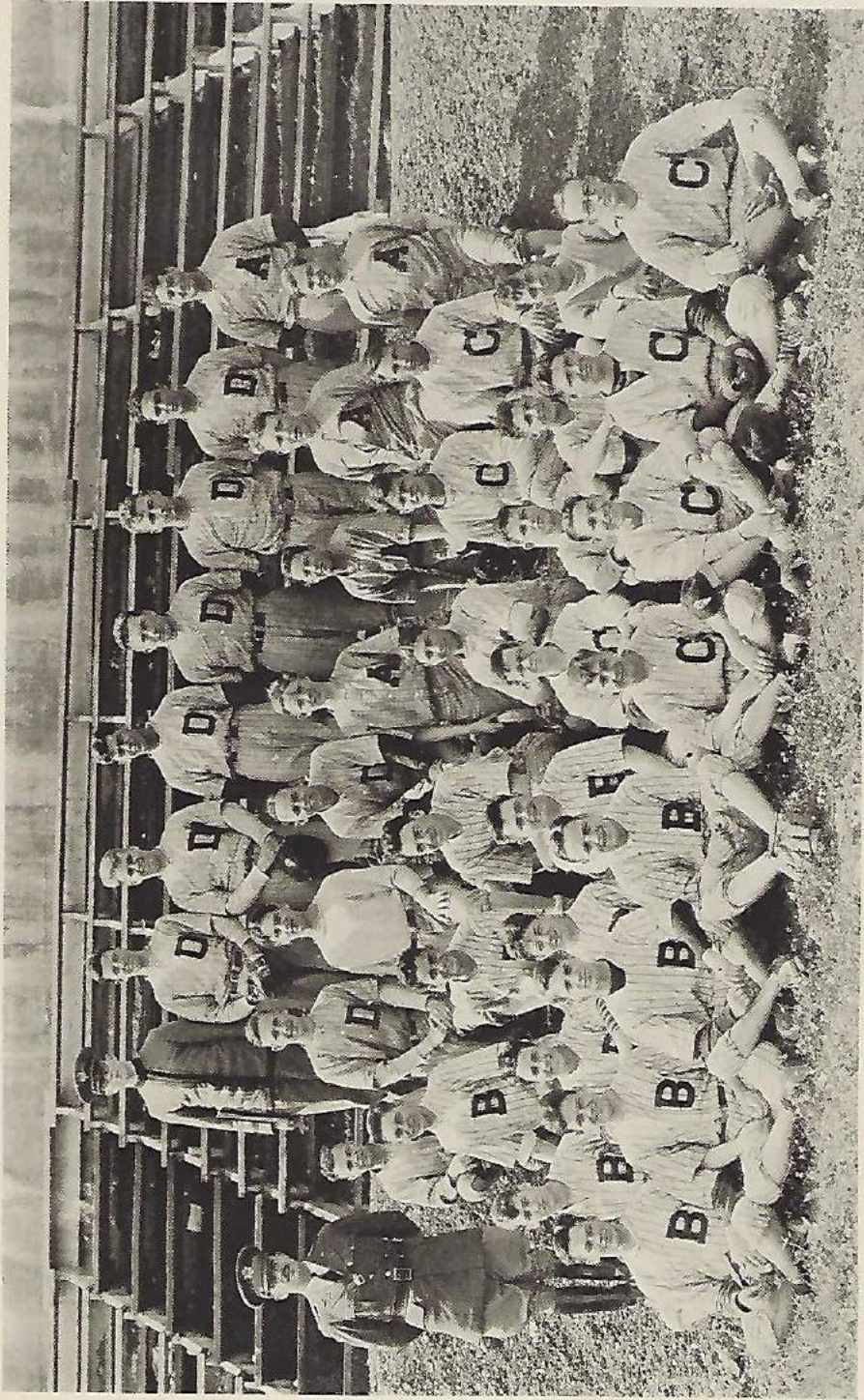
SWIMMING

CAPTAINS

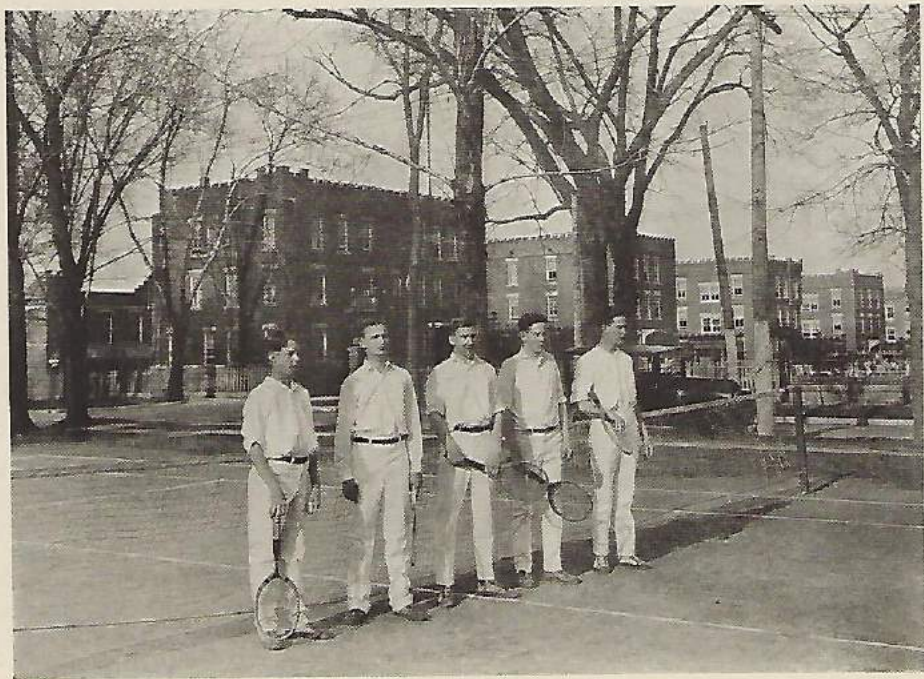
ALL FORMS OF ATHLETICS ARE ENCOURAGED AND SUPERVISED BY THE FACULTY



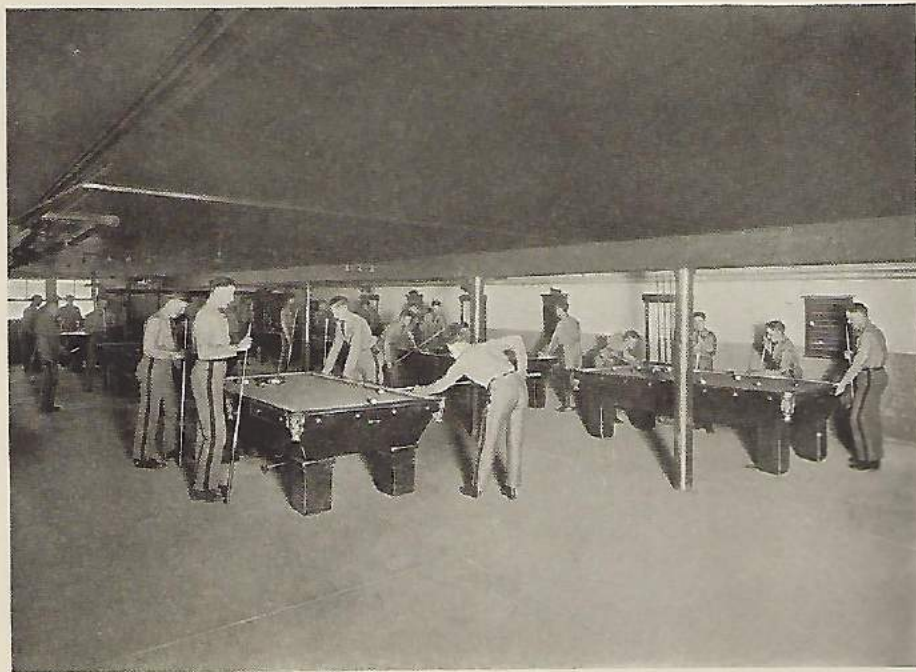
A GROUP OF ATHLETES



COMPANY BASEBALL TEAMS
(IN ADDITION TO THE SCHOOL TEAM, COMPANIES MAINTAIN BASEBALL TEAMS WHICH PLAY AN EXTENSIVE INTRAMURAL SCHEDULE)



TENNIS TEAM



BILLIARD ROOM

Military Department

MILITARY TRAINING at Western has a triple objective—the making of a stronger character, a keener mind, and a better body. Increased strength of purpose, loyalty, team-work, discipline, alertness, co-ordination—these are only a few of the by-products of successfully conducted military instruction. Such results would be impossible if the range and scope of the training were limited to a narrow field. But as it is, for every young man, there is something of direct appeal.

For some, the regular drill of the day is sufficient. The characteristics of exactness, self-control and leadership are created thereby, and the carriage and manner of a man are developed.

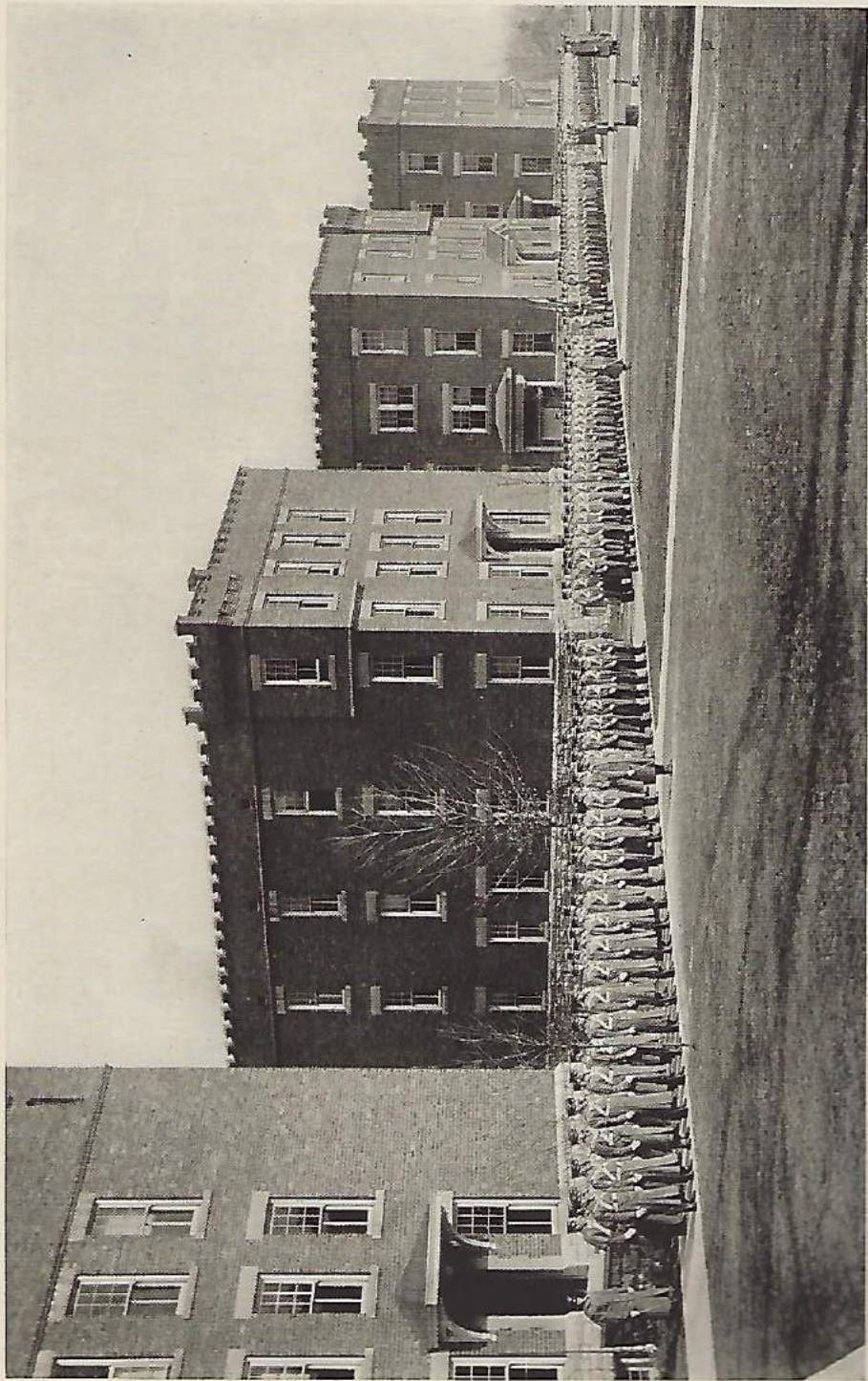
TACTICS—Others find tactics of particular interest. This part of the training forms a practical school for the exercise of discriminating judgment and unwavering decision. Troop leading problems are worked out on maps and on the ground. The diversified terrain near the Academy makes easy a great variety of interesting situations. At times the whole corps takes part in mimic warfare.

SHOOTING—Americans have always been noted for their marksmanship. Western endeavors to maintain this tradition. Toward this end unusual facilities obtain. An indoor range is kept busy during the winter. When the weather permits, cadets fire the service rifle on a 100-yard range, located on the school grounds. Those who have qualified make a trip by auto to the Government range at St. Charles, Missouri. Here they fire on the 200, 300 and 500 yard range, as required in the Regular Army.

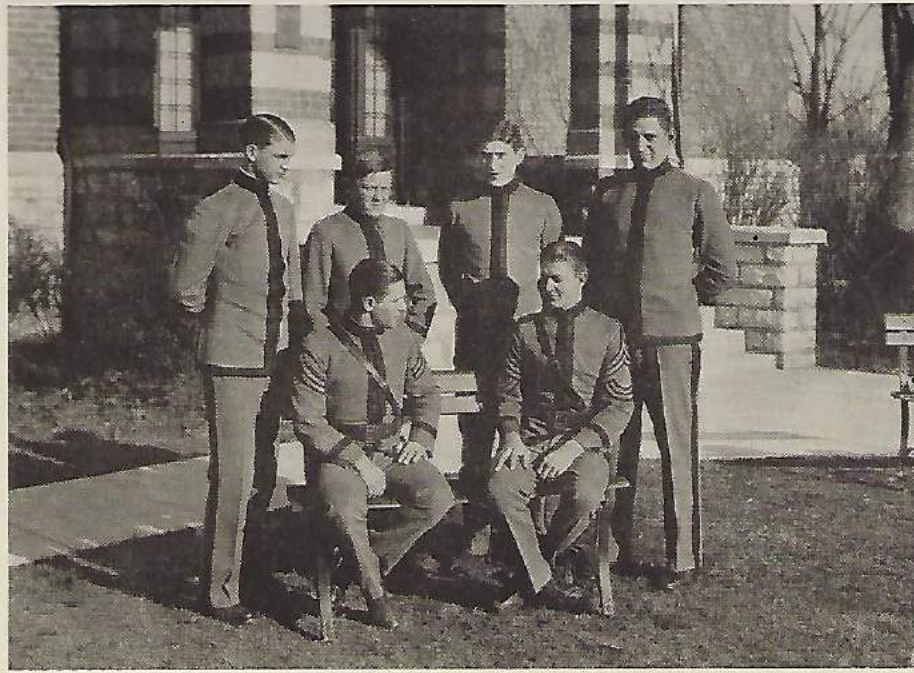
INFANTRY WEAPONS—Besides the rifle, other Infantry weapons are given adequate attention. Among them are the Automatic Rifle, Machine Gun, and 37 M.M. Gun. Their mechanism, use and powers supply an unending source of interesting investigation. Actual firing of them is a part of the regular instruction.

FIRST AID—A knowledge of First Aid and Hygiene is regarded as essential. Cadets are taught the measures immediately necessary in case of wounds, broken bones, etc. Some of them become unusually proficient. Lessons are also given in rescue from drowning, and resuscitation. A number have won Red Cross Medals for general efficiency in First Aid.

CEREMONIES—On Sundays, and on special occasions, ceremonies are held. They usually consist of a parade or a review in the late afternoon. The Cadet Band furnishes the music. From time to time, distinguished guests act as reviewing officers. For all present the ceremonies never fail to strike a patriotic note and to form a pleasing and impressive close to the routine of the day.



BATTALION IN WINTER DRESS UNIFORM

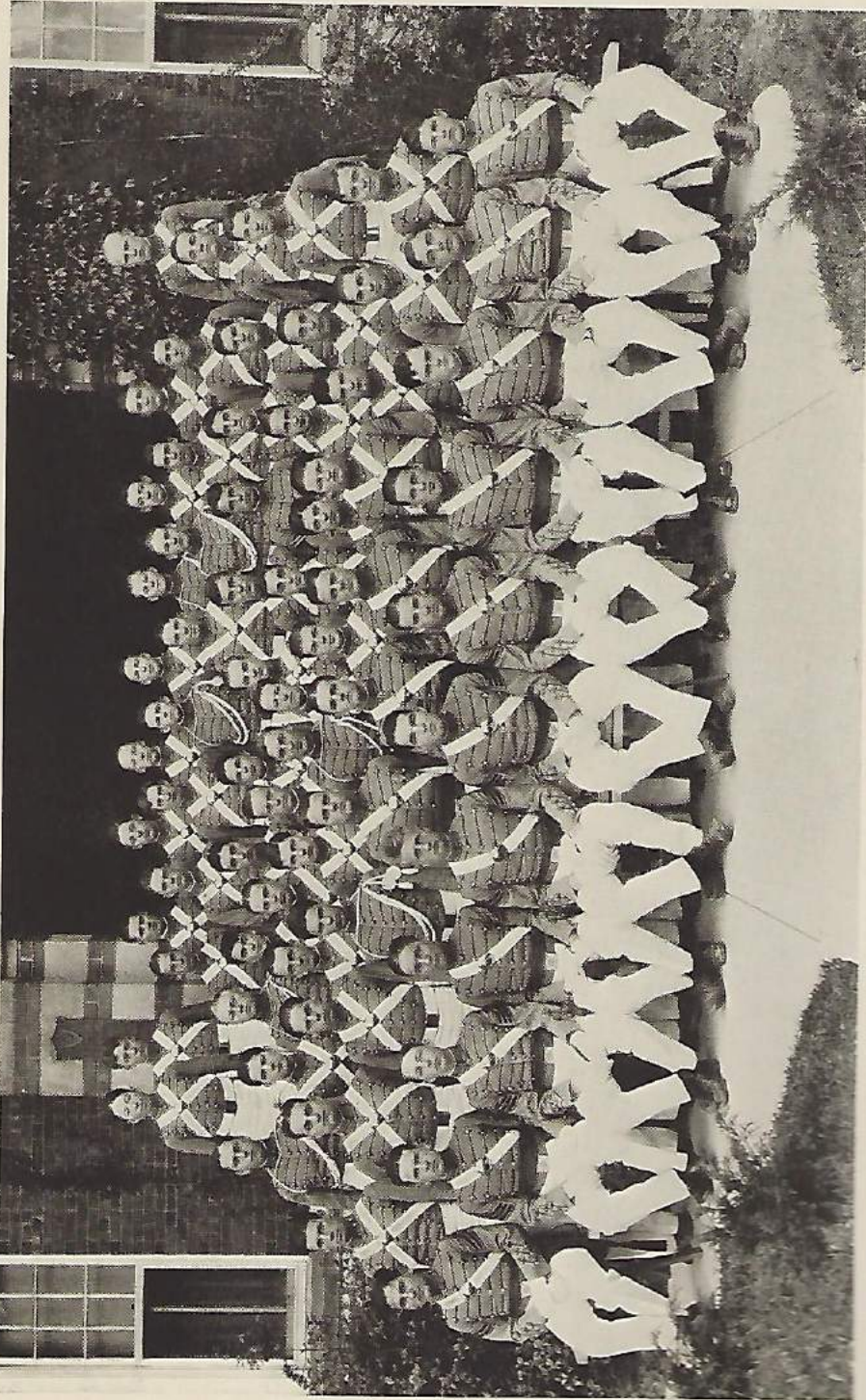


Post-graduate Department

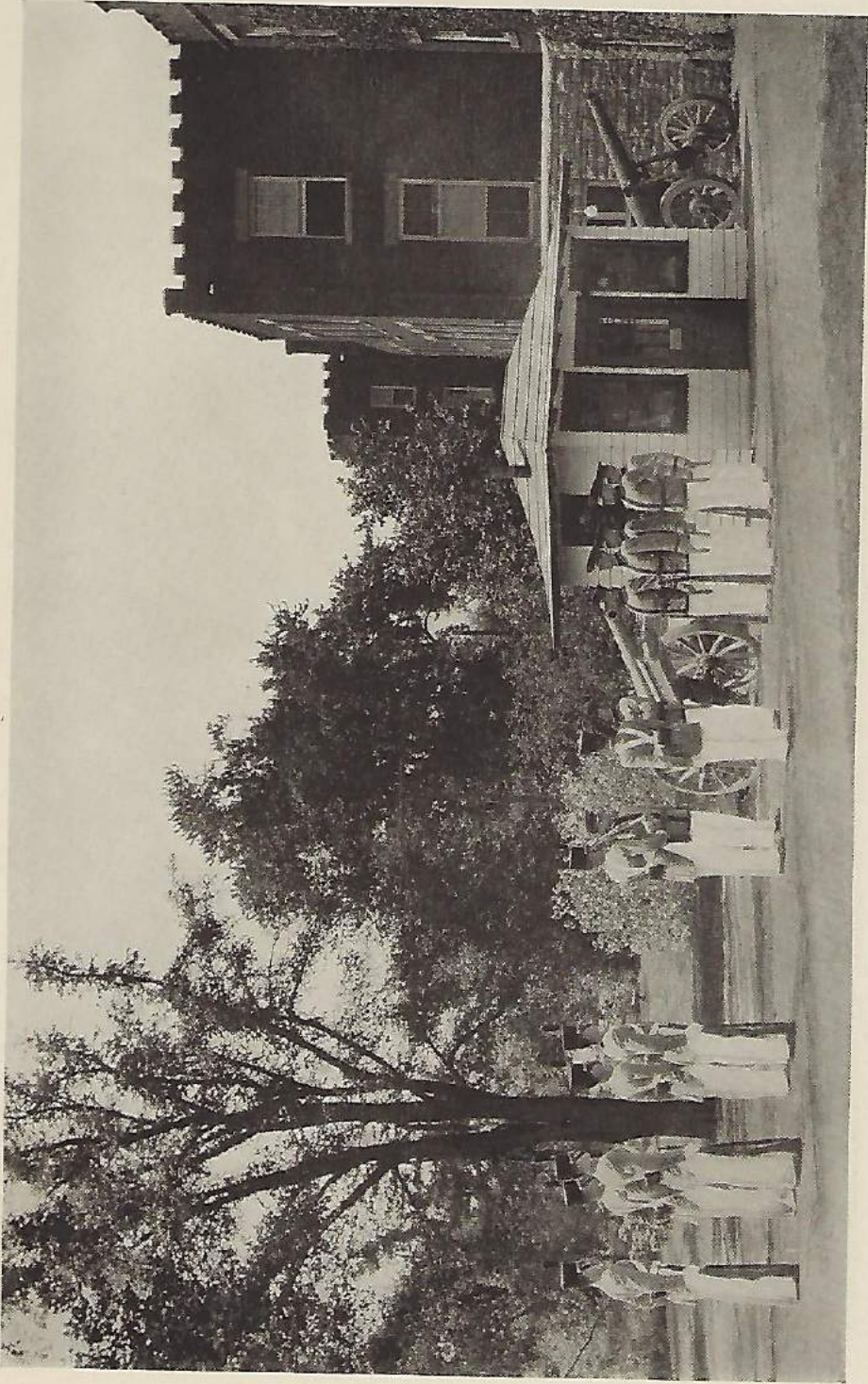
The Post-graduate Department was created for three classes of students:

- (A) Those who doubt that their preparation for full college work has been adequate.
- (B) Those who desire an additional year in a military boarding school, and who wish to take advanced courses.
- (C) Those who do not expect to finish college, but who desire one year of advanced study.

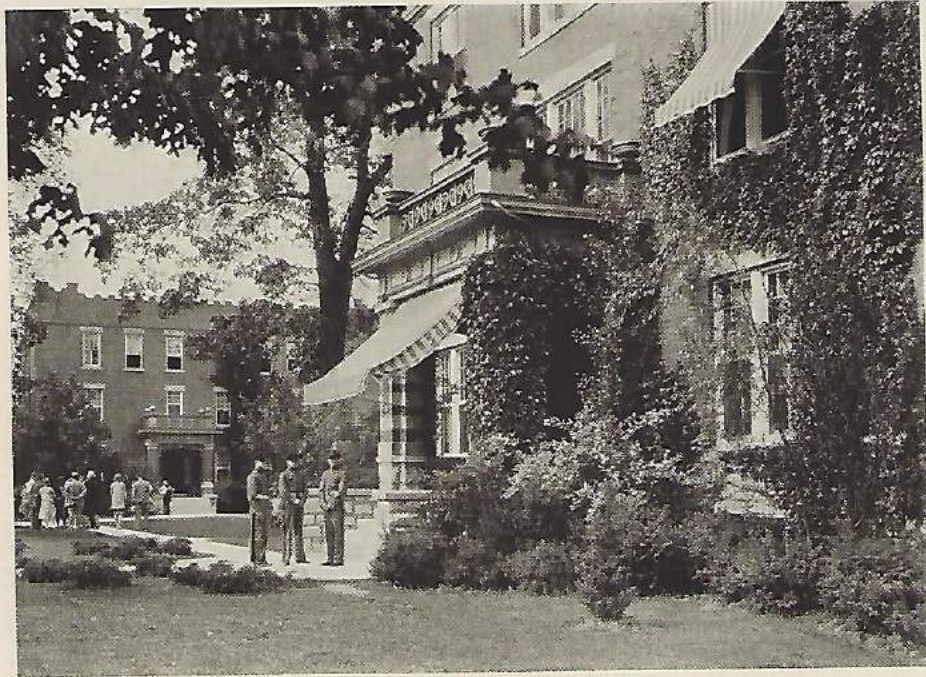
In consideration of the fact that Post-graduate Students are more mature than the other cadets, they are accorded more liberty than the rest of the corps.



SENIOR CLASS, 1928



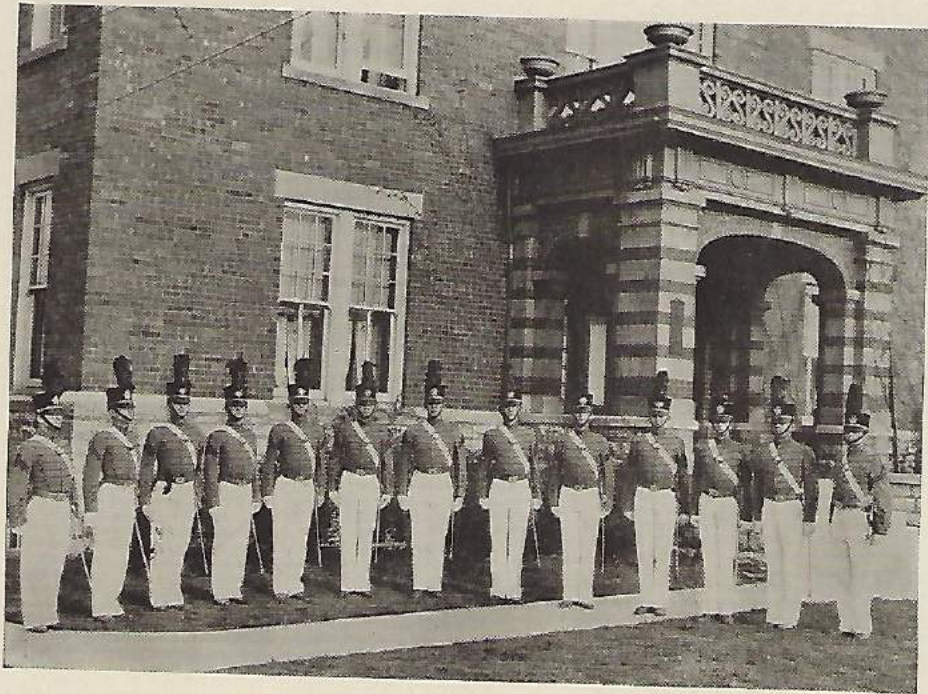
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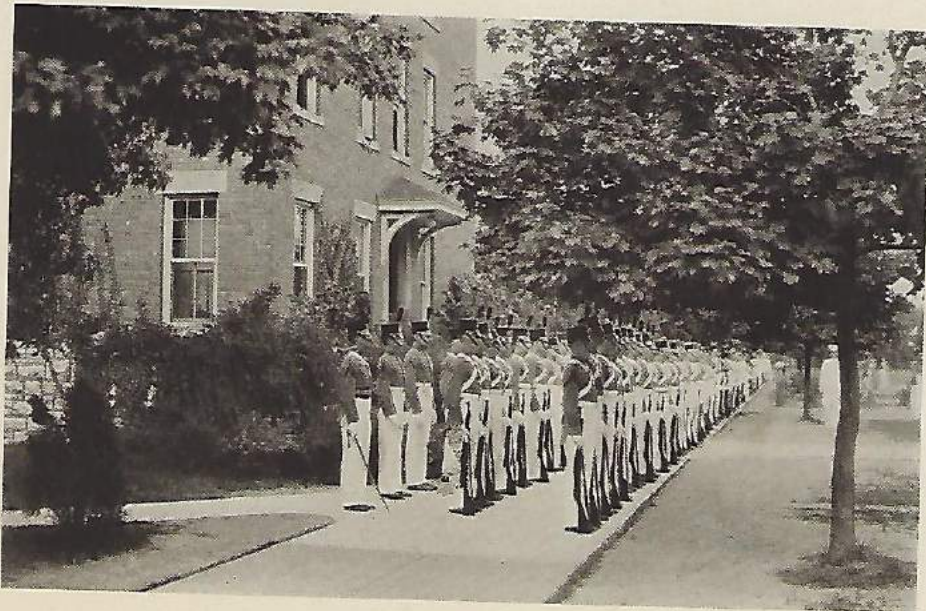
COMMENCEMENT DAY SCENE



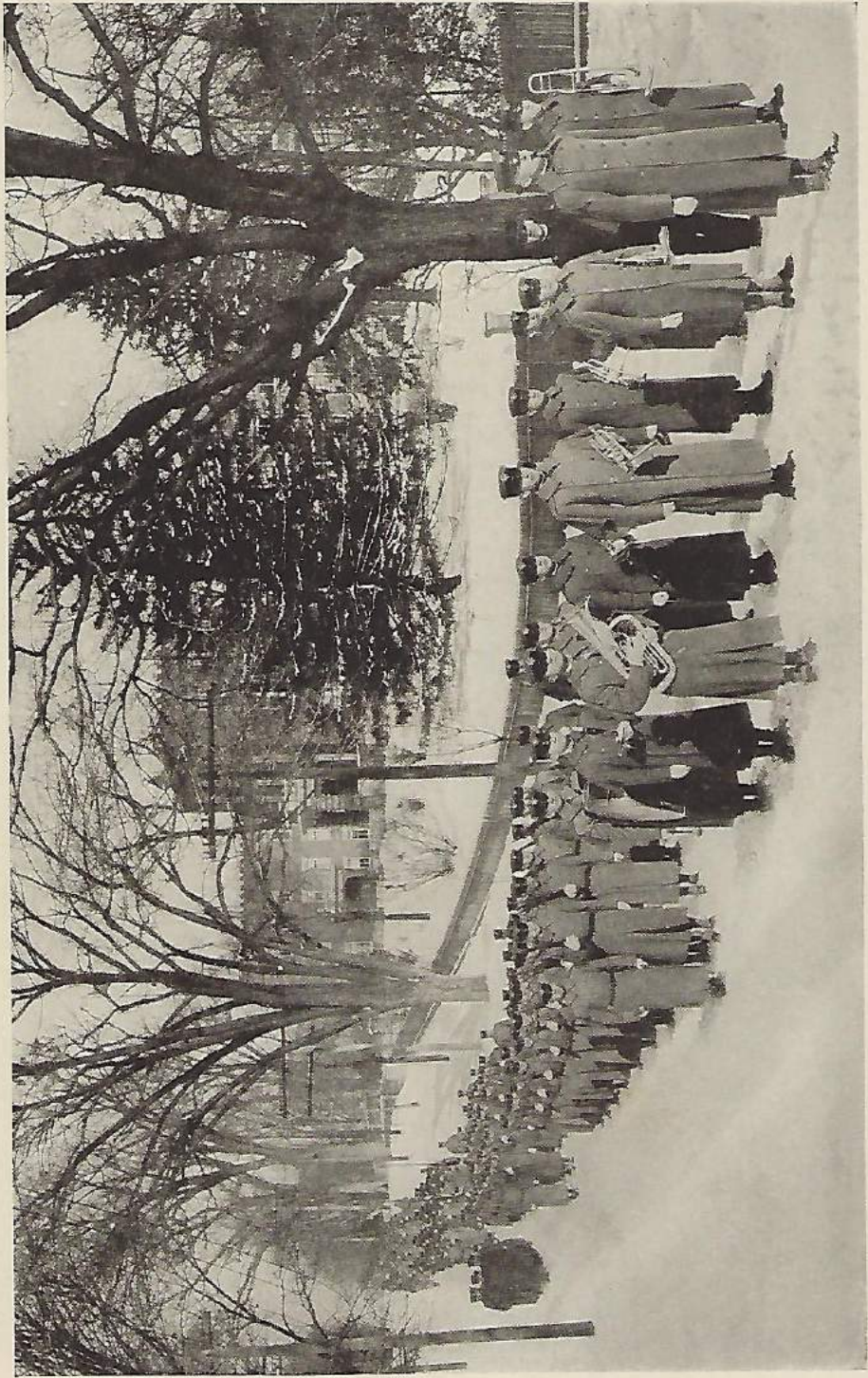
RETURNING FROM PARADE—EATON FIELD



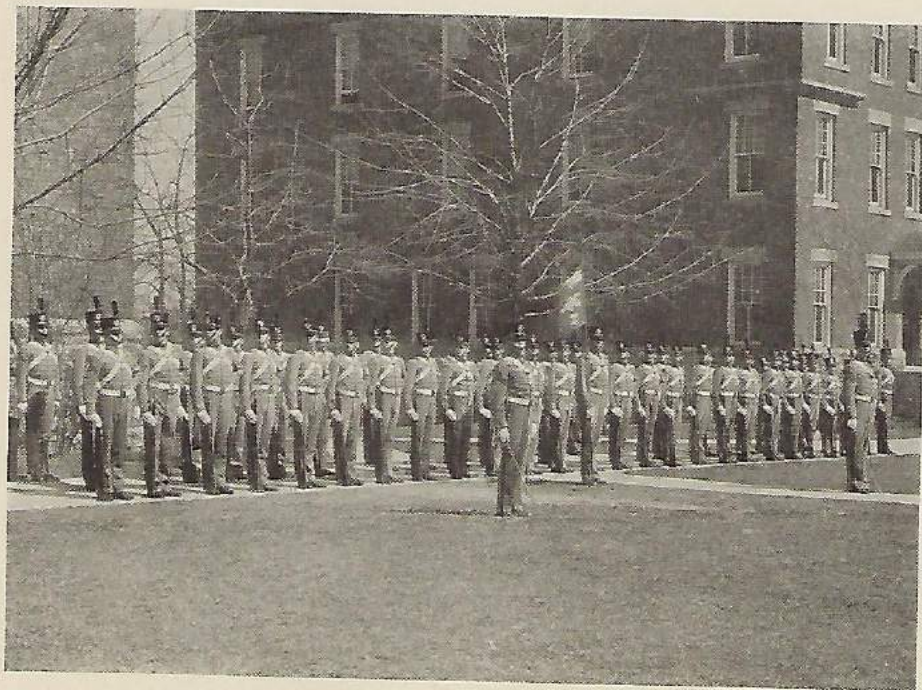
CADET OFFICERS



A COMPANY STREET



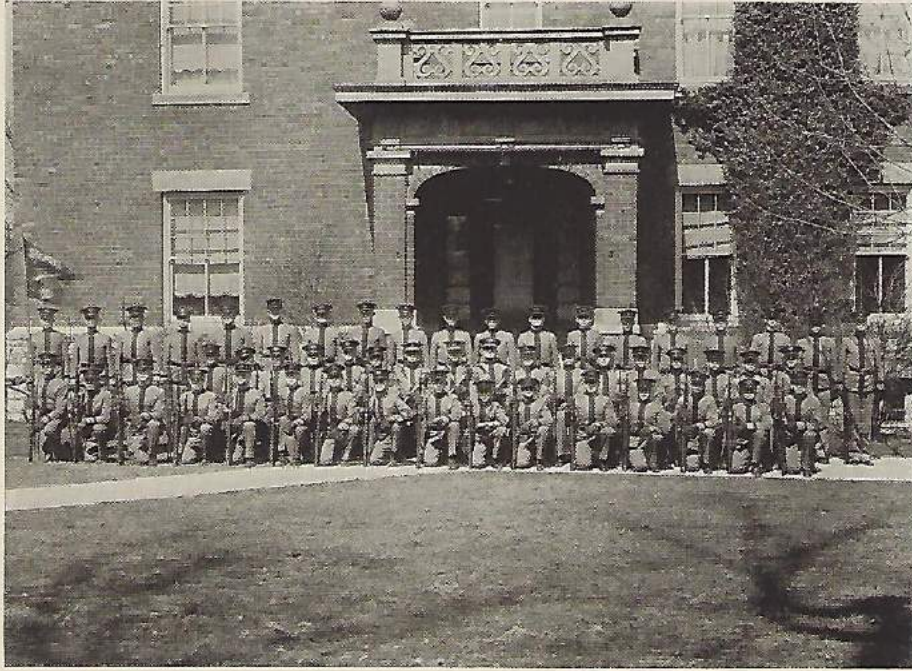
PRACTICE MARCH IN JANUARY



COMPANY "C" IN FULL DRESS



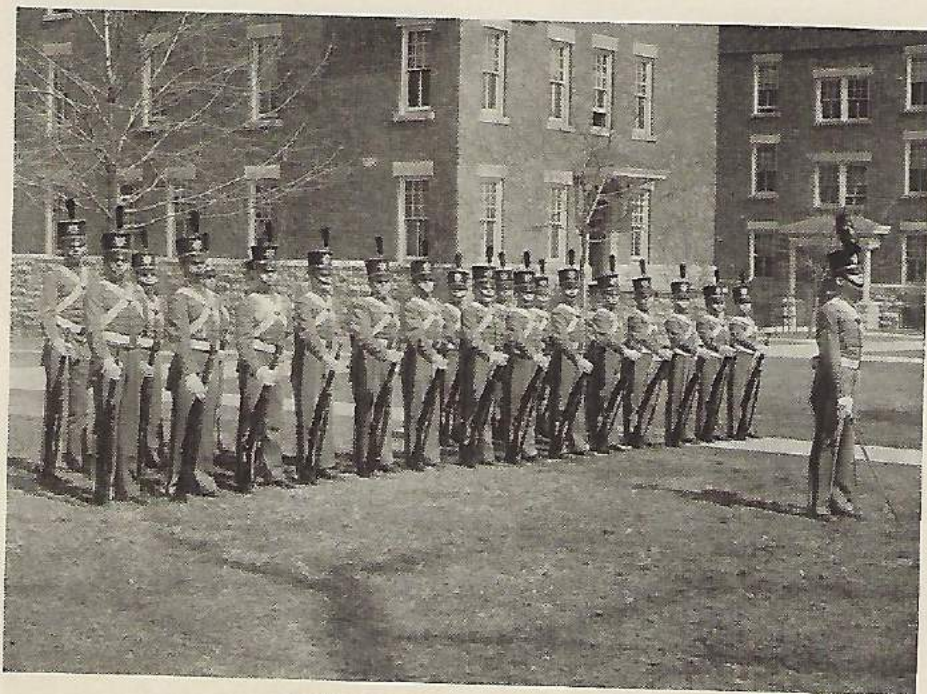
COMPANY "B" IN OVERCOATS



COMPANY "D" IN FATIGUE UNIFORMS



COMPANY "A" IN GRAY SHIRTS

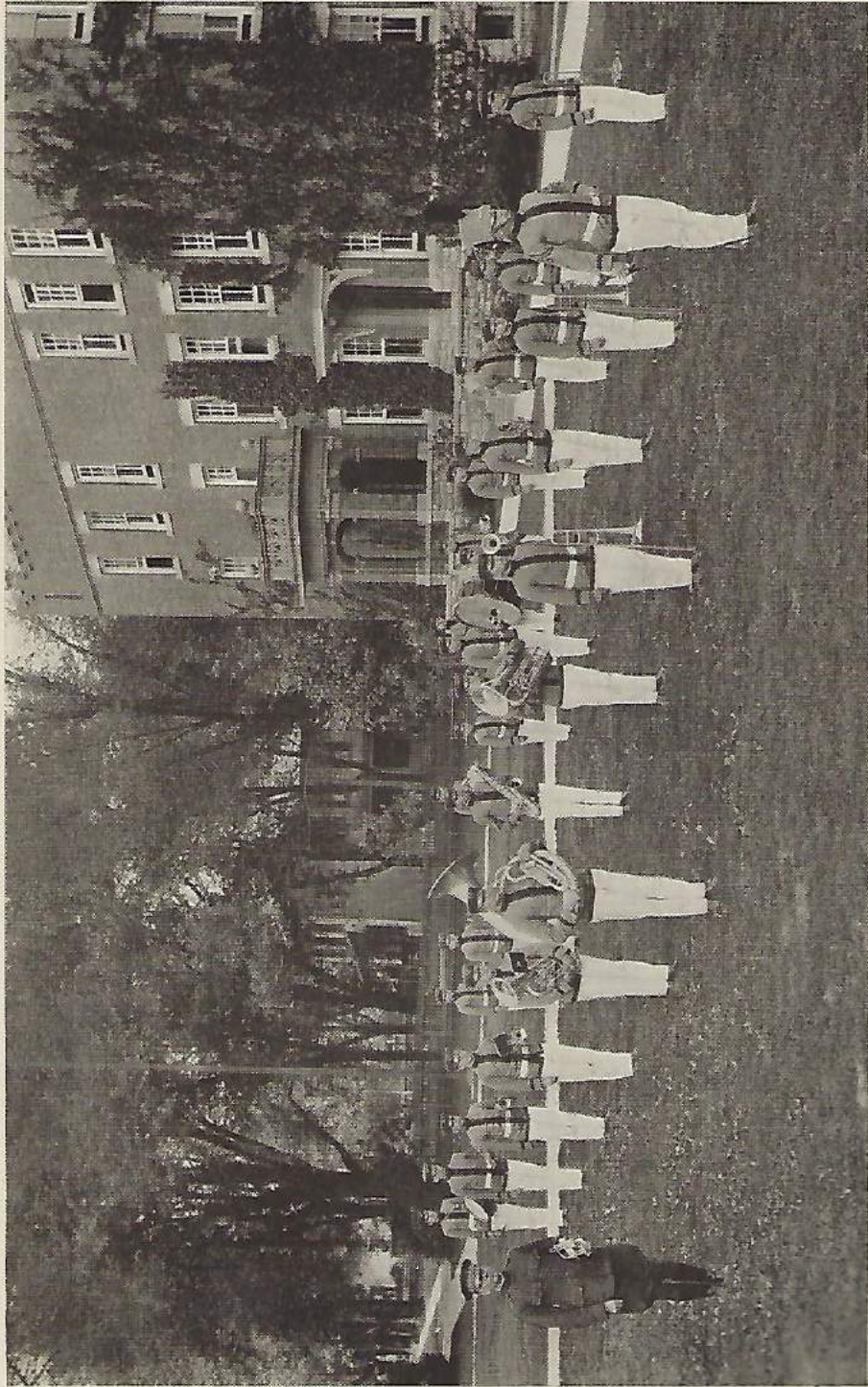


COMPANY "E" IN FULL DRESS

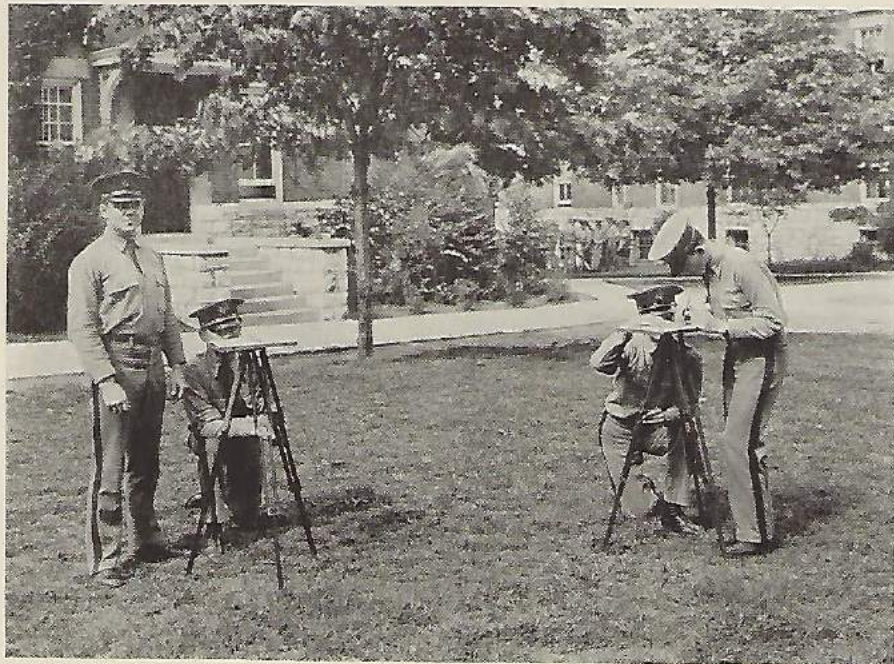
"E" Company

"E" COMPANY is made up primarily of boys belonging to the Junior High School Department. In consideration of the fact that these boys are younger than the average cadet, the military training that they receive is modified to suit their particular needs. Frequent hikes and occasional over-night camping trips serve to lend variety and interest to their program.

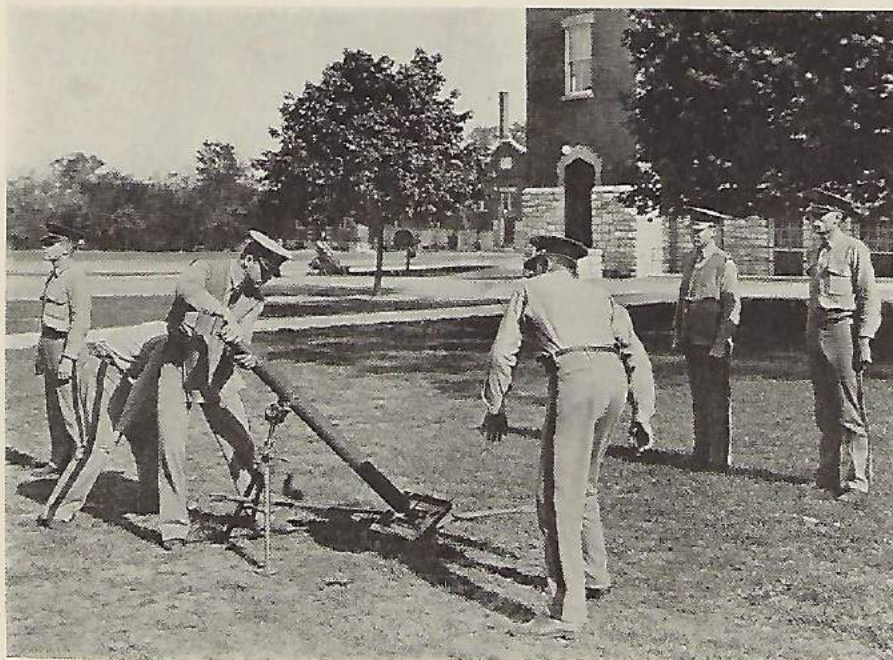
The high morale and esprit de corps of "E" Company is well indicated by the fact that its members made a high average in scholarship, and participated in all military and athletic activities of the school.



CADET BAND



MAP DRAWING



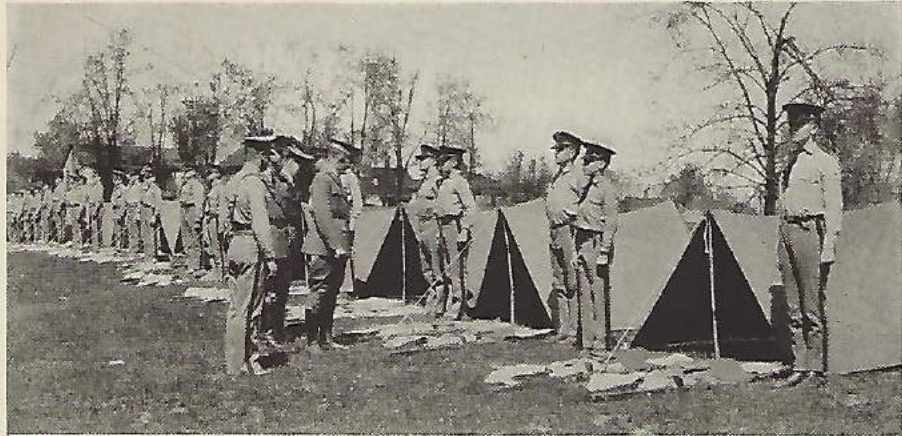
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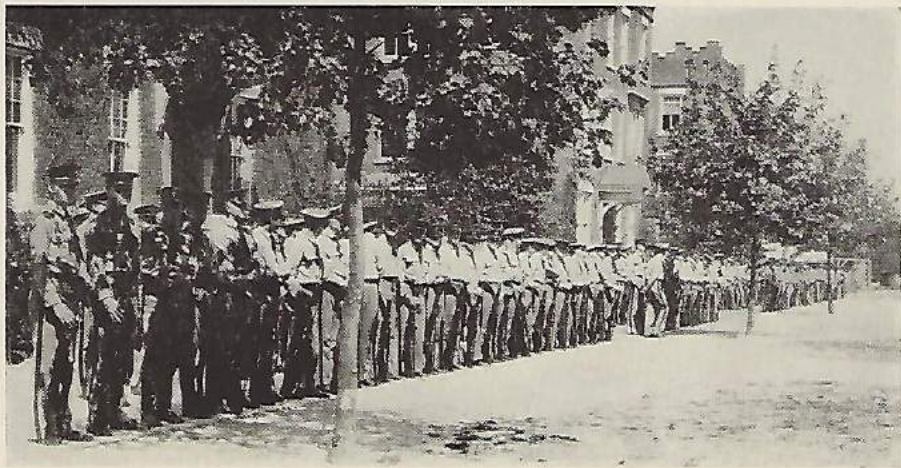
MACHINE GUN DRILL



37 M.M. GUNS DISMOUNTED IN THE FIELD



COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES



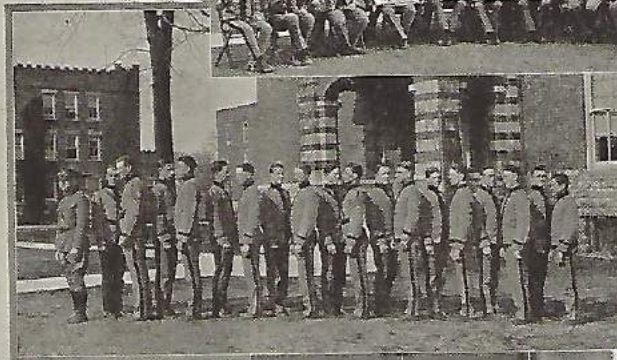
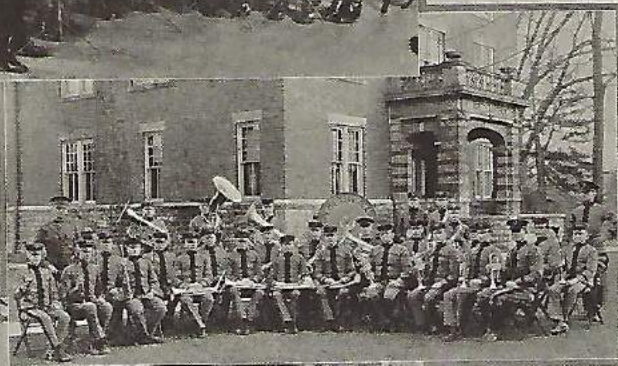
GOVERNMENT INSPECTION



RIFLE TEAM ENTERED IN NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION CONTEST



FIELD MANEUVERS



ORCHESTRA
GLEE CLUB

BAND
JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Other Student Activities

WINTER SPORTS—Winter sports play an important part in the life of a boy at Western. Numerous hills for coasting are to be found on the Academy grounds and four large bob-sleds are at the disposal of the cadets for this purpose. The lake affords ample opportunity for ice skating and hockey, and during the season is the scene of constant activity.

CHAUTAUQUA TRIPS—During the early Fall the cadets are divided into four groups, and each is given the long remembered pleasure of a week-end at Chautauqua—a beautiful summer resort on the Mississippi River, fifteen miles from Alton. Leaving early Saturday morning, the boys are carried to their destination by special train, returning to the Academy late Sunday afternoon. While away, they are housed at the Chautauqua Hotel, and all the resources of the resort are placed at their disposal. The time is spent mainly in games and sports, hikes to neighboring villages, and in exploration of the exceedingly interesting woods and bluffs which are found in that vicinity. In the evening the entire group assembles in the large open-air auditorium, where each one is given an opportunity to display his talents in music, amateur theatricals, boxing and wrestling. A camp-fire programme and wiener roast bring the activities of the day to a close.

WEEK-END FURLOUGHES—Cadets who maintain a certain prescribed standard in deportment are granted week-end furloughs at periods of about seven weeks. At these times they are permitted to go home; or, upon invitation and with the consent of their parents, they may visit friends.

DANCES—Social life is by no means ignored at Western. Afternoon dances are given at the Academy about once a month, and four formal evening dances are held each year. The dances are managed by a Committee of cadets—who, with the help of certain members of the Faculty, attend to the issuing of invitations, decorating and other details.

PICTURE SHOWS—Realizing that a certain amount of mental relaxation is essential to the welfare and happiness of all boys, the Academy has recently acquired a portable motion picture projector of the most improved type. Excellent facilities are close at hand for the obtaining of the latest and best feature photoplays, and entertainments are given frequently. The care and operation of the projector and the furnishing of the musical accompaniment are in the hands of cadets who qualify themselves for those duties.

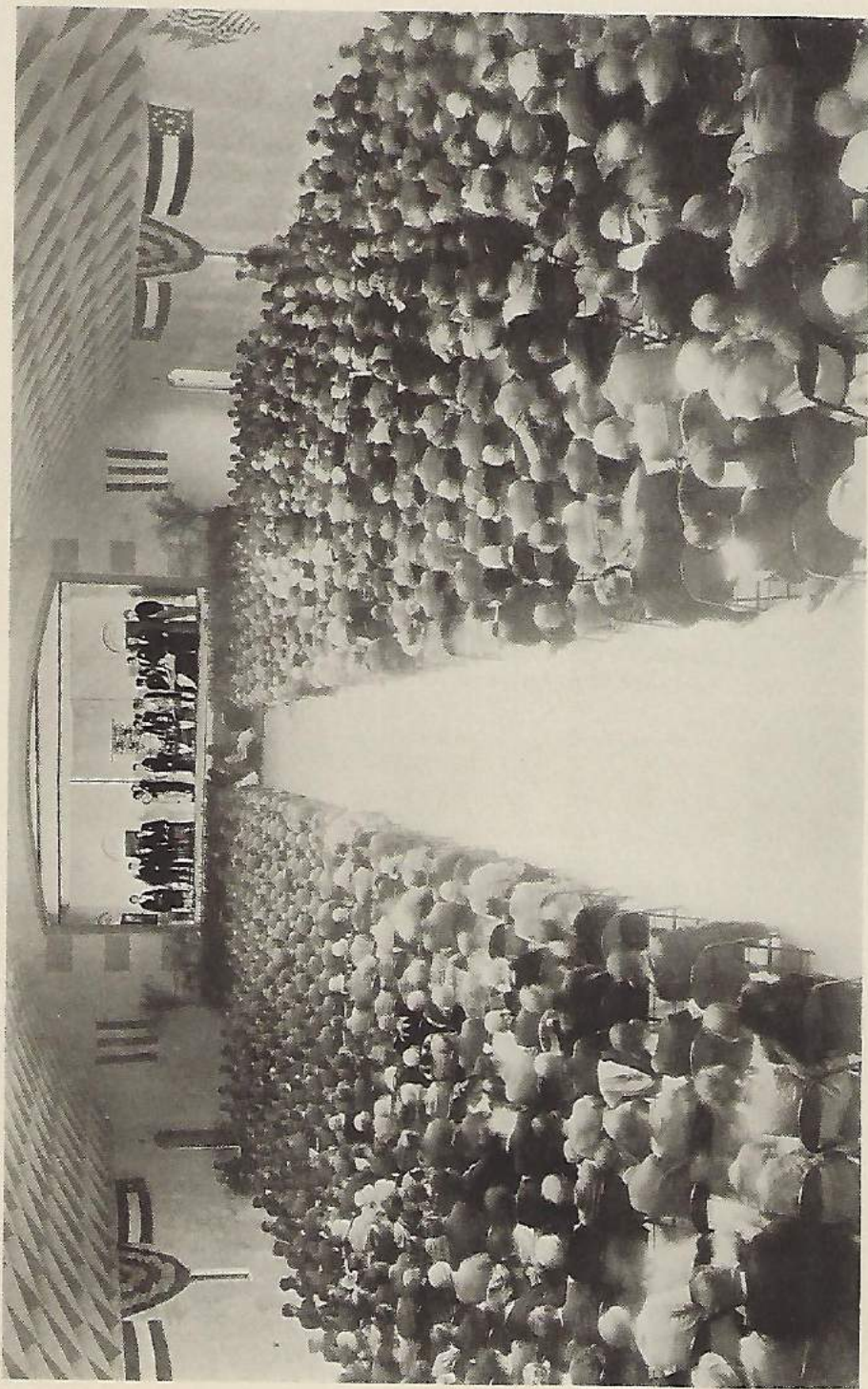
HAND BALL—Hand ball easily holds its own as one of the most popular sports at Western. It is a game that almost everyone enjoys, and as a means of physical development is without a peer. Excellent courts are provided both outdoors and indoors for this purpose and are constantly in use.

HORSE SHOES—Pitching horse shoes has attained great popularity at Western during the last two years. Anyone can play the game and, by perseverance, a high degree of skill can be developed. Two standard courts are provided for this purpose.

HORSEBACK RIDING—There are always a number of cadets who enjoy horseback riding, and frequent opportunities are given them to engage in this pursuit. Excellent riding horses are obtainable nearby, and the surrounding country roads are ideal for this purpose.

BOAT TRIPS—Twice each year, in the Fall and Spring, the entire corps of cadets, accompanied by parents and friends, enjoy a day on the Mississippi. These trips constitute very agreeable breaks in the general routine, and are long anticipated and long remembered. The Spring trip is an especially enjoyable affair, as at that season of the year it is possible to charter what is generally considered to be the finest excursion steamer on the Mississippi. A dance orchestra is taken along, and every effort is made to make the day a pleasant one for all.

CANTEEN—One of the most popular spots at Western, immediately after school in the afternoon, is the Canteen. Here the cadets may purchase fruit, sandwiches and milk, and thus fortify themselves against the three hours that remain before the evening meal.



SENIOR CLASS PLAY IN AUDITORIUM OF RECREATION BUILDING



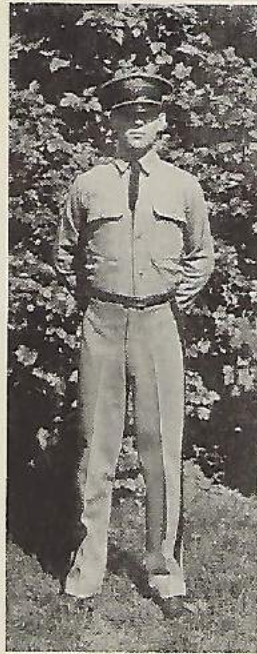
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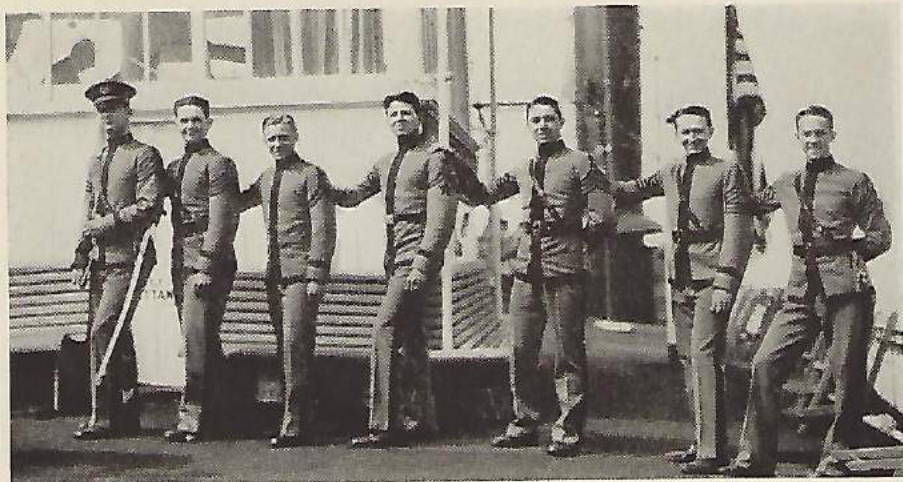


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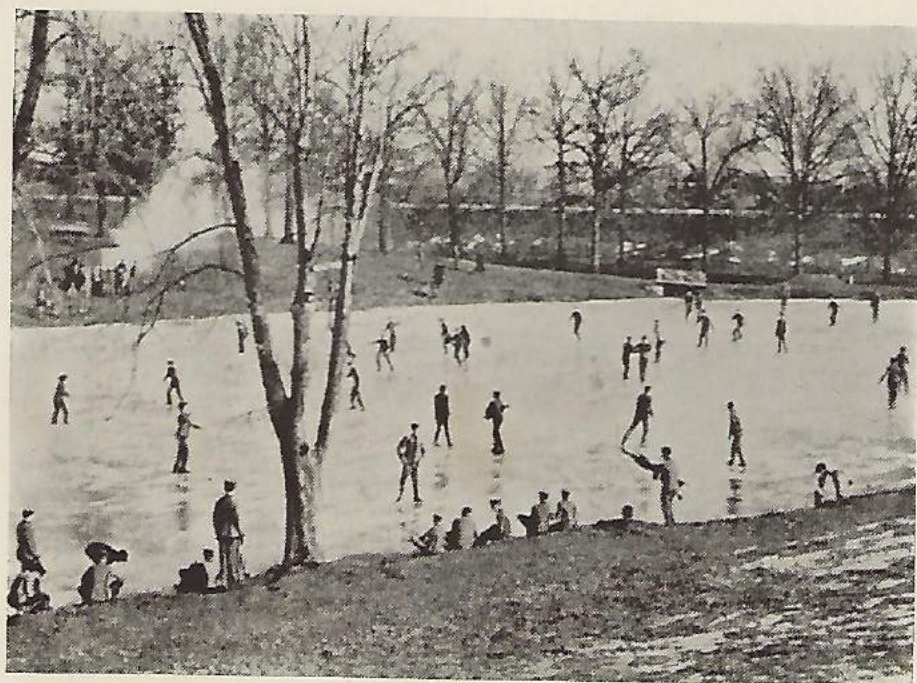
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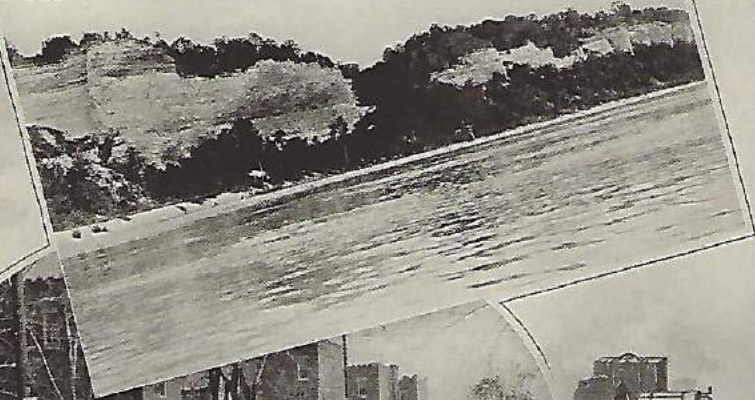
CADETS ON THE MISSISSIPPI BOAT TRIP



COASTING SCENE ON GROUNDS

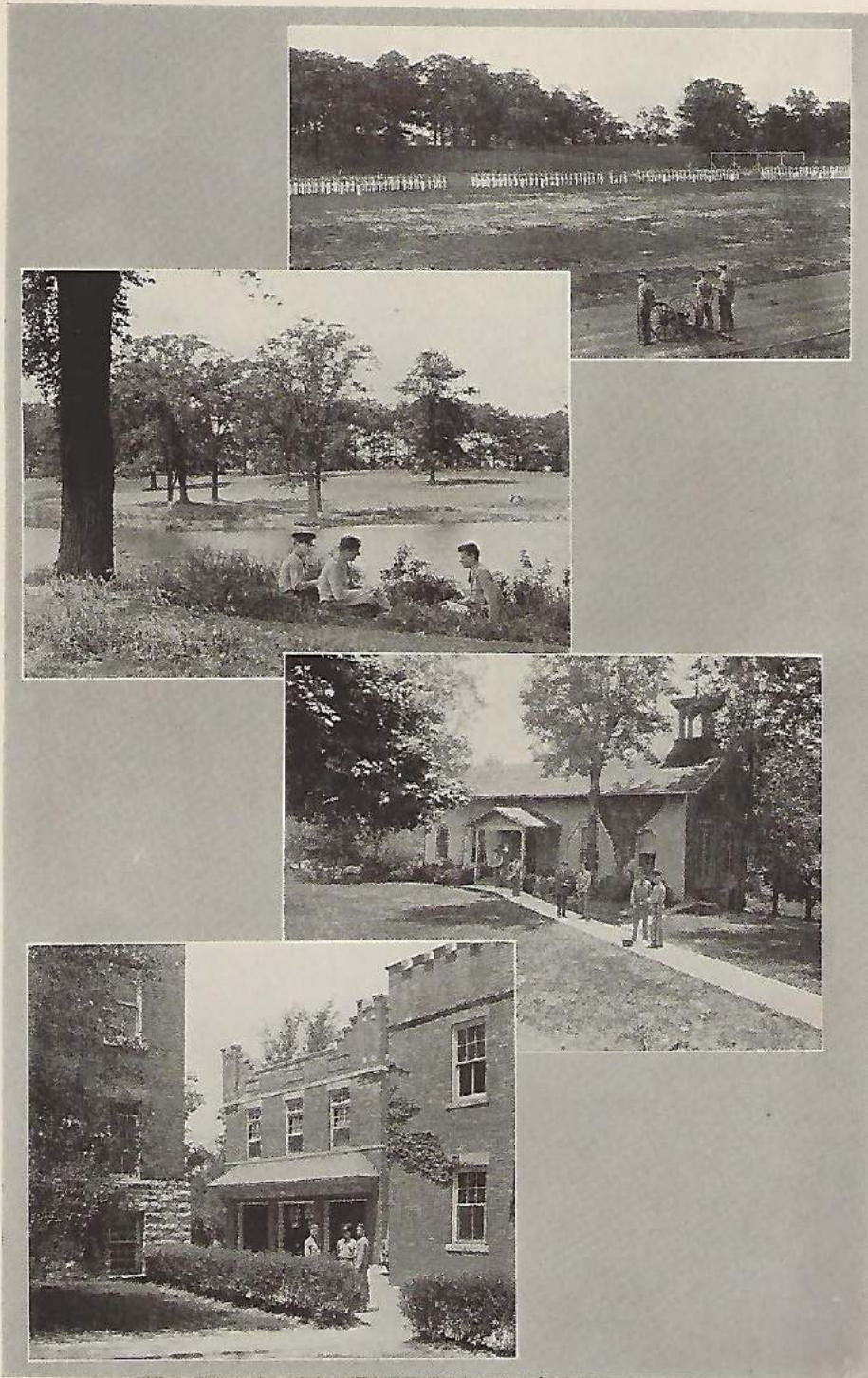


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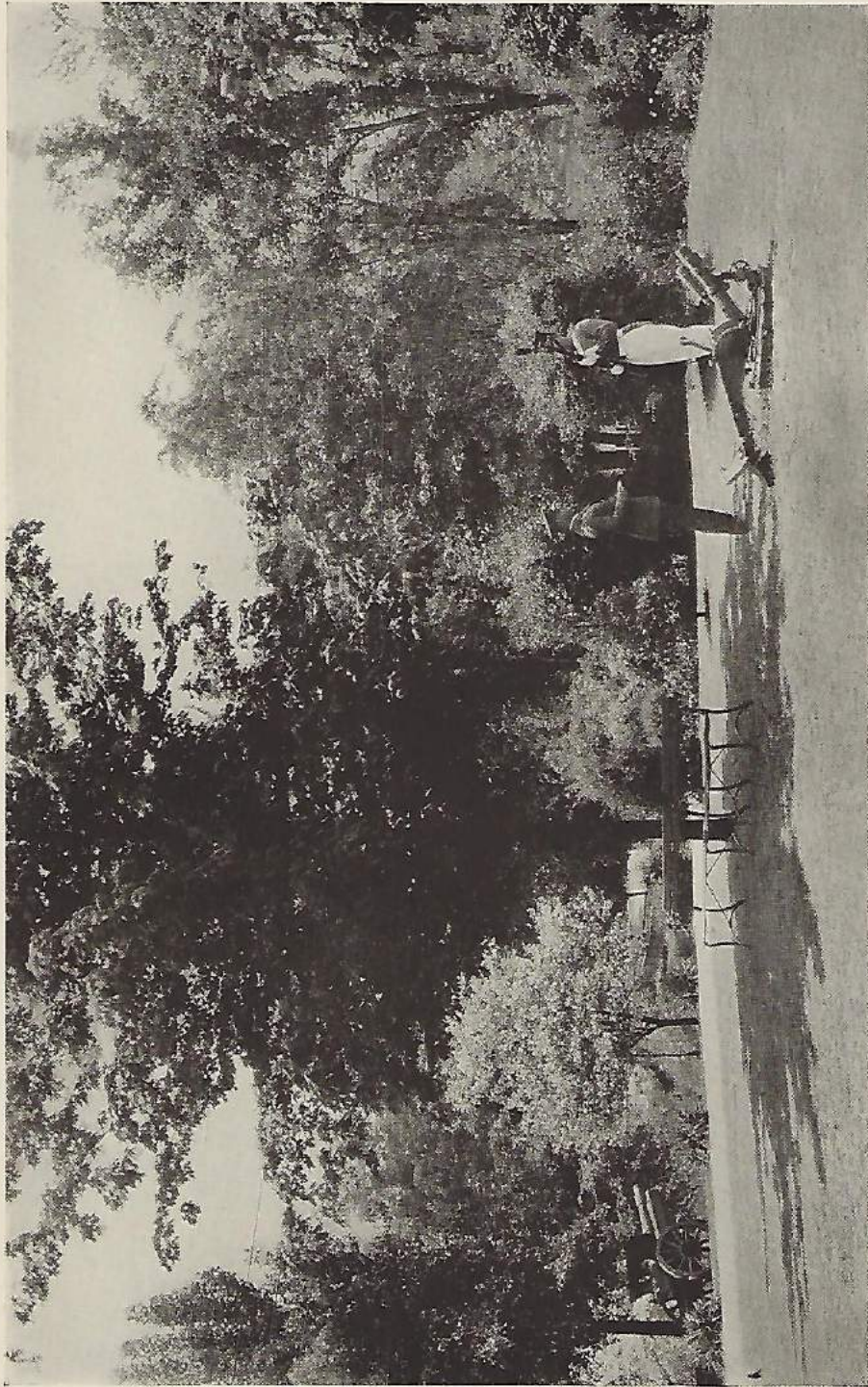


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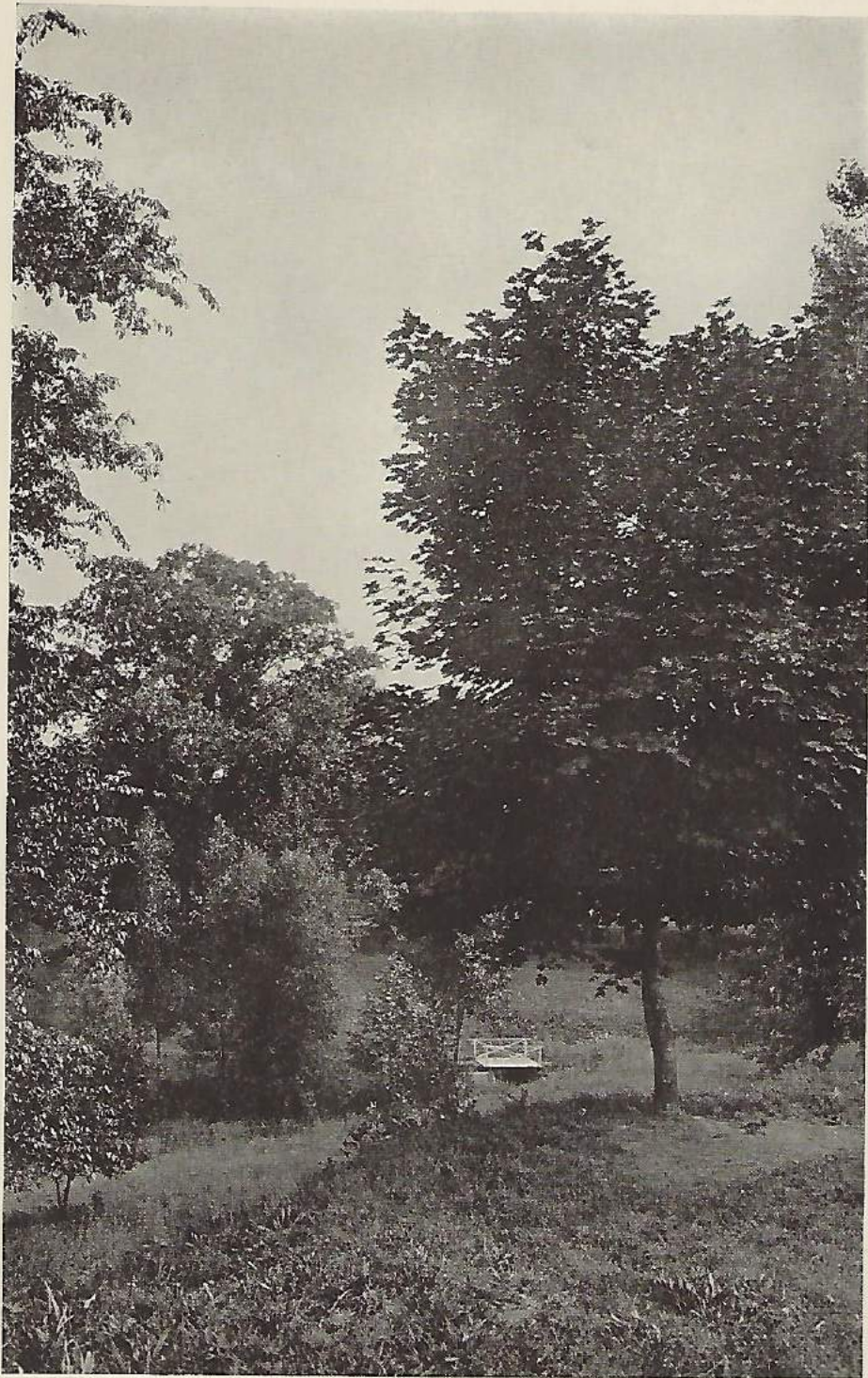
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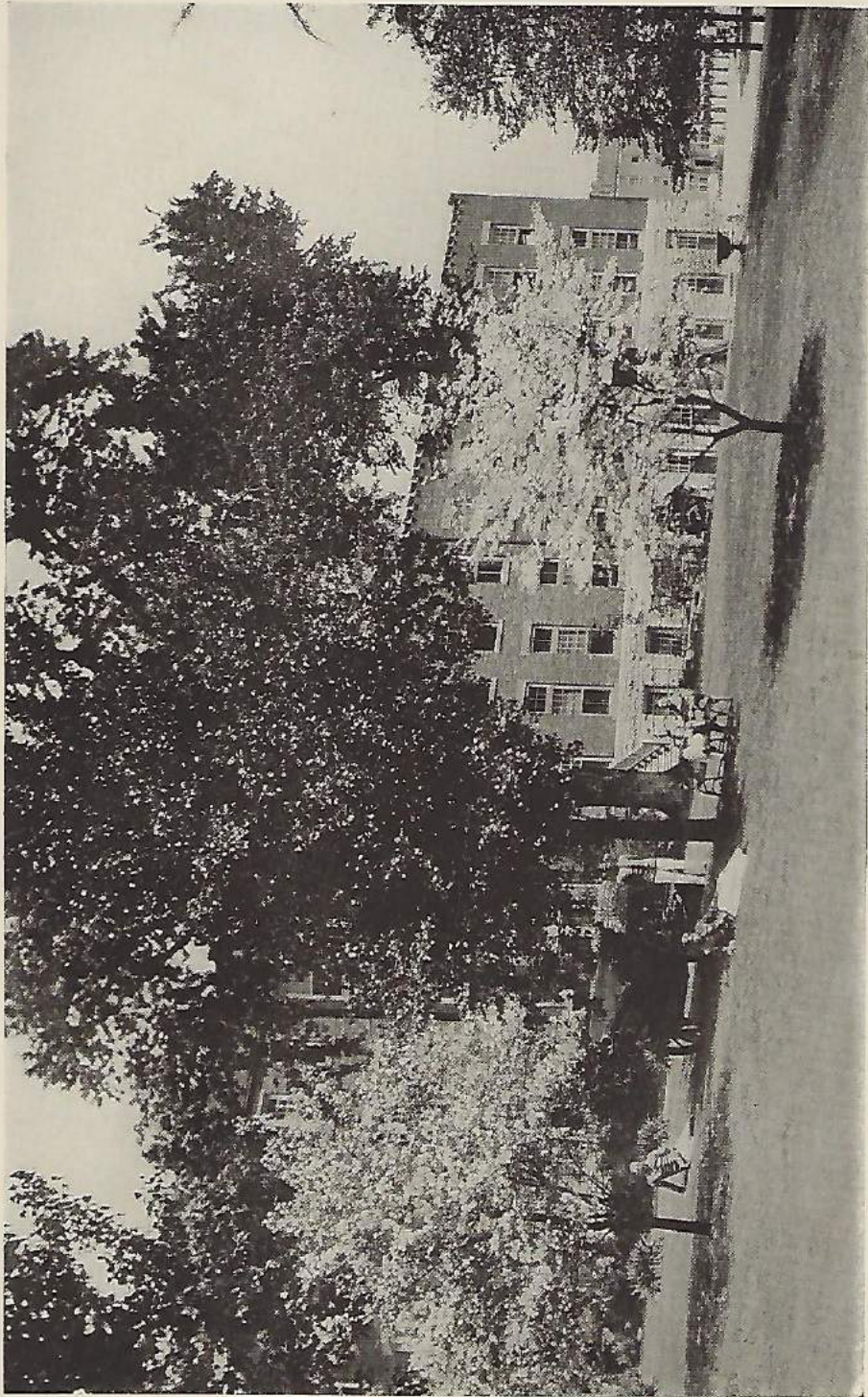
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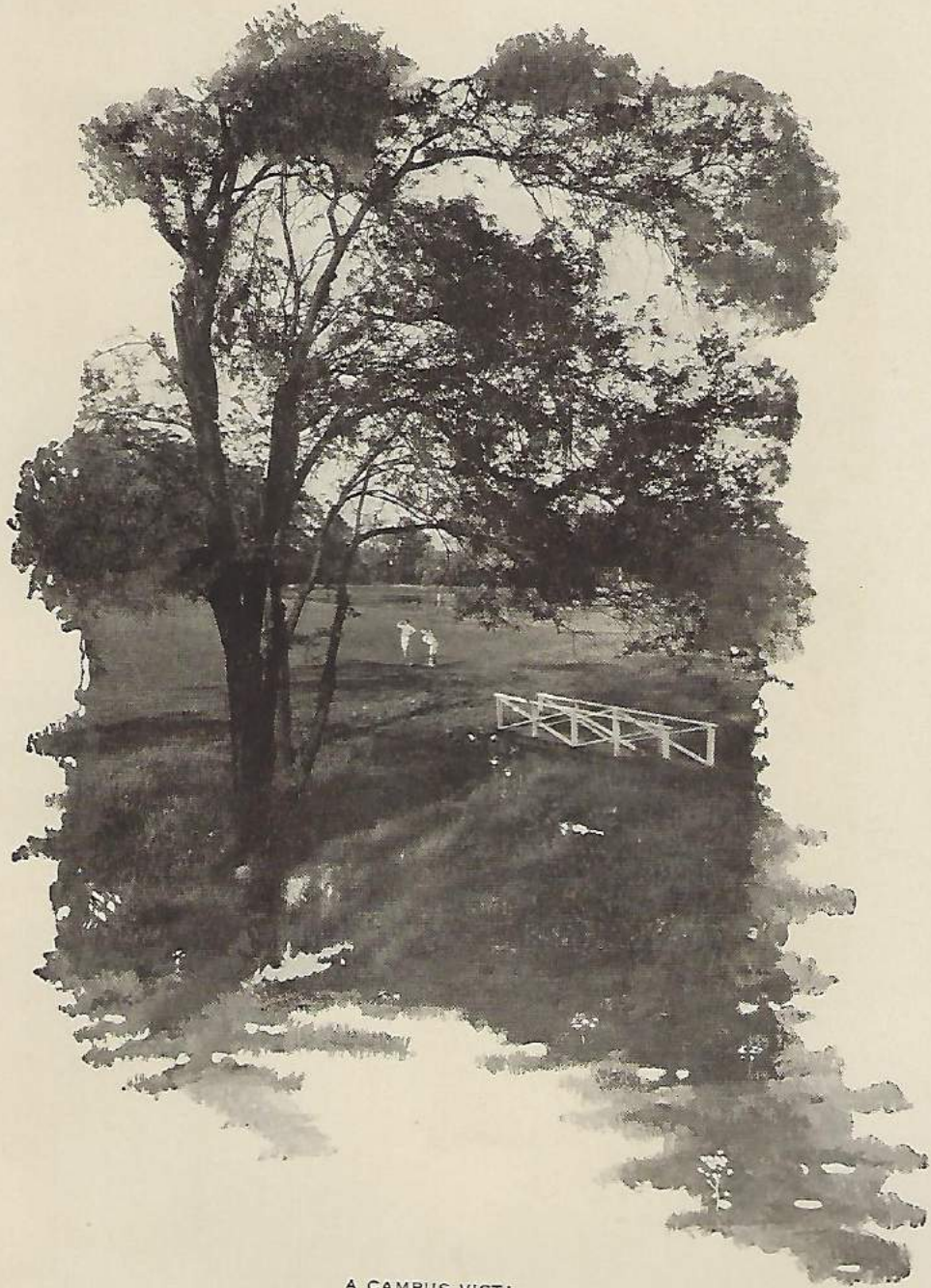
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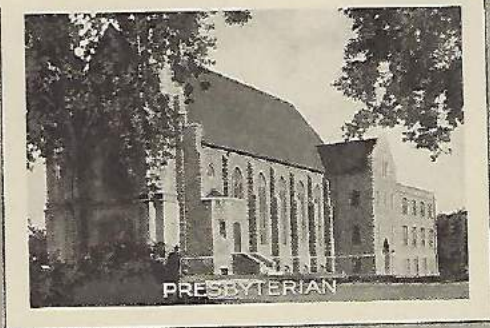
VIEW OF CAMPUS



ANOTHER VIEW OF THE CAMPUS



A CAMPUS VISTA



THE CADETS, IN SQUADS, ATTEND THESE CHURCHES EVERY SUNDAY MORNING, AND, AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DENOMINATIONAL PREFERENCE OF THE PARENTS

