

Guide to the Student Army Training Corps, Yale University, Records

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Collection Overview

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CREATOR: Yale University. Student Army Training Corps

TITLE: Student Army Training Corps, Yale University, records

DATES: circa 1916-1919

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3.25 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The records consist of correspondence, administrative records, student records, financial records, photographs, scrapbooks, clippings, and memorabilia documenting the Army and Navy training programs at Yale up to 1919. Records concerning the following programs are included: Yale Battery, Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC and NROTC), Yale Naval Training Unit, and the Student Army Training Corps (SATC).

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

Open for research

Preferred Citation

Student Army Training Corps, Yale University, Records (RU 88). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Biographical / Historical

The Yale Battery was the first Army training program established at Yale in 1915. Eventually Yale had four batteries which became the Connecticut 10th Field Artillery of the National Guard. In 1916, Yale replaced its batteries with the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and the Yale Naval Training Unit (originally the Motor Boat Patrol and later known as NROTC). In the Spring of 1918, existing ROTC programs were suspended and replaced with the Student Army Training Corps (SATC). The program was designed to establish military training units in colleges and to substitute specialized military training for the normal curriculum during World War I. Students were subject to military regulations and the existing ROTC programs (Army and Naval) were coordinated by the SATC. The SATC was demobilized by Congress in 1918. The ROTC programs were re-established at Yale in 1919.

Scope and Contents

The Yale Battery was organized in the fall of 1915 under the direction of General Leonard Wood. It rapidly grew into four batteries, which were mustered into the Connecticut 10th Field Artillery of the National Guard.

After the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916 provided for the establishment of R.O.T.C. units on college campuses, Yale moved to replace these militia batteries with a regular R.O.T.C. program. In Feb. 1917 the R.O.T.C. program at Yale was instituted, under the direction of Captain Robert Danford. The Yale Naval Training Unit (originally the Motor Boat Patrol), was also officially organized at this time, under the direction of Mather Abbott.

In the spring of 1918, existing R.O.T.C. programs were suspended and replaced with the Student Army Training Corps. This was a program designed to establish military training units in the colleges and to substitute specialized instruction for the normal curriculum. All students, except those with 4-F draft board ratings, were to belong to it; all non-militarily useful courses were to be suspended for the duration of the war; students would be subject to military regulations. The existing R.O.T.C. programs (Army & Navy), would be co-ordinated by the S.A.T.C.

The S.A.T.C. began at Yale Oct. 1, 1918, after a summer of intensive preparation by the University and War Department. However, the program only existed for the fall of 1918. After the armistice on Nov. 11, the S.A.T.C. appeared to have lost its purpose, and it was ordered demobilized by Congress in Nov. 26, 1918. The R.O.T.C. programs were re-established at Yale in February of 1919.

The papers are divided into 2 series: Series I contains the papers of all Army Training Programs at Yale (the Battery, the S.A.T.C., and the R.O.T.C.), and Series II concerns Naval Training Programs. The papers are arranged alphabetically by topic, and chronologically within each topic. Correspondence in all cases includes general memoranda sent by the War Department as well as Yale correspondence. The S.A.T.C. material also includes, under correspondence, the bulletins sent to S.A.T.C. units by the Committee on Education and Special Training (War Department).

General note

Forms part of Yale Record Group 42-A (YRG 42-A), Records of military training programs at Yale.

Arrangement

The records are arranged in two series: I. Army Training Programs. II. Yale Naval Training Unit.

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b. 1, f. 4	Mess Supplies Ledger	1916 July
b. 1, f. 5	Record Book & Vouchers	1916 July-1917 February
b. 1, f. 6	"Tenth Field Artillery,"	1917
b. 1, f. 6	"Tenth Field Artillery and Naval Training at Yale,"	undated
Yale R.O.T.C.		
b. 2, f. 7	Information Book, Part I	1917
b. 2, f. 8	Information Book, Part II	1917
b. 2, f. 9	Information Book, Part III	1917
b. 6, f. 10	Information Book, Part IV	1917
b. 6, f. 11-13	Inventory of Ordnance Property	1918 Jun, 1918 December
b. 3, f. 14	Inventory Correspondence	1919
b. 3, f. 15-18	War Department Bulletins	1919 January- July
b. 3, f. 19	"Yale R.O.T.C. Between the Wars"	
Yale S.A.T.C.--Student Army Training Corps		
b. 4, f. 20-26	Correspondence	1918 May- December
b. 4, f. 27-28	Course Preparations	
b. 4, f. 29	Dining Hall Records	1918
b. 4, f. 30	Discharge Lists	1918 December
b. 5, f. 31	Enrollment Information	1918 October-1919 July
b. 5, f. 32	Enrollment and Battery Rosters	1918
b. 5, f. 33-35	Financial Records	1918 September-1919 August

Yale S.A.T.C.--Student Army Training Corps (continued)

b. 5, f. 36	Hospital Costs; Correspondence	1918 October-1919 October
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b. 6, f. 41	Pamphlets	1918
b. 6, f. 42	Reimbursement Forms	1918-1919
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b. 7, f. 55	Enlistment Information	1917-1918
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b. 8, f. 59	Food Service Records	1918-1920
b. 8, f. 60	Log Book for the U.S.S. <i>Belle</i>	1918 July-September
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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Military training camps -- United States
Soldiers -- Education, Non-military -- United States
Universities and colleges -- Administration
World War, 1914-1918 -- Education and the war
World War, 1914-1918 -- United States
World War, 1914-1918 -- War work -- Schools

Corporate Bodies

United States. Army. Reserve Officers' Training Corps
United States. Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps
Yale University. Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps
Yale University. Reserve Officers' Training Corps
Yale University. Student Army Training Corps
Yale University -- Administration
Yale University -- Students