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### ORDERS OF THE DAY

WAR DEPARTMENT

Washington, D. C.  
October 1st, 1918.

#### GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. This day has a peculiar significance for more than five hundred colleges and universities throughout the United States. It is witnessing the organization of a new and powerful instrument for the winning of the war,—the Students Army Training Corps. The patriotism of American educational institutions is demonstrated to the world by the effective and convincing manner in which they are supporting this far-reaching plan to hasten the mobilization and training of the armies of the United States.

2. It is most fitting that this day, which will be remembered in American history, should be observed in a manner appropriate to its significance, and to the important aims and purposes of the Students Army Training Corps. Each commanding officer of a unit of the Students Army Training Corps will, therefore, with the coöperation of the President and Faculty of the institution where his command is stationed, arrange a programme for the proper observance of this day, when more than one hundred and fifty thousand American college students offer themselves for induction in the Students Army Training Corps, pledging themselves to the honor and defense of their country.

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3. This corps is organized by direction of the President of the United States under authority of the following General Orders:

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Under the authority conferred by Sections 1, 2, 8 and 9 of the Act of Congress "authorizing the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States," approved May 18, 1917, the President directs that for the period of the existing emergency there shall be raised and maintained by voluntary induction and draft, a Students Army Training Corps. Units of this corps will be authorized by the Secretary of War at educational institutions that meet the requirements laid down in Special Regulations.

4. The United States Army Training Detachments established at educational institutions by the Committee on Education and Special Training are this day merged with the Students Army Training Corps. For purposes of administration only, the corps has been divided into the Collegiate Section and the Vocational Section. There is no distinction between soldiers of these sections. All are soldiers, and their identity is merged in the United States Army. All have equal opportunities to win promotion, each soldier's progress depending entirely upon his own individual industry and ability.

5. Orders have been issued whereby assemblies of all units of the corps are being held simultaneously at more than five hundred colleges and universities. *At this moment, over*

one hundred and fifty thousand of your comrades throughout the nation are standing at attention in recognition of their new duties as soldiers of the United States.

6. Soldiers of the Students Army Training Corps: All of the forces of the nation are now being concentrated on the winning of the war. In this great task you are now called to take your proper place. The part which you will play, as members of this corps, will contribute definitely and in a vital manner to the triumph of our cause. Your opportunities are exceptional and your responsibilities correspondingly great. Honor and the privilege of national service lie before you. Grasp your opportunity. Strive for the common goal. **WIN THE WAR.**

By direction of the Committee on Education and Special Training:

R. I. REES,  
*Colonel, General Staff Corps, Chairman.*