

### CHRISMAN BATTALION'S NAMESAKE

Brigadier General Edward R. Chrisman came to the University of Idaho as a lieutenant in 1893 with a mission to teach math and military science for the brand new school. Within two years he had almost 100 cadets and was one of the town's favorite professors.

The Spanish-American War broke out in 1898 and General Chrisman was recalled to his regiment and glory. The day he left (16 April 1898) became a student holiday for the next quarter of a century. He was followed immediately by almost the entire male population of UI who volunteered for the war.

The statue in front of the Administration Building honors those brave men while a room in Memorial Gym in the Army ROTC area honors General Chrisman. The room contains the sword the faculty presented him before he left, as well as the sword he carried throughout his career from the Souix Indian Wars to World War I. The room also has displayed the Silver Star Medal he won for his part in the famous charge up San Juan Hill in Cuba. The room commemorates in pictures and documents, General Chrisman's career after Cuba which took him all over the world from the Philippines and Alaska to Puerto Rico, where he commanded a division.

Included in his career were 22 years teaching Military Science at Idaho. From his classrooms hundreds of officers went forth to serve in World War I, II, and the Korean War. After their service most returned to Idaho where they served the state as leaders. One of the most famous was UI President Jesse Buchanan.

General Chrisman also brought fame to UI by being named Professor Emeritus for Military Science by Congress and President Roosevelt in 1934. He was the first man ever to receive such a distinction.

When he died in 1939, he directed that his ashes be scattered "unceremoniously" over the campus he loved so much.

While his students still lead and serve in the state, General Chrisman's name lives on in the Chrisman wing of the Wallace Complex and in the Army ROTC Chrisman Battalion of cadets.

# GENERAL CHRISMAN



## Alumnus Chrisman honored

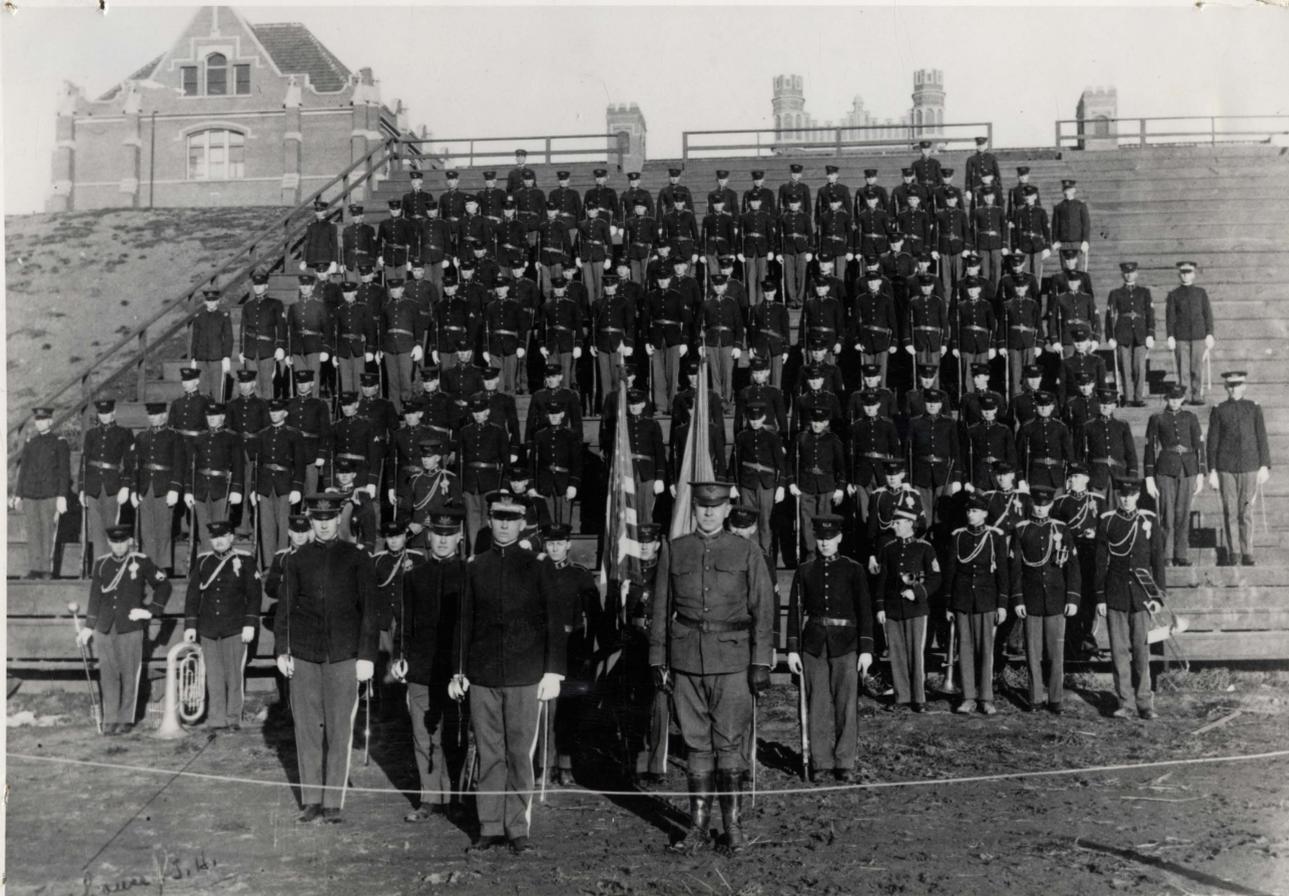
The UI will honor one of its great alumnus April 16 with the dedication of the Brigadier General Edward R. Chrisman Room in the Memorial Gymnasium.

General Chrisman's granddaughter, Katusha Mortimer-Rae, will be among those honoring the man who was declared Professor of Military Science and Tactics Emeritus at the UI by the Senate of the United States in 1935.

As part of the ceremonies the Chrisman family will present the University with the sword General Chrisman car-

ried in the Sioux Indian and Spanish American Wars, his West Point Sword, his ceremonial riding crops, his decorations (including a Silver Star won for gallantry at San Juan Hill) and the guest book signed when a portrait of the General was dedicated at the University in 1934.

The ceremonies will take place on the north lawn of the Memorial Gymnasium. The Chrisman family and escorts will arrive in a horse drawn carriage while the UI Wind Ensemble plays in the background.





The Early Years







# UI ROTC: Past to Present



# Annual ROTC Raft Trip





"Let the games begin!"



# Spring Camp at Ft. Lewis



Preparation Time



"Off We Go!"



The Arrival.

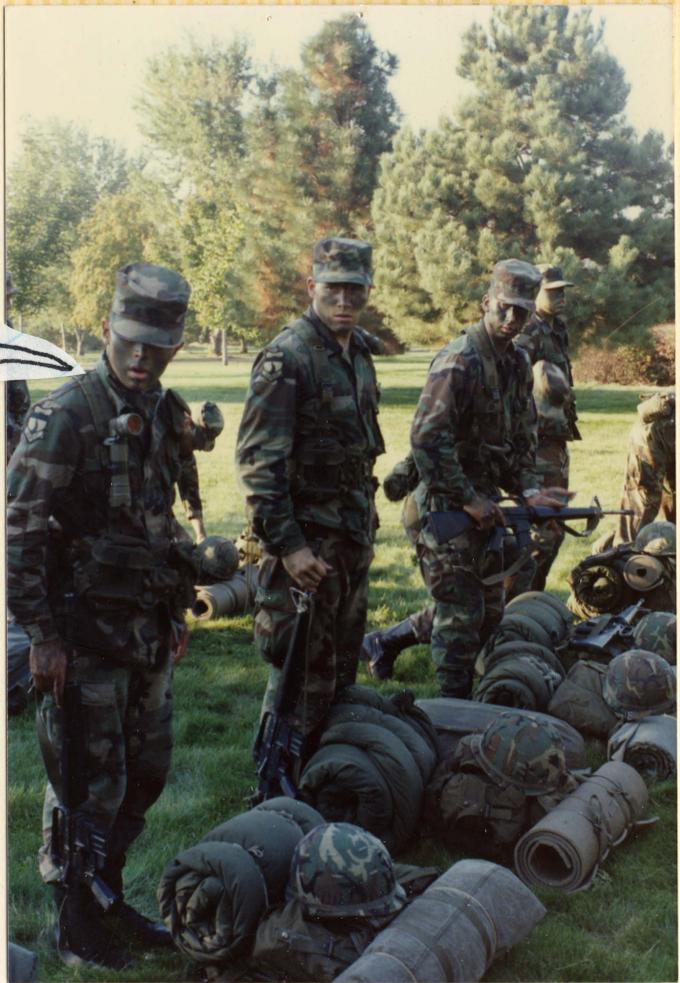


"Commence Firing"!



"Gee, nobody told me  
← I was supposed to get  
the shots in the circle."

"I'm trying to get  
them to dress right,  
Sir."



"Here We Go Again....."



Training + Fun →



"Oh the Wonderful Toys!"

"Now, which way  
is North?"



"Gas, Gas, Gas!"



Time for Fun!

A little relaxation, conversation,  
and M-16 cleaning.



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"All we do is work, work, work!  
I wonder what the Cadre could be doing  
right now."

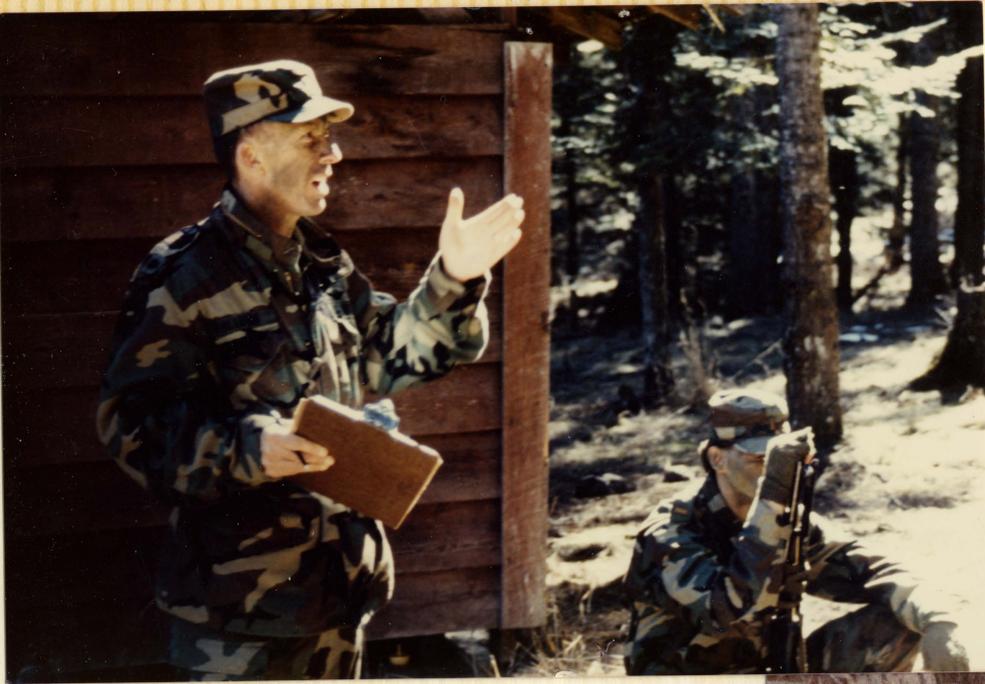


The Games People Play.



The Trip Home ....





A Candid look at :  
LTC Pullmann

