

# Bohemian Catholic Cadets, Trained in Military Science, Ready for Army Call



## BOHEMIAN CADET COMPANIES DRILLING FOR MILITARY PREPAREDNESS

Readiness of his organization to respond to any call for trained military men was avowed last week by Col. P. V. Kalina, commander of the Bohemian Catholic Cadets, military body maintained in connection with Bohemian parishes.

Col. Kalina's statement was made on the occasion of the sixth annual inspection and drill of companies C and D of the cadets, which took place Tuesday evening in the school auditorium of St. Prokop's church, W. 41st street and Trent avenue S. W.

Training similar to that prevailing in the Ohio National Guard, Col. Kalina declares, obtains in the cadet organizations.

"One of the purposes for which we were organized," he said, "was to form a semi-military body which may be placed at the disposal of the national government for the defense of our country whenever the need arose. We all believe in being reasonably prepared for any emergency which may threaten the United States, and the Bohemian cadets are among the military organizations maintained here, the preparedness of which can be relied on. Many of our members, besides taking part in the regular drills of the body, attend the citizens' training school in Central armory, conducted under the direction of national guard officers."

The companies were inspected Tuesday night by Col. Kalina, Capt. John Becka of Company D, attached to St. Prokop's church, and Capt. J. E. Holicky of Company C, connected with St. Adalbert's parish, 2347 E. 83d street.

In addition to the military character of the cadets, the organization is

of a fraternal nature, with sick benefit privileges for its members.

Company D was founded in 1901 and will note its fifteenth anniversary May 10. Its officers are: John Becka, captain; Joseph Bouska, first lieutenant; Joseph Jirka, second lieutenant; John Zunt, first sergeant; August Spilka, quartermaster; Vincent Husak, color bearer, and H. Mach, bugler. The company is composed of Joseph Beck, F. Becka, James Blaha, Joseph Faflik, P. Hasek, F. Jirka, C. Jankola, John Kalina, Ed Kudina, F. Sastovka, Joseph Mauma, F. Mitota, James Milota, Joseph Milota, S. Mazanec, A. Nikl, James Plnsa, F. Pesicka, B. Sobota, Joseph Sup, Joseph Vyhscalek, George Volenik, F. Votruba, S. Becka, George Becka, James Mach, Elemer Zunt, Emil Koran, B. Fiala, Joseph Jankola, F. Votruba, C. Faflik, Joseph Jindra, Joseph Dolejs, John Byhnaick, Joseph Rosticka, James Sobota, S. Zelenka, Anton Husak, Joseph Andus, Charles Fiala.

Company C is one year older than Company D. It has fifty-four members, all attached to St. Adalbert's church, and is in command of James E. Holicky, captain. Other officials are: Frank Tiply, first lieutenant; Frank Stepnicka, second lieutenant; Casper J. Lahodny, first sergeant; James Blaha, second sergeant; Stephen Wolf, third sergeant; Frank Oborny, color bearer, and Thomas Leiblinger, bugler. Frank Holicky, Edward Holicky, Frank Blaha, John Lansky, Charles Kouba, M. A. Cinach and John Unger are corporals.

Privates of the company are Ralph E. Antolik, Frank A. Kouba, James Riha, Frank Rrichacek, George Kavasnicka, J. A. Tepilik, A. E. Hach, Joseph Sojka, W. Vohac, Joseph Blchacek, Joseph Mastny, Joseph Stepan, Thomas Blaha, Charles Pipelik, John Lahodny, M. Antolik, John Antolik, Charles Krahoek, James Mastny, Anton Vlach, Edward Hach and Joseph Kochtan.



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