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THE WAR MEMORIAL GROTTO: OLD AND NEW THE "LOST CLASS"-ARMY SPECIALIZED TRAINING PROGRAM UNIT 1188 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS AT PROVIDENCE COLLEGE, FALL 1951-PRESENT

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THE WAR MEMORIAL GROTTO: OLD AND NEW

- Moore, Robert J. "Providence College Shrine Dedicated at Sunday Service: Thousands Fill Amphitheater To Witness Ceremony Honoring War Dead At College" clipping, The Providence Visitor May 13, 1948.
- War Memorial Grotto Dedication May 9, 1948, b & w photo.
- <u>The Providence College War Memorial Grotto of Our Lady of</u> <u>The Rosary</u> [Dedication May 9, 1948, Program]: cover, clipping "Honor Roll" no page, clipping "Our Lady of the Rosary" no page.
- <u>Winter Festival and Penny Sale</u> [2nd, February 9, 1950, Program]: cover, clipping "The Penny Sale, February 25, 1949. Over 15,1000 people gained admission to the Rhode Island Auditorium during the course of the evening" no page.
- "Offering of Old Gold and Precious Stones to be used in Making The Golden Ostensorium..." undated, envelope.
- Grady, Paul. "Veterans' Club Of P.C. To Sponsor Tag Day For War Memorial Fund" clipping reproduction, <u>The Cowl</u> Nov.7, 1956: 1.
- <u>1917-1992: Celebrating 75 Years of Values That Endure:</u> <u>Jubilee Calendar July 1992-June 1993:</u> clipping "December 12, 1957: Christmastime at the War Memorial Grotto" no page.
- Back of the War Memorial Grotto, Viewed from Eaton Street June, 1959, color photo.

"Grotto Beach" Spring 1972, b & w photo.

May 27, 1975: Last Commencement held in War Memorial Grotto, color photo.

- Stauf, M.F. "Grotto End in Sight" clipping, <u>The Cowl</u> Sept.18, 1997: 1, 4.
- St. Dominic's [sic] Chapel at Providence College Under <u>Construction</u> [1998]: clipping "Grotto Area" no page.

War Memorial Grotto demolition began July 1, 1999 ["Please Note...final outdoor Mass..."] undated flyer.

- piece from base of the altar of the War Memorial Grotto on loan from Dr. Donna T. McCaffrey, fieldstone.
- Fieldstone being removed from the façade Aug.24, 1999, color photo.
- Before and after cleaning of all the white Carrara marble statues (shown here, St. Thomas Aquinas and Our Lady of the Rosary) June, 2000, color photo.
- Construction of the smaller scale Grotto Aug.11, 2000, color photo.
- New location of the Grotto Stations of the Cross Jan.24, 2001, color photo.
- Statues of St. Dominic and Our Lady of the Rosary being moved into the new Grotto Jan.25, 2001, color photo.

THE 'LOST CLASS'-ARMY SPECIALIZED TRAINING PROGRAM UNIT 1188

- Aerial View of the Campus: the 3 buildings: Guzman Hall (now Martin Hall), Aquinas Hall, Harkins Hall ca. 1940, b & w photo.
- John J. Dillon, O.P., President, to T.S. McDermott, O.P., Provincial, Mar.9, 1943, reproduction of letter notifying Provincial of the approval of ASTP for the College.
- July 12, 1943: 563 trainees move onto campus, b & w photo.
- Waiting for the Mathematics Refresher Course July, 1943, b & w photo.

Inspection and review of troops 1943, b & w photo.

Aquinas Hall Dining Room 1943/1944, b & w photo.

- ASTP Physical Fitness Program 1943/1944, b & w photo.
- John Jordan Dillon, O.P., President of PC; Major Howard B. Smith, U.S.A., Commandant of ASTP Unit 1188 1943/1944, b & w photo.
- Wheeler, Robert L., and Scheer, Harry A. "Pvt. Ekstrand: In the Army Shuffle, He Landed in P.C.'s Sword and Lamp Detail, Three Bus Fares from Home" clipping reproduction, Providence Sunday Journal Jan.16, 1944: gravure section 1.
- ASTP Graduation Jan.28, 1944, Scroll of Appreciation b & w photo.
- ASTP students living in Guzman (now Martin) Hall Feb., 1944 donated by George Fisher May, 1998, b & w photo.

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- Trainees notified that they will be leaving the College, Thomas E. Troland, Brigadier General, U.S.A., Commanding, to Each Army Specialized Training Trainee, Feb.19, 1944, reproduction of letter sent to all trainees notifying them they will be leaving the College.
- "Our last night at Providence was March 19, 1944. The Fathers of the college gave us a stag party that night and we all had a swell time. Plenty of beer, sandwiches, and music. Below is a list of autographs I collected at the party." donated by Robert Madson May, 1998, reproduction of list of faculty and staff attending.
- "The next day, we marched from the college to the station and boarded a troop train. As usual we did not know our destination, but were quite sure that we were headed for some infantry outfit. It turned out to be a two and one-half day trip and we debarked at Camp Forest, Tenn." --donated by Robert Madson May 1998, 3 b & w photos.

- Fretwell, Charles E. "From World War II-1941-1945: A Soldier's Story" clipping, Yankee Division Veterans Association Yankee Doings 54 (Jan.-Feb.1974): cover.
- donated by Robert Madson May, 1998, Robert [Madson] to his parents, Nov.27, 1944, reproduction of letter written "on Nazi stationery ...liberated from some office."
- donated by Malcolm Ekstrand Oct.24, 1998, "This tag was put on me April 24, 1945 in German military hospital in Straubing. I slept alone in room with 20 German soldiers. Rather lonely." reproduction of hospital tag.
- J.A. Ulio, Maj. Gen., Adjutant General of the Army, to Mrs. Jennie A. Ekstrand, May 14, 1945, reproduction of telegram notifying Mrs. Ekstrand that her son has been missing in action since Apr.24, 1945.
- Army Specialized Training Program Commemorative Ceremony at Providence College: Saturday, October 17, 1998: cover, clipping reproduction, Deasy, Robert L. "History of the Army Specialized Training Program at Providence College" no pages.
- ASTP Providence College 1998: All above have Purple Hearts and Bronze Stars, color photo.
- ASTP Unit Reunion on Oct.17, 1998, included dedication of plaque in memory of the 37 "classmates and comrades in arms...who made the supreme sacrifice," color photo.
- Foster, Rick. "Scholars who found escape from war reunite: Special WWII Army group gathers in Mansfield" clipping reproduction, Attleboro Sun Chronicle Oct.17, 1998.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS AT PROVIDENCE COLLEGE: Fall 1951-Spring 1959

- Aime J. Forand (D-R.I.), John W. McCormack (D-Mass.), Theodore F. Green (D-R.I.), John E. Fogarty (D-R.I.), Herman P. Kopplemann (D-Conn.), Peter G. Gerry (D-R.I.), Brien McMahon (D-Conn.), Philip J. Philbin (D-Mass.), James P. Geelan (D-Conn.), David I. Walsh (D-Mass.), Thomas J. Lane (D-Mass.), James M. Curley (D-Mass.), Joseph F. Ryter (D-Conn.), and Charles G. Woodhouse (D-Conn.) to James Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy, Mar.5, 1945, reproduction of letter asking for a Naval ROTC unit at PC.
- [Vincent C. Dore, O.P., Dean, to Robert J. Slavin, O.P., President], Oct.9, 1947, report on visit of Lt. Col. Richard F. Jeffers, GSC, Chief, ROTC Branch, 1st Service Command, to the College.
- Robert M. Webster, Major General, U.S.A.F., Commanding General, 1st Air Force, to Vincent C. Dore, O.P., Dean, Dec.17, 1947, letter concerning visit by Air Force representatives to investigate the possibility of an Air Force ROTC unit at PC.
- Vincent C. Dore, O.P., Dean, to Charles L. Bolte, Major General, Army Department Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Dec.22, 1950, letter requesting information on the status of the College's Army ROTC application.
- John W. McCormack (D-Mass.), U.S. House of Representatives Majority Leader, to General J. Lawton Collins, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, Dec.21, 1950, letter asking for favorable action on the application by PC for an Army ROTC unit.

- Approval-1951, Edward F. Witsell, Major General, U.S.A., Army Adjutant General, to Robert J. Slavin, O.P., President, Jan.12, 1951, letter informing the President of the approval of the establishment of a PC ROTC unit effective at the beginning of the 1951-52 academic year.
- Harold B. Jackson, Col., U.S.A., New England Subarea, to Robert J. Slavin, O.P., President, Apr.5, 1951, letter notifying the President of the nomination and background of Col. Roy P. Moss as PC Professor of Military Science and Tactics.
- "Providence College Frosh To Join In ROTC Program" clipping, The Providence Visitor Mar.1, 1951: 1, 12.
- Col. Walter H. Kennett, Professor of Military Science and Tactics, to Col. Roy P. Moss, U.S.A., Providence College, June 4, 1951, letter advising Col. Moss on various matters re: setting up the ROTC program at PC.

PC ROTC Transportation Corps, b & w reproduction of patch. "Military Science and Tactics: Army Transportation Corps, R.O.T.C." clipping reproduction, Bulletin 1951-1952:

"R. 85. C. Staff" dipping reproduction, Ventas 1952: 30. "Third of College in ROTC; Military Orientation Keynotes First Weeks" clippings reproductions, <u>The Cowl</u> Oct. 3, 1951: 1, 3.

"To Give ROTC Deferments In December" clipping reproduction, The Cowl Nov.28, 1951: 1, 6.

The College's First Rifle Team held its matches in the newly constructed rifle range (now part of the Central Heating Plant) 1st match-Ohio Wesleyan University 1817, P.C. 1540 Nov.30, 1951, "Rifle Team" clipping reproduction, <u>Veritas</u> 1952: 175.

- "ROTC Individual Clothing Prices" clipping reproduction, The Cowl Jan.23, 1952: 6.
- J. Lawton Collins, Gen., U.S. Army Chief of Staff, to Robert J. Slavin, O.P., President, Feb. 6, 1952, letter thanking PC for its support of the ROTC program in strengthening the concept of "the citizen-soldier... [as] the backbone of the Army of our democracy."
- "Military Ball Feb.13, 1953" clipping reproduction, Veritas 1953: 181.
- Donnelly Hall ROTC Arms Storage Room Apr. 1953, b & w photo.
- "ROTC Railroad Club" clipping reproduction, <u>Veritas</u> 1953: 133.
- 35th Commencement June 3, 1953 graduation includes the College's 1st US Army Commissioning Exercises. The new officers: Harry J. Bohlin, Herman M. Disler, James Harrison, John J. Heavern, Richard A. Larson, Francis C. Moretti, Edmond R. Nolin, b & w photo.

- The ROTC Unit on Parade: Armistice Day Nov.11, 1953: marching up Westminster Street, b & w photo.
- "College ROTC Program Goes General Military [in September 1954]" clipping reproduction, <u>The Cowl</u> Nov.18, 1953: 1.

Summer Camp, 1954 Fort Eustis, Virginia, b & w photo.

Dedication: Alumni Hall: Providence College July 10, 1955: cover.

- Robert J. Slavin, O.P., President, welcomes Col. Roy P. Moss, U.S.A., Professor of Military Science and Tactics, and others to the blessing and open-house of the multi-purpose gymnasium July 10, 1955, color photo.
- Alumni Hall (Gymnasium) Rifle Range ca. 1955, b & w photo.

Arms Storage Room in Alumni Hall ca. 1960, b & w photo.

ROTC Space 1956, "Alumni Hall Gymnasium Basement Plan" reproduction of hand-drawn floor plan.

- "Cadet Officers' Honor Club" clipping reproduction, <u>Veritas</u> 1956: 134.
- Vincent C. Dore, O.P., Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Studies, and Raymond B. St. George, O.P., ROTC Band Adviser, visit Major Andrew DelCorso, Inf., U.S.A., and the PC cadets at Fort Devens, MA, Summer Camp 1956, b & w photo.

ROTC Band, ca. 1957, b & w photo.

Fall, 1957 ROTC Program enrollment no longer mandatory for freshmen and sophomores, Robert J. Slavin, O.P., President, to the incoming freshmen of Providence College, [Sept. 1957?], reproduction of letter urging freshmen to join ROTC.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROTC AT PC: Summer 1959-Summer 1986

- Lawrence V. Troiano, Lt. Col., Inf., Professor of Military Science and Tactics, to Robert J. Slavin, O.P., President, Oct.22, 1959, memo recommending that the ROTC Drill Team not participate in the March, 1960, Southeastern Invitation Drill Meet in Greenville, South Carolina.
- Commencement Exercises June 7, 1960: Lenny Wilkens receives his commission as 2nd Lieutenant, U.S. Army, from Lt. Col. Lawrence V. Troiano, Inf., U.S. [sic], Head of Department of Military Science and Tactics, b & w photo.
- "I received my leadership training with Providence College Army ROTC...Lenny Wilkens..." clipping, <u>The Cowl</u> Feb.4, 1999: 27.
- "Pershing Rifles" clipping reproduction, <u>Veritas</u> 1960: 182.
- "K-12 Pershing Rifles," <u>http://www.providence.edu/mil/images/prcrest.gif</u>: color crest, "Pershing Rifles."
- Vincent Cyril Dore, O.P., 7th President of Providence College, receives the Department of the Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal Feb.7, 1962, "College President Receives Award from General O'Neill" clipping reproduction, <u>The Cowl</u> Feb.7, 1962: 1.
- W.R. Hearst, Jr., Hearst Newspapers Editor-in-Chief, to Robert J. Slavin, O.P., President, Feb.20, 1962, letter congratulating the PC team for its performance at the 41st Annual William Randolph Hearst National ROTC Rifle Competition.

Drill Dec., 1962, b & w photo.

1963 Dean of the College Joseph L. Lennon, O.P., visits Summer Camp in Fort Devens, MA, b & w photo.

"Abbreviated ROTC Available to Sophs" clipping reproduction, <u>The Cowl</u> Feb.3, 1965: 1. -10"Special Forces" clipping reproduction, Veritas 1965: 57.

- 2 members of the Class of 1956 were among the 1st ROTC cadets to "make the supreme sacrifice" in the Vietnam War: William G. Norberg, 1933-1966, [and] Edmund H. Hornstein, 1935-1966, 2 b & w photos.
- [DelCorso, Andrew A., Lt. Col., U.S.A., Chairman of Department of Military Science,] "Faculty ROTC Fact Sheet," Sept.1, 1966.
- "Faculty Senate to Look into ROTC Curriculum Changes" clipping reproduction, <u>The Cowl</u> Apr.30, 1969: 1, 7.
- 1969-Military Commissioning no longer included in Commencement Exercises, unsigned summary of Mar.26, 1969, discussion on inclusion of Commissioning in 1969 Commencement Exercises.
- ROTC Annual Review and Awards Ceremony May 4, 1969, b & w photo.
- "ROTC Numbers Drop; Major Cites Causes" clipping reproduction, The Cowl Oct.1, 1969: 2.
- Ralph F. Paglieri, Ad Hoc Student Strike Committee Member, and William J. Connolly and Richard L. DeLorey, Jr., Senior Class Officers, to William P. Haas, O.P., President, May 10, 1970, reproduction of letter requesting that ROTC Commissioning be held off campus.
- William Paul Haas, O.P., President, to Ralph F. Paglieri, Ad Hoc Student Strike Committee Member, May 20, 1970, letter asserting "tactics of disruption and violence ...will not prevail" in any decision re: Commissioning.
- William Paul Haas, O.P., President, to Gideon B. Hevenor, Col., U.S.A., Professor of Military Science, May 20, 1970, memo informing Col. Hevenor that the 1970 ROTC Commissioning will be held off campus.
- 35 Dominican faculty, staff and residents and 37 lay faculty and staff to William Paul Haas, O.P., President, May 27, 1970, reproduction of petition objecting to moving Commissioning off campus.
- Gideon B. Hevenor, Col., U.S.A., Professor of Military Science, to All Members of the Providence College Staff, Faculty and Administration, June 5, 1970, memo thanking the community for its support, especially by attending the off-campus Commissioning.

- ROTC Program in Era of All-Volunteer Army, C.E. Hutchin, Jr., Lt. Gen., 1st U.S. Army, to Thomas R. Peterson, O.P., President, Aug.25, 1972, letter asking for support of the Military Science Department so as to increase enrollment in ROTC.
- "ROTC 'cadettes' brighten detachment with enthusiasm" clipping reproduction, <u>ROTC in Review</u> 1972-1973: 1. Popkin, George. "ROTC Girl Is Gun-Shy" clipping,

Providence Journal 1974: 2.

- Commissioning of PC's 1st female officers, Lynne Kennedy and, shown here, Elizabeth Toomey May 22, 1978, b & w photo.
- January 1980 Bryant College signs agreement to be the 1st Extension Center of the 'Host' PC ROTC Program, Robert C. Stiepock, LTC, Chairman of Military Science Department, to Thomas R. Peterson, O.P., President, Jan.9, 1980, memo recommending that the President approve the establishment of an Extension Center at Bryant College.
- Lt. Col. Denise Boucher ('81), the 1st female cadet Battalion commander, "ROTC Senior Named Commander" clipping reproduction, <u>The Cowl</u> Sept.17, 1980: 2. Denise Boucher, et al., [Apr.29, 1981] b & w photo.
- 30th Anniversary of the ROTC Program at Providence College-RI Governor proclaims Apr.29, 1981, as ROTC Day in the State of RI. left to right: Vincent C. Dore, O.P., Chancellor; J. Joseph Garrahy, RI Governor; Thomas R. Peterson, O.P., PC President; Col. Robert C. Stiepock, Chairman of Department of Military Science, b & W photo.

- Summer Camp, 1982 Fort Bragg, North Carolina: "At the invitation of the U.S. Army, Dr. Carol Crafts, Chairman of the Biology Department and Adviser to the Health Professions, visited Advance Camp where she attended information briefings, observed training, and met with cadets from Providence College. Dr. Crafts was with a group of 32 educators from colleges throughout the Atlantic coast area. Army ROTC, along with Navy and Air Forces, needs to enroll students in scientific disciplines and was especially pleased that Dr. Crafts had accepted the invitation to learn more about options available to students in science and in the health professions"-Annual Report to the Faculty 1982, Annual Report to the Faculty 1982: excerpt, "Report of the Department of Military Science" no page; b & w photo.
- John A. Wickham, Jr., Gen., U.S.A., Chief of Staff, to Providence College, Feb.12, 1985, commendation for excellence, PC being in the top 5 % of over 300 detachments.
- R.O.T.C. Scholarships: The Facts 2000: clipping, "Leadership/Excellence [meaning of ROTC crest]" no page.
- William E. Hudson, Chairman of Political Science Department, to John F. Cunningham, O.P., President, July 18, 1986, letter reporting on the Ft. Bragg advanced training camp.

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"Wanted: Adventurous Companion to walk on walls" clipping reproduction, <u>The Cowl</u> Mar.25, 1987: 9. Army ROTC Rappelling Clinic Apr.2, 1987, b & w photo.

- Last known PC ROTC cadet to die while on active duty, Gregory J. Paredes (Class of 1985). ["ROTC Students Receive Awards of Excellence"] clipping reproduction, <u>Providence Update</u> Summer 1988: 10; ["Gregory J. Paredes: American Studies"] clipping reproduction, Veritas 1985: 263.
- The ROTC Patriot Battalion raised \$3,225 during its 12-hour run for Meeting Street School Feb.11, 1990, b & w photo.
- Gulf War Mass for Peace Jan.15, 1991, b & w photo.
- Julius F. Johnson, Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Commanding, U.S. Army 1st Region, U.S. Army ROTC Cadet Command, to John F. Cunningham, O.P., President, Feb.21, 1992, letter congratulating John E. Lalli, Lt. Col., Inf., Professor of Military Science, for running an exceptional program.
- Julius F. Johnson, Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Commanding, U.S. Army 1st Region, U.S. Army ROTC Cadet Command, and John F. Cunningham, O.P., undated b & w photo.
- John E. Lalli, Lt. Col., Inf., Professor of Military Science, to James H. McGovern, Enrollment Management Committee Chairman, undated, reproduction of letter proposing a pilot Army ROTC Scholarship Incentive Program to attract quality males to Providence College.
- John F. Cunningham, O.P., President, to John E. Lalli, Lt. Col., Inf., Professor of Military Science, Oct.2, 1992, reproduction of memo approving the pilot Army ROTC Scholarship Incentive Program.

ROTC Military Awards Ceremony Apr. 27, 1997, b & w photo.

- Christopher G. Ivany (1997) commissioned 2nd Lieutenant US Army. Christopher's father, Maj. Gen. Robert Ivany, Deputy Commander of the 3rd Army, spoke a few weeks earlier at the Military Awards Ceremony: Military Commissioning Exercises May 17, 1997, b & w photo.
- Beauchamp, Lisa. "Early Action: A Few Brown Students Pursue ROTC Training At Providence College" clipping reproduction, [Brown Daily Herald ?] Dec.2, 1997.
- May 3, 1998 Veritas 1998: p. 248, "Military Awards" clipping reproduction, Veritas 1998: 248.
- "K-12 Pershing Rifles....1998-1999 Friends for Freddie Dinner in Scituate, RI," <u>http://www.providence.edu/mil/docs/pershingrifles.html</u>: excerpt, "Pershing Rifles."
- The Annual Army Ten-Miler: Each year the Patriot Battalion sends teams to compete in the Army Ten-Miler Road Race held in Washington, D.C. This is the biggest 10-miler race in the country. In 1999 over 16,000 runners, coming from all over the world, entered. PC's ROTC team placed 3rd and 39th out of 53 ROTC teams. Photographs of the 1996 Team, which placed 3rd, 2 color photos.
- Waterfall, Elizabeth. "Veterans remembered, honored in ceremony" clipping, The Cowl Nov.11, 1999: 1, 2.
- Military Commissioning Exercises May 19, 2000, 2 color photos.
- "Ranger Challenge...Ranger Challenge is a cadet competition focused on leadership development in a physically demanding and mentally challenging environment...The events...: 1. The Army Physical Fitness Test, 2. Squad Pre-Combat Inspection, 3. A Leadership Reaction Course, 4. A 15 Kilometer Road Match, 5. A One Rope Bridge Course, 6. M16 and M60 weapon assembly and disassembly, 7. Basic Rifle Marksmanship, 9. [sic] A standard Army obstacle course", <u>http://www.providence.edu/mil/docs/rangerch.html:</u> excerpt, "Ranger Challenge."

Menses, Laura, "WWII veteran alumnus recalls reality of War" clipping, The Cowl Oct.5, 2000: 4.

Novack, Dan. "ROTC contributes to Ruck-a-Thon" clipping, <u>The Cowl</u> Mar.1, 2001: 7.

Richard M. Deasy, undated b & w photo.

"Mil 202 American Military History...,"
<u>http://www.providence.edu/mil/docs/m_curso.html#202:</u> excerpt,
"Military Science Course Descriptions."

Annual Staff Rides, 2 undated color photos.

"Gettysburg Staffride IPR: ["Patriot Battalion Staffride 27-30 April 2000 Gettysburg, PA" reproduction of flyer, [Spring 2000].

"Straight talk about the Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program at Providence College" [on "character traits instilled and developed in...students" and scholarships] flyer, [Spring 2001].

- James A. Driscoll, O.P., PC ROTC Co-Chaplain, to John F. Cunningham, O.P., President, [ca. 1991], handwritten note presenting ROTC 40th Anniversary colorguard notecard as part of PC's 75th Anniversary. ROTC 40th Anniversary colorguard, notecard.
- [Jackson, Jane M.], "Chairpersons of Military Science Department" list, [Mar.19, 2001].

Commission, reproduction of undated blank commission. "Oath of Office" [oath taken by the newly commissioned U.S. Army 2nd Lieutenants], undated.

"Leadership/Excellence" ROTC crest. "Military Science" clipping reproduction, <u>Bulletin</u> 2000-2001: 164-166.