

Augusta Military Academy

Oral History

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I am one of the not-too-many 5-year Cadets to attend AMA. I remember a few things after all these years that might be of interest to some.

I was at AMA during most of WWII and I remember the Army relieved us of our 1903 Springfield rifles and we were then issued wooden ones which made it very handy at inspections. (**Bob Guggenheimer**: Looking through the 1942 "Recall", which I have kept all these years, I know you remember this also since you were a private in Co. B that year).

I recall the rumor that **Major Charles Roller** broke his right hand after an altercation with some Cadet. Who he might have been, I have no clue to this day.

The winters in those days were rough, as we always received a lot of snow. This made getting around, even going to Staunton on the Bus, hazardous.

I remember making trips to the "Fort" and the Canteen for food and smoke supplies when I had allowance money from the weekly \$2.50, I think it was. The walk to the "Fort" in the winter was something else!

Having Mondays off -- when you did not receive demerits -- in order to go to Staunton or Harrisonburg was also something to look forward to.

You can view the 1945 RECALL here:

<https://galleries.amaalumni.org/Recalls/Recall-1945/>