

REVEILLE TO TAPS



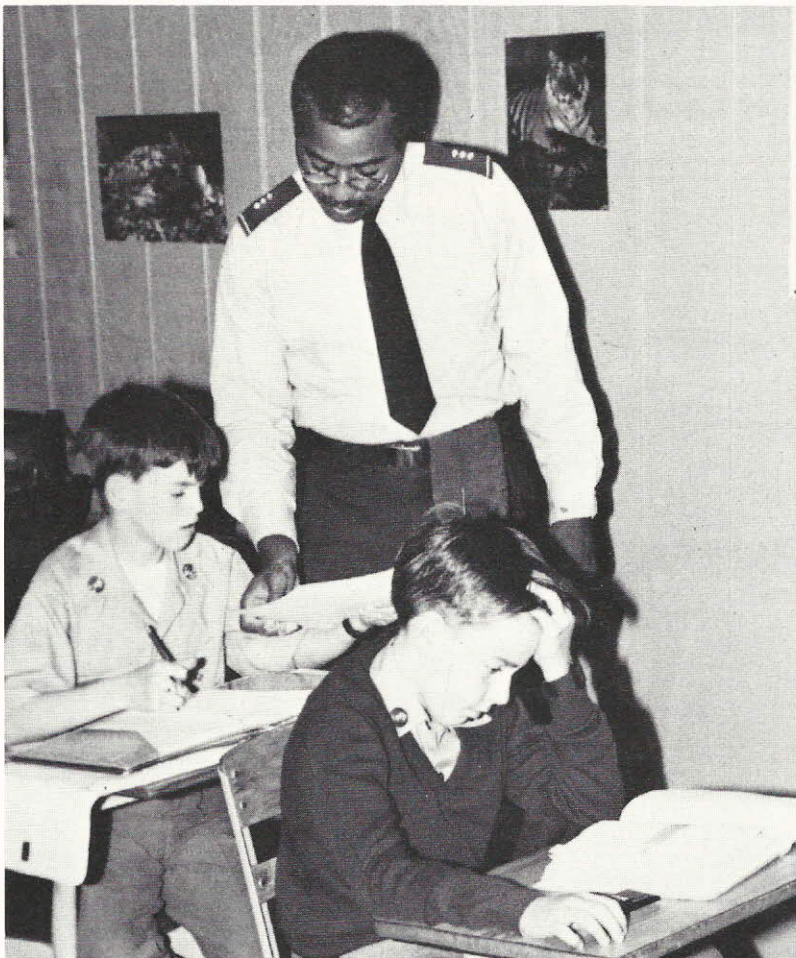
Moments after reveille. (Comdr John Feltham "quotes" Cadet Davis as saying, "I comb my hair every morning with a brick.")

A CMA day,

Individuals comprise the cadet corps and no one is typical. John W. Davis of Memphis, Tennessee, a seventh grader, however, stands out. He's the smallest boy in the school, his father attended CMA in 1970-71, and his great-grandfather graduated from Carlisle in 1925. Both of his parents are in the US Navy. About CMA Davis says, "I like it."

Days here at the academy are mostly routine. A bugle shatters the stillness at 0635. Groaning groggily, cadets quickly dress and move out for breakfast formation and a generous morning meal. Area, barracks, and room clean-up follow, preparatory to an 0815 facilities inspection while they're in class. After a full morning of instruction, at 1145 cadets again move out for dinner formation, the noon meal, and afterwards an eagerly anticipated mail call. Afternoon classes follow, then drill practice on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, or tutorials, periods for academic make-up or for individual help, on Tuesday and Thursday. Physical training and both intramural and intermural sports follow tutorials. Six is suppertime, preceded by a daily retreat ceremony. Afterwards cadets may relax in their rooms or at Carlisle House, the recreation center, before the bugle sounds recall for evening studyhall. Recall blows again at nine forty-five and at ten taps declares that day is done. Weekend routine is broken by leave periods, church on Sunday, and opportunity for parents and friends to visit.

A photographer's lens focused recently on Davis' day and recorded these scenes, quite typical happenings in the life of every cadet.



Capt William Funderburk (above) checks Cadet Davis' math homework while Damon Edmondson ponders a problem solution. Craig Moyer (right) distributes mail as Richie Coulter checks the post.

