



Moving forward

back on track.

Return to CMA was a dose of culture shock: procedural change, increased barracks supervision, modified rules and regulations, stricter haircut standards, a stringent PT program, sharper guardroom detail, weekly mandatory bed stripping — all, of course, to get us back on track.

Take a look around. On the road from Carlisle House and along the parade field, at the guardroom and around the phones, cadets wear military or PT uniforms exclusively. Hair is shorter, not blocked, and cadets on duty in the guardroom wear dress fatigues, with white webbing and dress hat. Assigned to each company is a tactical officer who affords continuous intermingling of staff and cadets, much like the advisory system at West Point. The "Tac Officer" inspects and disciplines his company, working on a one-on-one basis to solve problems more effectively.

Rules, which were sometimes bent or stretched, are enforced. The schedule of merits and demerits is set, unlike previous years' five for one ratio, so that one merit cancels one demerit. In addition, the handbook limits civilian clothing and establishes weekly bed strips — which raised eyebrows initially — requiring every cadet to strip his bed and send out his sheets to the laundry. Saturday Morning Inspections (SMI) are both inside and outside.

The slack has been pulled out of the system. Change is moving us forward, back on track.



PHOTOS. (Above left, then counterclockwise) Color Guard members Serpas, Putman, Perdue (CO), Jackson, Isom, and Sanders stand tall and proud for parades and ceremonies . . . At Camden's Veterans Day ceremony, Brig. Gen. Wallace C. Arnold acknowledges CMA participation to Cadet LTC Will Rice . . . Conclusion of a James F. Risher Guard performance by CR Gantt, Perdue, Baxter, Felice, PO Davidson, Robinson, Stepp, Whisenhunt, MS Aaron, Rice . . . Eyes up! Drill team members execute "walking them over" maneuver . . . Baxter, Rice, and MS Aaron instruct new drill team members De La Guardia, Samli, Campbell, MR Aaron, Valdano, Gerber, Gadlage . . . It always gets a rise: Cannon Detail members Hargett, Yount, Dailey, Sims, Boiter (CO), and LTC Mowe at retreat . . . Ass't Cmdt Harry Woodmansee explains the student handbook to newboy Estroff . . . Happy smiles radiate from the commandant staff, LTC's Mowe, Eller, Cook, and Woodmansee.

