

THE NEW ECHELON

The new line-up is composed of men chosen for their outstanding leadership and performance in the theoretical and tactical military science. And for having proved to be men dedicated to their task, who stick to the time-tested army code of loyalty, integrity and "esprit de corps".

The job of heading a thousand-man organization and making them a crack corps is no job for a sad-sack. It takes a lot of grit to make a bunch of freshies click. Taking a box on the ROTC armored front is Cdt. Col. ARNULFO KING. True to his name, he has sweated it out as a cadet private to become the "King" of the cadets of the star-studded USC ROTC after a keen competition with his colleagues in the roll of cadet officers. He is a sturdy though unassuming man who at present is a 4th year Mechanical Engineering student. Like the previous Corps Commanders he has quite an impressive record as a cadet behind him. With enthusiasm, zeal, and good public relations with the officers and the DMST he fought it out in a run silent-run deep fashion which has earned him the commandership. He ably handled the ALPHA Company and mentored his cadets to an impressive finish by accumulating record-high points in the Theoretical Tactical exams. His staff is composed of Cdt. Capt. Pete Bacus, Cdt. Lt. Al Encomienda, Cdt. Lt. Blanco, and Cdt. Lt. Bernardo Teo.

The present Corps Commander knows that it is a challenging job to be the repository of a glorious past, to uphold that past although he will not carry a half-hearted effort but will strive on with the diehards behind him.



Cdt. Lt. Col. Adriano M. Ampong
1ST. BN. COMMANDER



Cdt. Col. Arnulfo D. King
CORPS COMMANDER

DIEHARDS ARE MADE, NOT BORN:

To transform freshies and tenderfeet into diehard warriors, that inspires and imposes his authority with a determined leadership. The first battalion is proud to present Cdt. Lt. Col. Addy Ampong. A Napoleon, one way or other — short and rugged, brisk and snappy, determined and intelligent, fits this 4th year Mechanical Engineering student. Barely three months of training thru constant hammering have just popped the freshies out of their nut-shells and showed their young vigor in a close competition of military phases with the overconfident second year basic cadets. This showing was ably supported by Addy's energetic company commanders.

First on the line is Cdt. Capt. Casimiro Nadela, a corps commander in the making who is efficiently supported by his platoon leaders Cdt. Lt. Jose Pritchard; Cdt. Lt. Roberto Ybanez; Cdt. Lt. Ramon Montinola; and Cdt. Lt. Danilo Lao; Cdt. Lt. Tampus. A bravo to Cdt. Ernesto Estrera for commanding the "B" Company. Cdt. Lt. Cotiamco, Cdt. Lt. Villagonzalo, Cdt. Lt. Evangelista, Cdt. Lt. Alve and Cdt. Lt. Leyson composed his company staff.

The unpredictable Charlie Company is spearheaded by Cdt. Capt. Benjamin Delute and the rest are Cdt. Lieuts. serving as Platoon Leaders namely: Mi-

chael Villagonzalo, Reynaldo Desquitado, Leo Villacruz, Victor Orcullo and the battalion staff is composed of Cdt. Maj. Romarate, S-1; Cdt. Capt. Cabrera, S-2; Cdt. Lt. Cruz, S-3; and Cdt. Lt. Chiongbian as S-4.

DIEHARDS NEVER DIE:

To brighten the spirits of the second year basic cadets a solid, muscle-packed, knuckle-bent, and well-gear'd hunk of a man was assigned to the second battalion. He is no other than Cdt. Lt. Col. Romeo Escalderon. He is just "that" man to hammer out the second year basic cadets to a spic 'n span battalion. His staff is composed of Cdt. Major Barredo, S-1; Cdt. Capt. Rock Dizon, S-2; Cdt. Capt. Barba as S-3; and Cdt. Lt. Wilfredo Yu, S-1.

The old reliable Foxtrot Company is commanded by Cdt. Maj. Victor Cajoles who *fozes* his way out through his men. Under him are platoon leaders Cdt. Capt. Ruben Paca, Cdt. Capt. Samuel Dunque, and Cdt. Capt. Baylosis. Cdt. Maj. Jose Alivio tops the Btry. with Cdt. Capts. Ramoncito Jabagat, and Salvador Valenzona. The DELTA Btry. is headed by Cdt. Maj. Minoza.

The new top brass will fill the shoes vacated by the old reliables moulded by Roque Cervantes, Eufroceno Raffiñan, Romeo Mantua, and Baltazar Marques. The regaining of the star and the glory that would be the officers and cadets' rest to a considerable degree on the 1961-1962 ROTC DIEHARDS!



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2N. BN. COMMANDER