

ception of a short holiday at the end of his second year at the Academy, he is entirely cut off from pleasures and attractions that might divert his mind and prevent concentration of thought. He is fed, clothed and housed at the expense of the country, but in return he must apply himself diligently and unceasingly to the development of his mind and body.

Upon completing the course at the Academy and receiving his diploma, he is eligible for promotion, receives his commission as Second Lieutenant in the Army, and is appointed to any corps in any arm of the service, the duties of which he is judged competent to perform.

Should there be no vacancies, he may, at the discretion of the President, be promoted as an additional Second Lieutenant, with the usual pay and allowances, until a vacancy shall occur.

Owing to the system of appointing officers as instructors in the different departments, the Academy is always in close touch with the Army. It is, in fact, part of the Army; and its discipline, thoroughness and honour, are stamped on all the corps of the different arms of the United States Regular Army.

