

Lash Commands YoCo ROTC Unit

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Lt. Col. Eugene Lash, by now a familiar figure on campus as the newly appointed head of the college's R. O. T. C. unit, is a softspoken, congenial person whom any student can approach with ease and confidence.

With nearly twenty years of varied Military Service behind him, Colonel Lash is well equipped to advise and guide the students enrolled in this military program. Although his position here is the first of its kind in his career, he considers it a unique and interesting experience to be able to observe, through the college years, the development of future leaders.

The high-lights of Col. Lash's military career included his service with the 535 Anti-aircraft automatic Weapons Battalion, participating in the Normandy, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central European campaigns.

Subsequently, he was stationed for 34 months in Japan serving as supply officer of the 40th Anti-aircraft Artillery Brigade and as a member of the staff of General Headquarters of the far East Command in Tokyo.

Was in Far East

In his last assignment he was in the logistic plans branch of G-4 section, and was engaged in developing the plans for logistic support of the U. S. Forces in the Far East after the peace treaty with Japan went into effect.

The Colonel, being rather modest and a bit reluctant to speak of his accomplishments, was awarded the Legion of Merit for services in support of the U. N. operations in Korea. During World War II, he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.



Lt. Col. Eugene Lash

When asked whether he had any plans for future changes or improvements in our R. O. T. C. unit, the Colonel said that he and his staff hope to introduce a plan whereby the cadets may become more active in the administration of the Cadet Corps.

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Has Leaders

He feels that a high percentage of his men have the "makings" of potential leaders, and that each cadet should have the greatest possible opportunity to develop habits of leadership while in college.

In the past, the number of men eligible for the Advanced Course which prepares students for commission as Second Lieutenants, has been limited by quotas established by Department of Defense agencies; however, recently this quota system was discontinued, and any student who meets necessary academic and military standards may be admitted to the Advanced Course.