

SECTION 10. DISCIPLINE

GENERAL

1. Demerits are not punishment but a means of rating cadets in conduct. They will be given for every violation of regulations. Merits may be awarded as indicated in subsequent paragraphs for outstanding performance by the Commandant or the Superintendent.

a. A cadet will be reported as deficient in conduct if he exceeds 200 demerits during the academic year. A cadet officer or noncommissioned officer who shall exceed the limit of demerits permitted for him during any two successive months shall be subject to reduction. Any cadet who receives large numbers of demerits for any academic month will be subject to special disciplinary action and forfeiture of privileges. The following demerits are considered excessive for any month: old cadets over 10; new cadets, over 15.

b. A report of the conduct standing of each cadet deficient in conduct will be furnished the Superintendent and the PMS at the end of each academic quarter. A statement of conduct record will be mailed to parents each quarter.

c. The Superintendent may, from time to time, give individual citations with merits to cadets. Other recommendations for citations will be made to the Commandant of Cadets.

d. Citations will be awarded for conduct above excellent standards of bearing, neatness, and military appearance. Acts of leadership of tangible benefit to SMA or extremely efficient performance of duty which reacts to the credit of the Corps of Cadets a whole will be recognized.

2. Any violations of regulations, existing orders, recognized rules of proper and gentlemanly behavior, or acts in themselves subversive to good order and military discipline will entail corrective punishment.

3. All violations of regulations, existing orders, etc., will be reported by individuals authorized to make reports to an officer or NCO of the guard.

4. The Guard will enter a report of these violations alphabetically on a Delinquency Sheet.

5. The names of cadets reported on the Delinquency Sheet will be posted at approximately 1700 hours daily on the delinquency bulletin board after each twenty-four hour period. Cadets incorrectly reported have twenty-four hours after posting to answer the report to the Commandant or his assistant either orally or in writing. ANY REPORT NOT ANSWERED IN THE TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PERIOD WILL BE CONSIDERED CORRECT.

6. It is the responsibility of cadets who are on leave or other authorized absence to ascertain whether or not they have been reported, and to answer their reports, if they desire, not later than the day following their return.

7. Certain serious reports require a written explanation. In all cases where a written explanation is required (WER), this report will be submitted within 24 hours from time of notification.

8. All military duties, and official reports are a matter of honor, and cadets in all such circumstances are "On Honor".

PUNISHMENTS

9. Admonition, deprivation of privileges, reductions in grade or rank, confinements, punishment tours, and special orders are some of the forms of punishment used.

10. The length of punishment periods may be decreased at the discretion of the Commandant when warranted by the improved behavior of the cadet.

11. a. For any serious breach of discipline a cadet may be placed in arrest summarily in his own room, by any officer of the Academy, the cadet Corps Commander, or by the Cadet Officer of the Day. Such action, together with the charge, will be reported at once to the Commandant.

b. Cadets under arrest shall attend all duties except guard duty. Cadets in room arrest or in confinement to the SMA campus will be required to sign in at specified periods with the Sergeant of the Guard.

12. a. Dismissal from the Academy is resorted to in serious disciplinary cases.

b. Dismissal offenses may include but are not limited to the following:

Absent without official leave (AWOL)

Alcohol liquor, use, possession

Ammunition, possession of

Assault

Authority, combinations against

Automobile, illegal use of

Breach of arrest or similar restrictions

Conduct, improper reflection on character

Conduct, improper reflecting discredit of the Corps

Conduct, to the prejudice of good order and discipline, (massing together)

Dishonest or dishonorable actions

Disobedience to a direct order

Disrespect to a faculty officer, or to a cadet officer, or noncommissioned officer in the discharge of his duties

Explosives, fireworks, possession or discharge of

Gambling

Hazing

Insubordination

Key, possession of Master Key or any key not one's own

Knives, possession of, with cutting or pointed blade over 2½ inches

Leadership, corrupt

Order, refusal to obey

Orders, failure to obey

Property, School or private or public, willful destruction of or damage to

Repeated offenses of misconduct — accumulation of excessive demerits

Special Privilege, abuse of

Theft

Usury

Vandalism

13. Minor infractions of rules normally are punished by admonition, deprivation of privileges and confinements or punishment tours.

14. a. Confinements and punishment tours will begin at a specified time as approved by the Commandant.

b. An assigned cadet officer, under the supervision of the Commandant, or in his absence the Officer in Charge, will have charge of punishment tours and confinements.

c. Cadets on punishment tours will be assigned duties as directed by the Commandant or his assistant. Such tours may include marching, running, exercises, manual labor, and other tasks.

15. One to twenty demerits may be assessed for minor offenses.

16. The penalty tour sheet listing cadets due for punishment will be posted on the Commandant's bulletin board prior to 1700 hours on Tuesday. Each cadet is personally responsible for knowledge of his punishment status without further announcement. When the number of penalty tour hours is in question, cadets will report to the Commandant prior to noon on Thursday for clarification.

17. New cadets may accrue 15 demerits for minor offenses in any one month. When a new cadet's demerits exceed 15, he will be detailed to "Beat Squad". Each demerit over 15 will result in one hour on "beat". Merits may be earned by or given to individuals. Each merit will cancel one demerit. Merits may not be carried over from one month to the next. The above particulars are also applicable to old boys except old boys can accrue only 10 demerits before being detailed on "Beat Squad." However, merits will not normally offset demerits given for absences. Such absences require the offender to work off the assigned demerits during penalty tour times.

18. Confinement and punishment will be given only with the approval of the Commandant.