



Military Organization

Battalion of Four Companies, Signal Corps and Band

Commandant of Cadets
First Lieutenant, EDGAR S. STAYER, 23d U. S. Infantry

Cadet Officers

Major, L. I. HANDY, JR.

Staff

Adjutant, WAINER Quartermaster, HUBBARD

Ordnance, EATON Commissary, GARRISON

Non-Commissioned Staff

Sergeant Major, MAIER Quartermaster Sergeant, GILBERT

Ordnance Sergeant, KIRBY Color Sergeants, VANDEGRIFT, WALLS

Band

Drum Major, MILLINGTON Chief Musician and 1st Lieutenant, FISHER Principal Musician and Corporal, LENDERMAN

Second Lieutenants

Sergeants

Corporals

VAN ARSDALEN

AYERST

RAUGHLEY, A. B.

RAUGHLEY, R. F.

HARVEY

THIELMAN

LIND

JACOBS

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Company A Company B Company C Company D Captains HEISLER EASTMAN MARSHALL, J. L. TAYLOR, C. E. First Lieutenants SCHAEFER LEONARD GARRETT KIDD Second Lieutenants MCCHESNEY LEDENHAM PATTERSON BELL HOUSTON

First Sergeants

SLOAN ALLMOND WHITTINGHAM REYNOLDS

RICE Quartermaster Sergeants
ROSSELL TAYLOR, C. A.

Sergeants

ENNIS CARSWELL SAWIN LEWIS
DARLINGTON WARD BUTZ ATTIX
STUMP MCCAFFERTY TAYLOR, R. W. FRAZER
HAGNER

Corporals

SMITH DIGGS SAWDON BROWN
WALKER HILL HOUCHIN MCCALL
MCLOUGHRY WALLS GROFF BLADES
JOLLS O'BRIEN LANK

SIGNAL CORPS

Second Lieutenant Hodgson First Sergeant

First Sergeant Spruance

Military Term Illustrated "Breaking Ranks"



Military Life at "Old Delamare"



RIOR to 1889 military instruction at Delaware College was in charge of civilians. In 1889, under the provisions of an act of Congress known as the "Morrill Act," General Leroy Brown was detailed, for a period of three years, as the first military instructor of the college. At the time of his appointment General Brown was a first lieutenant of the 11th U. S. Infantry. In 1892 General Brown was succeeded by Captain E. C. Brooks, 6th Cavalry. His term lasted two years, and for three years after his term Major James H. Frier, 10th Infantry, was commandant of the cadets.

In 1897 Major Walter Gordon, General Staff, was appointed to succeed Major Frier. In April, 1898, Major Gordon resigned his appointment to become Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Delaware Infantry in the Spanish-American war. He was succeeded by First Lieutenant Charles H. Cabaniss, retired. Captain Avis, retired, (who has since died), was appointed to succeed Lieutenant Cabaniss. For two years after the expiration of Captain Avis' appointment, Major Treadwell W. Moore, 1st Infantry, occupied the position of military instructor.

The next commandant, Major Edward W. McCaskey, 21st Infantry, is remembered by the students now at "Old Delaware." He was detailed at the end of Major Moore's appointment and held the position until the present instructor, First Lieutenant Edgar S. Stayer, 23d Infantry, was assigned. Lieutenant Stayer's term expires at the end of the present collegiate year, the fourth of his appointment.

In 1889, when General Brown was detailed to the college, the cadet corps consisted of one company of infantry numbering thirty-six (36) men. At the present time, the corps consists of a band, battalion of four companies, and signal corps, numbering, all told, one hundred and fifty-six. Since the present commandant has been in charge the military department has acquired an efficiency and standing never before attained. From the report of the War Department Inspector last year the college was ranked as second among class "B" colleges, as far as military efficiency is concerned. A class "B" college is one in which military instruction is merely a single feature and in which the students are not continually in uniform and under military discipline.

Such an efficiency would not be possible, however, were it not for the interest displayed by the students in the various drills and exercises. A rifle club was organized in 1909 and teams entered in several matches. The medals worn at these matches are distributed numerously throughout the battalion. Every year, on Commencement Day, a competitive company drill is held for the "Roberts Medal." Last June Company B repeated its successes of former years and captured the trophy for the fifth successive year. A new feature of military instruction has been introduced by the organization of a signal corps this year. Although military training is merely a single feature of the course of instruction at "Old Delaware," as great importance is attached to it as to any other feature.