

FIRST ARMY GROUP GRADUATES AT P. C.

Specialized Training Soldiers
Receive Certificates and
New Assignments.

The Army Specialized Training Unit of Providence College graduated its first group of soldier-students at a brief and simple ceremony yesterday afternoon in Harkins Hall.

The graduates, all of whom had finished the basic phase of their training at yesterday morning's classes, received certificates indicating satisfactory completion of courses in the Army curriculum. Maj. Howard B. Smith, commandant of the unit, presented the certificates to Rev. Jeremiah T. Fitzgerald, O. P., vice president, who in turn gave them to the graduates.

Lieut. David A. Sawyer read the citation for the graduates who, "having demonstrated fidelity through faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency through capacity to produce desired results, soldierly behavior such as deserves emulation, and having completed the required period of active Federal military service, are awarded the Good Conduct Medal."

Awarded Medals

Those receiving the medals were: John A. Antoinetti, Ralph M. Banner, John P. Dunning, Stanley S. Fox, Russell P. Fricano, William W. Milnes, Clarence D. Phillips, George K. Porter, John F. Rasmussen and Cyrus F. Wicker, Jr.

Rev. Charles H. McKenna, O. P., professor of political science, delivered the main address in which he said that the curtailment of the Army Specialized Training Program "might seriously handicap the Allied cause in this conflict."

Fr. Fitzgerald extended the greetings of the college, remarking that the program was "an adventure and an excursion into the unusual" for educators, who have gained "new experiences and new performances" from teaching in the program.

"We must say to you young men," he concluded, "that all our destinies are now inextricable, the country's, the college's and the individual's, so much so that they are all one."

Graduating Class

Those who received certificates were:

Jerome H. Altheimer, Chicago; John A. Antoinetti, Hartford; Ralph M. Banner, Brookline, Mass.; John J. Conway, Freeport, N. Y.; John R. Cookley, Canton, N. Y.; Frank B. Dickey, Pasadena, Cal.; Douglas M. Dunbar, Valley Cottage, N. Y.; John B. Dunning, Westtown, Pa.; Robert N. Dyruft, Yonkers, N. Y.; Sidney M. Finkelstein and Stanley S. Fox, both of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Russell P. Fricano, Buffalo, N. Y.; William W. Milnes, Struthers, O.; Gordon T. Mudge, Ishpeming, Mich.; Robert E. Parker, Akron, O.; David G. Phillips, Milwaukee, Wis., in absentia; George K. Porter, St. Charles, Ill.; John F. Rasmussen, Oshkosh, Wis.; William J. Redman, Detroit; Cyrus F. Wicker, Burlington, Vt.

The graduates entered the second term of the general basic program when they arrived at the college in July. All members received their assignments and departed for their new posts immediately after the ceremony.

Seated on the stage with the speakers were Rev. Arthur H. Chandler, O. P., dean of studies; Rev. Frederick C. Foley, O. P., assistant dean; Capt. James MacFarland, Capt. Giles H. Kidd and Lt. Frank E. Terrell. All the undergraduate members of the unit were present at the ceremony. Music was furnished by the soldiers' ensemble, composed of members of the unit, under the direction of Rev. Leo S. Cannon, O. P., Mus. M.

Soldier Students at P. C. Are Graduated



FIRST GROUP OF THE ARMY SPECIALIZED UNIT of Providence College was graduated at simple ceremonies held yesterday afternoon in Harkins Hall. In the picture are, left to right: Rev. Charles H. McKenna, O. P., who made the principal address; Major Howard B. Smith, commandant of the Unit; Rev. Jeremiah T. Fitzgerald, O. P., Vice President of Providence College, who received the certificates from Major Smith and in turn presented them to the graduates; and Pvt. John F. Rasmussen, of Oshkosh, Wis., one of the five students who were awarded "Good Conduct Medals."