

Enthusiasm

A cadet's initial enthusiasm must be maintained and this can be done by the instructor showing enthusiasm for his work in all its aspects.

Sympathy

A cadet must be treated with sympathy and, at the same time, firmness.

Explanation

A cadet will want to know what it all means. His questions must be answered willingly and accurately.

Accurate Instructions

The first thing a cadet learns stays in his memory, whether it is good or bad, accurate or inaccurate. Instructions must be sensible and accurate.

The Good Instructor Must Demonstrate

Example

At the impressionable age when a cadet first joins, example is worth any amount of instruction. The instructor must set himself a high standard and he must not deviate from it.

Interest

At the age of joining interest may flag easily. Frequent changes of approach and instruction are necessary to maintain it.

Encouragement

A cadet will be put off by a short-tempered instructor. A little encouragement is worth a lot of correction. An instructor must never lose his temper; he must give praise when it is due and never humiliate a cadet.