

SECTION 17. HONOR COMPANY

1. **General:** At the close of each month an Honor Company for the month is selected from the lettered companies and the Band. Being selected as the Honor Company is a singular honor. It is evidence that cadets, in cooperation with their comrades and their company, have maintained the highest standards in the Corps in connection with practically all of their activities as cadets.

2. **Privileges of the Honor Company:** The Honor Company is granted certain privileges. The Honor Company may be dismissed early from drill. It may be given leave on Friday afternoon and is excused retreat and personal inspection on that day. The Honor Company carries a distinctive guidon in addition to its regular guidon to signify the company's achievement in being awarded this honor. At the close of each year an Honor Company of the year is selected and awarded a streamer to be permanently attached to the company guidon. Cadets assigned to Honor Company at that time may wear the distinctive Honor Company badge on their "C" uniform. The company designated Honor Company for a year retains the privileges during the first month of the next school year.

3. Company standing in the monthly Honor Company competition is determined by the PMS based on each company's performance in the following fields of activity:

a. **Parade Rating**—Maximum value 20 points. The PMS or Military Duty Officer assisted by designated cadet officers from the Cadet Corps Headquarters rate each company's overall performance at all Sunday and special parades.

b. **March-In Rating**—Maximum value 15 points. Cadet officers designated on orders published by the Cadet Corps Commander rate the performance of each company at each mess hall march-in, except optional messes, and submit the results to the PMS.

c. **Guard Rating**—Maximum value 10 points. The Military Duty Officer rates each guard on several factors during its entire tour of duty and submits the rating to the PMS. Rating factors are shown on Guard Performance Rating Form.

d. **Commandant's Rating**—Maximum value 20 points. This rating is based on the conduct and appearance of students in barracks and the condition of barracks rooms as determined by inspections conducted by the Commandant or reported to him by barracks faculty officers.

e. **PMS Rating**—Maximum value 25 points. The PMS or members of the Military Department will inspect during the month for typical deficiencies that include:

- (1) Military Courtesy
- (2) Unshaven Appearance
- (3) Unbuttoned Uniform
- (4) Uniform worn improperly (Ex.: no headgear, hat on back of head, unauthorized type shoes, white socks not authorized by medical excuse, short trousers, uniform items in need of mending).
- (5) Hair cut deficiencies as determined by Military Duty Officer at first or third mess on the day indicated:

Co. A and B Tuesday

Co. C and D Wednesday

Co. E and F Thursday

Band Friday (Staff & Hq. Co. Also inspected Friday)

(6) Lost Weapons

(7) Other items selected at discretion of PMS.

The PMS's rating is devised to seriously penalize those companies whose cadets fail to achieve the established military standards.

f. Senior Captain's Rating is based on his observations. 15 points are allocated to this cadet.

g. Other Ratings: Academic achievements as well as intramural standing and results of various other school sponsored activities are included in Honor Company Ratings for the month of their completion. Up to 15 points may be authorized.