

# Commencement Number

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## COMMISSIONS AND WARRANTS

The following commissions were issued by the Adjutant General of the State of Kansas:

Major—Harold George Condon  
Captain of Co. A—Preston C. Hyde  
Captain of Co. B—Elmer Ellsworth Hill

First Lieutenant and Adjutant—Horace E. Winger

First Lieutenant—Lloyd A. McWhinney

First Lieutenant—Orris Fain Armantrot

Second Lieutenant—Albert T. Freeman

Second Lieutenant—Clyde M. Shaffer

The following additional promotions were made by the school:

Captain—Horace E. Winger  
Second Lieutenant—Augustus H. Shiney

Second Lieutenant—Edward Allen Aldous

Second Lieutenant—Robert M. Dalton

Sergeant—Richard G. Poindexter

Sergeant—James C. Shortt

Sergeant—Jack W. Cheneweth

The following warrants were presented to the non-commissioned officers:

First Sergeant—Gus Shiney  
First Sergeant—Dave Wheeler

Sergeant—Charles Wheeler

Sergeant—Willis Hoskinson

Sergeant—Thomas Conklin

Sergeant—Edward Aldous

Sergeant—Gail Spoelstra

Sergeant—Robert Dalton

Sergeant—Hugh Lieser

Corporal—Dennis Phillips

Corporal—Reginald Hopper

Corporal—Robert McCracken

Corporal—Frederick Oehlman

Corporal—Edwin Grant

Corporal—Charles Manion

Corporal—Bruce Edwards

Corporal—Lyman Linger

Corporal—David Johnston

## THE COMMENCEMENT HOP

All during examination week the cadets under the leadership of Chief Decorator Dalton were at work making the gymnasium into a fairyland for the annual commencement hop. An elaborate false ceiling of school colors was built and placed, the baskets were trimmed, the orchestra stand was decorated and the floor was given an excellent polish.

Before nine o'clock the guests began to arrive and soon the gym was filled. Pierce's orchestra struck up a march and the party was on. The grand march was led by Colonel Ganssle and the cadets followed through some very pretty movements. The bright party dresses of the young ladies and uniforms of the cadets were well set off by the decorations and the whole made an enjoyable spectacle. After the grand march the dance proceeded along the usual lines with fox trots, one steps and waltzes. About eleven o'clock the younger cadets passed among the guests with ice cream in the army and navy colors, and cakes. The ice cream had either a blue anchor in the center of the slice to indicate the Navy or it had a red star for the Army. Throughout the evening punch was served by cadets who did not care to dance.

Many parents of cadets and other friends of the school were invited and all had an enjoyable evening.

## JOHNSTON PROMOTED

Cadet David Johnston was made a corporal shortly after camp to fill the vacancy in company "B" which occurred after the former corporal spent the evening in town A. W. O. L.

"Say Jack, let me take your dress suit."

"Sure, but why so formal?"

"I couldn't find it."

Like a pancake. "Do you think your husband was broadened by his European trip?"

## THE GRADUATES

St. John's bids a fond farewell to the class of 1923. It was a noteworthy class and included men of great ability and of high standing in school life. We wish them all success in their future work.

The following is a short resume of the activities of the class of '23:

Aldous, Edward (Ed'ard), (2),  
St. Paul, Minn.

Color Sergeant; Navy Club; Football Team 1921, 1922; Basketball Team Track Squad 1922, 1923; Skirmisher Editorial Board; Athletic Board of Control; Phi Delta Sigma; Treasurer of Junior Class; Sharpshooter 1923.

Cheneweth, Jack (Husky),  
Concordia, Kansas

Football Squad 1922; Phi Delta Sigma; Navy Club.

Condon, Harold (Brownie) (4),  
Omaha, Nebraska

Senior Captain Cadet Corps; Navy Club; Football Team 1920-21-22; Basketball Team 1922-23; Track Team 1922, Captain 1923; Kappa Delta Phi; Wrestling Team; Social Committee; Sharpshooter 1922-23.

Dalton, Robert (Bob) (2),  
St. George, Kansas

Sergeant; Navy Club; Football Team 1922; Basketball Team; Kappa Delta Phi; Skirmisher Editorial Board 1921-22-23; Chairman Social Committee; Sharpshooter 1923.

Hill, Elmer (Pene) Denver, Colo.

First Lieutenant and Adjutant; Captain Navy Club; Football Team 1920-21, Captain 1922; Basketball Team 1922-23; Editor-in-Chief Skirmisher Board; Athletic Board of Control 1921-22; Phi Delta Sigma; President of Senior Class; Sharpshooter 1923.

Hyde, Preston (5), Reading, Kansas

Junior Captain Cadet Corps; Navy Club; Football Squad; Swimming

Team; Kappa Delta Phi; Marksman 1922; Sharpshooter 1923.

Poindexter, Richard G. (Richelieu)  
(4) Kansas City, Kansas

Army Club; Football Squad 1921-22; Phi Delta Sigma; Sharpshooter 1923.

Shiney, Augustus (Gus) (4)  
Hutchinson, Kansas

First Sergeant; Navy Club; Football Team 1920-21-22; Basketball Team 1921-22, Captain 1923; Swimming Team; Boxing Team; Skirmisher Editorial Board 1922; Orchestra 1920-21; Athletic Board of Control; Phi Delta Sigma.

Shortt, James (Jim) (1)  
Belvue, Kansas

Army Club; Football Squad 1922; Track Squad 1922; Kappa Delta Phi; Sharpshooter.

Winger, Horace E. (Jew) (5)  
Wellington, Kansas

First Lieutenant; Army Club; Football Team 1922; Basketball Squad 1922; Track Team 1922-23; Swimming Team; Kappa Delta Phi; Skirmisher Editorial Board; Marksman 1923.

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## ARMY AND NAVY TRACK MEET

The annual Army-Navy track meet was held on Saturday, May 26th. The cadets were fortunate in having the day clear after a week of rain. The track was somewhat muddy on the east side but that did not interfere with the short distance events and in the longer races Grayson and his followers plowed through without apparent difficulty.

The cadets were divided into four classes according to age and weight. The first class included all men over 135 pounds or over 17 years of age as well as all letter men, all members of the regular track team, and all men who made 11 or more points in the second class in the preceding year. The second class included boys from 135 down to 115 pounds; the third class 115 to 85, and the fourth class all under 85 pounds.

The high point man from each class was awarded the athletic medal for his class. The winners of these athletic medals are: Freeman, class 1, 20 points; Foster, class 2, 25 points; Manion, class 3, 17 points; and Crooks class 4, 23 points. Foster deserves particular mention for having won all the points possible for one man to win. He won four first places and ran on the winning relay team.

The navy team under the pilotage of Captain Hill defeated Grant's army aggregation by the score of 291 to 265. The score for the meet follows:

### Army-Navy Club Field Meet 1923

#### Won by Navy Club

a—ARMY CLUB; Captain, Edwin R. Grant.

n—NAVY CLUB; Captain, Elmer E. Hill.

(Names of Cadets in the order in which they finished, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.)

### HIGH JUMP

First Class—Fuhrman, a; Wheeler D., n; Grant, a.

Second Class—Wheeler C., n; Sawyer M., n; Bland, a.

Third Class—Robinson, a; Lieser, a; Beasley, n.

Fourth Class—Ripley E., n; Crooks, a; Shirk, n.

### RUNNING BROAD JUMP

First Class—Lichty, a; Condon, n; Winger, a.

Second Class—Bland, a; Rice, a; Noren, n;

Third Class—Crow, n; Barnett, a; Manion, n.

Fourth Class—Ripley E., n; Jones, a; Shirk, n.

### DISCUS

First Class—Hartman, n; Lichty, a; Shiney, n.

Second Class—Foster, a; Phillips, a; Johnston, n.

Third Class—Manion, n; Lieser, a; Edwards, n.

### SHOT PUT

First Class—Dixon, a; Hartman, n; Shiney, n.

Second Class—Foster, n; Wheeler C., n; Phillips, a.

Third Class—Barnett, a; Manion, n; Beasley, n.

### FIFTY YARD DASH

First Class—Freeman, n; Clanin, n; Grant, a.

Second Class—Noren, n; Sawyer, n; Linger, a.

Third Class—Edwards, n; Barnett, a; Lieser, a.

Fourth Class—Crooks, a; Jones, a; Ripley E., n.

### ONE HUNDRED YARD DASH

First Class—Freeman, n; Clanin, n; Grayson, a.

Second Class—Sawyer M., n; Linger, a; Noren, n.

Third Class—Lieser, a; Barnett, a; Edwards, n.

Fourth Class—Crooks, a; Ripley, n; Wright, a.

### TWO HUNDRED TWENTY YARD DASH

First Class—Freeman, n; Aldous, n.

Second Class—Bland, a; Sawyer, n; Linger, a.

Third Class—Crow, n; Miles, n.

Fourth Class—Crooks, a; Shirk, n; Ganssle, a.

### FOUR HUNDRED FORTY YARDS

First Class—Grayson N., a; Clanin, n; Condon, n.

Second Class—Jackson, a; Wheeler C., n; Riblett, n.

Third Class—Manion, n; Miles, n; McMurtrie, a.

Fourth Class—Jones, a; Shirk, n; Ganssle, a.

### EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY YARDS

First Class—Grayson N., a; Hopkins, a; Jamison, n.

Second Class—Foster, a; Oakley, a; Conklin, n.

### MILE RUN

First Class—Grayson N., a; Saw-

yer S., a; Jamison, n.  
Second Class—Foster, a; Oakley, a;  
Hoskinson, n.

**LOW HURDLES**

First Class—Aldous, n; Condon, n;  
Winger, a.  
Second Class—Bland, a; Noren, n;  
Riblett, n.

**HIGH HURDLES**

First Class—Condon, n; Aldous, n;  
Grant, a.

**POLE VAULT**

First Class—McCracken, n; Grant,  
a; Winger, a.  
Second Class—Rice, a; Wheeler, n;  
Shaft, a.

**HALF-MILE RELAY**

First Class—Won by Navy team—  
Condon, Freeman, Aldous, Clanin.  
Second Class—Won by Army team  
—Bland, Foster, Oakley, Linger.  
Third Class—Won by Navy team—  
Edwards, Manion, Beasley, Crow.  
Fourth Class—Won by Army team  
—Crooks, Wright, Ganssle, Jones.

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**OLD BOYS VISIT**

On Commencement Day we had the pleasure of another visit from Merritt (M) Stiles ('21), who drove up with a friend in their sport car from Stillwater, Oklahoma, where he has been attending the Oklahoma State Agricultural and Mechanical College. Merritt's brother, Sibley, left with the visitors for Denver on Wednesday, May 30th.

We were glad to have Bruce Johnson and Ralph Muir with us for Commencement. We hope they will make it a point to attend each year, for it adds much to the pleasure of the occasion to have our alumni present.

On Saturday, June 2nd St. John's had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. James Paul Reed (1910), of Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Reed is connected with a firm of New York Underwriters there, and stopped off in Salina on one of his trips for the firm. He took special delight in looking over the old catalogs, and told us many interesting things about "the old days" at St. John's. He was 1st Lieut. of Co. A in 1910 and was made Senior Captain and Adjutant for 1911, but was unable to return to finish his work. He played full back on the football team and was Captain of the Basketball team. In 1917 and 1918 he served as First Lieutenant and later as Captain at Camp Jackson S. C. Mr. Reed gave us interesting news items about other old St. John's boys of that period, which will be of assistance in adjusting our records of the alumni.

James Booth, of Kansas City, Kan., who was at school two years ago, visited St. John's on Saturday, June 2nd, accompanied by his friend, Mr. Fox. James said that he was planning to return to school in the fall, and that his friend was also thinking of enrolling. We hope to see them both at school next September.

### Class of '95 Represented at Commencement

It was a signal honor and a very great pleasure to all at St. John's to have with us at Commencement two "old boys" of the Class of 1895, Mr. H. G. Shortt of Belvue, Kans., and Mrs. L. D. Hyde, of Reading, Kans. This was enhanced by the coincidence of the graduation of a son of each. James Shortt and Preston Hyde, both receiving their diplomas

with the class of 1923. Colonel Ganssle called attention to this singular fact at the Alumni Luncheon by asking Mr. Shortt and Mr. Hyde to stand with their sons, which was the occasion for continued applause.

### SHARPSHOOTERS AND MARKSMEN RECEIVE THEIR MEDALS

The cadets who qualified on the rifle range at camp this spring received their medals on the 28th of May just before the bugler's contest. The medals are the same as the army medals except that they are finished in bronze instead of silver. The sharpshooters medal is a bar with the word "Sharpshooter" upon it and a maltese cross suspended from it. The marksman badge is a bar with the word "Marksman" upon it. Either badge is designed to be worn upon the breast of the uniform blouse on the left side. Twenty-two sharpshooters and nineteen marksmen qualified. The lists and scores of these men were published in the May 25th number of the "Skirmisher."

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## INTERESTING LETTERS

George Webb writes the following  
letter from Barnsdall, Oklahoma:

Barnsdall, Oklahoma, May 18, 1923.  
Dear Colonel Ganssle:

I guess you will be rather surprised  
to hear from me. I just thought I  
would write a few lines to find out  
how everything is down there. I  
often think of the time I was there  
and can't express in words just how  
I wish I were there again. When I  
was there I didn't realize how hard  
this old world is or I would have  
studied hard and tried to make some-  
thing of myself.

Will you please send me the "Skir-  
misher" or what ever it is? I have  
forgotten just how to spell it. I will  
appreciate it very much if you will.

Write and tell me about my old  
home.

Yours very truly,  
GEORGE WEBB,  
Barnsdall, Okla., Gen. Del.

Webb was at St. John's in the year  
1919-20 as many of the older cadets  
will remember. Thanks for the letter,  
George, let us hear from you again.

Lippincott, last year's senior cap-  
tain, writes a cordial letter.

460 S. Lucas Avenue,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Gang:

Well another year is nearly ended  
and many of you will be leaving, this  
time for good.

Wish I was back there for your  
commencement, the track meet, dance,  
etc.

I expect now you are all worrying  
about finals. Here's hoping that you  
all get through and that the cups,  
medal and honors are distributed  
throughout the class where they will  
do the most good.

I want to wish each and every one  
of you success and power to be the

best class that has ever left St. John's  
except, of course, the class of 1922.  
Also I hope that each of you can and  
will go to college.

I would appreciate it very much if  
some one would send me a Commence-  
ment number of the "Skirmisher" and  
give my name and address to the fac-  
ulty for a catalog.

Hope that some of you will write  
me a line soon and tell me all about  
everything, and if you come to L. A.  
don't forget to look me up.

Congratulations! all of the class of  
"1923."

C. LYDON LIPPINCOTT "22"

Who won the track meet?

Lippincott was at St. John's for  
four years and graduated with a  
commission as Major. He was a star  
athlete, being on the football, basket-  
ball and track teams. Thanks for the  
good wishes, Lippy, write often.

## McWHINNEY WINS THE THESIS MEDAL

The National Society of Colonial  
Daughters each year present a medal  
awarded to Lieutenant McWhinney  
for the best essay on some patriotic  
subject. The medal this year was  
for an essay on "Immigration."  
Lieutenant McWhinney chose his sub-  
ject as being one of nation-wide in-  
terest at this time and his essay  
showed a deep study of this most  
important subject. The winning es-  
say follows:

### Immigration Between Two Evils

The primary motive of immigration  
to America is not religious. A few  
immigrants have been driven to this  
country in search of either religious  
or political freedom. The over-  
whelming majority of the immigrants  
have come as a result of economic  
forces; or the greater economic op-  
portunities which America afforded.  
This is almost exclusively true of  
all immigration since the seventeenth  
century.

The situation arising as a result of  
the World War clearly revealed the  
need of additional restrictions until  
the millions of foreign born persons,  
already here, should become thorough-  
ly Americanized. The law passed by  
Congress in 1921 limited the number  
of immigrants during the following  
year to three per cent of the foreign  
born persons of each nationality al-  
ready in the United States.

One of the most serious dangers

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from immigration arises from the tendency of the immigrants to concentrate in large cities, and from their failure to take out naturalization papers and become American citizens. This danger was brought home to us at the outbreak of the war of 1917, when we discovered that we had millions of aliens living in this country, many of whom had no thought of citizenship and allegiance to the United States. This incoming of immigrants has not only greatly increased the work of assimilation and education, but it has rendered vastly more difficult the many other problems which municipal governments must solve. Other important social effects of immigration relate to crime, pauperism, and insanity. Statistics show that of the criminal, pauper and insane classes, the foreign born furnish a much larger relative percentage than is the case with our native born population.

#### SHORTAGE OF LABOR

Fear of the impending labor shortage moves Judge Gary of the United States Steel Corporation to denounce our present immigration law as, "One of the worst things that this country has ever done for itself economically." To the American captain of industry a labor surplus at home is an asset, while a labor surplus abroad is a liability, for when it exists at home, it enables him to keep down the labor cost of production, while when it exists abroad it affords that opportunity to his competitor in the neutral markets of the world.

To the American workman a labor surplus at home means falling wages and the danger of unemployment. Hence, because a scarcity of labor is an evil to the employer and an excess of labor is an evil to the worker, industry and labor have never been able to see eye to eye in the immigration question. Immigration contains the ingredients of great political struggle.

The present immigration law, it will be remembered, provides that the number of aliens of any nationality who may be admitted into the United States in any fiscal year should be limited to three per cent of the number of foreign born persons of such nationality resident in the United States as shown by the census of 1910. It is a temporary and experimental law in force until June 30, 1924. There is a wide-spread impression that under the three per cent

law little more than a quarter of a million immigrants can enter the United States in a fiscal year.

America is faced by a shortage of labor, due practically to the laws restricting immigration. These laws as passed are the worst thing that ever happened to this country economically. There is a great abundance of labor on the other side of the water that would be glad to come over and develop our resources.

However, we do not advocate unrestricted immigration, but that we should have restriction so modified that the number allowed to come here would be equal to the necessities of our industries.

Immigration restriction is harmful to labor and capital, most harmful in the long run, for capital can take care of itself. Such restriction will compel capital to study labor-saving devices, that will more than make up for labor shortage. If we are to keep on working, we must either bring in more workers or we must increase our use of labor-saving machines, so that the workers we have will accomplish more. The restriction of immigration is with us to stay; so that improved machinery, and more of it, would seem to be a necessity.

There is a general feeling that the proportion of illiteracy and crime is greater among the recent arrivals than among the natives. As a matter of fact, statistics show this criticism to be unjust. There are some things to be said in favor of the immigrant. His principal object in coming here is to work.

The United States does not need nor desire the undesirable of Europe and Asia, but it needs willing labor and a great deal of it. There should be a restriction on immigration, but it should be selective on a basis of the fit and not an arbitrary per-centage quota. Unless this is done, industry is likely to suffer.

It is unnecessary to point out the evil of throwing open the gates at a time of prosperity in order to flood the country with workers and parasites, whose very presence would serve to bring prosperity to an end.

Despite the three per cent immigration law it is estimated that the population of the United States will increase as much numerically in the present decade as ever before.

"The number of births and deaths have been estimated for each half year and the increase of population due to excess of births over deaths

has been calculated. This number has been corrected by adding the excess of immigration over emigration for each half-year."

It was only a few years ago that national pride was stimulated by the announcement that the hundred-million population mark had been reached, and many now living probably will see the day when the count will pass the two hundred million mark.

However, there is room for increase for several times the present population of this country. But that does not necessarily mean we must be too socialistic in sharing our industrial possibilities. A decreasing population would be cause for alarm, and even to stand still in this respect would be taken as an indication of something radically wrong.

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### THE ALUMNI LUNCHEON

A memorable feature of the commencement exercises was the alumni luncheon held in the gym at noon on Monday, May 28th. Three hundred and forty alumni, guests and cadets assembled for the last event before the final lowering of the flag.

The commissary department, as usual, rose to the occasion and served an excellent luncheon, thereby making the affair an unqualified success even before the speeches. Some of the good things that were served were: cold beef, ham, tongue, potato chips, stuffed eggs, cabbage and pineapple salad, parkerhouse rolls, tomatoes, cucumbers, nippy cheese, radishes, coffee, ice cream, strawberries, and cake.

When the assembled appetites were satisfied Colonel Ganssle introduced Bishop Mize who presented the Sage Memorial Medal. This medal was awarded to Forest Shaft of Florence, Kansas, as the cadet who, in the opinion of the faculty, had made the greatest improvement during the school year. Bishop Mize in a short talk explained the purpose of the prize and the great honor it conferred.

The next speaker was Mr. John Eberhardt who awarded the Tinsley C. Fry Athletic Medal. This medal is given to the cadet who has rendered the greatest service in the promotion of athletics and it was awarded to Harold Condon of Omaha, Nebraska.

Mr. George Robb presented Robert Dalton of St. George, Kansas with the Athletic Scholarship medal. This medal indicates that the wearer is not only an athlete who has won his letter but is also a scholar of high standing.

The bugler's cup was awarded to Charles Wheeler of Garber, Oklahoma. Mr. P. M. Richardson of the Shrine band presented this trophy.

Colonel Fitzpatrick of the 35th division presented the Commandant's medal. This medal was awarded to Sergeant Gus Shiney of Hutchinson, Kansas.

The Junior School Medal for the most satisfactory record in the Junior School was presented to William Jackson of Canyon City, Colorado. Captain Barker explained that this medal is given for the best record in scholastic, military and athletic work.

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liness medal is given to the cadet who exemplifies by his daily life the truest and noblest christian manhood and who best uses his religion to improve himself and others. Dean Hoag presented this medal to Willis Hoskinson of Turon, Kansas. Hoskinson won this medal last year.

Dr. McKnight presented the D. A. R. Thesis medal to Lloyd McWhinney of Loveland, Colorado, for a thesis on "Immigration."

Major Weir presented the high point men in the Army-Navy track meet with medals. The first and second class high point winners, Freeman and Foster, received gold medals and the high point men of the third and fourth classes, Manion and Crooks, received silver medals.

The Army and Navy Medal is presented to the winning captain. Grant, captain of the Army presented the medal to Hill, captain of the victorious Navy club.

The Poindexter cup given to the cadet who does the most toward promoting a new student activity was awarded to Captain Condon for his work in raising subscriptions for and setting up, a new trophy case as a memorial of the cadet corps of 1923. The Poindexter cup was given to the school after all the new activities were under way so the trophy case was easily the most important new undertaking since that time.

Colonel Ganssle awarded the school medals to cadets exhibiting the highest general ability in scholarship, athletics, military work and school spirit. Gold medals were awarded to Edwin Grant, of Wichita, and Gus Shiney, of Hutchinson; silver to Harold Condon of Omaha, Nebraska, and Robert Dalton, of St. George, Kansas, and bronze medals to John Harris of Kansas City, Missouri and Harvey Moe, of Scandia, Kansas.

Captain Barker awarded the Schol-

astic prizes for the Junior School. The first prizes were cups and the second prizes were books. In the second form (eighth grade) Howard Riblett of Denver was first with an average of 85 and William Jackson of Canyon City, Colorado was second with an average of 84.1. The second prize in this form was awarded to James Bates of Wichita, Kansas, who averaged 83.9. Jackson's high average did not show up until after commencement due to the fact that his average was computed on a basis of ten subjects instead of nine. However, a prize will be sent to him. Better late than never. In the first form (seventh grade) Robert Crooks of Denver, Colorado, was first with 80.2 and John Beasley, of Wichita, Kansas was second with 75.2. In the shell form (below the seventh grade) Edward Ripley of Salina, Kansas, was first with an average of 80.1 and Charles Ripley of Salina, Kansas was second with 78.9.

Bishop Mize awarded the upper school medals. In the sixth form, Robert Dalton of St. George, Kansas, was first with an average of 87.2 and James Shortt of Belvue, Kansas, was second with 86.6. In the fifth form David Wheeler of Garber, Oklahoma, was first with an average of 82.9. The second prize was awarded to Forrest Lichty of El Dorado, Kansas, who averaged 81.3 but it was later discovered that Charles Wheeler of Garber, Oklahoma, was tied with Lichty for second. A prize similar to that given to Lichty will be sent to Wheeler. In the fourth form Willis Hoskinson, of Turon, Kansas, was first with a high average of 95.5. Second was Dennis Phillips of Denver, Colorado, with 84. The third form cup was won by Lyman Linger of Hopper, Colorado, with an average of 85.9. Second prize went to Bruce Edwards



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of Denver, Colorado, who averaged 81.2.

It is noteworthy that Willis Hoskinson had an average that was 8.3 points higher than that of any other man in school.

### COMPETITIVE DRILL

On Sunday afternoon, the twenty-seventh of May the annual competitive drill for the commandant's medal was held. The drill covered all phases of the manual of arms—with and without numbers. Major Weir gave the commands and Colonel Ganssle, Major Perkins and Major Weir acted as judges. About half the cadets went out when the number "three" was given in place of "two" in a movement by the numbers, others were caught by not remembering that "present arms" removed the numbers. Finally the competition was narrowed down to three cadets, Grayson N., Price H., and Shiney. All three of these cadets are experts at the manual of arms and there was considerable speculation as to which would survive the test. The men were given by the numbers "right shoulder arms" whereupon the guns were brought up to the first position. The next command should have been "two" but "three" was given instead and Price started to shift his hand from the butt of his gun to the second position. He caught himself but it was too late. Grayson and Shiney drilled faultlessly for several minutes until Grayson failed to execute "left shoulder arms" thus giving the prize to Shiney. The cadets immediately crowded around to congratulate the level-headed sergeant who had outdrilled all the rest of the battalion.

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