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KALAMAZOO COLLEGE IN KHAKI

The first day of October, Kalamazoo College opened its doors under circumstances unlike any in the history of the institution. With the establishment of the Students' Army Training Corps it added to the existing co-educational college a miniature West Point giving special military and academic instruction to the one hundred twenty-three men who were voluntarily inducted into the U. S. Army as members of the local unit.

Since the exit of the S. A. T. C., after a short period of duration, it may be of interest to note the conditions which led to the organization of the corps, and how Kalamazoo College adjusted itself to the new situation.

Last June when the National Committee on Education and Special Training devised the plan for the S. A. T. C., the country had been at war long enough to establish the fact that young men of liberal education provide the best officer material. Over seventy per cent of the commissioned personnel of the Army in this war has been composed of college men. To quote the above committee: "The excellent results achieved in the training of these men in the great officers' camps of 1917 made it apparent that in a protracted war it would be of the utmost importance to conserve and use to the best advantage the college student body as a source of non-commissioned officer and officer material for the line of the Army. The experience of our allies, especially England, led to this conclusion."

Again, in August, 1918, a new Army program was announced which called for the doubling of the strength of the Army in less than a year. The fulfilment of this program would not only deplete the numbers of men in the colleges, but these men would not be used to the best possible military advantage, for this is a war of specialists and, therefore, it is essential that the right man be put in the right place. To meet these conditions, the S. A. T. C. was conceived purely as

a military measure in order to mobilize the young men in the colleges.

Kalamazoo College was one of the 516 colleges that placed all of their resources at the command of the government to aid in the winning of the war. There were 140,000 men inducted in the various units.

The government established three summer camps in order to provide trained assistants to the commissioned officers who were to command the units at each college. One of these camps was at Plattsburg, N. Y., another at the Presidio, Cal., and another at Fort Sheridan, Ill. To one of these camps each college was required to send a limited number of carefully picked students and one or more members of the faculty for a two months intensive training course. Kalamazoo College was represented at Fort Sheridan by Mark Tapley, Stanley Frost, Paul Walker, Kensell Williams, Paul Staake and Professor Foth. The first three above mentioned men accepted their commissions and were assigned as follows: Second Lt. Tapley, to Kentucky University, Second Lt. Frost, to Purdue University, and Second Lt. Walker to Wisconsin University. Professor Foth was offered a commission and with characteristic college loyalty refused it and returned to do most valuable work for which his military training had fitted him at the college. Mr. Staake was one of the few men who were transferred to Camp Perry for special training in the use of small arms, and later refused his commission to come back to Kalamazoo College where he took charge of athletics. Messrs. Williams and Staake were at once made First Sergeants by the commanding officer of our unit.

The War Department assigned four commissioned officers to the Kalamazoo College unit: Commanding Officer, First Lieutenant Ray G. Walter; Company Commander Second Lieutenant Vernon P. Miller; Personnel Adjutant, Second Lieutenant Hugh T. Lavery; Musketry, Second Lieutenant Walter C. Dean.

With scarcely three weeks notice before time for school

to open, the War Department stipulated that the colleges furnish mess and quarters for all men entering the S. A. T. C. To meet this new requirement was no small task. But in the characteristic Stetsonian spirit of determination to accomplish, and with but three short weeks of time, the "Dorm" and the "Gym" were converted into comfortable barracks, and a modern well built mess hall fully equipped and provisioned, loomed up between Bowen Hall and Ladies' Hall.

Much credit is due Mrs. Wheaton for the splendid way in which she managed the mess hall in addition to her duties at Ladies' Hall.

Military drill, setting up exercises, and football took the place of the usual physical training of the men. Under the able leadership of Sergeant Staake more than thirty men came out for football practice. Out of this raw material he developed a team that showed the characteristic Kazoo "fight 'em" spirit and made a good showing in the M. I. A. A. The athletic field was used for military drill from 2:30 to 4:30, when it was used by the athletes. Every man in the S. A. T. C. received at least two hours of exercise each day and the results could easily be seen in their improved physical condition. In fact the benefit to the men was so great that, hereafter, all men will be required to engage in some form of athletics, or physical training.

The health of the men was so carefully looked after by Dr. L. H. Stewart—S. A. T. C. surgeon—that but few cases of influenza developed and no fatalities occurred. The third floor of the dormitory was used as a hospital and a special nurse was secured.

The men were cared for socially as well as physically. Carefully planned entertainment was provided in Bowen Hall each Saturday night, and differed from the usual camp entertainment in that the coeds were present. At each entertainment one-half hour was devoted to singing of camp songs.

Kalamazoo College never has made such radical change in its curriculum as it made last fall to meet the requirements of

the Committee on Education and Special Training. The students were asked to express their preference for the particular branch of service in which they desired to serve. In order to give the men the fundamental preparation for these branches of service, all of the old courses had to be radically modified and a number of new ones added. We find English and Philosophy professors teaching "War Issues," which was required of all S. A. T. C. men; a Latin professor teaching "Accounting;" an Economics professor teaching "Military Law;" a Greek professor teaching "Military English;" the City Engineer, Andrew Lenderink, teaching "Surveying;" and special courses in "Military Hygiene and Sanitation," "Military French," "Physics," "Chemistry," and "Mathematics." In addition regular instruction was provided for the women students and the men not in the S. A. T. C.

While there were many difficulties to overcome in the establishment and operation of the S. A. T. C., the Kalamazoo College unit was in the main highly successful; and, in answer to the inquiry of the War Department, the faculty voted to continue the unit for the remainder of the year. Seventy per cent of the S. A. T. C. colleges voted the same way. According to statements of the large universities the S. A. T. C. experiment was a failure. The reason for its success in the small colleges, and especially in Kalamazoo College, is that they gauged the number of men to their capacity. Another reason for its special success in Kalamazoo College is due to the exceptional tact of Dr. Stetson in securing the co-operation of the military authorities. He readily solved the problems incident to the experiment which was new to both the military and college authorities. The chief adjustments had been made, and only time for operation was lacking to demonstrate that the small college can be successfully converted into an Officers' Training Camp.

By order of the War Department all S. A. T. C. units were discontinued in December. All members of the Kalamazoo College unit were discharged December 15.

The College resumes its work on a peace basis December 30, and is planning to do its part in the great work of reconstruction.

**ROSTER OF S. A. T. C. UNIT KALAMAZOO COLLEGE
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN**

1st Lieutenants—Ray G. Walter, Commanding Officer.
2nd Lieutenants—Hugh T. Lavery, Vernon L. Miller, Walter C. Dean.
Clerk—Private George S. Mitchell.

PRIVATES, INDUCTED

Aach, Hugh.....	Kalamazoo
Alexander, Thomas H.....	Hillman
Andrews, Harold Milman.....	Royal Oak
Babcock, Warren W.....	Detroit
Bacigalupo, Richard E.....	Kalamazoo
Barber, Leon F.....	Central Lake
Beaber, Nathaniel J.....	Kalkaska
Beach, Earl V.....	Kalamazoo
Bean, Allan M.....	Otsego
Beardsley, Bruce H.....	Sturgis
Bell, Harry A.....	Kalamazoo
Brown, Earl H.....	Muskegon
Buck, Porter A.....	Sodus
Burlingham, Charles M.....	Otsego
Byrd, Cloyd R.....	Cassopolis
Cady, Henry C.....	Mason
Cameron, John J.....	Central Lake
Carpenter, Harry L.....	Kalamazoo
Chaffee, Donald M.....	Galesburg
Chatters, Clayton M.....	Flint
Colman, Howell F.....	Kalamazoo
Connelly, Howard B.....	Vandalia
Cook, Carleton D.....	Chicago, Ill.
Crosby, Charles D.....	Kalamazoo
Dawson, Nelson B.....	Central Lake
Dean, Bryson C.....	Marshall
DeHaan, John.....	Kalamazoo
DeLine, Hrythol A.....	Kalamazoo
Denslow, Floyd E.....	Benton Harbor
Douglas, Carl A.....	Paw Paw
Doyen, Harold G.....	Kalamazoo
Dressel, Harold A.....	South Haven

Ehlers, John W.....	Kalamazoo
Ennis, Clarence J.....	Centreville
Erickson, Gustaf R.....	Marquette
Fenstermaker, Claude L.....	Kalamazoo
Fitch, Lester C.....	Mattawan
Flagg, Walrod D.....	Dowagiac
Forney, John D.....	Augusta
Fuller, William A.....	Port Austin
Gifford Robert Akin.....	Augusta
Glass, Stanley W.....	Belding
Glenn, Winfield C.....	Portage
Graybiel, Lester A.....	Kalamazoo
Greer, Earl H.....	Augusta
Gustafson, Adolph B.....	Champion
Heiser, Harold W.....	Buffalo, New York
Henshaw, Harold C.....	Kalamazoo
Hickmott, William A.....	Mendon
Hill, Harry W.....	Kalamazoo
Hobbs, Lindsay E.....	Galesburg
Hobbs, Floyd H.....	Paw Paw
Hoekstra, Jerald K.....	Kalamazoo
Hoekstra, Reginald C.....	Kalamazoo
Hopkins, Harris H.....	Kalamazoo
Jerue, Philip C.....	South Haven
Jewett, Dwight C.....	Kalamazoo
Jones, Alva A.....	Coleman
June, Vero H.....	Marquette
Keasey, Seth C.....	Centreville
Kellogg, Newell L.....	Williamston
Kilgore, Joseph E.....	Kalamazoo
Knapp, George W.....	Lansing
Landes, Harold D.....	Kalamazoo
Laurian, Donald C.....	Kalamazoo
Learned, Charles G.....	Port Austin
Linihan, Charles J.....	Kalamazoo
Mapes, Maynard K.....	Augusta
McCarty, Floyd W.....	Crystal
McKay, Lisle K.....	Saginaw, W. S.
Meggison, Harold.....	Central Lake
Milroy, Robert R.....	Battle Creek
Mishica, Joseph G.....	Calumet
Monroe, Ulysses S.....	Berlin
Osborne, Floyd L.....	Port Austin
Patterson, Robert H.....	Edwardsburg
Perry, Clifton W.....	Kalamazoo

Pieters, Roelof.....	Kalamazoo
Pinel, Emil C.....	Kalamazoo
Rea, Ernest E.....	Hillman
Read, Charles A.....	Lowell
Rice, Murray J.....	Flint
Rigterink, Hollis J.....	Kalamazoo
Ring, Kenneth C.....	Kalamazoo
Robinson, Harry A.....	Mattawan
Roe, Millard J.....	Kalamazoo
Roof, Merritt R.....	Climax
Rynbrand, Glen W.....	Kalamazoo
Savage, Dorr L.....	Central Lake
Sayles, Neil D.....	Battle Creek
Schensul, Joseph.....	Kalamazoo
Schmid, Karl W.....	Kalamazoo
Schroeder, Donald L.....	Kalamazoo
Seward, Robert D.....	Mattawan
Small, Henry F.....	Alpena
Small, William A.....	Kalamazoo
Smith, Ernest F.....	La Grange, Ind.
Snyder, Nelson A.....	Central Lake
Spaid, Leonard.....	Klingers
Staaake, Paul C.....	Galesburg
Stafford, Thomas D.....	Coldwater
Stanton, Leslie J.....	Muskegon
Swikert, Charles A.....	Gobleville
Tazelaar, Corliss.....	Kalamazoo
Thomas, Claude H.....	Berlin
Thompson, Theodore A.....	Williamston
Tuttle, Vivian Y.....	Benton Harbor
Twitchell, Frank L.....	Williamston
Van Male, John E.....	Kalamazoo
Voice, Maurice.....	Kingsley
Vowler, Wilbert, R.....	Gwinn
Walker, Harry E.....	Gobleville
Walters, Harry A.....	Battle Creek
Wattles, Charles E.....	Kalamazoo
Weatherwax, Ward C.....	Sturgis
West, Ira G.....	Kalamazoo
Weston, Russell K.....	Kalamazoo
Wheat, Phineas S.....	Kalamazoo
Wilcox, Harold B.....	Gobleville
Wilcox, Monroe J.....	Gobleville
Williams, Kensell.....	Kalamazoo
Wilson, Donald J.....	Mattawan