

# Marching Forward, And Out

Commencement weekend activities were underway at 0830, Saturday, May 21, with company and individual drill competition. In the gym at 1000, athletic, military, and individual accomplishment award ceremonies followed. Skies were cloudy at four when "A" Company received the coveted streamer for their guidon at the Honor Company parade. The gym came alive again at 9 PM for the commencement dance, a "family" affair for cadets and their dates, families, friends, faculty, and staff. Happy, sad strains of "Auld Lang Syne" expressed it best at the 0900 dress parade for seniors on Sunday. At 1000, commencement exercises were underway as 44 senior cadets marched into the gym to "Pomp and Circumstance," and one hour later marched out to the same tune, as alumni.

Saturday's awards program began with the Cadet Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Recognition for excellence was non-stop, beginning with award of the Retired Officers Association Medal, presented to a third-year JROTC cadet of high moral character, loyalty to the school, and exceptional leadership potential, to senior Chris Bishop. Military Order of the World Wars awards for scholarship and for military leadership went to Damon Edmondson and to Lee Weaver, silver and bronze medals, respectively. The National Sojourners Medal for outstanding leadership potential, demonstrated ideals of Americanism, and high academic achievement went to Philip Bethune. Will Rice, for outstanding JROTC achievement and academic excellence as a member of the junior class, received the Order of the Daeditions Award. For outstanding ability and achievement, dependability, and high moral character, Jack

McMinn was recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Medal. Sons of the American Revolution Medal for all-around excellence and leadership in the JROTC program was Les Brown's. Army of the United States of America Medal recipient was Carl Reinholtz. Bob Whitmire received the N. S. Meyer Raeburn Award, a \$100 tuition scholarship, for demonstrated outstanding appearance and military bearing during the school year. Department Medal recipient was Justin Campbell who recorded the fewest number of demerits this year and no TBW's. Lynn Tucker earned the Commandant's Medal, awarded to the most outstanding cadet in the school other than the battalion commander.

Superior Cadet Awards for overall excellence and leadership in the JROTC program were: LET I, M. Balducci; LET II, CA Dewey; LET III, L. Brown; LET IV, LE Shaw. Best Drilled Individual Medals were awarded to Greg Baxter, Ashley Saulnier, and Chris Hendrick, first, second, and third, respectively. Best Drilled Company was "B."

Earning E. Haines Gregg Awards were: for marksmanship, Jay Thurston; for musical accomplishment, Carl Snipes; and for sportsmanship, Mitch Porter. Robert Lucas won through peer selection the John Philip Sousa Award in Band. The Science Medal went to Chris Bishop. Recognized as Erskine Fellows were Angelo Sciulli and Will Mitchell. Will, in addition, was a Boys State selectee. In Debate, Damon Edmondson earned Coach's Award and William Pennell was Most Improved.

Scholar-Athlete recognition went to Philip Bethune and Athlete of the year was Les Brown. In *Football*, Most Valuable Offensive

Lineman was Danny Parker; Defensive, Mitch Porter. Coach's Award went to Greg Adams and Lamar Shaw was Most Improved Player. In *Basketball*, Most Improved was Jack McMinn; Most Valuable Offensive, Steve Carroll; Defensive, Les Brown. Coach's Award was to Tommy Brown. In *Baseball*, Jack McMinn was Most Valuable and Henry Taylor, Most Improved. Matt Parrott received the Coach's Award. Most Valuable in *Soccer* was Daan Witkamp; Best Offense, Ben Wright; Best Defense, Chris Nakos; Most Improved, Lonnie Broome; and Stuart King earned Coach's Award. In *Track*, Most Valuable was Greg Buie; Most Improved, Jeremy Greer. Carl Reinholtz won the Coach's Award. Most Valuable in *Golf* was David Stepp; Most Improved, Rusty Burgess. Coach's Award went to William Pennell. In *Rifle*, Most Valuable was Scott Haskell. Coach's Award went to Stephen Dekle. Lamar Shaw was Most Valuable *Drill Team* member, Will Rice, Most Improved. Rusty Burgess received the Coach's Award. In *Wrestling*, Mark Pressley earned Coach's Award; Mike Gerber, Most Improved; Charlie Robinson, Most Valuable.

Carlisle House Tournament results were: *Foosball* Champion, Chris Beasley, Rob Strickland, second; *Checkers* Champion, James Jones, second, Donald Accordini; *Chess* Champion, Michael Worsham, Rick Haselden, second; *Pool* Champion, Rusty Burgess, second, Steve Robinson; *Ping Pong* Champion, Steve Carroll, David Stepp, second.

Rev. Dr. Paul M. Pridgen, Jr., Pastor of the First Baptist Church of North Charleston and a 1946 graduate of Carlisle Military School, was commencement speaker at 1000 ceremonies on

Sunday. Will Rice acted as cadet lieutenant colonel and Marshals were Justin Campbell, Dana Lunsford, Patrick McGraw, Will Mitchell, David Stepp, and Jay Thurston.

Recognized for highest class averages were Eric Story, 7th Grade; William Mott, 8th Grade; Michael Balducci, 9th Grade; Michael Boiter, 10th Grade; William Rice, 11th Grade; and David Ramsey, 12th Grade. Second highest senior was Russell Burgess and Philip Bethune was third. Garnering the coveted James F. Risher Award, a peer selection to decide the senior most nearly exemplifying the ideal cadet, was Charles Robinson.

Taps sounded, seniors marched forward and out, and underclassmen, dismissed uproariously, signalled "school's out."

**PHOTOS:** *Below left*, Kevin Pohlman boasts the best-polished belt buckle in the battalion to a discerning Kevin McDaniel while individual drill competition goes on in background. *Below right*, Scott Haskell opens a van door for Julio De La Guardia and Andres Valdano, ready to depart for Panama and Ecuador, respectively. *Top left*, Jay Thurston and Justin Campbell, Marshals, distribute graduation programs. *Top right*, Charlie Robinson receives the coveted James F. Risher Award from Dean of Students LTC James T. Dallas. *Center left*, Col. Lanning P. Risher presents Greg Adams' diploma. *Center right*, Mr. Larry M. Greer, Camden Academy '52, presents son Jeremy's diploma as Mr. Robert D. Brunson, Carlisle Military School '30, waits to present grandson Ben Wright's. *Bottom center*, studies in concentration during commencement exercises. *Bottom right*, at Sunday morning's parade for seniors, Col. Lanning P. Risher, Headmaster; commencement speaker, Rev. Dr. Paul M. Pridgen; Mr. Hugh D. Griffith, President, Camden/Carlisle Alumni Association; and LTC Wilmot T. Riley, Commandant, in the reviewing stand.

