

THE CITADEL

ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM

The Citadel
The Military College of South Carolina
Charleston

May 31, 1934

To the Board of Visitors.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following report of operations of The Citadel for the period since my last report, May 31, 1933.

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS.

The enrolment for the current session was 488, or 40 less than the enrolment for the previous year. This enrolment included 89 seniors, 110 juniors, 123 sophomores, and 166 freshmen. There was a gain of one freshman and fifteen juniors over the preceding year and a loss of 37 sophomores and 19 seniors.

The percentage of South Carolina cadets was 73.3 or an increase of .3 over the preceding year. One hundred and thirty came from other states, including two from Porto Rico and one from China.

The following casualties have occurred during the year:

Honorably discharged	27
Dropped	1
Resigned	3
Dismissed	3
Graduated	<u>3</u>

Total 37

The falling off was $8\frac{1}{2}\%$ as compared to 13% in the previous year.

Major L.A. Prouty has satisfactorily performed the duties of Registrar and faculty advisor.

The action of the General Assembly in abolishing all new State scholarships will materially reduce the attendance next year. There were no other enactments that affected the policies of The Citadel.

In view of the financial condition of the country, it is estimated that the enrolment for next year will not exceed 450. It is recommended that the present number of the faculty be reemployed with authority of the President, acting with the Chairman, to reduce or increase it as may be found desirable when the enrolment is known. It is also recommended that the President be authorized to extend or grant leaves to members of the faculty for the purpose of pursuing University courses with a view to obtaining higher degrees.

The faculty are especially alive to the importance and even the necessity of improving their degrees and it is expected that this will be done in a few years. This and somewhat increased expenditures for the library and the laboratories are essential to insure the rating among Colleges that The Citadel deserves. The time is also at hand when The Citadel must adopt a policy of giving sabbatical leaves to certain professors to enable them to acquire a doctor's degree.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

It is a pleasure to report that a new scholarship has been established by Colonel Robert R. McCormick, to be known as the Colonel Robert R. McCormick Scholarship. While funds have been provided for four years only, Colonel McCormick stated that he intended to renew it during his life and perpetuate it in his will. In accordance with his preference, the beneficiary will be selected from Illinois.

DISCIPLINE

At the beginning of the session, the office of Commandant of Cadets was separated from the Department of Tactics. Lieut. Colonel Jesse Gaston, U.S. Army, Retired, was engaged for this duty. Under his administration the discipline has been efficiently preserved. Order during the study hours has been improved by allowing visiting for five minutes each hour. The merit system previously adopted has stimulated effort. Forty-nine per cent of the Corps have no demerits. It became evident that the College Regulations must be revised to meet with the present policies of the Board of Visitors. Accordingly, an amended code is submitted for the action of the Board.

The details of the office of Commandant of Cadets cannot be effectively executed by one officer. It is recommended, therefore, that an assistant Commandant be employed at a salary of \$1200.00. Mr. F.P. Hager, Jr., Class of '33, has been offered and he has accepted the appointment, subject to the action of the Board.

Acknowledgment is made of the zeal, tact and ability displayed by Colonel Gaston in this most trying office.

HEALTH

Again, the general health has been good and there has been no mortality during the year. An epidemic of German measles produced an abnormally large sick report. The most serious operations were six cases of appendicitis and two cases of mastoiditis. There was one severe burn from an explosion in the chemical laboratory and four cases of fractures or dislocations.

The hospital has had some major repairs and alterations that have improved its condition. To Dr. Cathcart and Mrs. Malloy we are indebted for the best of care of our sick.

LIBRARY

During the year 1082 new books, 68 magazines and 8 newspapers have been added to the library by gift and purchase. The total number of books now amounts to 12,233. These include a number of valuable reference works. There was expended for books etc., \$1827.62 and for supplies \$242.83, making a total of \$2070.45. It is expected that this will be increased before the end of the fiscal year. New reading tables have been added through the labor of the C.W.A. Books have been placed in the branch canteens in barracks with a view to encouraging cadets to read.

Mrs. Gaillard, the librarian, has lent a cabinet for the preservation of the trophies. Through the student employment funds, cadets have rendered much assistance in classifying and arranging the books as well as extending the library hours.

ATHLETICS

The athletic department has operated within its income under the direction of the Board in Control. Foot ball and basket ball have been the principal sports and the results have averaged about the same as in former years.

Efforts have been made to encourage minor sports and intra-murals. Six tennis courts have been rebuilt, a 9-hole golf course has been constructed, a running track has been built, appliances for field and track events have been procured and machines and equipment have been supplied to the gymnasium.

To Colonel J.W. Lang and Coach Tatum Gressette we are especially indebted for an encouraging athletic year.

A ^{standard} student swimming pool is being constructed and should be ready for use at the next session. This will meet our greatest need for recreation and physical development.

Largely through the efforts of Lieut. Colonel J.W. Lang, an organization called the Citadel Progressive League has been formed to lend money to cadets who can contribute to the college athletics. The money must be returned in ten years after graduation. Selections are made by the Coach.

CADET ACTIVITIES

Under the management of Captain D.S. McAlister, the following cadet activities have been creditably conducted: Athletics, canteen, tailor shop, shoe shop, barber shop, the Sphinx, the Bull Dog, cadet dances, and cadet C.W.A. employment. All have contributed to the well being and the morale of the Corps of Cadets. He has been assisted by the Board in Control and the Cadet Activity Committee, composed of officers and cadets. The accounts of each activity have been regularly audited and are solvent.

Much credit is due to Captain McAlister for the tact, loyalty, and efficiency that he has shown.

Y. M. C. A.

The spiritual life of the cadets and the operation of the Post Office have remained under Mr. J.M. Leland, whose labors have been highly commendable. He has installed recreation rooms in the two barracks, with pool tables, games and reading matter where cadets may find healthful and needed relaxation. The outstanding event was a Religious-Emphasis period of nearly two weeks, conducted by the Rev. Eben Taylor, an alumnus of The Citadel. It came at a time of serious lapses in discipline and the effect on the Corps of Cadets was most salutary.

Among the activities conducted by Mr. Leland are the Y.M.C.A. organization, Bible study, Personal work, Religious meetings, Conferences and Conventions, Council work, Chapel, Post Office, Religious Emphasis series, and recreation rooms. Accounts are kept of all funds and all are solvent.

Acknowledgment is made of Mr. Leland's highly efficient services.

Grateful acknowledgment is made to the ministers of Charleston who have conducted our Sunday morning Chapel exercises and our Bible Study Classes.

FINANCES

The Quartermaster's monthly statement, dated May 1st, submitted herewith, shows a satisfactory condition. The lump sum appropriation for the period from January 1, 1933, to June 30, 1934, has been carefully administered. To the base salary scale adopted for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1934, has been added refunds amounting to four months pay. It is expected that this will be materially increased before June 30th. Corresponding refunds have been made to the pay roll employees.

An automatic stoker has been installed for one furnace. Due to the increased price of coal and to the character of the manufacturers, the results have not realized our expectations of economy.

Two fans have been installed in the mess hall where the heat at times was almost unbearable. Again, the results have not been satisfactory, although there is some improvement.

Last fall the Budget Commission required that our funds in the bank should be insured. No insurance could be obtained and the banks refused to deposit collateral. The best that could be done was to invest \$65,000 in 3% Treasury certificates. Almost immediately thereafter the government began depreciating its obligations. Before we could discover this and sell the price had fallen so as to force us to lose nearly \$1500.00. We deposited \$40,000.00 in a safety deposit box where it will remain till needed for use.

During the year roads have been paved throughout The Citadel. For this work, the County contributed \$4,500.00, the State \$3,000.00 in kind and The Citadel \$496.00 in cash.

Extensive repairs, alterations and improvements have been made from funds and labor furnished by the government under the P.W.A., the C.W.A., and the E.R.A. A detailed report of this work is submitted herewith. In order to supply many items of materials and equipment, as well as essential supervision, it has been necessary for The Citadel to spend more than \$3,000.00. The General Assembly appropriated \$2,000.00 to assist in defraying the cost of availing ourselves of the government aid. The principal projects were reroofing the wings of Bond Hall and Main Barracks, replacing the sills of sleepers destroyed by termite under the wings of Bond Hall and the mess hall, painting barracks and mess, strengthening the walls of Bond Hall, constructing the swimming pool, constructing a coal trestle, grading and improvement of grounds, removing dead trees and treating decayed trees. Much remains to be done. The completion of the swimming pool will involve an expenditure of at least \$8,000.00 for a purification plant and bath houses. Funds are held in reserve for this purpose.

It would not have been practicable to execute this program without the supervision of Major L.S. LeTollier, assisted by Major John Anderson and Lieut. H.G. Haynes, of the Engineering Department. I desire to make especial acknowledgment to these officers for their untiring zeal and their efficient assistance.

In addition to the foregoing, repairs to roofs and renovation of quarters have been made at the Old Citadel, greatly adding to the comfort of the faculty who occupy apartments there.

While accounting for funds has been well established, property accounting is very unsatisfactory. Efforts are being made to improve this condition.

In spite of the increased cost of supplies and the very limited appropriations, it has been considered necessary, in order to meet the straightened circumstances of patrons, to reduce the board by \$2.00 per month and the breakage fee by \$1.00, making a reduction of \$19.00 in fees for the next year.

The mess has maintained its usual high standard under Sergeant R.A. Schellin. The Citadel is under the most profound obligations to him for his zeal and ability in serving the best interests of the College.

PROCUREMENT

It has been recognized that The Citadel is little known outside of the State. In order to place its advantages before a larger number of people Lieut. Colonel J.W. Lang, assisted by Major L.A. Prouty and Captain C.F. Myers, Jr., devised and had printed an attractive pictorial folder showing cadet life and a pamphlet explaining the essential features of the College. These have been widely distributed. Advantage was taken of the McCormick Scholarship to send this literature to more than a thousand schools in Illinois. The college cannot operate economically without a largely increased enrolment.

4-H CLUBS

During the summer of 1933, over thirty-one hundred 4-H boys and girls and farm women were housed at The Citadel for periods of three days for each group. A minimum charge was made for water and light. It is inevitable that in accommodating such numbers some cost will accrue to The Citadel. It is, however, a valuable service that the College can render to the State. Arrangements have been made for the presence of a greater number during the summer of 1934.

R. O. T. C. CAMP

In addition to the above, an R.O.T.C. camp for Citadel cadets and students from the Georgia School of Technology was held at The Citadel for four weeks in 1933. Announcement has not been made for the current season.

COLONEL O.J. BOND

At its meeting in October the Board took cognizance of the death of Colonel Bond. His death was an inestimable loss. He had left such an impress upon the college that his spirit has continued to hover over it and his standards remain our guide and our test.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I would like to make individual acknowledgment of the loyalty and response of every member of the faculty and administrative staff and the employes. In spite of greatly reduced pay, all have cooperated to maintain high standards in every department. They have accepted curtailment with a cheerfulness worthy of all praise. I propose an increase of 25% in salaries and wages during the next year, though exigencies may require a reduction to avoid a deficit towards the end.

Very respectfully,

C.P. Summerall
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President.