GLOUCESTER R.O.T.C. COLLECTION

Creator: Robert Malone and Gardner Marchant

Dates: 1888-1985

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Biographical Note

Military drill was introduced on a compulsory basis for boys in 1884 by Mr. Albert W. Bacheler, a Civil War veteran and Principal of Gloucester High School. While a confederate prisoner, Bacheler noted a need for leadership training among young men. During subsequent years, the Gloucester High School cadets comprised one of the battalions of the Second Massachusetts Cadet Regiment. In 1921, the high school cadets became a Junior R.O.T.C. unit under the National Defense Act of 1916. M.S.G. William E. Dailey became the first instructor and a Dailey Medal as well as a Bachelor Medal are still presented at the annual R.O.T.C. field day. The most
A prestigious award, presented annually, is the Haskell medal. Edward H. Haskell, a local Civil War veteran, offered a gold medal to the best drilled cadet in 1886. It has been offered in all the subsequent years.

The J. R.O.T.C. sponsors a formal dance, the Military Ball, which originated in 1893. A military Gymkhana Night is held during January when competitive individual and squad drills are held. Other activities are a Field Day in the spring and a band concert.

R.O.T.C. was traditionally a male organization; females originally had separate drill squads. Following WW II, the squads became mixed.

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**Acquisition Note**

From the estates of Robert Malone (class of ’44) and Gardner Marchant (class of ’46) and donated to the Cape Ann Museum by Arley Pett.

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**Scope and Content of the Collection**

The material presented to the Cape Ann Museum was collected by Robert Malone, Class of 1944, and Gardner Marchant, Class of 1946. Malone was the cadet Colonel in 1944 and Marchant was the Drum Major in 1946. Both continued to be active supporters of the Gloucester R.O.T.C. in the following years. The collection includes photos, newspaper clippings, and brochures.

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**Container List**

**Box #1**

Folder 1

- Dance cards: 1912/1946/1948/1949
- Brochure: (4) Military Field day 100th Anniversary
- (2) Gloucester High School Song copyright 1913
- Brochure: Spring Concert R.O.T.C. Band 1946
- Photo: R.O.T.C. officers 1943/44, 1945/46
- Brochure: 46th Anniversary 1931
- Brochure: 60th Anniversary 1945
- Brochure: 61st Anniversary 1946
- Music Festival, R.O.T.C. Band 1946
- Brochure: Spring Concert R.O.T.C. Band 1947
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Letter from Richard Shoemaker enclosing documents of Colonel Russell G. Spinney army career, awards during career
Photos – Retirement from Army
Battle maps of 1st Division – N. Africa 1942, Sicily 1943, Europe, 1944/45

Folder 3
50th Anniversary
Newspaper clippings
Photo – 4 cadets (unknown)
Photos – Cadets marching (1927)
Pin – Pat Goodwin, Class of 1927
Photos –
1. Cadets marching 1930’s
2. Cadets marching 1930’s
3. Field Day 1930’s
4. Parade Float 1930’s
5. Cadet 1930’s
6. Cadets marching 1930’s
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8. Crowd 1930’s
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10. Cadet 1930’s
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16. Field Day 1930’s

Folder 4
Pamphlets donated by Bob Malone
Gloucester High 25th reunion 1944-1969
High School Drill Competition 1981
R.O.T.C. Band Spring Concert 1945/1947/1950/1961

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Cadets marching

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Misc. newspaper clippings 1958-59
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3. Presentation – School letter
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5. Trophies
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7. Cadets looking at target
8. R.O.T.C. Drum
9. Cadets on tank
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11. 4 officers – Field Dress
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16. Cadet awards
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18. Cadet kissing girl on Field Day
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20. Award Winners 1985
21. Regular officers
22. Cadets with Gov. Dukakis
23. Cadets with rifles
24. Weapons training (2)
25. David Mitchell
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27. Tower climbing exercise
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30. Rife range instructors
31. Award ceremony
32. Award ceremony
33. Officers – Field Day 1976
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Folder 10
Misc. Newspaper clippings/Pamphlets 1970’s
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1. 3 cadet officers 1977
2. Female drill team
3. Charles Buckley 1973 or 1974
4. Cadet – unknown drill team
6. Honor Guard Field Day 59/60
7. Honor Guard
8. 6 male cadets - 1 female cadet
10. 92nd Annual Sgts. Party 1976
11. Cadets reenacting Iwo Jima Flag
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13. Female cadets
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25. R.O.T.C. officers with Gov. Dukakis
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Misc. Newspaper Articles/Pamphlets 1970's

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5. Female Drill Team marching (5) 18. Field Day Band
6. Female cadet Deb Olson 19. Cadet at attention
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11. Sgt. Critch 25. Female cadets marching
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Box 2

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Misc. newspaper clippings - pamphlets 1980's

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2. Officers and officials 1984 37. Cadet officers 1984
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5. Female Honor Guard 40. Flag Day 1984
6. Officers party 41. Flag Day 1984
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   Nelson, Andrew Roberts
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10. Couple - Officers Ball 46. Trophy winner 1984 - Tina Nelson
13. Officers Ball 1984 49. Trophy winner
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17. Awards 1984
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19. Cadets at attention 1984  
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21. Officials 1983/84  
22. Officials/cadets 1983/84  
23. Male drill team 1984  
24. Drill team 1984  
25. Army officers 1984  
27. Officials with cadet Col. 1984  
28. Cadets with Gov. King 1982  
29. Drill team 1984  
30. Officers 982/83  
31. Army officers with Gov. King 1982  
32. Cadets relaxing 1984  
33. Flag Day ceremony 1983  
34. Ed Pasquince, Lt. Col. Warren Silva, Cadet Capt. James Officer  
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36. Cadets at attention  
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39. Cadets at attention  
40. Cadets at attention  
41. Cadets at attention  
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60. Cadets at attention  
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4. Girls - group includes Phyllis  
7. Bob Malone and Phyllis Douglas  
8. Bob Malone and service friends  
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10. Unknown sailor  
11. Malone 1944  
12. Malone and friends
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5. Bob Malone and Phyllis Douglas
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2. Cadets marching 1895/1900 (2)
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3. Individual drill - Jeff, Eddie, Gardner
13. Awards (8)
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15. Band 1923
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2. Group of cadets 1930's
19. Sergeants Party 1976
3. Band marching 1938
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5. Female cadets 1949
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(R. Malone)
25. Cadets at attention 1910's
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