

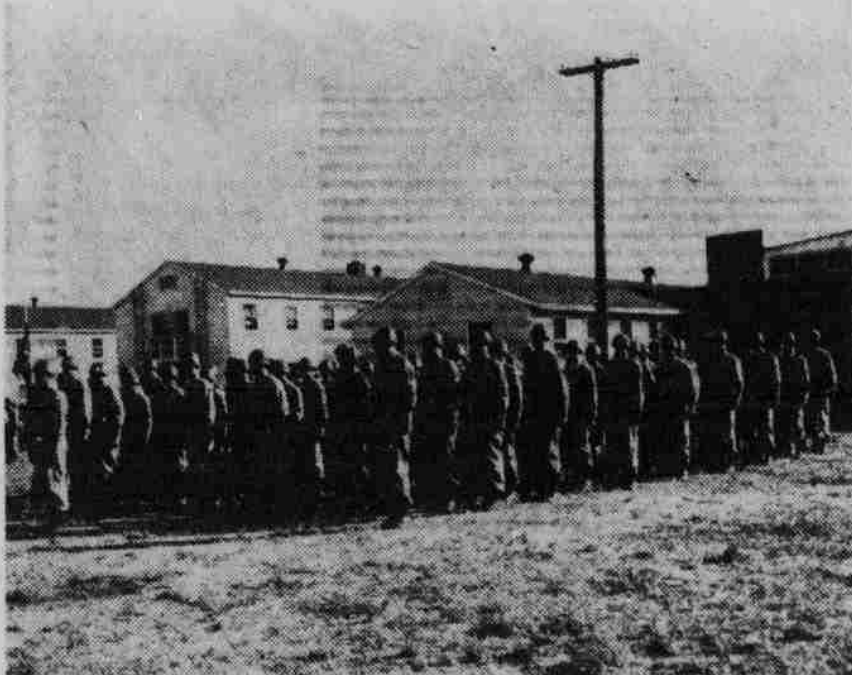
# Korean War Influences ROTC

Rifle Scores . . .



**SHARPSHOOTER**—Maj. Blackburn Stephens, Military Instructor at Michigan State College, posts the score of Cadet James Kelley, University of Nebraska student, during M-1 rifle firing for ROTC cadets at Camp McCoy Military Reservation. (U. S. Army Photo.)

Ten Hut . . .



**ROTC ON PARADE**—Pictured above is C Company, of which the University of Nebraska students are a part, standing at attention in a retreat parade. The cadets hold a retreat parade, complete with band, at least twice a week. (U. S. Army Photo.)

Inspection Arms . . .



**INSPECTION**—One of the duties of the ROTC cadets at Camp McCoy is to keep the barracks neat and clean. This entails cleaning of the rifle, beds and keeping clothes neatly hung. Above, Mat Mateja, left, and John Maher stand at attention while two officers inspect them. (U. S. Army Photo.)

Motor Details . . .



**NEBRASKA CADETS**—The 15 University advanced infantry ROTC students pictured above with Capt. John Davis, instructor at the University, are in their third week of training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. In the picture the students are learning the intricate parts of the inner-workings of a jeep from Capt. Davis. They are, from left to right: George Pinkerton, Charles Bush, Lowell Neilson, Jackson Good, Mat Mateja, Gordon Francis, James Rosenquist, George Morris, Robert Myers, John Taylor, William Stewart, John Maher, John Gudgel, James Kelley, and Bob Laflin. (U. S. Army Photo.)

## Fifteen Husker Students Study War Methods at Camp McCoy

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**CAMP MCCOY, Wis.**—As signs of a third great world conflict, highlighted by the Korean War and the renewal of the draft, present themselves each day, 15 University of Nebraska advanced ROTC students are preparing themselves to meet the challenge of a new war.

More than ever before these future infantry officers are realizing their task and the importance of their collegiate training.

No longer is the six-week summer camp regarded a free vacation interrupted by dull military routine. The cadets are enjoying their training and are fulfilling every minute detail of the rigorous schedule with the utmost seriousness:

These men: Charles Bush, Grand Island; Gordon Francis, Bellevue; Jackson Good, Gregory, South Dakota; John Gudgel, Lincoln; James Kelly, Grand Island; Bob Laflin, Lincoln; John Maher, Devils Lake, North Dakota; Mat Mateja, Crete; George Morris, Lincoln; Robert Myers, Rapid City, South Dakota; Lowell Neilson, Spalding; George Pinkerton, Beatrice; James Rosenquist, Omaha; William Stewart, Lexington; and John Taylor, Grand Island had just reached the mid-way point in their training program when I arrived at McCoy.

### DAILY ROUTINE

A normal day in the life of a ROTC Cadet is as follows: 5:30 a. m. rise and shine, 5:45 breakfast, 6:45 to 7:30—movement to the field, 7:30 to 11:20—firing of the 60 and 81 mm mortar, rocket launcher, hand grenades and rifle grenades.

From 11:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. the cadets have lunch in the field. Then again from 12:30 to 4:20 p. m. they return to the firing of weapons mentioned above. At 4:30 p. m. they return to the barracks and prepare for a retreat parade that is held at 5 p. m.

The above schedule does not hold true for every day at Camp McCoy. Before entering the field, the cadets are thoroughly briefed on the mechanics of the weapon and the procedure of fire. The weapons are tested by ROTC instructors before the student is allowed to fire.

The main training objective of the summer session, according to Brigadier General C. S. Ferrin, training center commander, "is to

give attending personnel every opportunity to glean practical experience in their branch of service, to learn latest methods in supply, logistics, transportability and weapons."

"By this means the student will be able to apply theories to practice and justify their past military education," the General continued.

When the students arrive at McCoy they began a firing program which will give them actual experience on every weapon from the carbine to the 75 mm recoilless rifle.

The day I followed the Nebraska contingent through a day of training the cadets were not in the field but rather listening to demonstrations by an infantry division. The demonstrations were on vehicle movement and the using of the recoilless rifle.

Later in the day the cadets heard talks by veteran officers who told them of their war experiences and methods of battle. One of these monographs was given by a Maj. Don Thompson, ROTC instructor at Wentworth Military Academy. Maj. Thompson, who is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, spoke on his tour of duty on Bataan peninsula, and the ensuing "death march" which is now history.

It is not all work for the Nebraska advanced ROTC students at Camp McCoy. They have won distinction for themselves in other fields of interest. In the M1 rifle competition, for example, Nebraska was the only University to register a score of at least marksman. Another note of interest is that not one Nebraska student failed to pass the physical examination.

The Nebraska group is also proving to be a worthy competition in the athletic field. McCoy offers a wide and varied sport program, as well as movies and special shows, and at the present time Company C, of which Nebraska students are a part, is leading the field in many sports. Company C softball team, cap-

tained by Lowell "Butch" Neilson, is tied for first in company competition with a two-won, one-lost record. The volleyball team is also atop the league with an undefeated record in three games.

This well-rounded schedule at Camp McCoy is responsible for the high morale of the ROTC cadets.

Another reason for the high spirit of the corps is the excellent food being consumed by the students. The Army Food Service staff is providing for the health and stamina of the students with three abundant meals a day.

The ROTC cadets are receiving 10% more calories a day than regular army personnel. Regular army staff members consume 3600 calories whereas the students eat 4500 calories a day.

### 92c Cents Per Day

In price, figures total about 92 cents a day for regular army members and \$1.12 per day for the students.

The Camp has a bakery which is capable of supplying more than 8,000 persons a day with an enriched bread that closely resembles the homemade kind. A large cold storage plant stores all the necessary fruits, vegetables and meat that feed an army of hungry men.

Camp McCoy provides ideal training terrain and the demonstration and exercises are greatly enhanced by the splendid area at the student's disposal.

In the words of the commanding general, "I am certain that our summer encampment will accomplish its mission—to make our officers and soldiers acutely aware of the problems of modern warfare and better prepared to meet them."

Located 275 miles northwest of Chicago and 30 miles northeast of La Crosse and the Mississippi river, Camp McCoy is situated in Wisconsin's scenic vacation land.

### War Functions

During World War II, McCoy served as a site maneuvers of many infantry divisions as well as serving as the center for the Sixth Service Command nurses training.

Small units such as combat engineer groups, tank destroyer units, medical units, quartermaster battalions and artillery, ordnance, military police and anti-aircraft units, also trained at McCoy.