

**R. O. T. C.**



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Announcement of the establishment of an R.O.T.C. unit at Howard University was made January 29, 1919. Captain C. C. Johnson, Infantry, was the first professor of Military Science and Tactics. Captain Johnson was succeeded on March 18, 1919, by Major Milton T. Dean, Infantry, U. S. Army. Since that date there have been various changes and replacements of Regular Army personnel due to War Department orders. Lieutenant Colonel Henry J. Boettcher, Infantry, U. S. Army, who is now on his fourth year of duty, is the head of the Department of Military Science and Tactics. Lieutenant Colonel Boettcher replaces Colonel Lloyd Zuppan who was recently transferred to Fort McClellan, Alabama. Colonel Zuppan served as P.M.S. & T. for six years. His absence will be felt by all members of the R.O.T.C. unit. All R.O.T.C. members intend to cooperate fully with the present P.M.S. & T. in order to make the R.O.T.C. unit at Howard the best in the nation. Other instructors include Major Raymond Countee, O.R.C.; Captain Robert Wilson, O.R.C.; Sergeant Amos Robinson, D.E.M.L.; and Sergeant Spreuill, D.E.M.L.

The object of the R.O.T.C. is primarily to qualify students for positions of leadership in time of national emergency. The complete course comprises four years, a basic course of two years and an advanced course of two years. A systematic and

standardized method of instruction prescribed by the War Department is carried out in detail by the instructors in the various military subjects. A student who has successfully completed all the courses, including a six weeks attendance at the summer training camp, is rewarded with a Commission as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry, Officers' Reserve Corps. Because of the present emergency, at the completion of the four years' course the senior R.O.T.C. Cadets are assigned to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, where they pursue a three months' course in the latest developments in Infantry Tactics. With the successful completion of this course, these officer candidates are commissioned as Second Lieutenants of Infantry in the Army of the United States.

The unit is organized into a Provisional Infantry Battalion consisting of a Battalion Headquarters and three rifle companies. The following men are Cadet Officers for the school year 1942-43:

Cadet Major—Albert W. Winthrop.

Cadet Captains—Jehu C. Hunter, James C. Lightfoot, Kenneth W. Coleman.

Cadet First Lieutenants—Clarence C. Givens, Percy E. Ricks, Eugene L. Bacon.

Cadet Second Lieutenants—Julius J. Dickerson, Edgar S. McDonald, Charles P. Barton, Walter Mitchell, Howard Nelson, Jr., Seymour Hundley.





