



War Turns French Cadets' Fete into Grim Service: For many years the famous French military academy of St. Cyr, the West point of France, has held a gay and colorful yearly fete, known as "Le Triomphe de St. Cyr". On this occasion the class of freshmen cadets is solemnly "baptized," receiving the name by which their class will be known. This year there was no rejoicing, no colorful pageant, but a grim parade in wartime uniforms. The cadet class received their name, "Amitie Franco-Britannique ("Franco-British Friendship"). / The cadets are reviewed by

the British Military Attache (right), the commander of the academy (center), and the young sub-lieutenant (left), an old St. Cyrian, who performed the baptizing ceremony.

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