During the year the ROTC Committee did not hold any formal meetings. The Chairman and Committee members kept abreast of the program through personal contact and the circulation of information in the form of memos and other media. The following items which will be discussed in separate paragraphs were of primary interest to the Committee.

a. ROTC Legislation
b. Enrollment
c. Freshmen Orientation
d. Summer Camp
e. Flight Training
f. Facilities
g. Pershing Rifles
h. ROTC Rangers

ROTC Legislation

Legislation enacted by the Congress made several changes in the ROTC program aimed at increasing the attractiveness of the program with a resultant increase in enrollments. Major changes provide for:

a. A two-year program as well as maintaining the normal program. This change was designed primarily to provide an opportunity for ROTC training for individuals transferring from junior colleges.

b. Individuals in the four-year program only to compete for scholarships.

c. Increased retainer pay from $27.00 to $40.00 per month.

By action of the Board of Regents, UWM will offer both the two and four-year programs. A new contract to reflect the changes is presently being processed.

Enrollment

The downward trend in enrollments noted over the past two years has continued. Initial enrollment figures for the fall semester indicated an increase. However, due to a large number of mid-term dropouts from school, the present enrollment shows a slight overall decrease from last year. It is hoped that the new legislation will reverse this trend.

Freshmen Orientation

As a result of letters mailed by this committee asking male faculty members to assist in the mandatory orientation program, fourteen favorable responses were received. The names of these individuals have been added to those who previously volunteered their assistance. During the fall and spring semesters of school year 1964-65, the following individuals participated in the orientation:

Dr. Douglas W. Dunlop  Dr. Robert K. Turner
Prof. Armin R. Kraeft  Dean Charles E. Twining
Dr. Melvin H. Miller  Dr. Carol E. Baumann
Prof. John E. Tricamo  Prof. Edward Knoblock

Dr. V. Stanley Vardys
The orientation program is essential in maintaining present enrollment strengths and, hopefully, of increasing them. The success of the program at UWM is being recognized by other universities who are designing a similar program based on material presented here. Faculty members who have volunteered to assist in the orientation program are to be commended.

Summer Camp

UWM cadets completed another very successful ROTC summer encampment at Fort Riley, Kansas, during June and July, 1964. Several cadets did an outstanding job, placing very high in their respective units.

Dean Joseph G. Baier and Professor Victor A. Reinders were the UWM faculty representatives during the annual two day visit of faculty members from the 40 or more universities having students at the encampment. Both were impressed with the training program and the performance of UWM cadets.

Flight Training

Four cadets inaugurated the flight training program at UWM during the fall semester. This training consists of 36 hours of flight training and 36 hours of ground training leading to qualification for a private pilot's license. Individuals participating in the program will receive further flight training upon entry on active duty.

Facilities

Projected plans envisioned the ROTC Detachment moving into "F" Building during the past summer. Due to changes in plans this move did not take place. Presently utilized administrative office space and the range facility have become overcrowded, partly due to some of that space having been assigned to other departments. It is recommended that early action be taken to provide permanent and adequate facilities for the department in order to enhance the entire program.

Pershing Rifles

Highlight of last year's efforts for the Pershing Rifles Drill Team was the "Cherry Blossom Festival" at Washington, D.C. The excellence of their performance resulted in their being named "National Champions." This year's group was awarded first place among 52 schools competing in the Illinois Invitational Drill Meet at the University of Illinois. In addition to the first place award, the unit was given the "Showmanship" trophy for its performance, sportsmanship and conduct during the meet. The unit will compete in several more meets during the year. The national reputation this group of cadets has given to UWM is commendable.

Ranger Activities

Marksmanship training classes were conducted in the fall for approximately 100 new freshmen Rangers. The Ranger Team is currently in third place in both the Wisconsin State ROTC League and the XIV Corps Rifle League.

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