

e. Inspections and Visits:

The R.O.T.C. Units were inspected on April 27-28, 1939, inclusive, by Colonel Raymond W. Briggs, F. A. , R.O.T.C. Officer, 7th Corps Area, Lt. Colonel E.C. Mead, C.A.C., and Major W.H. Donaldson, Jr. (CAC) G.S.C.

The Coast Artillery and Infantry Units were rated "excellent".

On May 8-9, 1939 the demonstration detachment of the 61st CA (AA) gave an afternoon and evening demonstration for all members of the R.O.T.C. and citizens of this city and county at Haskell Institute which was witnessed by over 40,000 people, who crowded the stadium and roads leading to same. This was the largest crowd on record to witness a military event in this city and created immense interest. Prior to the evening demonstration the Chamber of Commerce of the city and the R.O.T.C. entertained the personnel of the 61st CA, at a barbecue at which over 1100 citizens, soldiers, national guardsmen, reserve officers and R.O.T.C. members participated. National guardsmen and reserve officers residing within a fifty mile radius of this city witnessed the demonstrations in the afternoon and evening. The cost of the barbecue was shared by members of the Chamber of Commerce and R.O.T.C. Splendid cooperation was received from the officials in charge of Haskell Institute who turned over all their facilities for use of the 61st CA, who were encamped on the institute's grounds. It is believed that this demonstration staged by the 61st CA greatly increased interest in the military service of citizens residing in the vicinity and without question added to the training of the R.O.T.C. at this institution. The officers and men of the 61st CA were most cooperative and a credit to the military service. Their deportment and willingness to explain the various equipment to all caused much favorable comment and was greatly appreciated.

f. Competitions, Awards and Social Activities:

The R.O.T.C. and Women's Rifle Teams completed a successful year.

The R.O.T.C. Rifle Team this year has shown great improvement over preceding years.

The dances in the fall and spring of the year are very popular with members of the R.O.T.C. and representative members of the faculty and community.

The barbecues staged in the spring and fall afford members of the R.O.T.C. and leaders of the faculty and community opportunity to meet and get acquainted, and enhancing the position of the R.O.T.C. in university and community activities.

g. Relations with University Authorities:

Excellent.

h. Training Camps:

- (1) Coast Artillery Unit:
Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, June 17 - July 28, 1939.
Students satisfactorily completing camp - 20.