History of the 5th Cadet Company, California Military Academy
1957 - 1968
THE HISTORY OF THE

5th

CHAPTER 1

1967 - 1968

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Secretary-Milhe

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Gray
Lawson
Milhe

COMMUNICATIONS
Milhe

ENTERTAINMENT
Genser

FINANCE
Crossland

HISTORY
Rhyne

PUBLIC RELATION
Pickett

S O P
Stein

WHEELS
Chapter one of the History Of The 5th Cadet Company CMA is dedicated to Lt. Col. Robert J. Madsen.
We began the year with Captain Kill as our X-O.

We ended the year with Major Kill as our C-O.
Mister Westrup took very good care of us.

We had dropouts in the TAC staff also.

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Through the years we will have memories, both fond and foul, of our time at CMA. This book will help us to recall, with nostalgia, those carefree days as a cadet.

We were apprehensive about our future at CMA as we drove through the gate of Camp San Luis Obispo that hot summer day in July 1967 ............... 

Then our fears were forgotten as we experienced the gay life of ease promised us by those who had passed this way before us..................
There will be porters for your luggage......

There will be a warm welcome......
You will receive individual instruction...

The classrooms will be airconditioned......
But Sir!
I was told
the BOQ has
MAID SERVICE

You will have the best in living quarters......

The commandant will welcome you personally......
They will have parades for you......

They take you everywhere in trucks......
There are not very many formations; you already know all the D & C you will need.

Two weeks later with a collective howl of relief we escaped the devil's island in disguise and ran home to hide under the bed, lick our wounds, and contemplate the statement "War is Hell". The big question at that time was, would we return for more enlightenment under the sadistic eyes of our inquisitors.
After an extended furlough some of us did return to the front lines. We hesitantly crossed the threshold of "No Mans Land" and were instantly pounced on by the Ferocious, Man Eating, Lollipop Licking, and even Dangerous TAC staff.

Day after day they took our weary frames and molded these timid weak hulks into massive, powerful and perfect Cadets. The transformation was like a metamorphosis of day into night. There were many casualties during the next "One Two" months, but for the survivors came a wedding of man to arms.

Even today once each month can be seen the visage of these mighty warriors fighting the battle for Truth, Mom, Justice, Apple Pie and The American Way.
WE WERE TAUGHT......

Large things......

Co-operate and graduate

Small things......

Attention to detail
We were thoroughly tested in every subject......

The food was good......

When they let us eat it

There were moments of relaxation between classes......

Hiding behind the armory
Are you the Green Phantom?

Keep away sickie

and inspections......

Perhaps we needed them

What else is there to say?
Our official photographer......

Saturday night social hour......

Our company had the sons of two generals......

get ready for tomorrow

and something in dark glasses
The classroom discipline was rigid......

So were the chairs

Our primary instructors were......

Maj. Fox

Maj. Nichols
We could really move when it was time to go home......

After the drills there was R&R

Need we say more?
Our "Open House" was enjoyed by all.
The operation known as "Party Time" was a complete success......

Thanks to the Santa Barbara Detachment, our Operation Order was executed to the letter..........
PHASE III

As this book is being printed we are getting ready for Phase III of our year at CMA. We will learn many things such as......

....Combined tactics

or....How to chew dust churned up by M48's

....Infantry tactics

The last man reaching this point does five zero

...Demolitions

Then attach this wire to your footlocker
Our training will be closely observed.

There may even be a few minutes rest.

Even our TAC officers were once cadets.

Guess Who?
We have now arrived at the end of our year as cadets. Those of us who have made it will look back and eventually think of this period as almost pleasant. Time will dull the memory of the harassment and when we get together in the future we will talk over the good times we had.

It is fitting that we now change our attitudes from those of cadets into those of officers and to close chapter one of the "THE HISTORY OF THE 5th."