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RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.
WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE TEACHERS' COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE AND TACTICS
2468TH AREA SERVICE UNIT
BOWLING GREEN, KY.

326.6 ROTC-WKSTC

25 April 1947

SUBJECT: Annual Report on Enrollment, ROTC, Western Kentucky State Teachers' College.

TO: Commanding General, Second Army, Baltimore 2, Maryland.

1. Under provisions of par 10, AR 145-10 the following report is made:
 2. a. The enrollment of this ROTC unit is below the minimum required (200 students) 100 students for the Air Unit and 100 students for the Inf Unit. At the beginning of this Spring Quarter (19 Mar - 31 May) the enrollment was 67. Of the total enrollment 40 are elementary students (13 Inf, 27 Air Corps), while in the Advanced course there are 20 Infantry and 7 Air Corps.
 - b. The attitude of the authorities of the institution regarding the failure to meet the requirements of law and regulations respecting enrollment is one of great concern on their part.
 - c. The attitude of the faculty of the institution toward the Reserve Officers' Training Corps is very satisfactory.
 - d. The attitude of the Student Body is excellent. There are a few returned veterans, however, in the student body who since their discharge are definitely against anything military and make fun of anyone in uniform. Such re-action is believed normal for a few individuals.
 - e. Every effort has been made to give publicity to the ROTC program and to increase the student personnel. It is believed that every male student is fully cognizant of the ROTC program and what it has to offer. The following covers the field of publicity:
 - (1) The President sent out over 1500 letters to prospective ROTC students urging them to enroll.
 - (2) The President, the Dean and the PMS&T have given talks on ROTC during Chapel periods
 - (3) The PMS&T has given talks before High School graduating classes on ROTC.

- (4) The College Field Representative has given talks before prospective students in High Schools in this part of Ky., on the ROTC program.
 - (5) The PMS&T has spoken before Rotary Club, Lions Club and PTA meetings on the subject.
 - (6) The College paper (published every two weeks) has carried in every issue publicity on pre-requisites and activities of the ROTC unit.
 - (7) Local radio programs have given publicity to ROTC.
 - (8) The PMS&T and his staff have contacted new college enrollees in an endeavor to bring them into ROTC work.
 - (9) The ROTC has sponsored special programs at College Chapel and at local clubs.
 - (10) The ROTC has sponsored social activities such as a Military Ball-largest formal social gathering of the year.
 - (11) The ROTC has organized a Rifle Club and a Pershing Rifle Unit as added incentive to join the ROTC.
 - (12) The PMS&T has engaged in special conferences with students and parents in an attempt to increase enrollment.
- f. (1) There are 1070 males enrolled in Western Kentucky State Teachers' College. About 90% of these are veterans. From talking to students individually in order to get a cross-section of availability I estimate only about one-fifth of these to be available for ROTC enrollment. This one-fifth includes students already enrolled in ROTC or those who have been enrolled in ROTC but have dropped for various reasons, and those who have indicated they just don't want to have anything to do with the military. The remaining four-fifths include students who are: (a) Too old; (b) Not physically qualified; (c) Not mentally qualified; (d) Veterans who are taking accelerated academic schedules and do not have time for ROTC which is an elective; (e) Do not have two years before completion of their college work; (f) Already Reserve Officers or could be if they had retained commission upon separation from the service; (g) Students who can not fit their schedules to meet ROTC classes; (h) Taking Pre-med and Pre-dental courses and want to take medical ROTC for which our elementary courses credits are not acceptable;

- (i) Students working for teacher's certificates which precludes their taking ROTC in lieu of Physical Education courses a pre-requisite to acceptance of their teachers' certificate; (j) Are in the Naval reserve and who have been told by the Navy that they can not also be in the ROTC and go to summer camp in lieu of cruises.
- (2) Since September 1946 it has been my policy to enroll new Advanced students only if they had successfully completed the elementary courses, or, if being veterans, of more than one years service, could meet qualifications specified by Army Regulations and pass a simple entrance examination in drill, map reading, military courtesy and customs of the service. Or if the veteran failed this examination he could enroll in the Advance course after taking two quarters of 2nd year elementary work. Had I not required this entrance examination, I believe the number of Advanced students would have been doubled for the school year 1946-47. As a result of this method the quality of the student is much better than when I permitted enrollment of veterans based entirely on their having served one year in the Armed Forces.
- (3) I feel that any action to withdraw the ROTC units from Western Kentucky State Teacher's College would be a mistake. Public sentiment both at the college and in the Bowling Green Area favor retention of this unit. It is realized by these people that the unit in the past has contributed immeasurably toward our National Defense. However the undersigned does not believe that the enrollment in the ROTC will reach 200 students for at least another two years. I base this purely on the reaction experienced from students during the past year. With the above qualification only, I recommend that both units be permitted to remain at this institution.

g. The situation at the institution with regard to an active Military Property Custodian is not as yet solved to my satisfaction or that of the college administration. Prior to my arrival at the institution in Feb 1946, for most of the period of the operation of the ROTC at the college one of the enlisted personnel had received additional pay from the institution to carry out the duties of the Military Property Custodian. After consultation with an inspector from the Fifth Service Command I stopped this procedure and requested that a full-time person be employed by the college as Military Property Custodian, in accordance with the contract between the college and the Government. To this the president agreed. Since that time three different individuals have been employed in this capacity. One whose performance was reasonably satisfactory resigned. The other two were unsatisfactory in the performance of their duties.

The college has been unable to secure a suitable Custodian since February of this year. A satisfactory enlisted man has accepted the position to be effective upon his discharge from the service. Contrary to his expectation however the date of his discharge has been delayed, and it is uncertain when his services will be available. At present I have appointed a supply officer and one enlisted man to be responsible for the duties of the Military Property Custodian. This arrangement is not in keeping with the provisions of the school's contract with the Government and is unsatisfactory to the undersigned because it takes time from the normally assigned duties of the Army personnel. It is the desire of the president that a satisfactory custodian be employed as soon as possible. The college offers a salary of \$125.00 /mo for the Military Custodian

h. This paper has been referred to the President of Western Ky State Teachers' College. His comments are attached hereto.

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Ltr fr President Garrett
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